

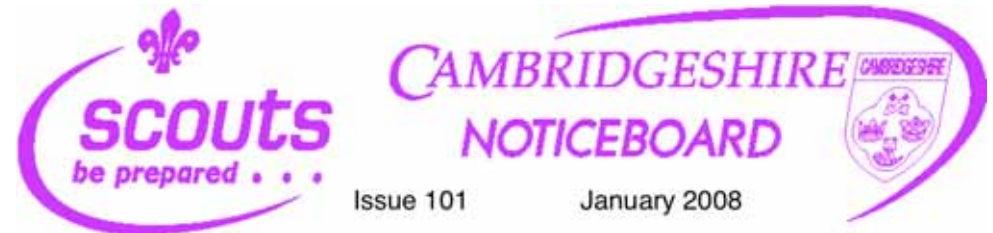
**Sections Dates:**

- B = Beaver Scout Section only
  - C = Cub Scout Section only
  - S = Scout Section only
  - E = Explorer Scout only
  - N = Scouting Network only
  - F = Fellowship
  - L = Leaders only
  - All = All Sections (except Fellowship)
- 2008**
- Feb 23/24 **SEN** Chiltern Challenge  
 24 **S** Forward 2008 by CUSAGC
- Apr 18/20 **SEN** 222
- May 10/11 **SE** County Activity W/E

**Leader Training Dates:**

- 2008**
- Jan 13 **Modules 4 & 12 Copley**  
 20 **Module 10 First Response**  
 26th Cam HQ
- 26 **Modules 13 & 17 P.borough**  
 26/27 **Modules 9, 11, 14 & 15**  
 12 & 19 2nd Nene HQ
- Feb 5 **Module 8, P.borough**  
 Feb 9 **Modules 14 & 15**  
 54th Cam HQ
- TBA **Practical 1st Aid** TBA  
 23 **Modules 18 & 19**  
 54th Cam HQ
- 23/24 **Modules 5, 7, 8 & 17**  
 13 & 18 2nd Nene HQ
- Mar 1 **Module 10 First Response**  
 Whittlesey
- 2 **Module 25** Zones 1 & 2
- Mar 9 **Module 10, First Response**  
 Copley
- 12 **Module 9** Copley  
 15 **Module 29** 54th Cam HQ  
 22 **Module 28** Cams.  
 29 **Module 25** Copley
- Apr 6 **Young Leader Training**  
 26th Cam HQ
- 13 **Module 10, First Response**  
 Littleport
- 15 **Module 15** P.borough

- Apr 26 **Module 10, First Response**  
 26th Cam HQ
- 27 **Modules 14 & 11 Copley**
- May 7 **Module 19** Copley
- 11/12 **Module 18** TBA  
 11/12 **Modules 20, 22, 23 & 24**  
 21 TBA
- 17 **Module 10, First Response**  
 Wisbech
- 20 **Module 18** P.borough
- Jun 3 **Module 5** 54th Cam HQ
- 8 **Modules 7 & 13** 54th Cam HQ
- 14/15 **Modules 9, 11, 14 & 15**  
 12 & 19 Cambridge
- TBA **Practical 1st Aid** TBA
- Jul 5/6 **Module 16** TBA  
 12 **Module 7** Copley
- Note: All applications for training courses should be sent to:  
**Mrs. Cindy Abbott**  
 22 Masefield Avenue, Eaton Ford  
 St Neots, Cambs. PE19 3LS  
 Tel: 01480 215513  
 Email: [courses@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:courses@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk)  
 Application forms from your LTM or LTA
- General County Dates:**
- 2008**
- Jan 3 **Core Team** Slepe Hall  
 26 **County Exec** Old Bridge  
 31 **Census date**
- Feb 4 **DCs meeting** Old Bridge  
 15 **CUSAGC AGM**  
 16 **CUSAGC Annual Dinner**  
 23 **County Ball** P.borough  
 24 **FORWARD**
- Mar 6 **Core Team** Slepe Hall  
 9 **GSLs Event**  
 17 **County Exec** Old Bridge
- May 1 **Core Team** Slepe Hall  
 12 **County Exec** Old Bridge
- Jun 16 **DCs meeting** Old Bridg  
 24 **County AGM** P.borough



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January 2008

## A New Year resolution for Scouting Let's build on the success of our Centenary Year

Our centenary is over and Scouting is stronger now than it has been for many years, our public image is fantastic, the level of support we are receiving is very good and membership is growing.

As we enter our next century we can all look forward with confidence, some satisfaction and a great deal of pride on what Cambridgeshire Scouting has achieved.

2008 is going to be another brilliant year and we will give many young people experiences, adventure and challenges that will educate and stimulate them. Some of these will be life changing experiences and will certainly develop many young people, demonstrating that the impact Scouting has on our society is significant.

Many of you will have seen George Devine's excellent account of the Malawi expedition in the December edition of Scouting. Planning is already well advanced for Ghana 2008, the first expedition for CASE (Cambridgeshire Scout Expeditions) this summer. George and his team will be linking in to local Scouting and you can make this part of your programme through building awareness of international issues and fundraising for the expedition. In this issue of Noticeboard we explain how you can do this, in particular, through the 'One Brick at a Pound a Time' campaign.

Ofsted, the UK Government education watchdog, conducted a survey in 2007 on out of school activities for children covering Cambridgeshire. The conclusion from this demonstrated that young people of Cub Scout age were not aware of youth groups in their locality and whilst there was nothing stopping them from attending a youth group, 64% said they would like more information before they would commit. Also 45% of young people said they wanted more to do and 43% said they wanted more activities and places to go. Interestingly 74% said they liked their local area and 50% expected to go to University.



Richard at Sunrise Ceremony in Cromwell

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This survey confirms much of what we are doing, but we still need to improve our links with schools and other youth groups and get our message directly to young people more effectively.

HQ are working on some of these areas to help us, and you will see some of the results in January and early February together with an exciting plan for the next 18 months.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2008 that is already showing much promise, enjoy your Scouting and lets continue to drive Cambridgeshire Scouts forward to even greater heights in 2008.

Thank you for all that you do for Scouting/

**Richard Hames**  
County Commissioner

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## Charity Trustees - Criminal Records Checks

Following a review of the Scout Associations present practice regarding CRB checks and in accordance with the good practice issued by the Charity Commission it has been agreed by the Committee of the Council that if future criminal records checks should be extended to cover all trustees and members of Executive Committees at all levels in the Association (Group, District and County).

This would also cover any sub committees, Fellowship committees activity committees and so on. Please note that from 1st April 2008 these checks will be mandatory, but it is good practice to start this if you have not done so already as soon as possible.

**Richard Hames**  
County Commissioner

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## NEW WOOD BADGE AWARDS

When we all take on new roles we undertake to complete training to Wood Badge level relevant to our current position in Scouting and I am pleased to announce that the following District Commissioners have recently completed their Wood Badges as DCs.

