



# CAMBRIDGESHIRE NOTICEBOARD



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## The County Commissioner writes:

This summer I saw once again some of the many exciting and stimulating summer activities that Cambridgeshire Scouting provides for our young people; well done to all the leaders involved, I am sure you have given them some fantastic memories. The weather this summer seemed to cover all four seasons so I hope it worked out well for you, and you also were able to grab a break from Scouting to spend with your families.



My thoughts are now starting to turn to the new Scouting year and the challenges and rewards in store. We all know that better trained leaders provide better Scouting and one of the ways we do this is by planning. Meetings planned around the balanced program visiting each of the zones provide a great structure for our meetings and also allows different members to shine at different times.

Continuing my 2009 theme for standards, I know you have been working on camping and exploration skills over the last few months and now there is a need to make sure you have some great evening meetings with training and activities covering each of the areas. Time spent planning now will save time later and provide a better program for our young people.

Remember to welcome new members, both young and adult to ensure that they are made welcome and fully supported otherwise, as we know, members leave when this does not happen.

Earlier in the year we held the Executive support day to encourage our lay membership to provide uniformed members with the support they deserve. This is a good time of year to start to get to know the parents of our new young members, break down those barriers, involve new parents in your section or Group, they are possible leaders of the future.

Have a great year ahead and enjoy your Scouting.

**Richard Hames**  
County Commissioner

# Premises Grants 2009.

## Deadline for response 31st October 2009

Richard Hames has again been successful in obtaining funds (just over £6k) from Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) to assist certain Scout Groups with their premises costs.

The criteria for the scheme is set out below:

- The Scout Group must be operating the Gift Aid Scheme.
- Priority will be given to Scout Groups meeting in CCC owned premises where costs of care-taking are an integral part of the rent etc. paid by the Scout Group.
- Details of the address where the Colony/Pack/Troop etc. meets must be stated on the application form.(A blank copy of the form is shown below).
- A short statement of up to 100 words stating what financial assistance is sought should be submitted to me by **31st October 2009**.
- A certified copy of the latest available Group Accounts should accompany the submission.

Groups meeting within the Unity Authority area of Peterborough (all of Medehamstede District and all but Stilton & Yaxley Groups in Nene District) are excluded from applying under this scheme. (Separate financial arrangements have been negotiated for the Peterborough Unitary Authority based Groups).

Scout Groups meeting in neighbouring Counties (Norfolk Suffolk and Essex etc.) are equally ineligible to apply under this scheme.

Decisions on eligibility will be met in accordance with the following timetable:

- The County Finance Hub will meet in early November to review and decide upon all applications received from Groups
- Dependent on the quantity of requests received it might be necessary to place a cap on the maximum amount that successful Groups could receive
- The finance Hub's conclusions will be reported to the County Executive Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November for their agreement.

The County Treasurer will then release the funds as appropriate directly to the Groups concerned.

If there are any points in need of clarification please get in touch with Malcolm Robinson  
(contact details below)

## Headquarters and County Membership Fees for 2010.

The County Executive meeting at its meeting in July confirmed the membership fees for 2010. These show a modest increase on the 2009 charges.

- The HQ fee will be £19.50 with a £0.50 rebate for prompt payment.
- The County fee will be £5.00 with a £0.20 rebate for prompt payment.

In addition each District will add its own membership fee

The County Treasurer (Jim Gilbert) will contact the District treasurers in the new Scouting year to coordinate HQ & County payment procedures  
Malcolm Robinson

Chairman - County Finance Hub

4 Quorn Close, Newborough, Peterborough, PE6 7RQ.

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## Awards - April 2009

### AWARD for MERIT

*In recognition of outstanding service*



David Bent

Group Executive/  
Quartermaster

1st Ely

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## COUNTY TOP AWARD PRESENTATIONS.

The Top Awards Presentations will be held again in the Autumn. Leaders are reminded to get the **name, address and post-code** of Chief Scout Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum and Diamond award holders for the year (November 2008 to November 2009) to Beryl Boyce using the special email address [topawards@talktalk.net](mailto:topawards@talktalk.net) as soon as possible. Duke of Edinburgh awards can also be acknowledged and any other special award. Further details of venue, date, time, seating arrangements etc. will be sent with the invitations.

If in doubt, contact Beryl.

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## Are You Computer Literate?

Scouting is using the internet more and more but not everyone feel comfortable with computers and cyberspace. Would you like personal help to learn how to join the Scout website and use the help and information that is available there? I will be running drop-in sessions in the autumn for leaders and supporters. I will take you through how to join the Scout website and help you look at what is available there. You do not need to have a computer at home or internet access as you can use them in libraries.

If you are interested in attending such a session, it would help me if you could let me know. So take the plunge and phone me today on 01487 842093 or if you are able to then email me at [Jackie.daniels@tesco.net](mailto:Jackie.daniels@tesco.net).

Jackie Daniels, DCC

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## CUB CHALLENGE WEEKEND 2009

Saturday October 3rd and Sunday October 4th

Information for the Cub Challenge weekend is out. IF you have NOT received this for you CUB pack, Please contact:

Linda Poulter at [npoulter@talk21.com](mailto:npoulter@talk21.com)

# Training Report

CAMBRIDGESHIRE

adult training

Wood badges continue to be gained in all Districts, and we have just equalled in July the total number of Wood badges 52 gained throughout the whole of last year.

