



## CamJam is a winner!

After 7 days of fun, friendship, challenge and adventure, Cambridgeshire's International Scout Jamboree came to an end. Held for the first time at Huntingdon race course in August 2006, it was attended by 1400 Scouts, Guides and Leaders from as far afield as USA, Denmark, Norway, Spain plus of course the UK and Ireland.

Scouts and Guides packed into the Events Marquee for one last time on Saturday evening for the closing ceremony, reflecting on a week of fun, friendship, challenge and adventure.



*The Norwegians join the CamJam adventure*



*Lots of sports, all safely supervised*

Over the seven days, Scouts and Guides from across the globe had a chance to get together and enjoy the vast amount of activities on offer, ranging from karting and rafting, right through to day trips out, robot wrestling, still walking, a climbing wall...and everything else in between. Every night there was entertainment featuring discos, karaoke and tribute bands like Robbie Williams and Abba.

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## County Cubs invade York for 90th Birthday Bash

Over 350 Cub Scouts from across the county celebrated history on Saturday 20th May with an activity-packed trip to York. Catching an early chartered train from Peterborough; many packs travelled far and wide to be part of the official 90th Anniversary celebrations. The whole trip was featured on Anglia TV News.

On arriving at York, everyone stopped to admire the wonders of the National Rail Museum, home to an amazing collection of train memorabilia and locomotives. The Castle Museum provided a glimpse of York through Victorian eyes, offering Cubs an experience of true Victorian life. Not too far down the road was the Jorvik Centre, which took Cubs on a journey back to Viking York to uncover the mysteries of the past and to see how people lived over 1000 years ago. Among its collection were the remains of ancient weapons, coins, tools and even battle-trodden bones.



For those of a daring disposition, there was the chance to pluck up the courage and enter the deep, dark Dungeon; which was home to many a menacing monster. Twisted mad men lurked around every creepy corner with stories to tell, and it took bravery not to get lost in the mirror maze.



The afternoon began with a trip on the Yorkshire Wheel, dubbed the London Eye of the North. The structure dominates the local skyline for miles around and the top unveiled great scenery. With time running out and the day winding down, everyone converged near the Royal Trains to say a big thank you to all for a wonderful day out. As Cubs and Leaders settled into their seats to rest after a hectic day, there was one last surprise. Slices from three giant birthday cakes were dished out to everyone onboard, prompting many packs to burst into song, singing 'Happy Birthday!'

Average Cub rating for the day: "100 out of 10" - Cubtastic!

## Siblings put heads together to raise funds for new Scout Centre

A trio of siblings have organised a fund-raising day to boost cash needed for a new Scout HQ. Alyce (7), Adam (8) and AJ (10) are all members of the Yaxley Scouts and Guides group. The current hut is in poor condition and members have launched a £225,000 cash drive for a new one. It's been the group's base for 21 years and they are desperate to replace the rundown unit for future generations; the hut is used every night by more than 250 youngsters. The children wrote to Yaxley's 3 primary schools in a bid to boost fund-raising and their efforts have been repaid. Yaxley Infants School, William de Yaxley Junior School and Fourfields Primary School hosted events to support the drive.

Children went to school wearing Scout uniforms from their football team or club. Pupils also held a 2nd-hand book sale.



Rob Page, Chairman of the Yaxley Scout and Guide Build Fund, said: "We know that £225,000 is a lot of money, so we are aiming to do it in steps. We desperately need a new brick or steel structure."



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## HO NEWS



Seven Young Spokespeople close the 2006 National Conference at Warwick University

### 2006 National Conference

The 2006 National Conference in September was a great success. Over 600 participants attended. All were there to focus on the recruitment and retention of adults, and in particular how we can use 2007 as a year to achieve real growth for Scouting.

The Scout Association's Young Spokespeople (YSPs) took Conference by storm when they hosted the closing session on Sunday. The 7 YSPs received a standing ovation, reflecting the buoyant mood of the Movement as we approach our Centenary.

One audience member commented: 'They were also able to say that yes they need the skills and knowledge of the older generation, but please pass on that knowledge to the young people and work alongside them'. At the end of the conference the YSPs laid down a challenge to all attending: 'Move forward, don't come back to the conference in two years with the same problems'.

As people departed, the general mood was of anticipation & determination to take full advantage of the opportunities created by our Centenary.

## HOT TOPIC

### What 5 things would you like to see done in the County?

Thanks to Louise Clover, 1st Fenstanton & Hilton Scout Group for the following:

- More professional and consistent approach to training of all leaders, in terms of planning, organising and delivery.
- Challenge the application process for volunteers. The application form doesn't give sufficient opportunity for skills & talents to be listed. We need to look at what people can bring to Scouting.
- Links with local 6th form colleges to encourage those 16-17 year olds who aren't planning to go to University to get involved.
- Links with business to encourage staff to consider supporting Scouting with their time.
- More recognition of unsung heroes. What about an annual awards ceremony for supporters?

