

Suffolk Scouts County News

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JENNY'S JOURNAL

IT has been a hectic couple of months, not just for me but for all our Leaders. I have been to some pretty amazing events and camps. Stowmarket District Cub Scouts hit the spot again this year with Carnival time. It wasn't easy judging the winner of the float! Wolsey Beaver Sports Day was such fun and the rain didn't dampen our spirits at all. Walking with the Jamboree Contingent on their fundraising hike and seeing how well they are all working together is just awesome. I met the Explorer Scouts who are sailing with Adventures Offshore on one of the legs of the Tall Ships Race. What a super bunch of young people we have in Suffolk. I know I have said it lots of times before, but you make such memories for the youngsters.

I have attended lots of AGMs and am disappointed that so few parents go along to see and hear of the Groups' achievements. I have noticed that more parents attend when it is held during a family camp. They are more relaxed, and more inclined to volunteer.

Keith Gleen has worked out the Suffolk Growth Awards which are published in this issue for you all to see. There were five Diamond awards: 1st Acton and Waldingfield, 1st Southwold, 1st Shotley, Elmswell and 13th Ipswich. Well done to you all and to the Groups who achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards.

Congratulations to Emily Vaughn Wright for achieving her Queens Scout Award. This was presented at 1st Combs Group camp at Bradfield.

I was privileged to attend the memorial service in Lowestoft recently to commemorate the lives of the Scouts who died in the boating accident off Lowestoft 100 years ago. There was an excellent exhibition afterwards. It was very interesting to read the reports of the time, especially that of Lord Baden Powell when he wrote after the inquest "... accidents do not happen without some cause, they can generally be traced to carelessness or to neglect closely to carry out the rules laid down for safety." He goes on to say that "the responsibility rests on those officers (Leaders) to see that rules are adhered to and that no risks are lightly taken." Wise words we would all do well to remember.

As I write this I have just heard the sad news that June Cullingford has gone home after a valiant battle. She will be missed not only by members of 10th Ipswich but also by all who knew her both in Scouting and the wider community.

Jenny Mullan, County Commissioner

120 YEARS OF SERVICE

A VERY unusual presentation took place at Waveney Valley District's St George's Day Service in April when the 120 years combined service of three Scout Leaders from 1st Bungay Sea Scout Group was recognised.

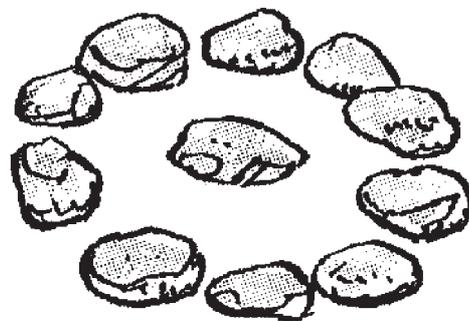
Leaders Graham Pitchard, Peter Jermy and Gary Fenn were each presented with the Chief Scout's 40 Years Long Service Award and they also received signed and framed personal letters from Chief Scout, Bear Grylls.

Peter Jermy said "We went all through Cubs, Scouts and then Venture Scouts and then we were asked if we would stay and help out for a bit and we have been there ever since."

In his letter Bear said "Your history of exceptional service to Scouting is an inspiration to so many and personifies all that is best about Scouting."



From left: Graham Pritchard, Peter Jermy and Gary Finn of 1st Bungay Sea Scouts



GONE HOME

June Marion Cullingford
1943 - 2014

JUNE Cullingford gave an enormous amount of her life to Scouting and her service totalled 49¾ years when she went home at the end of June. In the past eleven years, many will remember her as the GSL of 10th Ipswich (Whitton Parish Church) Group, but her service started when she became an Assistant Wolf Cub Mistress (now called ACSL) in May 1963 at 1st Ipswich (All Saints) Group. A year later she was WCM (now CSL) and in July 1970, she became CSL at 10th Ipswich which began a 44 year association with the Group.

