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A new century begins - the dawn of a new future for Scouting



Not even Baden-Powell himself could have dreamt that 100 years after he ran an experimental camp for 20 boys, 28 million people would have come together to celebrate the past, present and future of Scouting. From that day to this, Scouting has never stopped growing and it is the world's largest youth organisation – that alone is a reason to celebrate.



Just as Scouting was relevant to the future of the world back in 1907, the principles of Baden-Powell's vision are still relevant for young people and society in 2007 and beyond. The Scouting Centenary has been our chance to demonstrate the unique value of Scouting to the World through the Centenary Camps, 21st World Jamboree and Scouting's Sunrise on 1st August 2007.



All over Cambridgeshire, Scouts have marked our Centenary in innovative and adventurous ways. It is Scouting at a local level like this that has helped the Movement become what it is today. And this is what Scouting is all about - making a difference to anyone who is, has been or will be a Scout'.

OnRecord looks back on what was an extremely remarkable year for 6,000 Cambridgeshire Scouts.

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Happy 100th birthday Scouting



Here's to our next Century!



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One World One Promise - the 21st World Scout Jamboree

In July, 44,000 scouts from almost 200 different countries were in the UK for the 21st World Scout Jamboree. The Jamboree is held every 4 years around the world and in 2007, the Centenary year of Scouting it came "home" to the UK, where Scouting started under the theme of "One World One Promise".

36 young people from Cambridgeshire were part of this adventure. For 10 days the Scouts enjoyed the excitement of meeting new friends from over the world, learning new skills and changing the planet for the better. From Zimbabwe to Zurich, Algeria to Australia, nationalities and participants represented were greater than those at the Olympics.



Cambridgeshire contingent ready to depart



World Jamboree opening ceremony

Explorer Scout Richard Claridge says "If nothing else in terms of sheer scale it was unique. Arriving on the first day and seeing what was essentially a canvas city in front of us was an indicator of what the Jamboree would be like: **BIG**"

Adult volunteer Jane Warren from Huntingdon Scouts commented "It was all over too soon, friendships were forged and cultures explored. My lasting memory was of the friendships shared and the happy atmosphere that surrounded us at all times"

Scouting volunteer Alan Norton from Orwell was a member of the Offsite team based at Alton Water, Suffolk. There 4,000 young people took part in part in Splash every day, with more than 600 kayaks, 25 bell boats & 50 safety boats on the water at any one time.

As part of the Jamboree, Scouts gave one day to the Starburst Community Service Project and Milton and Wandlebury Country Parks near Cambridge were amongst the beneficiaries. Tasks included: thinning out the undergrowth in the wet woodland area; clearing scrub on some of the islands; ditch clearance; track maintenance and similar work.

Did they do well? Just ask the park rangers, Malcolm, Keely, Jon or Claire, but 'Be Prepared' for a long and positive response about Starburst and the Jamboree Scouts!

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Home Hospitality for Jamboree Scouts

6,000 Scouts from all over the world enjoyed the Home Hospitality experience, which saw Cambridgeshire towns and cities full of Scouts from Europe, Asia and America.

Cambridge Scouts and Guides met up with friends from Normandy for a city tour, punting and rounders on Jesus Green. This followed visits to Ely by Scouts from Denmark, St Ives by Dutch Scouts and Peterborough and Abington by Scouts from the USA.



The Danes play cricket



Dutch brass band in Cambridge

Also in Cambridge, the Dutch brass band, 'Scout Bands on Tour' performed outside the Guildhall and then enjoyed a very wet and wild punting party on the Cam. Band Leader, Albert Posthuma said "We were thrilled to be playing in the University City of Cambridge, amazed at the number of people and also in sunshine!"

Tony Best, from Cromwell Scouts welcomed Dutch visitors to St Ives "Our guests have been an absolute pleasure and it was great fun taking part in activities at Copley with mixed groups of Dutch and English Scouts and Guides."

Young people from Denmark were guests of Ely Scouts visiting London, taking in the London Eye and Westminster Abbey and playing cricket at Kings School, where they met the Mayor of Ely, Councillor Ron Bradney.

Making a difference

At the end of the World Jamboree, Cambridgeshire Scouts wanted to make a difference in the spirit of the event and provide help to those in need. They donated tents to Scouts from Swaziland to support their work in helping orphans of HIV infected parents develop productive careers through life skills such as agriculture.



