



# Shouting for Scouting

IN LOUTH & SURROUNDING VILLAGES

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## FIRST CUB CAMP

In August **1st Marshchapel Scouts and Cubs** held their first weekend camp at The Oaks campsite near Market Rasen.

Activities included orienteering, trails, inter-patrol competitions and of course the obligatory camp fires. They even baked a foraged fruit crumble!

One camp down, many more to come!

## FROM GRASBY TO EDALE

Eleven Scouts from **Grasby** visited the Peak District at the end of September to complete their Expedition Challenge. Scout Mia shares her story.

"On our first day we drove to Hope. We walked up some massive hills with our rucksacks and saw amazing views. We then had a very eventful walk down to the campsite in Edale. The campsite was muddy and boggy, and because of the river it was a struggle to sleep.

The next day we set off at 10am and walked to a checkpoint at a farm where we had lunch and set off again. We finally got to the finish and met the other group. It was great fun and another memory."



10-14 yrs

# THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

The Poacher International Jamboree is about welcoming Scouts and Guides from across the world for a week of activities, fun and friendships. This summer's event, at Lincoln Showground, was the 10th Poacher having begun in 1977. Over 5,500 young people, including Scouts from **Louth, Grasby and Manby**, and almost 3,000 volunteers from 25 countries had the adventure of a lifetime.

Louth and Manby Scouts shared a campsite and chose E.T. for their film themed gateway (pictured). It also included a whiteboard for passers-by to sign, which lots of people did. As an added feature they amused many with their 'Bear in the Air' – a working catapult and bear, in tribute to Chief Scout Bear Grylls.



**What we liked about Poacher – by Harry and Bertie Kingswood of the Louth/Manby contingent**

- Trying things that we hadn't done before and wouldn't usually have the opportunity to
- Making new friends, like the 'purple hoodies' from Liverpool
- Everyone was friendly
- By midweek you could just queue for any activity you wanted without a ticket
- 'Pegging' leaders and other people, but not the Mayor of Lincoln!
- Meeting groups from all over the world – we bought beaded bracelets from a group from Kenya
- The freedom to come and go as we liked



**Rosie's Poacher highlights – by Grasby Scout Rosie**

I think over the whole week the best part was the amazingly warm weather. Although it did absolutely pour down with rain at night it gave it a uniquely English feel, special for the Scouts from 24 foreign countries. Another highlight was when one of our Scouts, Freddie, won Poacher's Got Talent and performed the song Budapest in front of 9,000 people.

There was a huge variety of activities ranging from African drumming to staying overnight outside of our camp. We met many international Scouts and made some new friends. Overall the camp was outstanding, an incredible opportunity and a truly thrilling experience.

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# BUILDING CHARACTER & CREATING MEMORIES

By the time you are reading this the summer will seem a distant past. However I invite you to join me in this newsletter and look back at the terrific adventures young people in the District had this summer. Enjoying fun and friendship in the great outdoors with many camps organised.

Camping in all its' guises is the unique selling point of Scouting, but without adults giving up

their time to provide this opportunity for our young people these experiences just would not happen. So a great big thank you to everyone who made these camping experiences happen. From not just me, but also from the many parents and carers, who have seen how much their children have developed through this time away from home with their Scouting friends.

*Tony Groom, District Commissioner*

## BINBROOK HIGHLIGHTS

**Group camp** – despite poor weather the camp was a great success at The Oaks campsite near Market Rasen.

**Water boys and girls** – the Scouts manned two water stations during September – for the Grimsby 10k and the Cleethorpes Half Marathon. Both events were really well attended and so many runners thanked the Scouts for their efforts handing out water.

**Hedgehogs** – Beavers were welcomed back from their summer break by Pygmy Hedgehogs from South Africa. All the Beavers got a chance to hold and bath them, while learning about how to care for our wild British hedgehogs.

**Special investitures** – three Beavers were lucky to have their investiture on Binbrook's fire engine. Firemen were on hand to educate them on fire safety and their work.



Fireman visit



Group camp



Pygmy Hedgehogs



# SWEDISH EXPLORATION

In August George, Archie, James, Jack, and I from the **Viking Explorer Unit** travelled to Sweden to complete our Explorer Belt expedition. The trip started off with a visit to a Scout group in Västerås who let us stay in their Scout hut and fed us cinnamon rolls. They took us on a hike to a Viking burial mound and the next day we joined them for a campfire and a paddle in the lake in the forest.

After our time in Västerås we took a 17 hour sleeper train up to Kiruna and Abisko, 344km above the Arctic Circle. It was here we explored a canyon, found fresh bear prints on the beach, tamed red squirrels, played with reindeer, relaxed in a floating sauna and watched the northern lights from our sleeping bags.