June was very active within both Ipswich West and then Wolsey Districts, and often helped on County events, too. Over the years, she must have influenced many hundreds of young people.

She formed a very powerful Scouting alliance with her husband, Ivan, and it was fitting that they were both awarded the Silver Acorn in the 2008 St George's Day Awards.

June was very proud of her own family and we send them, and especially Ivan, our deepest condolences.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

COPY date for the next issue is 28th August. Also, it would be a big help if copy could be supplied in Arial 11pt with single line spacing and 0pt spacing before and after lines, but we'll wrestle with any supplied copy including handwriting!

Could you also send any pictures as Jpeg files rather than embedding them in Word documents as it saves a lot of time and will result in a better quality image appearing in the final product.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S GOING FOR GROWTH AWARDS

A LITTLE later than planned we have now looked at the 2014 Census data to determine the worthy winners of the County Commissioner's Going for Growth Awards.

Diamond Award



The Top 5 Groups in the County for growth
 1st Acton and Waldingfield
 1st Southwold
 1st Shotley
 Elmswell
 13th Ipswich

Gold Award



Groups with 5% growth or above

1st Great Cornard
 1st Long Melford
 1st Boxford
 1st Leiston
 6th Old Felixstowe
 1st Rendlesham
 1st Woodbridge
 1st Eye
 1st Leavenheath
 1st Bacton
 Thurston
 3rd Sudbury
 5th Beccles
 1st Wetherden & Haughley
 1st Clare
 14th Ipswich

1st Kirton
 1st Bramford
 1st Earsham
 1st Samford Valley
 1st Saxmundham
 36th Ipswich
 4th Lowestoft
 1st Blundeston
 1st Red Lodge
 1st Bury St Edmunds
 8th Felixstowe
 2nd Haverhill
 10th Bury St. Edmunds
 1st Kedington
 1st Brantham
 5th Ipswich
 Great Barton
 51st Ipswich
 10th Ipswich
 6th Bury St Edmunds

Silver Award



Groups with growth above 4%

1st Framlingham

Bronze Award



Groups with growth above 3%

26th Ipswich
 Mildenhall
 1st Carlton Colville

On behalf of the County Team, well done to all of you. Your certificates should be with you shortly.

Keith Gleen, Deputy County Commissioner (Development)

LIZZIE IS A BABERGH WINNER

LIZZIE Anderson, a former Explorer Scout and now a very new ACSL at 1st Acton & Waldingfield Scout Group, is the proud recipient of a Babergh Community Achievement Award given to those who have made a significant contribution to their local community or school. Lizzie's Category 1 award was for the outstanding contribution made by a young person or group of young people, 18 years or under.

As an Explorer, Lizzie was a Young Leader and has been a significant helper within the younger sections for a long time.

Well done, Lizzie!!



RULES ON BOAT INSPECTIONS

AT the last County Water Activities Committee meeting, it was pointed out that there is a lot of confusion within the County over boat inspections. The meeting agreed that it would be helpful if advice could be published.

Therefore, for the avoidance of any doubt, the rules laid out in POR which MUST be followed are:

Rule 9.46 Boats

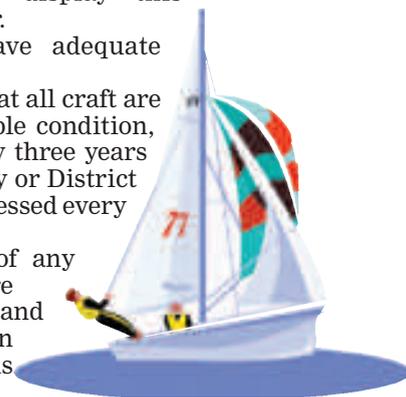
a. All boats owned by or on long term loan to a Member or unit of the Movement should display an Identification Boat Sticker.

b. All such boats operating on British Waterways Board controlled rivers must display this Identification Boat Sticker.

c. All boats should have adequate marine insurance cover.

d. Leaders must ensure that all craft are maintained in a serviceable condition, inspected and tested every three years in accordance with County or District arrangements and self-assessed every year.

e. The person in charge of any water activity must ensure that the craft is seaworthy and suitable for the activity on each occasion that it is used.



