

BEAVER CIRCUS FUN DAY

On Saturday 9th September 170 Beavers descended on Great Yarmouth for our Centenary Fun Day. The morning was spent at the Marina Centre where the Beavers had six activity bases to take part in these included making juggling balls, decorating plates for plate spinning, making clown hats, clown mobiles and 2 bases of Circus games. After lunch and a short time spent on the beach we moved over to the Hippodrome Circus for the 2007 Circus show. This was a spectacular entertainment the highlights of which were the 'Wheel of Death' or as some called it the hamster wheel, and the amazing water finale where the circus floor descended and the ring became a large pool of water. All who came had a great time and went home having had a memorable day and a souvenir badge. Special thanks go to all those Leaders and adults who helped prepare for the event and helped on the day. We hope to repeat this Fun Day in 2 years time for the new Beavers which we will have in our Colonies then.

NORTH WEST NORFOLK DISTRICT SLEEPOVER

Friday 14th and Saturday 15th September saw the Beavers of North West Norfolk District at a Sleepover at Kings Lynn organised by Roz Rospopa and her team of Leaders and helpers. Highlights of this event which was Circus themed were the chance to ride on a unicycle, plate spinning, juggling and the final performance of fire eating and juggling with fire though this was not for the Beavers to join in with. Thanks go to Roz and her team for making this an event for the Beavers to remember.



BEAVER SCOUT LEADERS ACTIVITY DAY

Beaver Leaders are very good at Beaver crafts and games but we do not get the opportunity to participate in the more adventurous scouting activities, so on Saturday 9th June 30 Beaver Scout Leaders met at Eaton Vale Scout & Guide Activity Centre for a day of abseiling, archery, canoeing and climbing. The morning's activities were canoeing on the River Yare in open canoes with some leaders entering in to the true Scouting experience to soak as many others as the and attempting the ascent of the climbing wall. Following lunch provided by Pat Howes and her team, and a tour of Icen house, Archery and Abseiling were on offer with many having their first opportunity to try out these activities. Fortunately the weather was spot on for the day following a wet Friday and all went home with a goody bag and new activities and challenges achieved. It is hoped to repeat this day next year with a new set of challenges for the Leaders.



VISIT OF RUSSIAN SCOUTS AND GUIDES

A group of 18 Russian Scouts, Guides and Leaders visited Norfolk this July. The Group spent some time at Hautbois where they enjoyed on site activities, meeting Scouting and Guiding Groups and days out in the local area. They also spent time in homestay where visits included time at the beach - something many of the Group had never seen before. The Group as a whole were delightful and a pleasure to host. Myself and the Russians would like to send a special thank you to Hethersett Scouts who came to Hautbois to meet the Group and organised a fun filled games evening. We would also like to than other Scout Groups that were kind enough to host some Russians at their units during homestay time. These helped make the visit the great success it was. I know some of the Russians would like to come back in the future - the one thing they have not experienced and would like to is a small camp (with hopefully some funding available to both Groups) - if anyone is interested in possible future contact please let me know.

Diane Jermany, Girlguiding Anglia Russian Coordinator, tel 01953 852376

CENTENARY NATIONAL SCOUTS SAILING REGATTA

A team of 4 scouts and an explorer scout from 1st Blofield & Brundall trundled up north last weekend to participate in the Centenary National Scouts Sailing Regatta hosted by South Shields Sailing Club.

Three races were held over the weekend and after battling with strong wind on Sunday, they all posted terrific results. Ricki Lomax helming a RS Feva XL with Kieran Moralee crewing came 4th in the Under 15 slow handicap. In the same event, Pip Marsden helming the same type of dinghy with William Jones crewing came first. James Thompson won the Under 15 Single-hander racing his Splash. Not to be outdone, the scout leaders, Rusty Carter and David Lomax posted 3rd and 5th places respectively sailing the Feva XL single handed and Steph Thompson sailed the Splash into 7th place.



A great time was had by all and special thanks go to 3rd South Shields Sea Scouts for organising the event and South Shields Sailing Club for hosting it.

DRAGON DAY

The Friends of Eaton Vale Scout & Guide Activity Centre will be organising the 5th Dragon Day on Saturday 23 February 2008. The day is planned for Scout and Guides aged from 10th to 14th birthday to come and try some of the activities on offer at Eaton Vale Scout & Guide Activity Centre. This makes it ideal for those who have not been to Eaton Vale before. The young people get to try the 4 or 5 activities, with a break for lunch. Two leaders (one male and one female) escort them, as they make their way around the site. The Friends have set an upper limit of 60 young people and places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. No one will be permitted to undertake an activity unless a parent's consent form is received. Warm clothing is essential.



OUT & ABOUT 2007

We are rapidly approaching the end of our Centenary Year & Celebrations!! Out & About 2007 Award is being completed by enthusiastic people all over Norfolk & badges are being sent out every week. The challenge now is for everyone registered on the Award to be wearing their badge with pride by end December! So far its Beavers & Cubs in the lead as only one Scout Troop & no Explorer Units have yet completed.. Well done to Northern Norwich Fellowship who are the oldest section to have finished so far!! Hurry & let me know that you have completed the Award & I will send out badges.