Camping equipment for Swaziland Scouts!



Where were you on 1st August 2007?

On 1st August 2007, Cambridgeshire Scouts joined together with 28 million Scouts from around the world in the largest ever world-wide display of peace, tolerance and harmony to celebrate 100 years since Scouting started. Sunrise signified a new dawn for Scouting, which has grown into the largest co-educational youth movement in the world.

Locally Cambridgeshire Scouts celebrated at Cathedral Square, Peterborough, Castle Hill, Cambridge, Jubilee Gardens, Ely, Farcet Fen, Whittlesey, Tesco at Newmarket and in St Ives. Scouts were on Anglia News in St Ives, BBC Radio from Peterborough and Cambridge and in all of the County's newspapers from the Wisbech Standard to the Peterborough Evening Telegraph.

Sunrise was a celebration of the future of Scouting and an opportunity to look to how we can improve it to meet the needs of even more people, their families and communities across the UK and worldwide.



6-8 beavers
Cambridge Beavers enjoyed the fun and friendship of a Sleepover at St Luke's School on Sunrise Eve. The boys and girls were up early for the 7.30am rendezvous and Three Birthday Cheers for Radio Cambridgeshire.

Then a short walk to Castle Hill to renew their Promise. In the open air and on a beautiful sunny morning they were on top of the hill, taking in the fantastic views of Cambridge.

A special day was polished off with bacon butties in the canteen at Shire Hall, headquarters of Cambridgeshire County Council.



8-10% cubs
It was a perfect Sunrise on 1st August in the Fens near Ely and Cub Scouts from Witchford camped out under the stars so as not to miss it. They slept in carefully constructed cardboard bivouacs and woke for the 5am dawn chorus.

The OnRecord camera was there to capture the moment and for the Cubs to renew their Promise 'I Promise that I will do my Best, to help other People and to Keep the Cub Scout Law'. The Cubs are now looking forward to the new Scouting century and all the fun, friendship and adventure that it will bring.



10% - 50%
Despite the recent flooding there was loads of fun on offer for Scouts in St Ives. This included MAGPAS, RSPB, Raptor Foundation, Royal Marines, Sedan Chair Races, Sock Trail, Crockery Smashing, Sweet Stall, Bouncy Castles and of course an Ice-Cream Van.

The Sedan Chair racing was fast and furious so 'Spike' the road safety hedgehog was on hand – to check the racing was done safely and handing out goodies.

At the closing ceremony, Happy Birthday & Auld Lang Syne followed by cake ended the day's events.

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Commenting on Peterborough Sunrise, David 'Rusty' Robinson, District Scout Leader for Medehamstede District, Peterborough said "If Baden Powell knew just how successful the Movement he founded all those years ago had become in being a promoter of global peace, he would be delighted. Only Scouting can bring together so many young people from such different backgrounds together and we are looking forward to the future and our next 100 years!"



Balloons released at Peterborough Sunrise



14-explorers



Around one third of those attending the Big Gig and Sunrise Camp at St Ives were friends of Explorers out so see what it was about Scouting that made it so great. They were there to listen to some of the top local talent including 9FOLDPUNCH (above)

Scouting is all about new experiences and for many attending a Gig with such great music was definitely a first. On the way out youngsters were handed a card that pointed out 11 of the 12 people who stood on the moon have been Scouts – so why not join to find out where the adventure might take them?

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Not only did Network member Sarah Scott help organise the Cherry Jam Centenary Camp, she planned & led the Cambridge Sunrise. She worked with District Commissioner Colin Daniels and Chaplain Rev David Deboys to provide a thought provoking and fun ceremony suitable for all age ranges. Sarah was also keen to tell BBC Radio Cambridgeshire what a fantastic day this was for Scouting.

Sarah took time out from a busy morning to thank the catering team at Shire Hall and presented them with special Join in Centenary Sunrise badges!

25-fellowship



Scout Fellowship member, Michael Nurse was interviewed for Anglia News about his Scouting experiences over more than 50 years. He joined St Ives Scout Leader, John Hayward and Anglia TV presenter, Philippa Heap, at Milton Country Park where the World Jamboree Starburst Community Project was taking place. The Scouts were there to help clear ditches and scrubland around the park.

Whilst the TV crew filmed, Michael and John happily chatted away about their Scouting past to Scouts from Finland, USA and Hong Kong.