*Richard Hames responds: "With a new team in place for the past year I am pleased to be addressing some of the points raised already. Lots more to do, I know, and we will crack on during 2007."*

### Awards with Altitude

Scouting's top honours were awarded to 4 young members of the Scout Association at a special presentation high in the Swiss Mountains this summer. Cromwell District Commissioner Tony Best presented Scouts Aimee, Dan and Sarah with their Chief Scouts Gold Award. He also presented Explorer Scout, Fenella with one of the top Awards for that Section - her Chief Scouts Diamond Award.

The presentation took place as part of a 36 member expedition from the St Ives area to Kandersteg, the International Scout Centre for two weeks of fun and adventure. During the trip they swam in a mountain lake, hiked and climbed mountains, hurtled down a bobsleigh run, travelled in a cable car, visited nearby towns and cities, tried local foods and stayed overnight in a Mountain Hut - earning everyone their High Adventure badge. It's good to know that if any of the younger adventurers go back to school and are asked to write about what they did in the holidays they will have a great tale to tell!



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## Cambridgeshire Scouts Celebrating 100 years of Scouting

The centenary of Scouting will be celebrated all over the world & culminate in the 21st World Jamboree at Hylands Park, Chelmsford. The event will involve more young people from more countries than the Olympic Games. The theme is "One World, One Promise" capturing the aspirations and hopes of young people for the future.

40,000 young people will camp and work alongside each other. They come from a variety of different cultures, backgrounds & religions to celebrate what unites them & learn what they can do together to help build a better world. 36 young people will attend to represent Cambridgeshire.

## Scouting's Sunrise

On 1st August 2007, 28 million Scouts world-wide will awake to the dawn of a new century for the Scout Movement. The 100th anniversary of the world's largest youth movement will be marked at 8.00am local time with a Sun Rise Ceremony that will start in the South Pacific and wind its way around the world as each country wakes in turn. Cambridgeshire Scouting will play its part and there are plans for events at Castle Hill, Cambridge, Cathedral Square, Peterborough and other locations around the County.

### 5-7 beavers

#### Beavers at Gilwell Funday

It was all smiles from a selection of Cambridgeshire Beavers and Cubs who were lucky enough to attend the Gilwell Funday in June to celebrate 20 years of Beaver Scouting with many thousands of other scouts from around the country.

Amongst the activities spread across the park were pedal karts, climbing, abseiling, robot wrestling, bouncy castles, swimming, archery, crafts, and even a circus. It was just a question of where to start! A busy & fun time was enjoyed by all!



### 8-10½ cubs

#### Cubs' CamJam Taster Day

Over 200 Cub Scouts from around the county flocked to CamJam in August to get a taste of the Jamboree experience. The packs had an opportunity to take advantage of the wide range of activities offered to the scouts and guides on site.

They took part in three main activity zones: Adventure, Techno & Crafts, plus circus skills, including walking on stilts. To finish off the Cubs gathered for a photoshoot before collecting the souvenirs they had made in the craft zone.



### 10½ - scouts

#### Lights, camera, action for Scouts!

The National Village Show is a new BBC series hosted by Alan Tichmarsh and featuring CBBC presenter, Angelica Bell. The local edition was shot on location at Wimpole Hall in September 2006. 30 Cambs Scouts turned out to lend a helping hand.

The Scouts welcomed the public and helped with the organisation. In what was a very enjoyable day, they supported the production crew all day. Girls and boys from the 1st Warboys Scout Troop were thrilled to meet presenter Angelica Bell.





## I'm a Crafts Hill Explorer, get me out of here!

Crafts Hill District Scouts has launched the newest section in the Scout movement aimed specifically at young men and women aged 14 to 18 years living in villages across the North, South and West of Cambridge. More than 25 young people have now joined Crafts Hill Explorers and recently they were introduced to the adventure of Explorer Scouting at the Crafts Hill 24 Hour Survival Exercise on Holt Island, St. Ives.

Explorer Scouts working in teams were challenged to build a raft that would carry them and all their kit to the island without getting wet. Once there they cooked dinner on open fires and built bivouac shelters to sleep out in the below freezing temperatures of the weekend.

District Explorer Scout Commissioner, John Easy, said: "The weekend was a great success. The 24 hour adventure was a real challenge but it isn't just about activities for their own sake. We encourage our Explorers to try something new, feel the buzz of the achievement and then reflect on what that means. I hope that we can now build on this, expanding our membership and attracting more young people who are keen to try out the many activities and expeditions on offer from our Explorer team"



Crafts Hill Explorers operates in two units, the 'Wildcats' based at Hardwick covering the South and West and the 'Predators' at Over in the North. Anyone interested in joining or requiring any further information about Explorers in Crafts Hill should contact Marc Wiseman, Explorer Administrator, telephone: 01223 502505 [admin@craftshillexplorers.org.uk](mailto:admin@craftshillexplorers.org.uk)



## The Great Ruck-Seats Sale 2006

Cambridgeshire Scouts busy fund raising for their Centenary year were pleased to accept the generous donation of 1,000 Ruck-Seats from a Huntingdon based businessman.

The Ruck-Seats double up as rucksack and seat, ideal for a day out in the hills or fishing by the river.