18th IPSWICH MEGA LITTER PICK



18th Ipswich Scout Troop took part in Scout Community Week with 19 Scouts, 6 Leaders and 1 Young Leader by doing a litter pick in Holywells Park, Ipswich which is undergoing major refurbishment works. They assisted the local council by collecting a truck load of litter and raising the community awareness of the Scouts.

We were surprised to see how much we found and the variety of the litter, everything from a cycle wheel to paint tins and bottles / cans to a mirror - and many more unusual items like unopened ice creams!!

The amount we collected in just one and a half hours was amazing, and we are proud to have been a part of Scout Community Week and will continue to play an active part in our community.

Michael Hansen, SL, 18th Ipswich Scout Troop (Holywells)

COUNTY SAS REDEDICATION SERVICE

ADVANCED notice: The Service will be on Sunday 12th October at the Methodist Church, Stowmarket.

More details to follow but please get it in your diary!
Graham Baker, County SAS Manager

MESSING AROUND ON THE RIVER



5th Beccles Beaver Scouts have been messing about on the river at Oulton Broad to celebrate Leader, Kevin Doe gaining his Wood Badge. They had a great time!
 Brian Harvey, ACC Beaver Scouts and note his new email address ringtail1978@gmail.com

SUFFOLK EXPLORERS SAILING WEEKEND



TEN Suffolk Explorer Scouts enjoyed sailing on the Adventures Offshore sail training yacht Ocean Scout over the weekend 6th / 8th June.

After a short safety briefing on board Friday evening they set sail out of Ipswich down the River Orwell to Landguard before returning into the river and anchoring for the night off Shotley Point.

An early breakfast and then sails were set to take the tide South but against a very brisk Southerly breeze with some rain. However the weather soon cleared and settled down to a very pleasant SW Force 3-4 which, with the fair tide, carried us to Bradwell Marina for Saturday evening.

Up early on Sunday morning to come out of Bradwell just before high water, and then started the journey North but unfortunately no wind meant motoring along the Essex coast before rounding The Naze and heading into the Orwell again. The sea breeze then cut in and we enjoyed a pleasurable downwind sail up to the Orwell Bridge before handing sails and bringing Ocean Scout back onto her berth in Ipswich Haven Marina.

In the early afternoon we heard the coastguard on VHF with news of a yacht which had been in collision with a dredger off the Felixstowe shore. This served as a timely reminder of the need to maintain a good lookout at all times. Upon our return to the marina the crew were met by County Commissioner, Jenny Mullen and parents were able to look around both Adventure Offshore yachts.

Many of the Explorers have expressed their desire to sail again with Adventures Offshore. We are grateful to the Touching the Tide Landscape Partnership Scheme, a Lottery Heritage funded charity, for their grant which reduced the cost of this weekend for the Explorers. If any Group, Explorer or Network Unit would like to arrange a sail with Adventures Offshore, they can contact either Keith Trevorror or Adventures Offshore directly.
 Keith Trevorror, ADC Water Activities, Stowmarket District keith.trevorror@btinternet.com

JOHN LEWIS CUSTOMERS BOOST CLAYDON SCOUTS FUNDRAISING!

Following an application to the John Lewis Ipswich Community Matters Scheme, the shop selected 1st Claydon Scout Group as one of their nominated charities.

The Group is a growing one, taking boys and girls aged 6-14 from Claydon, Barham and Great Blakeham. With this growth comes an increased need to have the necessary equipment to support the Group. This includes new tables, tents, craft and camping equipment.