Congratulations to all those who have gain their Wood badge and thank you to all who have supported them.

<b>March</b>			
24	Gill Nicoll	ABSL	Cromwell
25	Jeffrey Parker	ESL	Ely
26	Edward Sibson	ASL	Hinchingbrooke
<b>April</b>			
27	Will Bull	DC	Granta
28	Mark Sayer	CSL	Crafts Hill
29	Laura Ackroyd	SL	Crafts Hill
30	Diane Holme	GSL	Granta
31	Penelope Bull	ADC (BS)	Granta
<b>May</b>			
32	Jacqueline Avory	BSL	Granta
33	Clive Richard Flack	GSL	Granta
34	Michelle Newport	ABSL	Fenland
35	Aidan Mark Joy	GSL	Hinchingbrooke
36	Richard Carpenter	GSL	Hinchingbrooke
<b>June</b>			
37	Avril Bishop	ACSL	Hinchingbrooke
38	Amanda Fagg	ABSL	Cromwell
39	Rod Glen	GSL	Fenland
40	Sarah Louise Holyoak	CSL	Hinchingbrooke
41	Amanda Free	ACSL	Granta
42	Tracy Louise horn	BSL	Hinchingbrooke
<b>July</b>			
43	David Pollard	GSL	Ely
44	Wayne Stevens	SL	Newmarket
45	Andrew Merryweather	CSL	Granta
46	John David Keates	SL	Hinchingbrooke
47	Shaun Baker	BSL/ADC (BS)	Nene
48	John Dickerson	CSL	Crafts Hill
49	Richard Martin	BSL	Crafts Hill
50	Robert Akroyd	ASL	Crafts Hill
51	Gregory King	CSL	Crafts Hill
52	Julian Brown	SL	Crafts Hill

Leaders are always asking for practical skill bases and for the leaders that went to the Gilwell reunion this year they would have had the opportunity on the Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September to participate in these back to base skills, I hope you found them useful and learnt new skills.

Next years Training date (2010) are detailed within this issue of Noticeboard, get them in your diary and booked on the courses. Please note for the first time we will be running the full First Aid Standard Course over 2 weekends, this covers all aspects of First Aid, it is also an ideal course if you which to join the County First Aid Team, and for people who do this the course will be free.

**Chris Halliday**

## Beaverree 2009



Some statistics for you: 800 Beavers - that's just under half; from 66 Colonies - that's about two thirds; 158 adult leaders and 74 parent helpers booked to attend with the Colonies. Add to the mix: 15 adults running the activities; throw in some Fellowship supervising the car park and others providing the squash; a few, largely bored, first aiders, one AESL with the plum job of collecting smiles and a handful of Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who also turned out - well it's somewhere in the region of 1050.

What were the rest of you doing on a rainy day in June?

And boy did it rain! Luckily the sports hall was big enough to hold us all for an opening ceremony, during which Thomas Holiday of the 1<sup>st</sup> Willingham Sherwood Colony was presented with a tee-shirt and art materials for his design for this years Beaverree badge. Congratulations Thomas and thank you to all the other Colonies who took part in the competition. Activities were held in four zones, three of which were inside (lucky!) Mad Science in the Science Zone (where else!) were brilliant and kept the Beavers (and their leaders captivated. The Safety Zone, had three activities with stranger danger, road safety and safety in the



home presented in a variety of ways. The street dancing and graffiti wall went down a storm, look out Diversity we're hot on your heels. To balance the modern, some games and traditional cooking activities outside were made very difficult by the appalling weather and eventually seeing one half closed for safety (and comfort) but we managed to replace this with some good old fashioned campfire singing. Finally back into the hall for the closing ceremony which included a presentation to the smileyest Colony - and I'm assured that no bribes were accepted though some were offered! Congratulations Newmarket - and a prayer read out by a young Beaver from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Cambridge.

## Beveree 2009 continued

It's a big commitment to plan and run an event such as this, I have heard tell it was/is the largest County event in Scouting in Cambridgeshire this year – and many of those taking on the commitment also have other roles within the County/Districts/Groups. My sincere thanks to them. Thanks also to those additional adults who were roped in to provide support, some kept dry some didn't! And lastly, but by no means least, thank you to the Colony leaders who manage to find time in their busy summer schedules to bring along the young people. I *know* they had a fabulous time.

**Sue Best**

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## Armful of Badges for Scout, Ben



Beaver Scout, Ben Howlett, aged 8 from Alconbury has broken local Scouting records by earning all 18 of the Beaver Scout Activity Badges as well as the Chief Scout's Bronze Award. Ben is now eligible to attend the County Top Awards presentation which will take place later this term.

If your Scouts have achieved the Top Award for their section then contact Beryl Boyce to register them for the next County presentation. Email: family-farming @talktalk.net or telephone 01945 773357

***Chief Scout Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Diamond Award and Queen's Scout Award and D of E recipients since November 2007 are all eligible***

## CubJam 2009



Cub Scouts from Cromwell, Cambridge and Fenland have just returned from the most amazing week of their lives – tired, dirty and very, very happy! Never before had Cubs from any Pack spent longer than a few nights on any Cub Camp.



