

MAYPOLE 2011

The Maypole 2011 will be held on Saturday 7th May with registration at 7pm. All teams must finish by 1.30am Sunday morning with awards being presented as soon as the results have been calculated.

The Maypole is a **car navigation event** organised by the Scout County of Greater London (North) for members of the Scout Association and Girl Guiding UK.



The Maypole is a competition to test NAVIGATION SKILLS

The event has run (on and off) for some thirty years.

It consists of teams of **NAVIGATORS** using clues given at the start and throughout the event to identify locations in the Hertfordshire area.

The people in the team are then transported by a nominated driver to the location where they spend as little time as possible to find the object. This object (codeboard) is usually a small piece of hardboard which has characters inscribed on it. This information is then written down. It is the information written in your book at the end of the event which determines the position of your team.

Navigation is the **MOST** important factor in the event. Racing around the countryside aimlessly searching will win no prizes, and is actively discouraged.

The event is governed by Rules and Regulations (isn't everything?). These are laid down by the RAC, and cover most aspects of the activity.

Two rules of particular note are:

1. *The event is commonly known as a Navigational (the word crops up everywhere) Scatter. This means that each team must follow their own route. This avoids cars following one another, and so prevents giving the impression of a race.*
2. *The only timing permitted on the road (in a navigational scatter) is a start time and a finish time. All drivers must comply with the rules of the road, there are no special exceptions, and because the Police know about the event, drivers are asked to be especially careful - particularly with speed limits.*

The entry fee will be **£12 this year.**

This fee is for entry to the event for ONE car, ONE driver and up to four passengers (in that same car).

You will also need to consider the purchase of the map, and a tank of fuel. The likely maximum mileage will be 100 miles. Some refreshments will be provided free of charge at the finish.

There are individual competitions for Explorers, Network and "older" Veterans. Full details will appear on the web site.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO.

- Organise a car and driver.
- Book the date in your diary.
- Get a copy of the map.
- Practice your NAVIGATION

The area of the event will be covered on the **ORDNANCE SURVEY EXPLORER MAP (1:25000) Series, and it will be Sheet 182 St. Albans & Hatfield**

Registration will be done on the Internet. Details will be available from 7th March 2011. Go to:

www.maypole-gln-scouts.org.uk