STANDARD OUT & ABOUT (SCOUTS/EXPLORERS)

From 1st Jan, 2008 the standard Out & About for Scouts & Explorers will be revamped with new challenges for each section. Those currently doing the Award can finish the section they are working on with the old challenges, & move to the new ones for the next section. The new challenges offer a wider range of choices & aim to encourage, leadership, group work, community & intersectional activities. Administration remains exactly the same. If you are not currently taking part in Out & About hopefully the new challenges will tempt you to join in!



MOOT 2009

We are in the process of planning a possible MOOT 2009. This would again be held in Searles of Hunstanton and we may be able to offer a two night residential experience as well as the one night but are looking at the costs.

This note is to give you advance notice that if we are able to put all the planning in place and can get the right price the weekend in question is the 27th 28th February and 1st March 2009.

While we will not be able to offer the full weekend at the much reduced rate that we did in 2007 I will be looking for external sponsorship to reduce the price down as far as possible. Put the date in your diary now... Be Part of the Action.

WATER ACTIVITY WEEKEND

This year WaW was held over a standard weekend because of the Centenary Camps, but that did not stop over 250 Scouts & Explorers having a great time. The rain mercifully held off & Decoy Broad once again rang with the shouts, screams & laughter of Young People enjoying the activities on & off the water. On offer on the Broad & river were kayaking, open canoeing, gig pulling (that's rowing for the land lubbers out there!), bell boats & sailing in a variety of craft. These were backed up by land based activities including crate climbing, archery, back woods cooking, woggle making & the ever popular bouncy castle! The weekend was organised by Norfolk Scout Canoe Team. They were backed up by a dedicated team of leaders, both running the activities & supporting the event in other ways. The Dragon Boat race was won by Melton Magna Scouts who produced a fantastic dragon's head to fix on the front of their bell boat. The camp fire entertainment on Saturday evening could no doubt be heard in Wroxham! Everyone got a WaW 2007 tee-shirt as a memento, & rumour has it a free ice cream! Thanks must go to all involved for making this another fantastic & successful Scouting weekend.

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JUMBLY 2007

This takes place on Saturday 10th November 2007 at St Andrews Hall, Norwich.

Any Group interested in renting a table please contact Annette Thomas on 01603 614276

North West Norfolk District hire a generator for the Centenary Camp from HSS Hire. They received a good discount and excellent service. Skip hire is also available from this Company.

ADHD AWARENESS EVENING

I am receiving many enquiries from Leaders of all Sections about young people with ADHD & associated difficult behaviour. I am therefore organizing an ADHD awareness evening early in 2008, run by an ADHD families specialist. She can look at types of behaviour, why it occurs, & give some ideas on how to cope. This would be in Norwich, on a weekday evening. Details of venue, date etc will be published as soon as I have finalized the event.

Marty (ACC Special Needs)

ACCESSIBLE WATER BASE

Blofield & Brundall Sea Scouts have worked very hard to raise funds to make their water base fully accessible. They have now achieved a great facility, which includes an accessible shower, teaching room & HQ. They have also worked on the quay heading & installed a hoist to enable disabled young people & adults to be safely lifted into the boats.

Blofield & Brundall have plenty of qualified & enthusiastic instructors, ready to give you all a great experience on the water!! If you have any disabled young people or leaders & wish to have fun as well as learning some sailing/canoeing techniques please contact the GSL, Rusty Carter 01603 716548 gordon.carter@klmuk.com. This is a great opportunity to have a fully inclusive event where everyone can join in equally. I encourage you all to make good use of it, & congratulate Blofield & Brundall on their achievement.

ACTIVITY PERMITS

Just a reminder... as from September the new Activity Permits system will be in operation. To apply for a permit you must use the downloadable form from Scoutbase and send it to the relevant Assessor. The forms are included in the Assessment Checklist Factsheet as noted for each activity. Before applying please look at the checklist to see if you think you meet the requirements. The assessors will be:

Climbing - Gordon Oliver (Gordon@fosterroad.freserve.co.uk 01603 721969) AC120907, AC120906

Canoe/Kayaking - Clive Gritten (Clive.Gritten@animalhealth.gsi.gov.uk 01692 536877) AC120919

Sailing and Powerboating - Rusty Carter (rusty.carter@btinternet.com 01603 716548) AC120926, AC120911

Hillwalking - Paul Elliott (chiefworm@hotmail.com 01953 850018) AC120914 and AC120913

All existing authorisations remain valid until their current expiry date except for canoe/kayak authorisations that indicate 'supervise up to 'X' individuals' - these are cancelled as from September. Anyone with these permits can contact Clive or myself for advice as to how to gain a new permit. If you want any general advice please contact me, Paul Elliott ACC Activities: chiefworm@hotmail.com

WHERE-WOLF

Scout Groups might be interested in our grid reference finder, the Where-Wolf. It is a credit card sized romer which allows the user to quickly and accurately give and locate grid references. They are proving very popular as teaching aids for schools and outdoor centres around the country, and many scout groups have now placed orders with us.

Visit www.where-wolf.com for prices and our 'how to' guide, plus lots of other useful information.

CLOSING DATE FOR NSN NEXT EDITION : 20TH NOVEMBER 2007