Martin Hall  
Steve Taylor

Jane Warren  
Tony Best



Congratulations,  
**Richard**

**1st KIMBOLTON HQ** (indoor accommodation for 36)  
Scout Hall, Tollfield Lodge, Thrapston Road  
Kimbolton, PE28 0HW.  
FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT GROUP SCOUT LEADER  
M. (Martin) Inward, 50 Dukes Road, 01480 475578  
Eaton Socon, St Neots, PE19 8DD  
Email [inward-brookside@supanet.com](mailto:inward-brookside@supanet.com)

**RIPTON LODGE** (Cambs West Guides)  
FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT  
- R. (Ron) Ward, 79 Guntons Rd, 01733 810201  
Newborough, Peterborough, PE6 7RT  
Lodge Accommodation Area Number 01487 773218  
County Guide Office Number 01487 773211

## OUT OF COUNTY CAMPSITES

**BRADFIELD PARK CAMPSITE**  
Bradfield Park Campsite, Ixer Lane,  
Bradfield Combust, Bury St Edmunds Suffolk, IP30 0LR  
CONTACT  
Chris Richardson  
Email [<c.richardson1@freeuk.com>](mailto:c.richardson1@freeuk.com)  
Website [www.bradfieldparkcampsite.org.uk](http://www.bradfieldparkcampsite.org.uk)

## BELCHAMPS

The new quiet area, for reflection and prayer at Belchamps has been completed and is located to the west of the wooded area, just above the blue bell island. It is a very peaceful spot, totally surrounded by woodlands. I hope you all visit and enjoy. All I ask is that leaders ensure the young people treat the area with respect and that they do encourage the use of it (it is large enough that a cub pack could sit on a groundsheet in front of the bench) or it's just perfect for a leader to escape for a few moments thought.



The campfire circle is also still being worked on, with new evergreens coming soon to border the circle, and 2 new gateways being erected. The stage is being tidied up and some lighting is being added too.

Kind regards  
**Nigel Ruse** Centre Manager  
Tel: 01702 562690

[www.belchamps.co.uk](http://www.belchamps.co.uk)

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE SCOUT CAMP SITES

**ABINGTON COUNTY CAMP** Church lane, Lt. Abington, Cambridge, CB1 6BQ  
 SITE BOOKING SECRETARY  
 A, Tony Claydon,  
 132 Cromwell Road, Cambridge, CB1 3EG 01223 248226  
 Email [claydon.scout@btopenworld.com](mailto:claydon.scout@btopenworld.com)

**MILTON CAMP SITE**  
 BOOKING SECRETARY and CAMP WARDEN  
 R (Robert) Mason,  
 Fengate Forge, 125 Fengate 01733 65677  
 Peterborough, PE1 5BA  
 Email [robertanvi183@btinternet.com](mailto:robertanvi183@btinternet.com)

**SHACKLEWELL CAMP SITE** (Stamford and Bourne District)  
 CAMP WARDEN  
 D (Derek) Marshall, 01780 755768  
 57 Churchill Road, Stamford, Linc. PE9 1JG

**COPLEY SCOUTING CENTRE** (Cromwell District HQ and Campsite)  
 BOOKING SECRETARY and CAMP WARDEN  
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 St. Ives, Huntingdon, PE27 5QQ  
 Email [austin.lusmore@ntlworld.com](mailto:austin.lusmore@ntlworld.com)

**HOLT ISLAND** (2nd St. Ives HQ and Campsite)  
 BOOKING SECRETARY  
 D (Dave) Lilley, 01480 394643  
 32 The Headlands, Fenstanton,  
 Huntingdon, Cambs, PE28 9LW  
 Email [DaveLilley955@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:DaveLilley955@hotmail.co.uk)

**SACREWELL FARM** (OS Map 142 Ref 080002)  
 Sacrewell Farm, Great North Road, 01780 782222  
 Thornaught, Peterborough, PE8 6JJ  
 Office 01780 782254

**THREE FISHES - March**  
 BOOKING SECRETARY  
 Gavin Philpott, 32 Hunters Chase 07971 810352  
 March, PE15 9EL

**WISBECH DISTRICT HQ** Oldfield Lane, Wisbech 01954 584358  
 BOOKING SECRETARY  
 John Cundy, 19 Cannon Street, 01945 583284  
 Wisbech, PE13 2QW.

## AWARD FOR MERIT



Awarded after 12 years of outstanding service  
 while holding an adult appointment

Colin Bircham,	CSL 1 <sup>st</sup> Burwell	Newmarket
Mrs Marian Botting,	GSL 2nd Soham District Scout Fellowship Member	Newmarket
Mrs Doreen Gilbey,	District Scout Fellowship Secretary	Newmarket
Norman Griffin,	District Treasurer	Hinchingbrooke
Paul Haynes,	ASL 1 <sup>st</sup> St Neots	Hinchingbrooke
Keith Horn.	SL 1 <sup>st</sup> St Neots	Hinchingbrooke
David Jasper,	GSL 1 <sup>st</sup> St Neots	Hinchingbrooke
Grahame Lambert	, ACSL 1 <sup>st</sup> Burwell	Newmarket
Leon Lattion,	ASL 1 <sup>st</sup> Orwell	Granta
Mrs Geraldine Law,	CSL 1st Moulton District Skills Instructor	Newmarket
Dr Paul Millard,	Group chairman 1 <sup>st</sup> Bottisham	Newmarket
Mrs Gita Mistry,	BSL 1 <sup>st</sup> Sawston	Granta
Sanjay Mistry,	ASL 1 <sup>st</sup> Sawston	Granta
Alan Norton,	SL 1 <sup>st</sup> Orwell	Granta
Michael Orange,	ASL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nene (St Peters) Air Scout Group,	Nene
Malcolm Perry,	ADC	Granta
Mrs Cheryl Phillips,	DDC/L TA	Newmarket
Mrs Janet Plummer,	ACSL 1 <sup>st</sup> St Neots	Hinchingbrooke
Ms Sally Rance,	ACSL 1 <sup>st</sup> Sawtry (Hunts)	Hinchingbrooke
Michael Tapson,	Group Secretary 1 <sup>st</sup> Sawston	Granta
Adam Thorpe,	GSL 2 <sup>nd</sup> Newmarket,	Newmarket

Thank you,

*Richard Hames*

## Our County Commissioner is elected to the Committee of the Council for the Scout Association

During this year's Scout Association Annual General Meeting in London our County Commissioner, Richard Hames was elected to the Committee of the Council, the "Board" of The Scout Association.

Richard sits on the Board with the Chief Scout and his Deputy, the Chief Executive of the Association, the Association Treasurer, the two National Commissioners, the Commissioners for Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, eight other elected members plus three youth representatives.

The Committee of the Council manages the business of The Scout Association in accordance with the Bye Laws of the Association. It is the Association's national decision-making body. Its members are the Trustees of the Association. The Committee decides the policy and rules of the Association.

The Committee delegates certain powers to four sub-Committees where the main work is done, Richard is a member of the Finance sub committee where all things financial to do with headquarters are decided, from the amount to spend on a new programme development, approving 2007 costs and, of course, the annual membership fee.

Other sub committees are:

- General Purposes Sub-Committee
- Headquarters Appointments Sub-Committee
- Operations Sub-Committee

Richard said "I was motivated to get involved with the committee's work for two main reasons, first, Cambridgeshire members attending at national events said they could be improved and second, to learn in more depth the areas that will benefit Cambridgeshire Scouting".