Mark Pearson, Assistant Group Scout Leader, commented "We regularly run camps including a family camp; almost 100 children and their families attended our last one". Mark went on to say, "Additionally the group continues to require funds for the ongoing maintenance of our hall to ensure that it is safe for the children to meet in. Its running costs are about £3,500 per year." The 1st Claydon Scout Group has a total membership of almost 50.

Over the period of 3 months, customers of John Lewis could vote with tokens as to the charity they'd like to support. As a result 1st Claydon received a donation of £743 which the Group picked up recently. Rhian Brighton, Branch Operations Assistant at John Lewis, presented the cheque to the Group saying "The Community Matters initiative has already helped many local charities and I am pleased to present this cheque to a well deserving organisation such as the Scouts".

Mark went on to say "We'd like to thank John Lewis and their customers for their support."



Rhian Brighton (John Lewis), Mark Pearson (AGSL), Paul Hickman (ASL), Matthew Frost (BSL), Bill Beaumont, Matt Shortland, Casey Ablett and Jordan Ablett.

WOODBIDGE RAFT RACE



THE Woodbridge Regatta took place on Saturday, 15th June along the riverside between the Tide Mill and model yacht pond offering visitors an assortment of land and water-based family fun, including yacht and dinghy races, free boat rides and canoeing demonstrations.

Regatta chairman Geoff Holdcroft said the poor weather did not deter the crowds which gave generously, raising thousands of pounds for various local causes. "There was a really great atmosphere with every generation coming out together for a lovely family day out," he said.

The annual raft race, described as a "centrepiece" of the event, organised by the 1st Woodbridge Scouts, enjoyed record entries, with the town's Air Cadets taking overall victory.

Report courtesy of Ipswich Star

THE JOYS OF TRAINING



WHEN it came to Scouting skill, the training on Module 38 had to take into account that some of the Beaver Leaders had never done anything like it before and had never pitched those wonderful green tents. The following is what one wrote of her weekend experience:

"The weekend crew, thanks girls; we have sore fingers from tying lashings, sore arms from erecting tentage, (we) stink from the campfire, (are) jolly from singing, (have) sides sore from laughter and (are) content from team spirit, friendships formed and knowledge gained !!!!!"

Lesley Brown, BSL, 26th Ipswich / ADC Beaver Scouts, Wolsey District

ORWELL DISTRICT PACK NIGHT

AFTER a couple of years break, Pack Night was held once again at Hallowtree for the Cub Scouts of Orwell District. Over 200 Cubs attended, representing 16 out of the 18 Packs in the District. The invitation was extended to Lodge Leaders of the Beaver Colonies, as a link activity between the sections, and a few Beaver Scouts joined in the fun.



The activities included basic Scouting skills such as tracking and shelter building; sports bases including parachute games and volleyball; fun activities with balloon rockets and 'Lord of the Rings'.

The photograph shows everyone around the flag at the close of the night.

Jo Cracknell, ADC Cub Scouts

SPORTING WINNERS



11th Ipswich Wednesday Beaver Colony - Winners of the Wolsey District Beaver Sports Day, Hallowtree, 29th June.

Lisa's Mobile Afternoon Tea

Traditional Afternoon Tea served in the comfort of your own home or at a meeting or workplace.

Cost; up to 10 people £5.50 per person, 10 or more people £5 per person. Plus travel.



To discuss a booking please contact
Lisa on: 07881 787840 or
lisa.hicks@live.co.uk

Money raised will go towards
Suffolk Scouts Explorer Belt 2015



As an Explorer Scout Leader I am part of a team supporting 20 teenagers to complete their Explorer Belt Expedition to Finland

As an adult helper I need to fund my flights and accommodation to the sum of £700; hence all monies raised from "Lisa's Mobile Afternoon Tea's" will be going towards my Explorer Belt Fundraising. Thank you for your support©



FRIDAY 26th September 2014 is FSC Friday, an annual celebration of forests around the globe, organised by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). We are particularly keen to engage with young people, and over the last few years several Guiding and Scouting groups have taken part in FSC Friday activities.