They joined with 1,000 other Cub Scouts from as far afield as Guernsey, Yorkshire and Wales to share a week of jamboree style fun, and take part in a wide range of activities, both on and off site – with not a television or Nintendo in sight!

CubJam 2009 took place at Gilwell Park (near Chingford Essex) throughout May Half Term.

Cubs took part in a wide range of modern activities, such as circus skills or “Cub-jam’s Got Talent”) and more traditional Scouting activities like archery and climbing

One parent blogged on the CubJam website: ‘It’s been amazing to see daily photos, read news, listen to the radio, add requests, write and read blogs from our Cub Scouts. Our son is obviously having an amazing time, he looks so happy. A lifetime of memories I suspect.’

Events such as this can help inspire young people and adult volunteers alike. The next CubJam will be held in 2013.

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## Cub Pack Twinning Opportunity

Paul Daley is the Cub Scout Leader of a pack in Ipswich. As part of their ongoing programme, he is looking at building up a link or two in other counties which are not too far away where the two groups can correspond and hopefully occasionally run a joint event or even a camp, possibly also the idea of leaders between the two groups doing a 'guest' meeting at the other.

If you are interested in establishing a link with the 2nd Ipswich Cub Pack please contact Paul directly.

Email: [paulmarydaley@btinternet.com](mailto:paulmarydaley@btinternet.com)

## Gilwell Fun Days



Beavers and Cubs from Cromwell and Fenland challenged themselves to take part in up to 100 activities at the Gilwell Park Beaver and Cub Fun Days in July ranging from abseiling to plate spinning and rafting to zip wire.

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## County Scout Fishing Competition

The County Scout Team introduced Fishing Taster Sessions and a Fishing Competition last year. This years events at Pidley Lakes, near St Ives were well attended and, once again, the event was supported by the Environment Agency as part of an initiative to encourage more youngsters to participate in Fishing as a sport.



# The Peak Challenge

## Gradbach Scout Camp, Derbyshire

### 9th/11th October 2009



The challenge is an incident hike for Scouts, approximately 6/7 miles on Saturday with 8 incidents and Sunday 2/3 miles with 4 incidents.

Catering for yourselves, arriving on Friday evening under your own steam and departing on Sunday early afternoon.

You will need your own equipment for catering and camping, also correct walking kit (equipment list available), a leader or parent to be with each team at all times, incidents based on Scouting skills and hill walking.

Cost £7.50 per person, (including leaders) and £5 entry per team. Non-returnable £5 entry fee. In the first instant contact:

**Martin Webb** at [majestic.nb@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:majestic.nb@tiscali.co.uk)

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## Queens Scout Awards and Explorer Belt



Introducing myself and what I will be doing. I have taken on the role for co-ordination of the Diamond, Platinum and Queens Scout Awards and Explorer Belt within the county.



The Scout Awards are the highest levels of awards that run through all the sections. The Diamond, Platinum and Queens Scout Awards are available for all members between the ages of 14 -25, they may be young leaders, Explorers, Network members, Fellowship, and adult leaders. These awards are designed to fit with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, covering areas such as skills, volunteering, physical recreation, and expedition and residential. Andy Humphries supports this for the county and has experience in of DoE in Crafts Hill. The Scout awards require a few additional tasks in addition to the DofE requirements, namely a number of challenges, nights away and a presentation.

There are a lot of youngsters that have done their DofE awards through other organisations and can quite easily be encouraged to complete the small number of additional tasks to achieve their Scout awards adding more to their CV's.

The Explorer Belt is a fantastic, exciting challenge of travelling through a foreign country for 10 days completing a number of challenges. This is aimed at members between 16 and 25 and is usually carried out in small groups.

If anyone one has questions or queries, I am here to assist through a phone call, a visit or to do a presentation.

**Alice Johnson**

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Email: [eaiohson.alice@gmail.com](mailto:eaiohson.alice@gmail.com)

## County Explorers see New Chief Scout Bear Grylls in 24 hour adventure

Explorer Scouts from Cambridgeshire joined 3,000 others from across the UK for 24 hours of non stop adventure and the inauguration of the new Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, at Gilwell24, the annual camp for Explorers.



In addition to the enormous number of exciting activities including mountain boarding, quad biking, sub aqua and bush craft, the young people also had a chance to witness scouting history. The event opened with former Blue Peter presenter, Peter Duncan, passing his position of Chief Scout over to survival expert, Bear Grylls.

Gilwell 24 takes place every year, and provides the opportunity for over 3,000 young people and 600 leaders to try some of the 44 different activities, run by over 200 leaders. These activities included high ropes, Zorbing, radio orienteering and the legendary Gilwell Gauntlet: a competition at 3 am that tests a multitude of skills through a series of increasingly silly and challenging tests. There was also a disco, and space for camping, in case anyone got exhausted.