The Committee meets four times a year (plus the AGM) and meetings are held over weekends. Sub committees also tend to meet quarterly or more often when working on a specific issue.

## Essex International Jamboree 2008

[www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree](http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree) - [jamboree@essexscouts.org.uk](mailto:jamboree@essexscouts.org.uk)

26<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August -  
Kirby-le-Soken, North Essex.

Come and join thousands at one of the UKs biggest jamborees, where over 7,000 Scouts and Guides gather in Essex every four years for the Essex International Jamboree 2008 for a week of activities and international friendship.

International Friendship and Adventure

Participants can take part in a variety of activities including water and a variety of land activities. In the evening the market square will offer a busy atmosphere of live entertainments from around the globe complimented by a selection of eating areas to suit all tastes.

The Staff Experience

If you're 16 or over, why not join the staff team, and help make the Jamboree happen. You could volunteer to help set up the campsite, assist with activities or help to ensure that everyone has a great time by providing adventure and fun to thousands of young people. The staff experience includes evening entertainments, relaxation areas and a full catering provision.

All fees include a badge, a scarf, site fees and entertainments and online registration is now open at [www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree](http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/jamboree)



## Cambridge Scout Expeditions (CASE)

### One Brick at (a Pound) a Time will build Ghana Scouting in 2008

Plans are well underway for a 2008 expedition to Ghana for some 40 Explorer Scouts from Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. The expedition will be led by ACC International, George Devine and the plan is to build a Scout HQ and Community Centre in Hohoe, a town in the Volta region of the country. The Cambridgeshire contingent of 5 adult volunteers and 18 Explorer Scouts has already undertaken some training (including brick laying skills) and are busy with fundraising activities.

This will cost a lot of money and George estimates he will need 30,000 bricks at £1 a time to build the HQ. Why not organise an event in your Scout Group to help the cause?

Want to know more? Then contact George Devine ([africa@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:africa@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk)) or invite a member of the expedition team to a Colony, Pack, Troop or Unit meeting this term.

Our picture shows the CASE expeditioners getting ready to cut K2 Explorer Scout, David Kaye's hair and raise £600 for the expedition in September.



For further information and to take part in the appeal contact Chris Ward or George Devine. Email: [africa@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:africa@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk)



## SCOUT LEADER COURSES

### About Us

LIVING SPORT is the county sports partnership for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. Through successful funding applications we are able to offer a range of courses that will help to increase opportunities and participation in sport and physical activity.

In partnership between LIVING SPORT, Grafham Water Centre and the Cambridgeshire Scout Association we are able to offer subsidised training opportunities to all scout leaders.

**GRAFHAM WATER CENTRE:** Grafham Water Centre has been running for over 35 years, with an excellent reputation for friendliness and professionalism.

### About the courses

**Archery:** This four day course includes training and assessment for those who wish to lead introductory archery sessions in controlled environments.

**Climbing Wall Supervisor:** This is a One day training and One day assessment course containing theory and practical sessions. The course follows the SPA syllabus.

**Mountain Bike:** This is a two day training and assessment course containing theory and practical sessions. The course is recognised by AALA and accredited by the Association of British Cycling Coaches. Successful completion of the course enables individuals to lead off road mountain biking groups in Open Country.

Course	Course Number	Price	Dates
Archery	Archery 1	Was £189 Now £95 Max 12 places	26,27 Jan 2,3 Feb
	Archery 2	Was £189 Now £95 Max 6 places	11,12,13,14 Feb
	Archery 3	Was £189 Now £95 Max 12 places	8,9,15,16 March
Climbing Wall Supervisor	Climbing 1	Was £121 Now £60 Max 6 places	12 April Assessment 24 May
	Climbing 2	Was £121 Now £60 Max 6 places	13 April Assessment 25 May
	Climbing 3	Was £121 Now £60 Max 6 places	10 May Assessment 14 June
Mountain Bike	Bike 1	Was £120 Now £60 Max 10 places	26,27 April
	Bike 2	Was £120 Now £60 Max 10 places	17,18 May

To book a course please contact LIVING SPORT on 01487 849924, or email [jessica.weaver@livingsport.co.uk](mailto:jessica.weaver@livingsport.co.uk).

## Future of Scouting in Peterborough November 2007

Following the meeting in November 2005 and the interim organisation I put in place, I am now in a position to announce the permanent structure for Scouting in Peterborough.

Firstly I am sure you will join with me in thanking Martin Hall for all the work he has done over the last two years in pulling the two Districts together and coordinating many events. This has already made a huge difference to Scouting in Peterborough and is a good foundation on which to build for the future.

Secondly I would like to thank everybody that responded to my letter in the summer and the input at the subsequent meetings. The feedback has been very positive and with a high degree of consistency.

Other options were proposed but the structure I intend to put in place needs to be robust to stand for a number of years.

I can therefore confirm that Peterborough will be organised in two Districts (Nene and Medehamstede) and the District Commissioners will report directly to me. We will have a special position of Assistant County Commissioner (Peterborough) again reporting directly to me who will coordinate specific cross-District activities. These are listed below but others may be added in the future with the agreement of the two District Commissioners.

- Peterborough Gang Show
- Peterborough Canoe Club
- Scout Liaison with the City Council
- St George's Day Parade
- Young Leaders Scheme

I can therefore announce the following appointments subject to the appointments process.

- District Commissioner Nene - Trevor Watson
- District Commissioner Medehamstede - TBC
- Assistant County Commissioner (Peterborough) - Martin Hall

We are currently in discussion with a number of members about new roles in both Districts and I will publicise the details as soon as I can confirm the position. In the meantime Trevor Watson will be Acting DC.

We are constantly on the lookout for members to move roles and join District and County teams. This is not a promotion but an opportunity to give something different to Scouting; these people can only come from the local community. Now I have confirmed the structure and initial positions we need to continue to fill other roles so Scouting in Peterborough is well supported.

I am sure you will join with me in welcoming members to these positions and confirmation on the structure. I am confident Scouting in Peterborough will go from strength to strength.

**Richard Hames**  
County Commissioner

## Beaver Scouts

### BEAVERS 'GO WILD' FOR WESTERN ADVENTURE

Beaver Scouts from across Cambridge gathered at Abington Campsite in October for their annual Beaver Activity Day. The event, known as CamBAD, carried a 'Cowboys and Indians' theme and was enjoyed by over 100 Beavers from the district. In small groups they spent the morning navigating various activities, such as tracking and trailing, cooking on open fire, making tribal headdresses and lasooing. The afternoon allowed for plenty of running about with a wide game, before a big campfire sing-song to finish off.

Simon Gates, one of the organisers, had nothing but praise for everyone's efforts; "It's been an excellent day and both the Beavers and leaders have got a lot out of it. It's been a team effort and it's great to see so many people attending and taking advantage of what we had to offer."

### CAMBRIDGE BEAVERS GO 'DOWN UNDER' THIS CHRISTMAS

Ever wondered what it would be like to celebrate an Australian Christmas, but with the cold, British weather? Well, Beaver Scouts from the 12th, 18th & 26th Cambridge Beavers have spent a weekend finding out!