What happens?

Over the FSC Friday weekend we are encouraging people to celebrate the world's forests and promote responsible forest management by raising awareness of the FSC logo. To register for free resources, please fill in our online registration form from <http://www.fsc-uk.org/register-for-fsc-friday-2013.37.htm> Please also note that FSC Friday does not have to be celebrated on Friday or even the weekend following FSC Friday - it can be celebrated on whichever day suits you best - go to <http://www.fsc-uk.org/schools.123.htm> for examples of activities and events that can be held to celebrate FSC Friday.

Why is it important?

FSC is an international, non-profit organisation which enables consumers to identify products from well-managed forests. FSC forests are managed with due respect for the environment, the wildlife and the people who live and work in them. FSC is the only wood certification scheme endorsed by the major environmental charities, including WWF, Greenpeace and The Woodland Trust.

Badges and Awards

FSC Friday events and activities could link to one of a number of Beaver Scouts, Cubs, Scouts, Rain-bows, Brownies and Guides badges or awards. Examples may be

seen here: <http://www.fsc-uk.org/guiding-and-scouting-groups.122.htm>.

What do I do now?

If you would like to register your FSC Friday event and receive resources, please complete and re-turn the attached form or register online at www.fsc-uk.org/fsc-friday. You can also opt to be added to our events map but we appreciate that some Groups would prefer not to promote their involvement in this way due to child protection issues. Please also note that you can find your nearest FSC forest here: www.fsc-uk.org/ukforests or for Suffolk here: <http://visitwoods.org.uk/en/visit-woods/pages/search-result.aspx?county=Suffolk#.U6MUcflDXVo>.

Klare Owen  projectofficer@fsc-uk.org



COUNTY MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES TEAM

WHARFEDALE Hill Walking & Climbing event based at Curly Hill Scout Camp & Activity Centre, Middleton, Ilkley, West Yorkshire,

Saturday 20th Sept to Sunday 21st Sept 2014 (arriving Friday night 19th)

- ◆ For Scouts (minimum age 11 years at 01/09/2014) Explorer Scouts, Network and Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Section/Unit Assistants and other approved adults.
- ◆ Scouts should ideally be accompanied by a Troop Leader or approved adult. There are a limited number of places available to unaccompanied Scouts and bookings will be accepted at the discretion of the organising Team.
- ◆ The activities on offer will be hill walking and rock climbing/abseiling and the activity level will be tailored to the ability and experience of those attending.
- ◆ Cost - £29.00 per person
- ◆ Covers the cost of accommodation for two nights, breakfast Saturday and Sunday and packed lunch both days and an evening meal on Saturday and refreshments.
- ◆ There is a limit of 42 places for indoor accommodation - camping is not available.
- ◆ Transport - Units and Groups to make their own arrangements.
- ◆ Kit - See list below.
- ◆ **InTouch information** - Groups/Units may arrange their own home contact but due to the adventurous nature of the activities offered by the Team we maintain a central Home Contact and all enquiries to the Team during the Event should be routed through this person.

- ◆ The Event Team will also convey any necessary information to individual Group/Unit contacts and/or parents/carers during the Event through the central Home Contact - Steve Fosdick, ☎ 01473 239079 / 07961 700775,  steve.fosdick@suffolkscouts.org.uk

What next! Fill in the application overleaf and send with a cheque payable to SUFFOLK COUNTY CLIMBING TEAM to Roger Dann at 55 Birch Drive, Brantham, Suffolk CO11 1TG **as soon as possible** and by no later than Saturday 30th August 2014. There will be no refunds for cancellations after this date unless the Team can allocate places to another participant.