Carn Truscott, aged 15 from 14th Cambridge Explorers said: "It was amazing, great fun, it's like nothing else. I'd never done so much in such a short time. I tried so many things I hadn't done before. I made friends from as far afield as Barnsley and Milton Keynes. I was never bored once, 24 hours was too short! I'm definitely going again next year."

### New Chief Scout, Bear Grylls is "hugely honoured"

Newly appointed Chief Scout Bear Grylls said: "I feel hugely honoured to be asked to take up this role as Chief Scout - it really is a dream come true. I have always loved helping young people live their dreams and to taste real adventure... as well as getting caked in mud! I also hope I can use this post to encourage masses of adults in the UK to volunteer as leaders. The young people in this country need them like never before, and we have more people wanting to join than there are places available. But by volunteering, adults can actively make a difference to young people's lives in their community, and there is no better way to be part of an adventure and have loads of fun, than with the Scouts. The Scout Movement is a world-wide force for good and at heart it says that young people have the right to an adventure. And I for one am so proud to be part of that."



# Scout Network

Scout Network is one of the best kept secrets in Cambridgeshire Scouting, and one of our tasks is to ensure that everyone in the county (and beyond) knows what we are about.

Scout Network is the final piece in the Youth Programme jigsaw aimed at 18-25 year olds, and is a unique section designed to fit around the busy lives of the age group.

In Cambridgeshire we are lucky to have three units meeting regularly, one in Peterborough, one in Cambridge and one in Fenland. We are also starting to run a regular programme of county wide events, the first of which is the Network "Big Weekend" at Abington in November (20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>). Details of the Big Weekend will be sent directly to all potential members in the county.

We are currently finalising a development plan for the section which will be available from the end of July, but I am already working on a number of development projects around the county primarily to improve the link with Explorers, but also looking at post 25 transition issues.

If you want to get more information, register or simply have a question please drop me an email [martin@cambridgeshirescoutnetwork.co.uk](mailto:martin@cambridgeshirescoutnetwork.co.uk).

**Martin Whelan**

County Scout Network Commissioner



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## County Activities Competition 2009



Mepal Outdoor Centre once again played host to more than 200 Scouts and Explorer Scouts for the annual Cambridgeshire Scouting Activities competition.

Teams of girls and boys (aged 10 to 18) enjoyed a busy weekend taking part in a range of competitive and exciting activities including archery, air-rifles, climbing, high ropes, cyclo

cross, canoeing, sailing, 'Blood & Gore' and the ever popular raft race.

## Network & Explorers Make a Difference



The British Summer is for Festivals, Camping and Jamboree's all of which were in abundance at WINGS 2009. With over 6000 participants from over 22 countries all talking one language "adventure" and we certainly made a difference, but to the residence of Windsor we were just the youngsters camping in the Great Park.

Unlike previous Jamboree's that I have attended there has been little in the way of programme dedicated to the 14-25 year groups. Normally it is, you can come but you must be a part of the service team or camp staff. Wings 2009 was different as it offered the age group the chance to get off site and do one of seven community projects in the local area. The projects had been specifically designed to engage the young people and show that we as Scouts and Guides could make a difference still while having fun and adventure at camp.



Of the seven projects the one which had the most community hours spent at was a Guide Camping & Sailing Centre in Shepperton. This site had a major boat house make over while all the sailing craft were at the Wings Jamboree, as we replaced the slightly rotten flooring and re treated the exterior. Also on this site, work was carried out on preparing for a new secure container and the entrance way was also improved. The warden and committee members at this site provided plenty of support, drinks and usage of hot showers without the customary queues.



Three projects were done with the National Trust and the Woodland Trust, at the two National Trust sites tasks included helping gather in a hay cut, cutting back vegetation, putting in temporary paths and catching non native Cray fish. At the Woodland Trust site the young people helped create areas for conservation grazing by cattle in old woodland. On the other camp sites the

young people replaced damaged fire pits, dug out ditches, and cut back unwanted vegetation which was encroaching on patrol camping area.

Over the seven days of adventure the Community Project Team accumulated over 130 days work on seven different projects, the young people were lead by seven enthusiastic adult volunteers who up until they got to camp didn't know what they have let themselves in for. They were in turn co-ordinated by someone who makes a living out of working in the countryside and understands it, knowing how we can make a difference and do it safely.



Would I do it again, let me think about it but most likely yes.

By "Rusty"  
David Robinson

[muddyboots@realemail.co.uk](mailto:muddyboots@realemail.co.uk)

## **Manager Required for the Cambridge & Crafts Hill Districts Scout Shop**

Some of you may already be aware that, sadly, Roger Woollard has decided to retire from this role. Mind you, he has been doing it for 43 years so has really earned a rest from it.

If you or someone you know would like a change of direction and would like to know more about the role please either contact John Chambers on 01223 246406 or, if you prefer e-mail, myself at [j.lamoon@btinternet.com](mailto:j.lamoon@btinternet.com).

We would prefer someone who has some retail experience and some ability with book-keeping though neither is essential. But reliability, enthusiasm etc. are important.

The shop opening hours are Mondays & Wednesdays, 6:45pm-8:30pm (During School Term Time) and first Saturday of every month, 3:00pm-5:00pm (except Bank Holiday weekends). Obviously there would be a need for more than just these hours to allow for any admin that cannot be handled during the open hours.