On Friday 30th November, 30 Beavers joined together for a sleepover with a difference. They 'celebrated' Christmas with a host of Australian activities which include making cork hats, boomerangs and a barbecued dinner. And with special guest, Kanga-rudolph and his pouch full of presents, just about anything could have happened...except the warm weather!

Simon Gates, Beaver leader of all three colonies and Kanga-rudolph for the day, commented; "It's madness gone mad! It's brilliant. The Beavers have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and really embraced the international twist to a traditional Christmas event."

The Beavers were also given some free time to enjoy various games they had made and open their present from Santa, whom they visited at mid-day. Each participant also took home a commemorative teddy to remember the event by. The sleepover ended with the District Xmas Party, which saw an additional 100 Beavers come together to celebrate the end of the centenary.

### CAMBRIDGE BEAVERS PARTY FOR CENTENARY

130 Cambridge Beavers have brought their centenary celebrations to an end with a massive Christmas Party. The 54th Cambridge HQ played host to the event, which saw beavers play various games in massive groups for an hour before tucking in to a plate filled with party food. As a special treat, the Beavers enjoyed 50 minutes of laughs and magic with Mr Marvel, the party entertainer before a quick sing-song and a visit from Santa, from whom they received a present.

Simon Gates, one of the organisers commented; "We've ended a big year with a big bang. This has been the biggest turnout for Beaver event in Cambridge for as long as I can remember...and what a fitting way to end the year!" The party meant many beavers left full of Christmas cheer and a present not only for Christmas but also for the end of the centenary. Bring on 2008!

## Chiltern Challenge 24th February 2008

It's that time of year again... When the Chiltern Challenge website goes live for registrations!

This year organisers have been working hard on improving the quality of night bases, while making sure we keep the same great CC atmosphere – the assault course timings have been reviewed and they are confident CC08 will be the biggest and best ever!

As usual all the paperwork is done for you, including writing a letter to your Explorers, explaining about the event and providing a ready made NAN form, health forms and everything else you need to make coming to CC08 a piece of cake! Go to

[www.chilternchallenge.co.uk/downloads](http://www.chilternchallenge.co.uk/downloads)

So if you'd like to take part in one of the largest Explorer Scout events in the UK, just visit the website for all the information you need – and when you've got your team together, you can even register online (or download and post a form if you prefer).

If you'd like any further information about the event's format, activities or any other aspect of the competition, please check out our website ([www.chilternchallenge.co.uk](http://www.chilternchallenge.co.uk)), phone or email me.

Hope to see you at Phasels Wood for CC08!

**Russ Dyble**

Chiltern Challenge

[info@chilternchallenge.co.uk](mailto:info@chilternchallenge.co.uk)

07790 296378

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## Sainsbury's Community Week

Sainsbury's welcomed Cambridgeshire Scout Groups into their stores in October as part of their 'Scout Community Week', inviting them to raise awareness of what Scouting is all about throughout the 5 Sainsbury's stores in the County.

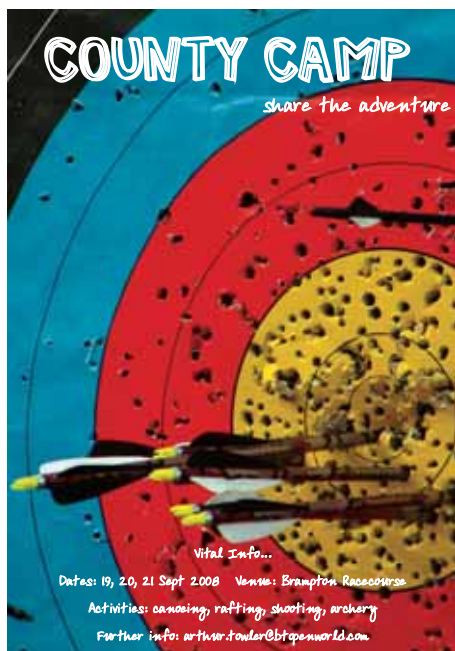


Sainsbury's is already in partnership with the Scout Association through the supermarket's Active Kids scheme, whereby local Groups can collect vouchers to redeem against outdoor camping and activity equipment. In addition Sainsbury's has pledged £150,000 to help the Scouts in its challenge to recruit more volunteers. Sainsbury's substantial contribution will be directly matched by the new youth volunteering charity V with the aim of recruiting over 1,000 new youth volunteers into Scouting nationally.

For the Scouts and Explorer Scouts that took part in Cambridge, March, Huntingdon and Peterborough this was a great opportunity to raise more than £2,000 and profile in the community.

Across the UK the results were fantastic, exceeding everyone's (including Sainsbury's) expectations. Conservative estimates suggest that the week raised in excess of £250,000 for local scouting, attracted 715 new leaders nationally (400 of which are 16-25) and recruited 1,333 new youth members.

If your group did not take part then why not think about it for next time?



## County Scout Camp

at  
Brampton Racecourse  
19th - 21st September 2008

Date and venue is subject to  
County Exec approval  
and to be confirmed.

Activities include  
Canoeing  
Rafting  
Shooting  
Archery

For further information contact  
[arthur.towler@btopenworld.com](mailto:arthur.towler@btopenworld.com)

## County Scout Activities Competition.

This is a great event which runs from Saturday morning through to Sunday Afternoon during which teams of 4 Scouts or Explorers take part in up to 7 different activities chosen from a list at time of booking (some of the more popular activities get filled quickly so it is best to book early). The list normally includes:

Cyclo Cross (you need to take your own bikes)	Air Rifle
Canoe Slalom and Canoe Polo	First aid
Water Races & Lifesaving skills	Climbing
Archery	High Ropes skills
Dinghy Sailing	Assault Course
Orienteering	Petanque (Boules)
Team Building Brain Teasers	Volleyball

There are also separate races on the Saturday evening for rafts, Sedan Chairs and push carts races for those who bring them. Saturday Evening normally finishes with a Camp Fire, wide game and BBQ. Scouts can either camp over night or travel each day.

Whilst the event is a competition, taking part, having fun and team work is far more important.

The date for 2008 will be 10/11 May so put it in the planning diary and keep an eye on the County Website for details and booking forms.

## Multi-Module Training Days

Saturday, 26th January

Module 9 Working with Adults  
Module 11 Administration (Section Leaders)  
Module 14 Young People Today  
Module 15 Challenging Behaviour

Sunday, 27th January

Module 12 Providing a Balanced Programme  
Module 19 International

Saturday, 23rd February

Module 5 Fundamental Values of Scouting  
Module 7 Valuing Diversity  
Module 8 Skills of Leadership  
Module 17 Activities Outdoors

Sunday, 24th February

Module 13 Growing the Movement (Section Leaders)  
Module 18 Practical Skills

These courses are principally aimed at those in Zone 1 but anyone from the County is welcome to apply. They are all being held at 2nd Nene HQ on Oundle Road, Peterborough.

Booking form onto any of the modules is via Cindy Abbott in the usual manner but providing there is room no one will be turned away on the day.

For further information please contact your GSL or Dave Musson on either  
[david.musson3@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.musson3@ntlworld.com) or 07944 291265.

## Scout Fellowship



There have been two meetings of the County Fellowship this year, held at the Copley Centre, St. Ives, at which reports came from all the districts in the county, giving details of all the work carried out by the Fellowships at both district and county level.