It's one of the best things I've ever done in Explorers and we're all going to remember it for a long time. Keep an eye out for details of our Explorer Belt presentation.

*Andrew, Viking Explorer*



14-18 yrs



EXPLORERS



# RABBITS RUN WILD AT NIGHT

Rabbit Run this year was held at Collingham Scout HQ. Thirteen Explorer Scouts from **Louth Viking and Ludensian Units** joined another 117 Scouts from Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the rest of Lincolnshire to compete for the coveted Rabbit Run Trophy and avoid the Toilet Seat Award for last place.



The event is a night time team orienteering activity where teams score points by navigating the local countryside, making their way to checkpoints and collecting answers to the Rabbit Run Quiz. Being under the cover of darkness while avoiding being caught by an adult teams of chasers, makes the challenge pretty tough.

For five hours twenty Explorer rabbit teams roamed fields, ran ditches, climbed gates, fought nettles using their stealth and survival ingenuity while avoiding the chaser headlights. The last team to arrive back at base in the early hours of Sunday morning were no longer looking very fluffy.

By 11am the next morning the results were in. Ludensians came 8th, which is a good outcome for their first Rabbit Run. But biggest rabbit clap must go to the Vikings who came bounding home in 3rd place. Well done to all Louth Explorers who took part.

The Trophy went to Derbyshire's Griffin Team... congratulations Griffins you are amazing adversaries, we are investing in "go faster" paws for next year – get your bob tails ready.



# FIRST EXPLORER SCOUTS FOR NEW UNIT

Having been up all night running around Lincolnshire's fields five keen but tired Explorers: Poppy, Olli, Holly, Elizabeth and Ade, were the first to be invested into the new **Ludensian Explorer Unit** at the Rabbit Run event.

The new Explorers were mentored by their peers from the Viking Unit who showed them the ropes and took a lead in the investiture ceremony, welcoming them to the District.

The unit, who meet in Louth, is continuing to grow with further investitures planned for October. Congratulations everyone!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY SAC!

In September, following their AGM, the Scout Activity Crew (SAC) had their 18th birthday party at Manby Scout Hut, their headquarters.

In typical Scout fashion the BBQ was held outside under the atmospheric floodlights, with a fantastic buffet – many thanks to Margaret and Nigel Jarvis for sorting the food. Alyson Selby baked the most impressive showstopper of a cake, pictured, which included their favourite things.



Rich Spence, SAC Chairman: "We enjoyed some celebratory drinks and a very good laugh, mostly about the "good ol' times" and the many "hilarious things" that we've got up to over the last 18 years.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all SAC members past and present for everything they have done, continue to do and for everything in the future.

It has been a great 18 years and I just want to say a MASSIVE happy birthday SAC!"



# MAKING A SPLASH!

Beavers and Cubs from around the District got out onto the water at Covenham Reservoir in September for the annual Water Activity Day. They enjoyed sailing and kayaking, whilst on dry land there was much fun to be had with nautical-related crafts, challenges and games. All going towards four of the staged badges: nautical skills, time on the water, sailing and paddle sports.

With the sun shining there were smiles all round and lots of positive comments: awesome, brilliant, great, best day of my life! Thanks to Covenham Sailing Club and the SAC kayak and first aid teams for their help making the day run like clockwork.



# SUMMER FUN IN HOLLAND

In July, nine Scouts and three Leaders from **Grasby** travelled to Holland for their summer camp. They stayed on a Dutch Scout campsite near Amsterdam. Grasby Scout Will recounts his time.

“To get to Holland it took Mum’s car, seven trains, one ferry and a two mile walk to the campsite deep in the woods.

Day 1: we hiked to the beach and played games, then in the evening there was a game for all the different troops on the campsite, where we got to know some of the Dutch Scouts.

Day 2: we went to Amsterdam and to an old factory that is now an art museum. We had a photo with two nice policemen. Then we listened to some street musicians in a park. Then we had a photo on the ‘I heart Amsterdam’ sign and got stuck. At night we introduced our new Dutch friends to cricket.

Day 3: we went on a cycle ride through the giant sand dunes that went on for miles and miles and miles, and had lunch by a pond in a nice little village. Our last night was spent having dinner with all our Dutch friends and Fynn’s girlfriend Rose came along.

Sadly though, it was all over and we went back home on the ferry.”



## CONTACT US

If you want to find out more information about *Shouting for Scouting in Louth & surrounding villages* or anything to do with local Scouting, please contact in the first instance, Tony or Norma Groom on 01507 354389 or email [dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@louthdistrictscouts.org.uk)

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