There would be a small honorarium which should cover at least your expenses.

Please treat this as urgent as we could be in danger of losing this facility which I believe would be unthinkable. Not only is it an easy and immediate source of our Scouting needs, but the profit is fed back into local Scouting.

**John Lamoon**

DC Crafts Hill District

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### **White Water Canoeing at Cardington**

If your Troop or Unit has not tried the annual White Water Canoeing event then make sure it is in your plans for next year. This years event, on a sunny June afternoon, was great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by all taking part. You need to book early as there are only limited places



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### **Magpas is looking for help**

Some of you may remember that in 2006 we ran a County wide appeal for Magpas, the emergency medical charity with fantastic results. Christian Morris, Fundraising and PR Manager for Magpas is once again inviting local cubs and scouts to get involved.

If you are interested in doing this as a District, Group or Section activity then email: [christian@magpas.org.uk](mailto:christian@magpas.org.uk) or call 01480 371055

# Funding News

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation manages funding to local community and voluntary groups in Cambridge and Peterborough. Here are two funding opportunities available for young people that may be of interest to Scouting

1) The High Sheriff's Award Scheme was set up in Cambridgeshire over 10 years ago and awards grants towards projects that fit one of the following two categories:

Voluntary Commitment Grants: Grants of up to £500 for projects that involve young people in voluntary commitment (defined as giving their time for the benefit of others and not as attending a club or activity for their own benefit) and are working to achieve one or more of the following:

- A lasting effect on the community by making it a safer and more pleasant place in which to live;
- Enhance the quality of life of others in the community through provision of an activity or entertainment;
- Significant improvement of the local environment;
- Promotion of crime reduction activities.

Examples of previously funded projects include young people from a village youth club taking part in a litter pick; a group of Girl Guides running a holiday club for children from a deprived area; a youth group helping the community by improving the village hall garden and making it accessible to people with disabilities; a group of young people renovating broken bicycles to be redistributed to those who need them; young people working to tackle anti-social behaviour in their village.

Activity Grants: Grants of up to £200 to projects that involve young people in positive activities, for example:

- Dance groups
- Drama groups
- Activity days

For more information please see [www.cambscf.org.uk](http://www.cambscf.org.uk) or call 01223 410535. An application form for the High Sheriff's Award is available on the website. The deadline for applications is 15 October 2009.

2) Cambridge Community Clean-up Fund offering grants of between £100 and £200 to small voluntary and community groups in Cambridgeshire for running a litter pick. The litter pick must involve a minimum of five people in an activity of at least two hours and preference will be given to groups that have an intention to repeat the exercise in 6 to 12 months time.

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See the website for more information about the Cambridge Community Clean-up Fund and an application form or call Charlotte Burton, Information Officer on 01223 410535.

### **New Funding Website**

Funding Central is a new website that will be of interest to fund raisers. The site has a search facility to help find suitable funding sources.

<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx>

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## **Communications Update**

### **County Website Development**

Everyone agrees that the County Website ([www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk)) is a great way to keep in touch with existing and potential Scouting members whether they are young people, parents of young people or prospective volunteers.

We now have a plan of action to concentrate on both the short and long term development of the website. If you are interested to help out with this then please let me know

Richard Carpenter has been working hard to maintain the current site and we are starting to think about short term development. Richard is also working on the CamJam website and we are likely to see how this develops before we embark on the longer term plans for the County site.

### **Media Development**

Once again the HQ Media Team will be running training for Media Development Manager and Young Spokespeople. A number of Districts in the County have already taken part in this and it is encouraging seeing them take the development of their media teams seriously.

I will publicise dates as soon as they are available. In the meantime please let me know if you would like you get involved in media activity as a M e d i a Development Manager or Young Spokesperson.

'For young spokespeople we are working with Heart FM on a workshop to cover video and audio editing and interviewing techniques at their studios in Bedford. We are also planning a project to launch a Cambs Scouting PodCast. If you know of young people (Explorer and Network age) who would be interested to get involved then please let me know. The workshops will take place in October and November.'



### **Chris Ward**

Deputy County Commissioner (Communications)

# International News

As many of you know I am due to be in Gambia at the end of this year working on a project which was started in 1998/90. Whilst I write this I am sitting nursing a broken ankle which could slow my progress when in Africa but at least the physios assure me I should, at least, get there. More about the Gambia in a moment.

Next year the world moot will be held in Kenya. This is a first for Africa and it would be good to see as many people as possible support the event from around the world. Centred at Rowalan camp site in Niarobi the event will offer an opportunity to travel round the country with all it has to offer in the way of wild life and outdoor pursuits.