During the year they have carried out numerous activities including St. George's Day services, Sunrise ceremonies, the centenary camps and many more Scouting activities in connection with the Centenary Year. Also some of the district Fellowships have been supporting other organisations, which helps to spread the word of Fellowship and Scouting, these included manning the water station for the Great Eastern Run, where they were very busy with more entrants getting very wet as they were using plastic cups for the water. Another Fellowship cleared tables for a charity ball, yet another did refreshments for the Heart Foundation Race. Also in the county we have three Activity Fellowships working with young people to give them the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities.

Alongside this all the Fellowships run their own social programmes with a great variety of activities.

There is currently a National review being held on the Fellowship, in which most of our district Fellowships participated.

Numbers has increased slightly and the Fellowship is always on the lookout for additional members as our aim is to provide active support at Scout group, district and county level.

*John Chambers*

ACC (Fellowship).

## Top Notch Awards for Cambridgeshire Scouts!

More than 150 Scouts from across the County received a Cambridgeshire Top Award at Duxford in October from the Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire, Hugh Duberly.

The annual event took place in the remarkable £25million Air Space exhibition of British & Commonwealth aviation at Imperial War Museum, Duxford. More than 300 friends and family members turned out to celebrate with the boys, girls, young men and women, aged 6 to 25. They were all recognised for outstanding achievement in Scouting having received the Chief Scout's Bronze, Silver, Gold or Platinum Awards, the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award and the Queen's Scout Award.

Scout Leader, Daniel Gooch from Cambridge, who as a Queen's Scout, attended the National St George's Day Parade in front of the Queen at Windsor Castle earlier this year says "Scouting often has an unwarranted reputation for being boring. But the achievement of these awards demonstrates just how adventurous Scouting really is. I spent three weeks in Slovenia with locals as part of my Nights Away. I also have had the opportunity to give a lot back to the community as a leader – there is a huge amount of satisfaction in seeing young people develop. Without the Queen's Scout Award, I would not have taken up Karate, visited the Arctic Circle or been on a trip to climb Kilimanjaro. And scouting manages to do all of this while remaining fun, from the smallest Beaver to the largest leader, everyone is just in it to have a good time, try new things and be adventurous."

County Commissioner, Richard Hames said "Scouting is all about opportunity; the opportunity to challenge yourself through adventure, meet new people, and go to new places. The Top Awards are the epitome of this", He added "All of the young people here today, from the 6 year old Beaver to the 25 year old Scout Leader are a true inspiration to others and I am delighted that the Lord Lieutenant is honouring each and every one of them in this way"



1st Whittlesford & Duxford  
Cubs and Scouts (left)

and 1st Histon Cubs (right)

were proud to receive  
their Top Awards.



## Cambridgeshire Scouts on show

Many of you will know that I receive lots of emails from the general public and outside organisations about Cambridgeshire Scouting. Here is an email that I received from Colin Tomkins, holidaying in North Wales during the summer.

"Dear Chris - I took the attached photo of a group of scouts in North Wales. I stopped to chat to the boys and their leaders and found them all to be a credit to Scouting. I hope you may be able to trace this group and pass the photo to them with my best wishes - Kind regards - Colin Tomkins"



Well done 3rd Wisbech. **Chris Ward** Deputy County Commissioner

## Icenorum Living History Group - a programme idea for all ages

Icenorum Living History Group covers the Iron Age, Roman, Anglo Saxon and Viking periods and they would love the opportunity to present their displays.

They have recently received a grant from the Local Network Fund to enable them to do just that, to put on events for community groups such as the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, a grant which has reduced the cost a great deal to just £1 per child.

The group is particularly interested in exploring ideas raised concerning changes arising from immigration/invasion, the improvements this brought and how this country became what it is thanks to excellent new ideas.

Although this might sound rather serious and daunting, in actual fact it is great fun trying out, for example, Roman weaponry and armour (all child-safe), talking about a day in the life of an auxiliary, or preparing (very smelly) Roman food!

If you would like further information then contact Mary Hannigan at [icenorum@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:icenorum@hotmail.co.uk)

By the way, they are all teachers and parents and are all CRB checked.

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## Regional Duke of Edinburgh's Award Workshops

During Spring 2008, Cambridgeshire Scouts will be holding a one day workshop to support leaders in the delivery of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme within Scouting.

The workshops are aimed at Explorer Scout Leaders, District Explorer Scout Commissioners, District and County Scout Network Leaders and County Scout Network Commissioners. However, any adult with an interest in the development of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award would also be welcome.

To see more details please go to

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/ps/dofe/news/index.htm>

If you have any queries regarding the Duke of Edinburgh's Award workshops please contact Phil Garrett [pg101@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pg101@cam.ac.uk) in the first instance.

## The new Appointments Card

For those of you where the post has got through the new Edition of Scouting may now have reached you

With your Scouting all adults associated with the movement should have received their new appointment card, which replaces the warrant. These cards will be renewed every April.

If the Appointments on your Card are incorrect please tell your Appointments Secretary. You may need to fill in a new Form AA if you have changed sections and never had it approved.

The review date shown may not be the one you had on your warrant. Some review dates have been adjusted to remove the surge of renewals each March.

Please note that Appointment Cards are not an identity card and any new adults approaching your Group still require CRB and form AA completed and to be put through Appointment Process as before.

Anyone changing Sections/Groups needs to fill in form AA for the new role they wish to take on and these changes also need approval by the Appointment Advisory Committee. With no warrants District needs to approve the change and enter it on the database so that a revised Appointment Card is issued.

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## **Be Green – Recycle Gas Cylinders**

If your Group is expanding and you need more Gas Cylinders for cooking, lamps etc, try getting them from your local recycling centre. I've just bought 3 Calor Cylinders at the Milton Recycling Centre for £5 each – much cheaper than paying the deposit on a new one from wherever you get them refilled.

And if you have old Gas Cylinders that you don't need, take them to a recycling centre where someone like me might buy them – don't just throw them away.

***Pete Edwards***

ASL 5th Cambridge

## Young People - It's your voice - your movement

We all know that it's vitally important to ensure that young people's voices are heard within Scouting. Whether it's a Beaver Scout giving feedback on their Colony Programme, an Explorer Scout describing a fantastic event that they recently attended or a Nominated Youth Representative giving their County's views at The Scout Association's AGM; it's these voices that help keep Scouting relevant.

Explorer Scout, Alistair Frank caught up with Matt Rooney, Chair of the National Review Group for Youth Participation about what's happening. The Group has been established to look at current practice and suggest ways in which we can become better focused on the issues that are truly important to our Youth Members.



### **Alistair: What's Youth Participation all about?**

Matt: The UN Convention on the Rights of a Child states that 'any child or young person has a right to express their views and have them given due weight in decisions affecting them, in accordance with their age and maturity'. It's about how young people are involved in making decisions and how they give their view and opinions.

### **Alistair: How does this all work in The Scout Association?**

Matt: Each County has Nominated Youth Representatives on their Executive committees who, in theory, feedback the views of other young people to the County and in turn to National bodies.