Centenary Camps focus on adventure and the environment

On a wet weekend in May, Scouts from across Cambridgeshire held their own adventure packed Centenary Camps. This was part of a nationwide series of events to celebrate the Centenary, which saw over 200,000 Scouts from across the UK sleep under canvas at the same time. In total almost 3,000 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Scout Networkers and adult volunteers turned up at Centenary Camps in Cambridge, Abington, St Ives, Huntingdon, Newmarket and Peterborough for what proved to be the party of the century!



Campfire's burning



Cottenham Cubs

More than 150 camps were held throughout the British Isles, from the Orkney Isles to the Cornish Coast, and varied in size from the dozens to well over 5,000 participants.

As well as the adventure of camping and the exciting activities on offer, Cambridgeshire Scouts kept with the founding principles of Lord Baden-Powell, and despite the rain demonstrated that they do care about their environment and really enjoy being outdoors. BP called for all Scouts to be "Guardians of Nature".

Hair today, Ghana tomorrow

An Explorer Scout from Cambridgeshire said goodbye to his beloved flowing locks for a good cause - to raise cash to build a new Scout Headquarters in Africa. David, 17, hopes to make the trip of a lifetime this summer with the UK-Africa Scout Link expedition to the West African country.



As part of his fundraising, he volunteered to have his hair cut during his lunch break at college. Although he was nervous about losing his hair, he is very excited about the expedition. He said: 'This will be the experience of a lifetime and we hope that our hard work will really make a difference to the young people of Ghana.'

David is part of a group of 15 Explorer Scouts and 5 Leaders from Cambridgeshire who will travel to the Hohoe region of Ghana to work on the building of a Scout Headquarters. The team are currently training for their trip.

They are aiming to get as much sponsorship and support for the trip as possible. If you would like to help, then please e-mail africa@cambridgeshirescouts.org.uk

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Join in Centenary Camping



Canoeing



Formula 1 skills with giant Scalextric

Commenting on the Cambridgeshire Centenary Camps, Young Spokesperson Gemma Douglas, 17 from the Phoenix Explorer Unit said "The Centenary Camp was really exciting for me. I was the compere for the Opening Ceremony from the main stage and in front of 1,000 Scouts. Although nervous, I really enjoyed the challenge"

These pictures from a wet and wild weekend show how much fun was had across the County!



Rock wall climbing



Ely Cubs toast marshmallows

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Sainsbury's welcome Scouts into their stores

As part of their 'Scout Community Week' Sainsbury's welcomed Scouts into their stores in October, inviting them to raise awareness of what Scouting is all about. Sainsbury's is working with the Scout Association through the Active Kids scheme and has pledged £150,000 to help Scouting in its challenge to recruit more volunteers. There are over 30,000 children that cannot join the Scouts due to a shortage of youth leaders. 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.

Alan Bedwell, Cambridge store manager says "I am delighted we are supporting the Scouts. Through our own 'flagship' volunteering programme Local Heroes, we recognise and reward our colleagues that volunteer or fund raise in support of charities and other good causes in the local community. We have a target of engaging 5,000 colleagues nationally through Local Heroes. Our plans for the Scouts and V give us the opportunity to work better with the younger members of our workforce."



Explorer Scout Will Day from Hardwick on checkout duty

Peterborough Scouts Live at the O2 Arena



SPATZ on stage live at O2 Arena

Peterborough Scouts were proud to appear in LIVE 07 at the O2 Arena, in two epic shows that entertained a combined audience of around 30,000 people. The cast of 3,000 young people, representing all five Sections, travelled from all around the UK to showcase the best of Scouting. The line up also included Blue Peter Presenter Zoe Salmon, Chief Scout Peter Duncan and Lizzie Greenwood-Hughes from CBBC Newsround.

The Peterborough Group, made up of Explorer Scouts aged between 14 and 18 years and led by Cub Scout Leader, Heidi Latronico-Ferris, performed a dance number to the song 'Do I make you proud?' by Taylor

Hicks. Following a video audition, the group, known as "SPATZ" was selected from submissions received from around the UK.

The chosen song has proved to be very appropriate as the whole of Scouting in Peterborough are extremely proud of SPATZ and coach loads of fans went with them to London to cheer them on. Included in the supporters were the Mayor of Peterborough, Marion Todd and Leader of the Council, John Peach.