So far there are no applicants from Cambridge, WHY? If you are aged between 18 and 25 you might find this an interesting, fun event. Before you dismiss it out of hand have a look at the details on the Association web site, <http://www.scouts.org.uk/wsm2010> If you don't, you could be missing out on the chance of a great experience. The main points are;

Open to anyone born between 27/07/84 – 27/07/92 or IST before 26/07/84

- When: 27<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August 2010
- Where: Kenya
- Who: 3000 participants and IST from across the world
- Experience 4 days in one of 5 expedition centres across Kenya
- Theme: 'Ultimate Discovery'
- Activities will be centred on 'International Co-operation and Understanding', 'Community service and community development' and 'adventure in the wilderness'
- Post moot opportunities will be available, and we hope to offer: safari, mount Kenya/Kilimanjaro, community project and home hospitality

Now Gambia! 20 of us are off on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, well actually I am going out on the 1<sup>st</sup> but we won't split hairs! We will spend four weeks in the country refurbishing a building that UK Scouts put up 20 years ago; I was there, a somewhat slimmer version than the ACCI you see before you today, I digress.

Project Bush School is a CaSE (Cambridgeshire Scout Expeditions) initiative; we will be in Africa under the UK-Africa banner and working with The Gambia Scout Association. There are eleven of us from Cambridgeshire and we will be joined by two from Cleveland, one from Edinburgh and six from Perthshire. Our plans are fairly well complete, flights have been booked and our tents ordered. Everyone looks resplendent in their neckerchiefs and expedition badge.

We are still looking for some items which will help us achieve our objectives. They will be shipped by container in the next few weeks. If you can help it would be good to hear from you. One pressing need is a generator and whilst we have been offered one at a very reasonable price to have one donated would help and divert funds to the project its self.

## International continued

Everyone has been targeted to raise £1500. There have been many fund raising events already and more are planned but if you or your section or group would like to do some fund raising that would be appreciated. Any funds you raise would go into the general account but we can also identify a specific item so that you have a tangible record of what your money has been used for. Although not everyone will be on the expedition, all Cambridgeshire Scouts can be involved and one of the team will be happy to come along and chat to you when we get back in 2010.



**George Devine**

ACC (International)



## Scout Fellowship

Times are changing in the Fellowship. After 2 years of review, the Fellowship is to be re-launched on the 5th September 2009 at the Gilwell Reunion. At present nobody knows what exactly the Association has in mind. Consultations were held over the last two years. It is hoped that all Fellowships will take this onboard and together with the existing programme make the Fellowship even better and stronger, and give more support to the Movement. When I have more information regarding the launch, I will ensure it is circulated to all Fellowships in the County.

Since the last Noticeboard Fellowships have been busy around the County, again supporting various activities at District and Group level and at the same time had a very exciting social programme.

If anybody who is part of Scouting, or who you know of, who would like to get involved in Fellowship requires a contact, I would be more than willing to put them in touch with a local Fellowship.

**John Chambers**

ACC (Fellowship)



## Wisbech Explorer News



### Wisbech Senior Explorers

*Philip Taylor (17) James Nott (17)  
Lewis Parnell (17) James Geddis (17)*

overall and won 5 Shields, retaining the Archery, and winning Canoe Slalom, Canoe Polo, Lifesaving Skills, Water Races, and 3rd in Climbing. Then we have the Wisbech Junior Explorer's winning their 1st Shield the Petanque. Big BRAVO to them all.

Skip **Larry Taylor.**

On the weekend of 9th/10th May, at Mepal Outdoor Activity Centre, held the Cambs County Scout Competition for 2009. 2nd Wisbech Scout Group, put in two teams of Scouts and Explorer's, taking part in 7 events over two days.

The Scouts did there best and came close to winning a Shield, but it was the Wisbech Senior Explorer's that came 2nd



### Wisbech Junior Explorers

*Oliver Lammin (15) James Brown (15)  
Ben Cowley (14) Ollie Embling (14)*

## Wisbech Explorer Scouts Get on Board for Tall Ships Race

Three Explorer Scouts, Philip Taylor, James Geddis and James Nott, from 2nd Wisbech flew out to Turku, Finland to join the Class C Yacht, Offshore Scout to take part in the International Tall Ships Race from Turku, Finland to Klaipeda, Lithuania

Offshore Scout is operated by Adventures Offshore, a Sail Training organisation aimed primarily at young people and part of the Scout Association.





Offshore Scout took 20th place out of 37 in the 'C' Class and 39th out of 103 entrants overall. This is the best performance by an Offshore Scout crew in any Tall Ships Race and they were clapped and cheered as they moored up in Lithuania.

The Tall Ships Races are organised by Sail Training International and offer young people a unique opportunity to experience a long sea passage, travel abroad and meet thousands of like-minded young people on other vessels from around the world. Races are held every summer in European waters.

Each year the event plays host to between 80 and 100+ vessels from up to 30 countries, crewed by some 6-8,000 trainees from up to 50 countries, 3-4 million visitors and 300-400 media representatives in the four host ports. The young people take part in this unique event that combines four days of activities in each port with racing or cruising-in-company between ports. During the race series the young crews get the chance to gain experience by sailing with their contemporaries from other countries while facing the physical and emotional challenges that only the ocean can provide.

Sounds like this could be an expensive hobby and not open to all young people but it is not. Wisbech Scouts received £1,000 sponsorship for the experience from Norfolk Boats who want to offer ocean sailing experiences to as many young people as possible.