### **Alistair: What role can we, as young people, play?**

Matt: The review group consists of members between the ages of 18-25. We are already involving young people in a variety of ways and this is what they can do:

1. There will be web-based surveys and programme plans for young people at each section to tell us what they think
2. We'll be hosting youth consultation days all around the UK
3. You can email your thoughts to [participation@scout.org.uk](mailto:participation@scout.org.uk)
4. Keep an eye out for more information on [www.scouts.org.uk/participation](http://www.scouts.org.uk/participation)

### **Alistair: What do you hope to achieve in your role?**

Matt: I'd like to ensure that every single Youth Member of the Association has a voice that can be heard and, through this, facilitate a shift in thinking that only Trustees of the Scout Association can be decision makers. We will be thinking about ideas like suggestion boxes, a complaints procedure for young people, chat forums, youth focused awards made by young people and loads of other ideas.

It's clearly time we had a re-think about youth participation, and what better time than the start of our second century!

### **So who is involved in Cambridgeshire ?**

On the County Executive the Elected Youth Member is Hazel Bull she also represents the County at the National Scout Council – you can contact her with your views at [hazel@bull187.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:hazel@bull187.fsnet.co.uk)

***David Walsh***

Field Development Officer

## Cambridge Network "The Muppets"

NETWORK



A weekend in June saw Cambridge Network (AKA The Muppets) head to Southend for 'Mad UK', the annual network camp hosted by Essex Network. After a quick trip to Southend Seafront to introduce Lise (a visiting Danish Scout) to fish and chips. Friday night was a chance to meet other Networkers from across the Country for a beverage or two.

Saturday gave us the opportunity to try something new with a variety of activities on offer. Many of us Muppets tried Fencing for the first time, finding it bizarre to be encouraged to stab your friends!

Power Kiting also proved to be a good challenge with the gusty conditions and wet grass sending a number of The Muppets flying across the campsite. The legendary camp delicacy the 'MAD burger': two burgers, cheese, bacon, pineapple and a fried Egg all in one roll proved quite a test, although one Muppet managed four!

Saturday evening shenanigans were a Hollywood themed party, with us transformed into Pirates, partying with Oompa-Loompas, Jedi and a



1930s film crew amongst others.

An 'It's a Knockout' Competition with a mix of inflatable slides, shaving foam, flour and plenty of water provided much entertainment on Sunday. We did Cambridgeshire proud, joining forces with a group from Hertfordshire to win the competition overall; guess that means we'll just have to return next year to defend our title!



Cambridge Network (The Muppets) pride themselves on being able to rise to any challenge, so when we received an email from a Scouter in Bristol asking if we would wait and staff the bar at his wedding in Cambridge, we had no doubts in accepting the invitation. Fortunately for the guests we weren't doing the cooking, this was provided by a Chinese restaurant in Cambridge.

Arriving at Stow-cum-Quy village hall, we found a beautifully decorated room, a well stocked bar and comprehensive timetables and menus. I thought it was only the bride that was allowed to be late to the wedding; much to our relief the food finally arrived about 20 minutes after most of the 100 guests!

Having served the starters, it was onto the eight different main courses plus two plates of rice for all twelve tables, I'm not sure I've seen seven muppets move so fast, doing laps of the kitchen. The limited space proved quite entertaining when we had to clear 300 plates and dishes at the same time as plating up 100 desserts!

The groom presented us with his group's scarves during his wedding speech and explained to any guests that had not worked out already that we weren't professionals!

After such a successful evening, we already have our next booking, cooking at the county BBQ!

*Hazel Bull*

The Craft marquee was as always a hive of activity and we were kept busy with enquiries from young people on how they could join the movement, including interest from new migrant families from Eastern Europe and the established Asian communities.

### Centenary Camp

The Peterborough Districts came together for their Centenary Camp at Ferry Meadow's Country Park. The weather as for most camp's across the UK was wet from the start and seemed to get wetter as the hours passed. This, however, did not stop the enjoyment of the event by the young people who carried on regardless enjoying the activities.

Canoeing and Pedaloes were popular activities on the lake, and with all Group's putting on an activity around the campsite, everywhere was a hive of activity from dawn to dusk. The Campfire took place as planned. Sunday was the day for the Beaver's to visit and again the majority who had booked appeared through the rain on time to enjoy the day.

The Leader's must be complimented on their efforts at making this such a successful event and for all the work that followed with so much wet canvas to dry. One city school who uses a HQ as an exam room is known to have had a GCSE take place this year with tents hanging from the rafters above as Groups continued over a week later to dry the last of the vast amount of canvas required for the weekend. Thanks go to Gill & Bob Mason and Gavin Needham for master minding the Peterborough event

### Sunrise Ceremony - Peterborough

Peterborough's main ceremony was again a two District event held in Cathedral Square, Peterborough, and the day dawned with the sun blessing us with a warm morning. Attendance was in excess of 300 from the city plus visiting members from Crowland, Spalding, Derby to name but a few. We were joined by the new Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor Marion Todd, the Leader of the Council, John Peach, and Councillor Charles Swift OBE amongst others.



BBC Radio Cambridgeshire came to the event to cover it live but not wanting to disturb the 8am news had to settle for a re-enactment of the 8 am ceremony at 8.15 am for the benefit of the listening public.

The 8 am remaking of our Promise was immediately followed by a peel of the bells of the neighbouring Peterborough Parish Church, ringing out across the City Centre, no doubt drawing the attention of workers on their way to work oblivious to the crowd on the square.

We then presented to the Mayor for display in the Town Hall a centenary bust of Baden Powell mounted on a plinth hidden within a copy of our Freedom Scroll and the new badges of the two Districts commemorating the granting of the Freedom of the City.

The event was rounded off with activities for young people on the square including the collection of more hands for the Great Left Handshake collage organised by HQ.

To one side of the event a new Beaver was invested into the movement over watched by Len Voller our oldest attendee at 101. I wonder if that young Beaver will return to Cathedral Square in 2017 to remake his Promise?

*Trevor Watson* Deputy Divisional Commissioner - Peterborough

## Peterborough News

### Freedom of the City of Peterborough

Sunday 22nd April was in addition to being the annual St. George's Day Parade a very historic moment for the Peterborough Districts of Medehamstede and Nene as the service also included the granting of the Freedom of the City of Peterborough to the Scouts of the city. An unanimous resolution, witnessed by members from all sections of the movement, had been passed on the 11th October 2006 in the Council Chamber at Peterborough Town Hall to grant the Scouts the Freedom of the City.

Baden Powell was of course granted the Freedom of various places around the world but as far as we can ascertain the Peterborough Districts are the first to receive such an honour as a scouting area. In Peterborough they join RAF Wittering and the Royal Anglian Regiment as an honoured organisation.

The day itself brought wonderful weather, April seeming to be our summer this year, and for the first time in many years all Peterborough Scout Groups were present for the extended parade and service. Former Chief Scout George Purdy joined the Civic Party who paraded to the Cathedral some 15 minutes after the massed Groups had passed through the City in the two Districts led by the Royal Anglian and Lincoln City Scout Bands, bringing delays to motorists as traffic on Bourges Boulevard and Town Bridge were halted for the parade to pass.

In the Cathedral the regular St. George's Day Service was interrupted for the Mayor of Peterborough, Councillor Burton, to formally present the Freedom Scroll to Martin Hall and representatives from the four sections, and for the young people to present in return commemorative framed neckers and badges to Councillors Burton, Peach & Swift who played such a major part in the decision.