Kit List:

Rucksack/bag (including a daysack), sleeping bag, night-wear; waterproof outer garments, warm sweater, T-shirt or similar; shorts/trousers, underclothes, socks, hiking boots, indoor shoes/trainers, washing kit, towel, swimming trunks, hankies, personal first aid kit, torch/batteries and whistle, plate, bowl, cutlery, mug, tea towel. Map case and 'silva' type compass. Pencil and small note-book or pad.

Please note this is the minimum amount of kit required for this type of event.

Outdoor clothing and footwear must be suitable for the weather conditions that may be experienced when taking part in these activities in a hill or mountain environment.

Leaders may wish to check OS Maps 297 & OL2 for possible route planning

All activities will be run in accordance with the Scout Association Rules. No responsibility for personal equipment, clothing and effects can be accepted by the Event Organisers and the Scout Association **DOES NOT** provide automatic insurance cover in respect of such items. This includes mobile telephones and participants will be encouraged to turn off phones during the event and only use in an absolute emergency.

WHARFEDALE HILL WALKING & CLIMBING EVENT BASED AT CURLY HILL SCOUT CAMP & ACTIVITY CENTRE, MIDDLETON, ILKLEY, WEST YORKSHIRE,

Saturday Sept 20th to Sunday Sept 21st 2014
(arriving Friday night 19th)

Please note: all participants to complete all sections of this form. It gives authority for the Event Leader to sign on your behalf any papers needed by the Medical Authorities in case of emergency treatment.

Leaders/Parents - Please ensure these forms are complete before sending in applications.

It is with regret the Team have decided that due to the high number of incomplete forms being received and the time consumed in retrieving this information that in future bookings will only be accepted upon receipt of application forms containing all the information required for the welfare of all participants.

Please reserve one place for on the [Curly Hill 2014 event](#) - cheque for £

Name:..... Group/Unit:.....

Address:.....
..... e-mail:.....

Postcode:..... Telephone:.....

National Health Service Number:..... Date of Birth:.....

Date of last Tetanus injection:

Medicines currently being taken:

Are you allergic to anything (eg aspirin, antibiotics, particular drugs or food?), if so please give details:

Do you have any special dietary needs?

Do you have any mobility difficulties?

Name and address of family doctor:

Telephone number

During the event (if not at home, i.e. holiday etc.) my..... can be contacted at:

Name: (of parent/carer, relative, family friend)

Telephone number (Landline please).....**If a landline number is not available please provide the address of the above if not the same as the participant in addition to a mobile phone number - thanks.**

Address: (of parent/carer, relative, family friend)

I will inform you if she/he/I has/ or have been in contact with any infectious disease within three weeks prior to the event. If it becomes necessary for to receive medical treatment and I cannot be contacted by telephone, or any other means to authorise this, I hereby give my general consent to any necessary medical treatment and authorise the Scouter-In-Charge to the event, to sign any document required by the hospital authorities.

Signature.....Date.....

Note: The medical profession takes the view that the parent's/carer's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. This view is explicit in the Children's Act 1989. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor or nurse insisting on the con-sent of a parent/care has the right to so. For this reason we do not recommend that Leaders insist on parents/carers signing the statement above. However, it can be a comfort to medical staff to have general consent in advance from parents/carers or to have a Leader on hand able to sign forms required by the medical authorities. Please state (briefly) hill walking experience i.e. area, frequency and whether your wish to lead or assist in leading a walking group:.....and rock climbing experience i.e. area/crags:.....or if new to rock climbing experience on climbing towers and/or walls:



The brave CMAT mountaineers (and Matthew)

CMAT HILLWALKING WEEKEND, GREAT TOWER 3rd TO 5th MAY 2014

THE May hillwalking weekend is usually a frenzy of team-building in preparation for the summer trip to the Alps or Cairngorms. However, CMAT are having a well-earned rest this year and so the serious job of mountaineering resembled more of a giggle in the sun and rain, well the Lake District's water has to come from somewhere! Being unusually optimistic we swapped our sumptuous indoor accommodation to



'Robbers Roost', but *Pooh sticks off Wansfell* were not disappointed. Bear-Stumpy had pitched his tent in our high hideaway amongst the trees and rocks at Great Tower and was busy wrestling a log as big as him, which admittedly is not hard to find, onto the alter fire as we arrived. We put our tents up and were soon warming our toes and other extremities, enjoying a fantastic moonlit starry sky.