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## International Camp - CamJam 2011

With just under 2 years to go the CamJam website was recently launched and advertising 'flyers' are currently being distributed around the world. Scouts, Explorers and members of the Guide Movement between the ages of 10 and 18 years, together with their leaders are welcome at Cambridgeshire's International camp being held from Saturday 30 July to Saturday 6 August 2011 at Huntingdon Racecourse. Come and join in a week packed full of activities and adventure for over 2000 young people, leaders and staff.

As you can imagine an event of this size needs many willing adult volunteers to help it run smoothly and all sorts of jobs will be on offer before, during and after the camp. If you are interested in joining our staff team please do contact us. Specific information on job roles will be available in the coming months.

For more information visit the website or email the Admin Team.

[www.camjam2011.org.uk](http://www.camjam2011.org.uk)

[adminoffice@camjam2011.org.uk](mailto:adminoffice@camjam2011.org.uk)

**Phil Garrett**

Chair – CamJam 2011 Project Team



## Website News

We are currently in the process of archiving all news and section stories that refer to events or news pre 2009. This will leave some pages without any news summaries. Could all sections either update their sections or forward stories, Pictures and articles to me to upload for them.

The Diary pages are being pruned once a week to remove events that have passed, and new dates for 2010 are being updated.

CaSE - pages have now been uploaded to reflect the next project, Bush School.

We are starting to add more media content locally or from other sites including the video and news audio for the new Chief Scout announcements.

AGM - All the documents for this Years' County AGM were provided for download from the website instead of Printing and posting all the copies to help reduce the cost overhead.

District Pages. - More Districts are now looking after these pages locally as more people are being appointed locally. We are intending to producing a style guide to help each district with the layout of their pages. If any districts would like training for their local editors and content producers please get in contact and we should be able to arrange some sessions.

If any one has any suggestions for new content or design please get in touch.

If anyone issues press releases could you also forward them to me and I can also include these on the webpages.

**Richard Carpenter**

[gsl@orangeandgrey.org.uk](mailto:gsl@orangeandgrey.org.uk)



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## Abington Camping and Training Site



We are continually on the look out for more people to act as Camp Wardens at week-ends and help out on our Saturday working days, which are: 19th September - 17th October - 14th November - 5th December

If you are able to take on any on these tasks and would like more information please contact

**Barry Wallman**, on 01223 893013.





**Girlguiding**  
**Anglia**  
*girls in the lead*



## Girlguiding Anglia and Scouting in the East of England Region

### Position Statement

We recognise that we are separate organisations where Scouting is mixed and Girlguiding is for girls only and we do not seek to change that. Nevertheless we share our founder and have a common purpose: to enable young people to fulfil their potential. The important thing is that young people have the chance to experience what we offer, whether it be within either a Scouting or Guiding context, or both and on that basis we seek to identify ways in which we can work together to progress that aim in our second century.

**Rosie Spencer,**  
 Chief Commissioner  
 Girlguiding Anglia

**Rob Lyon,**  
 Regional Commissioner  
 East of England Scout Region

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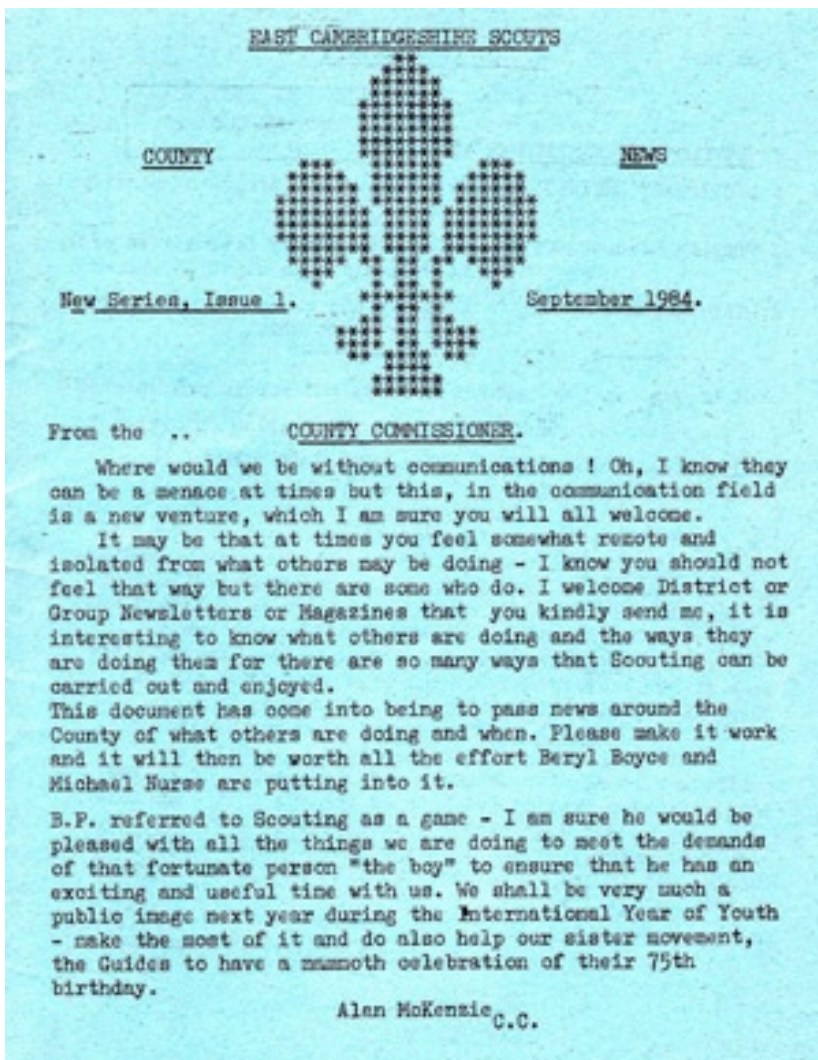
**Winter Camp 2010 - Feb 12th to 14th**  
 The biggest Scouting skills market place inc. mud  
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 fire by friction, First aid, gang show and more. Plus all  
 the big activities inc the rodeo ball, high ropes, 2  
 climbing walls. Plus evening program inc big  
 campfire, the disco barn, food!! activities. Meal deals  
 available. Visit our website for info.