The Bishop of Peterborough, Rt. Rev. Ian Cundy, gave the sermon telling of his own time in Scouting supported by the new Dean of Peterborough who also commented on his enjoyable time in the movement.

Following the service everyone paraded back to the Embankment where the City Council had laid on a picnic tea for everyone. The sunny afternoon allowed us all to sit on the grass and enjoy the food before dispersing to all corners of the city and beyond.

Press coverage of the event included Anglia News, Peterborough Herald & Post, and the Evening Telegraph

### Party in the Park

As June came to a close the City of Peterborough celebrated with a Peterborough Festival, a week of events commencing with the Mayors Parade and the Party in the Park (held in Central Park). The theme this year was Myths & Legends and also included celebrations for anniversaries of Peterborough's twinning with Bourges & Viersen and more importantly to us the Centenary of Scouting giving us a high profile in all the councils publications and press releases about the event.

Sunday 1st July was our big day where the day's activities were formally started by our membership holding a flag break ceremony in the centre of the Park followed by the first of two different mini Gang Shows performed on the Community

Stage to the watching crowds. The casts that Gill Mason gathered for these Shows were from across Peterborough Scouting, not just our regular cast members and she must be congratulated on the performances given.

A large area of the Park was given over to Scouting allowing Groups from across the city to display traditional Scouting skills and encouraging the public to take part in tent pitching competitions and the making of twists amongst the various items on offer.

## County Ball

In celebration of Founders Day 2008.

Saturday, February 23rd, at, Thorpe Wood Holiday Inn, Peterborough  
7.30 pm for 8.00 pm.

Carriages around midnight

Dancing to the band "Something for the Weekend"  
dress code is black tie or smart suit

Cost is £30.00 per head

Tickets available from

Jackie Daniels, '

Game House', High Street, Colne PE28 3ND,

telephone 01487 842093 or

email: [countyball@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:countyball@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk)

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## From little Beavers mighty leaders grow



The first Beaver Scout invested into the newly formed Warboys Colony way back in 1992 is now giving something back, by joining the Scout Troop as an Assistant Leader. James Langley is joining new Scout Leader Rob Morris in the 1st Warboys Scout Troop, where 15 Scouts (10 boys and 5 girls) already take part each week.

November saw them take part in a camp with 12 Scouts, where they took part in some traditional scouting skills – such as a night hike and a camp fire. This included using their newly acquired pioneering techniques to build a bridge. New Scout, Robin, was invested into the Troop whilst testing the bridge with Gavin Roberts (ASL 1st Somersham)!

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## Young Leader Courses (Modules A to J)

1. Sunday April 6 2008

2. Sunday October 26 2008

Contact: Alan Briggs [alanbriggs@ntlworld.com](mailto:alanbriggs@ntlworld.com)

Venue: Cambridge 26<sup>th</sup> HQ

Cost: £20

## Cambridgeshire Scouts 222 2008

The Scouts 222 event has been rearranged for the weekend of **18th-20th April 2008**. There will be several changes to the event, this will make for a challenging event that any team could win. Teams will consist of **4 or 5 members**. Team entry fee will be **£25-00**. Travel cost by coach for the event will be **£25-00 per person**

This event is open to scouts, explorers, & network teams. There is separate competitions for each section.

More information & entry forms will follow shortly.

*Martin Webb*  
222 Coordinator

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## 200 years after the Slave Trade Act 1807

On March 25th in Wisbech Parish Church a very impressive service was held to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Slave Trade Act 1807, and to celebrate the work of Wisbech's most famous son, Thomas Clarkson, who spent years travelling all over England gathering evidence from sailors et al about this evil trade. About 400 people attended including HRH The Duke of Gloucester.



As it was also the centenary of Scouting, I arranged for local Scouts and Cubs to form a Guard of Honour for the Duke and Lord Lieutenant when they arrived. During the service I invited the Duke to lay a wreath upon the grave of Clarkson's parents in the church's chancel and 15 year old Ian Wales from the 3rd Wisbech group stood smartly before the assembled congregation and handed the wreath to the Duke. It was a fitting way to commemorate a 200th and a 100th anniversary in the full glare of the public. Ian appears on the front cover of the Society's annual review.

As Chairman of The Wisbech Society I was very involved with organising the service.

*Brian Payne*  
Chairman Fenland

## Orwell Scouts get muddy for the environment



Orwell Scouts teamed up with the Woodland Trust, the UK's leading woodland conservation charity, to plant 2,000 trees at Church Farm, Great Eversden Cambridgeshire.

The Scouts planted native broadleaved trees on a 3.5 hectare (8.4 acres) ex arable site near the village of Great Eversden. This planting site is at the top of the hill giving spectacular views of Wimpole Hall and the Cambridge Observatory. Cambridgeshire is one of the least wooded counties in the UK and this is the start of an ambitious local project to re-forest the county.

As part of the Scout's centenary celebrations, the Woodland Trust and the Scout Association have formed a partnership to provide members of the Scout movement with a number of opportunities to learn about, and engage in, woodland conservation. Over the next few years, the Woodland Trust will offer a series of activities and events for Scout packs. This initiative is part of the Trust's Tree For All campaign, which aims to involve one million children in planting 12 million trees.



Andy Beer of the Woodland Trust comments: "Tree For All is a call to action in a time when the protection and planting of new woodland is becoming increasingly important as



our natural world comes under siege. We see joining forces with the Scout Association as a great opportunity to get involved with a UK wide organisation to help us reach out to more and more young people. With the help of The Scout Association we aim to plant at least 100 Centenary Groves - these will be new areas of native woodland, each made up of thousands of trees."

Chris Ward for Cambridgeshire Scouts says "this is a very popular project with young people and clearly demonstrates how much they all care about their environment"

The Tree For All campaign has involved over 500,000 people, the majority being school children, and has planted three and a half million trees across the UK, that's enough people to fill the Albert Hall 103 times or 7,178 double decker buses. In all, approximately 9,000 schools, 500 plus community groups and 100 major partners have been involved so far, not to mention celebrities including Dame Judi Dench, Ray Mears and Penny Smith, and it's just getting started. In all since the campaign started over 1,618 hectares (4000 acres) of new woodland has been created.



*Alan Norton* - SL Orwell, Granta

## REUNION 57

In 1957 over 33,000 scouts from 90 countries attended the 9<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree at Sutton Park near Birmingham. 50 years on from that Golden Jubilee of Scouting almost 300 old friends from 26 countries were reunited in this Centenary year.



Reunion 57 was based at Robinson College Cambridge and a core team of people from the county was responsible for organising events at the Cambridge end. Amongst those people were Roger Summerfield (GSL 1<sup>st</sup> Harston) and Rob Farrington (GSL 50<sup>th</sup> Cambridge – Milton) both of whom attended the 1957 Jamboree as 16 year old Senior Scouts.

For practical reasons the participants were divided into two tours each of 3 days duration. On the first day they went to Gilwell Park, which included a guided tour of the White House and all the places of special interest around the park. Day 2 was a visit to the World Jamboree at Hylands Park Chelmsford and day 3 saw a nostalgic return to Sutton Park where they were able to renew their promise around the Jamboree stone and also revisit their own camp-site.