Scouts from the 14th Cambridge and Newmarket Explorers were at Abington campsite when the first assignment arrived!

## Volunteer opportunities in Scouting

Each day 1,000 people in Cambridgeshire take part in Scouting activities. With weekly activities including abseiling, canoeing, archery, caving, climbing & karting, there are few other organisations in Cambridgeshire who can offer so much for so little.

Adults who support Cambridgeshire Scouting are ordinary people doing extraordinary things. They have a social life

with a purpose. Week in, week out they organise exciting and challenging activities that excite and motivate thousands of young people.

Volunteers believe in helping young people fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. Scouting gives people of every background the chance to stretch themselves, learn new skills and make life long friends.



## Centenary Events

### Cambridgeshire Scouts, Founders Day Service

This is the 150th birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, Founder of the World Scout Movement. The day is an opportunity to give thanks for the Founder's life and work and to celebrate diversity in culture, colour and creed. Coincidentally, Baden-Powell shared his birthday with his wife, Olave, who later became World Chief Guide.

A celebration of Scouting for past and present members will take place at Ely Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday 25th February 2007 and will be followed by a reunion reception in Ely.

Contact Cambridgeshire Scouting if you would like to join the celebration.

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### Reunion 57

Reunion 57 will be an event for participants of the 1957 Jamboree at Sutton Park, Birmingham based around Homerton and Robinson College, Cambridge. Delegates will have the opportunity to revisit old memories at the original Jamboree site as well as experience the 21st World Jamboree in Hylands Park, Essex.

This will be a three day, two night programme based in Cambridge. Tours will run every day between 27th July and 7th August 2007.

The aim of Reunion 57 is to give long term Scouters an opportunity to be part of the Centenary celebrations. This event will promote international relationships and give participants an opportunity to compare Scouting past and present.

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### Home Hospitality

Home Hospitality is a unique opportunity for Cambridgeshire Scouts of all ages to have a truly international experience without travelling outside their own home. At least 8,000 foreign Scouts will require host families or group accommodation before and after the World Jamboree next year. Local Scout families in Cambridgeshire can take part in the jamboree experience by hosting visiting Scouts for a few days.

Scouts from other countries stay with the families or communities of local Scouts and gain an insight into the way of life in another country that no ordinary tourist would enjoy. Some may prefer home-based hospitality, with pairs of Scouts staying with each host family. Others may prefer group based hospitality where the group stays together in community accommodation.

Each host family decides what to show their scout guests and this might include local tourist attractions plus the experience of daily life. Contact OnRecord if your Group or family would like to take part in this unique Scouting experience.

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## 2007 DIARY: Cambridgeshire County Training

14 Jan	Module 5: Fundamental Values of Scouting	Copley Scout Centre, St Ives
27 Jan	Module 12: Providing a Balanced Programme Module 13: Growing the Movement Module 17: Activities Outdoors	Copley Scout Centre, St Ives
6 Feb	Module 8: Skills of Leadership	Zones 1 & 2
10 Feb	Module 14: Young People Today Module 15: Challenging Behaviour	54th HQ, Chesterton
25 Feb	Module 18: Practical Skills Module 19: International Scouting	54th HQ, Chesterton
4 Mar	Module 25: Assessing Learning	Zones 1 & 2
14 Mar	Module 29: Working with Adults	Zones 1 & 2
17 Mar	Module 29: Presentation Skills	54th HQ, Chesterton
24 Mar	Module 28: Facilitation Skills	Cambridgeshire
17 Apr	Module 15: Challenging Behaviour	Copley Scout Centre, St Ives
29 Apr	Module 14: Young People Today Module 11: Administration	Zones 1 & 2



## 2007 DIARY: District/County Events

1 Jan	Cambridgeshire Scouting is fully co-educational
1 Jan	Centenary of Scouting celebrations begin
5-7 Jan	Winter camp at Gilwell Park
14 Jan	Newmarket Scouts join in Centenary celebrations
19-21 Jan	Peterborough Scouts at Activity World
4 Feb	Peterborough Cubs Centenary swimming gala
22 Feb	Founders Day candlelit procession in Cambridge
24 Feb	Fenland Scouts pancake race
25 Feb	Founders Day service at Ely Cathedral
10 Mar	Nene Scouts Zatego 2007
16 Mar	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
23 Apr	St George's Day celebrations
26 May	Centenary camping weekend

## 2007 DIARY: County Management Meetings

4 Jan	Core Management Team meeting
25 Feb	Regional District Commissioners meeting at Gilwell Park
8 Mar	Core Management Team meeting

## Centenary Magic

Where will you be on 1st August 2007? Tell CountOnUs about the magic of your Centenary Celebrations: [stories@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:stories@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk)

## World Jamboree preparation

Cambridgeshire Scouts are busy planning for the World Jamboree at Hylands Park in August 2007. OnReport joins the team as they make their final preparations for the biggest ever World Scout Jamboree

## Hot Topic

2008 and beyond: How do you think we should take Scouting forward in Cambridgeshire once the Centenary Celebrations are over? [onrecord@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:onrecord@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk)

**adult training**

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