## Badges wanted – can you help?

Jon Clipsham has just returned to Scouting after a 20 year break – regrettably his old faithful camp blanket has suffered in the interim, so he is in the process of putting a new one together. Would you be able to help him on the way with Cambridgeshire County, District or indeed any other badges you've got in the surplus box? Let Jon know if you can help, what you've got, price and he'll send you a cheque off.

Jon Clipsham, ASL, 1st Sutton St James, Email:  
[jon@novamorphiq.com](mailto:jon@novamorphiq.com)  
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## Could you be the next Editor of Cambridgeshire Noticeboard?



The above is a replica of the front page of Issue 1 of "County News" (predecessor of Cambridgeshire Noticeboard) that I edited 25 years ago this month on a simple Acorn "BBC" computer and I have thoroughly enjoyed doing it continuously on various computers since - but I cannot see as well as I used to so, reluctantly, I have decided that it is time Cambridgeshire Noticeboard had a new, younger editor.

Chris Ward is aware of the situation so if you feel the urge to have a go please contact him at:

[Chris.Ward2@uk.ibm.com](mailto:Chris.Ward2@uk.ibm.com)

# DIARY

Note: New entries into the diary are in bold characters.

## Sections Dates:

### 2009

Oct 3/4 Cub Challenge W/E  
10/11 Peak Challenge - Scouts  
Nov 7 Marathon 2009 CUSAGC  
Dec 15 CaSE Expedition to Gambia  
2010  
Jan 15 CaSE Expedition to Gambia  
2011  
Jul 30 CamJam 2011 - Huntingdon  
to Aug 6 Race course

## Leader Training Dates:

### 2009

Sept 12 Module 9, 11, 14 & 15  
Sept 13 Module 10 Nene Orton  
School  
13 Module 12 & 19 Granta  
or Crafts Hill or Ely  
Oct 10 Modules 5, 7, 8 & 17  
Oct 11 Modules 13 & 18 Granta  
or Crafts Hill or Ely  
Oct 18 Module 10 Cromwell  
Nov 14 Module 10 Newmarket  
TBC Module 36 Cambs.  
07 Module 25 54<sup>th</sup> Cam HQ  
Dec 13 Module 10 Wisbech HQ  
2010  
Jan 23 **Mods 9, 11, 14 & 15 Fenland**  
17 **Module 10 Wisbech HQ**  
24 **Modules 12 & 19 Fenland**  
Feb 13/14 **16 hr 1st Aid Werrington**  
20 **Mods 5, 7, 8 & 17 Fenland**  
21 **Modules 13 & 18 Fenland**  
27/28 **1st Aid - Part 1 TBA**  
Mar 6/7 **1st Aid - part 2 TBA**  
21 **Module 10 Cromwell**  
27 **Module 25 Copley**  
28 **Module 29 54th Cam HQ**  
29 **Module 28 Cambs**  
Apr 17 **Mods 20, 22, 23 & 24 TBA**  
18 **Module 21 TBA**  
18 **Module 10 Ely**  
May 6/9 **Modules 16 & 18 Abington**  
15/16 **Modules 16 7 18 Abington**

May 22 **Module 10 Ely**  
Jun 5/6 **Mods 9, 11, 14 & 15**  
**Mods 12 & 19 Hinch/brooke**  
13 **Module 10 Cambridge**  
29 **Module 37 TBA**

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:

### 2009

Sept 10 Core Team Sleepe Hall  
14 DCs Meeting Old Bridge  
19 **Abington work day**  
20 **GSL Day**  
21 County Exec Old Bridge  
Oct 17 **Abington work day**  
17/18 **CCs Conference**  
Nov 12 **Core Team**  
14 **Abington work day**  
14/15 Regional DCs Conference  
16 **DCs meeting**  
20/22 **Network "Big Weekend"**  
Abington  
23 **County Exec**  
2010  
Jan 7 **Core Team**  
25 **County Exec**  
31 **Census date**  
Feb 7 **DCs meeting**  
Mar 4 **Core team**  
14 **GSL event**  
22 **County Exec**  
Apr 25 **St George's Day events**  
May 6 **Core Team**  
10 **County Exec**

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Chris Ward, Deputy County Commissioner (Communications)