On the second evening of each tour a Gala dinner was held at the college. Our own County Commissioner, Richard Hames and the guest speaker Richard Butler, CC for Norfolk, attended both dinners. The Mayor of Cambridge, Jenny Bailey, accompanied by the Mayoress was also a guest at the second dinner. The singing of the 1957 Jamboree song was a fitting climax to each dinner, especially on the first occasion when it was led by Michael Baden-Powell - the grandson of our Founder.



**Rob Farrington**

## Live 07 - a showcase for Scouting

Congratulations to the Explorer Scouts and Network members from Peterborough, St Ives, Ely and Cambridge who took part in Live 07 at the O2 Arena in front of audiences totalling 30,000.



The Peterborough dance group, SPATZ was led by Cub Scout Leader, Heidi Latronico-Ferris and supported by coach loads of fans, including the Mayor of Peterborough, Councilor Marion Todd and Leader of the Council, John Peach.

Explorer Scouts, Nancy and Louise flew the Ely and Cromwell District flags respectively whilst CUSAGC member Harriet was part of the National Scout & Guide Orchestra.

It was a fantastic event and, no doubt, one that will last in the memories of the young people taking part.

## Brownsea Island Camp - July 2007

A joint camp of the 2nd Wisbech and 2nd Chatteris was held on Bownsea Island this summer.

My favorite part of Brownsea Island was when the Explorers were allowed to sleep outside on the last night. We could see the stars and I remember how clearly I could see the Plough. We were allowed a little "lie-in" because we had taken our tents down the day before, but didn't last long as we had to cook breakfast.



**Philip Taylor**

Explorer Scout, 2nd Wisbech

## Scout Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme

You may have heard about the Scout Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme (SCYEP) either at Gilwell Reunion or the 2007 World Jamboree.

SCYEP is an exchange programme for Scouts and Explorers that has been running successfully for 10 years. Following the World Jamboree there has been an upsurge in interest in International visits, exchanges and links. We are currently interviewing applicants for exchanges next year to both Australia and Malta.

If you are interested in the opportunity please contact me as soon as possible.

**Les Sinclair**

SCYEP Coordinator

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[les@ecg.uk.com](mailto:les@ecg.uk.com)

or

[scyep@scout.org.uk](mailto:scyep@scout.org.uk)

## Mark Claydon, Queen's Scout

Congratulations to Mark Claydon, Muppets Scout Network member and SL 57th Cambridge, on achieving the Queen's Scout Award

Many of you will know how hard Mark has worked to earn the award, whilst continuing to lead the Fulbourn Scout Troop and drive Scout Network in the Cambridge area.

Our picture shows Jane Warren, District Commissioner for Hinchingsbrooke and County Queen Scout Co-ordinator making the presentation at a Network weekend at Abington in November.



Well done!

## Funding Opportunities

### HSBC Funding

Every year, HSBC supports a wide range of projects and initiatives throughout the communities where we do business. Their aim is to help raise the academic achievement of young people and improve their vocational skills with formal and informal learning. This commitment to the development of young people across the UK is both long-standing and ongoing. In particular, they believe that supporting primary and secondary education, especially for the disadvantaged, is essential for the well-being and prosperity of us all. There are a range of programmes that they currently support.

More info: visit their website at [www.ukpersonal.hsbc.co.uk](http://www.ukpersonal.hsbc.co.uk).

### Connecting Communities Plus, Community Grants

The £18m Connecting Communities Plus (CC+) scheme is an integral part of the Government's stated aim 'to reduce race inequalities and tackle extremism'. The grant funding is for organisations that are committed to delivering projects and services that promote race equality and foster strong community relations.

Closing date: applications is 8th January 2008.

More info: visit [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk).

### The Wakeham Trust

An anonymous donor established the Wakeham Trust in 1973. The Trust provides grants to help people rebuild their communities and are particularly interested in neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded. More info: The Wakeham Trust, Wakeham House, Rogate, Petersfield, Hants, GU31 5EJ. More info. visit website [www.wakehamtrust.org](http://www.wakehamtrust.org).

### Youth Bank – Instant Fund Giveaway Day

Young people's groups (edibility criteria applies), across Cambridgeshire, are invited to apply for funding for new projects with the promise of an instant decision from the Youth Bank panel (for projects seeking £1K and under).

More info: Marion Branch - [marion@cambscf.org.uk](mailto:marion@cambscf.org.uk) or call 01223 421588.

Have you heard of the **Cambs Youth Bank**?

The **Cambs Youth Bank** gives grants of up to **£10,000** to young people or youth groups aged 13 to 19 who have an idea for a new project that will benefit themselves and other people's lives.

More info.-Lorna [Grounsell@young-lives.org.uk](mailto:Grounsell@young-lives.org.uk) or telephone: 01480 494333

## County BBQ

The County BBQ was a relaxing afternoon in the September sunshine. Thanks to George Devine for playing host and to the Ghana 08 Expeditioners and Cambridge Scout Network for the excellent BBQ. Everyone agreed that we need to do more socially and so here's to the County Ball in February and next years BBQ!



## CUSAGC (Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club).

### CUSAGC Marathon Challenge 2007

This event was a huge success with 9 teams navigating between 26 checkpoints and completing challenges along the way in an attempt to gain the most points. Every team did exceptionally well, but congratulations to the winners - The Undertakers Scout Fellowship team, who managed to reach all the checkpoints in the given time and did so dropping only 37 points!

The continued success of this event depends on your support, as we need sufficient entries to make it viable to run. If you have any recommendations as to what we could do to encourage more entries in the future, please let me know. If you did not enter a team, it would be useful to know if there was any particular reason for this (i.e. too many other events going on, half term, Saturday jobs prohibiting Explorers/Senior Section members from entering, heard about it too late etc.).

The provisional date for Marathon Challenge 2008 is Saturday 8th November 2008 so put that in your diaries and look out for information nearer the time!

### FORWARD 2008

Sunday 24th February 2008

This is an incident hike for Scouts and Guides held in Cambridgeshire. A 10-mile route with a variety of checkpoints and challenges for teams of 4-6 (with chaperone adult where needed). Further details and entry forms will be available soon, but in the mean time, put this date in your group / unit diaries!

For more information about any of these events, please get in touch.

### Clare Grout

CUSAGC Scout and Guide Liaison Officer

E-mail: [saglo@cusagc.org.uk](mailto:saglo@cusagc.org.uk)

Phone: 07716 409 948

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## Explorer Scouts share their views with 100 District Commissioners at Regional Conference

Richard Claridge from Wildcat Explorers, Crafts Hill was amongst seven young people, who opened the first East of England Regional Scouting Conference, at Wyboston Lakes conference centre in November.



Their presentation was a resume of the Scouting's Centenary Year across the East of England Region and covered Centenary Camps, World Scout Jamboree and Sunrise. The young people also shared their thoughts towards a vision for the future of Scouting. Throughout the event, they were actively involved in discussions around delivering Scouting in different and innovative ways, valuing adult contributions to Scouting, and looking at novel ways of growing Scouting.

Richard, age 17 said "We want to make sure that young people have a large say in the way that Scouting is run in their local area"