So there was a spring in our step the next morning as we dodged the fell runners and made our way up the southern ridge of Wetherlam, testing navigational skills as we



Navigating up Wetherlam

went. Rob was typically enthusiastic as he successfully found his small tarn, tip toeing across some stepping stones to perform a little dance at its island heart and bang on track we reached the summit cairn. The views towards Helvellyn, Fairfield, Scafell Pike, Langdale and the 'Old Man' of Conistone were fantastic, but the forecasted clouds were reeling in. Fortunately, Stumpy announced that he had already been up the Old Man, so we headed back down, pausing to skim stones on Levers Water and returning to Great Tower in time for spaghetti bolognese and cake.

By Sunday morning the clouds had arrived in force and our planned high trip was re-routed to take in the brilliant Wansfell Pike. This amazing little mountain proudly stands just over 400 metres above the head of Windermere

and we fought our way through traffic to find a parking space on the outskirts of Ambleside - one of the pleasures of a bank holiday weekend. However, we soon left the fleecy shoppers behind as we headed steeply uphill towards the Pike's rocky summit and the hint of a view through the cloud and clag. Matthew sneaked a peak of a different sort as he spied Barry's secret stash of chocolate fingers - *The amazing summit view (and a reward for reaching the top, honest.*



The amazing summit view (and Matthew)

We headed downwards again exploiting a picturesque stream for a quick game of Pooh sticks as Windermere stretched out in front of us. Emily was by now beside herself with excitement as she tried to work out the location of Wild Cat Island and where Roger bravely wore two pairs of pants in Swallows and Amazons. The views were even better from Jenkin Crag as we watched the water-skiers zooming along from the safety of our bluebell and garlic wood (a curious combination, even by Heston Blumenthal's standards). Then it was back to Great Tower for some amazing Jamie Oliver sausage pasta and tales of Stumpy's trip with Jon to find a camera in the midst of another bog.

Monday brought clear skies and having formed a cunning plan for the day, we nipped over the M6 parking near Sedbergh for a stroll past Cautley Spout waterfall. We tootled on up steeper ground to get a closer look; *The amazing game of Niall pausing for lunch*



roly-poly!

near the Spout and to enjoy a quick game of pass-the-biscuit and Niall roly-poly. Carrying on up we were able to fully appreciate Cautley Spout's status as England's highest cascade waterfall, but were soon bouncing along the idyllic Red Gill Beck. We found a great potential wild-camping spot near Andy Goldsworthy's sheepfold sculpture before hitting the final slopes up to the Topp of Bram Rigg. Once up we were treated to fantastic 360° views from the moonscape moors, which were reminiscent of the far North West of Scotland and we peeked over Cautley Crags before heading back down to the car.

Of course already being in the Yorkshire Dales, we followed the planned Tour de France route spotting yellow bikes all the way through to Ripon. We reached the A1 and pulled over for a fish and chip supper at the Wetherby Whaler; the perfect end to a perfect weekend.

Andrew Waller, CMAT Chairman



Sitting atop Cautley Crags

CMAT CLIMBING WEEKEND, GRADBACH 4th TO 6th APRIL 2014

THE Peaks aren't quite on our doorstep, but they're well worth the relatively short drive up to Gradbach in Derbyshire to reverse evolution and have a good monkey around. So, armed with an assortment of CMAT 'friends' and 'nuts' (no offence intended!), fifty-six intrepid Explorers, Scouts and Leaders headed for the steep stuff.

Conditions were almost perfect at Windgather, our first crag, (except for the rain and wind!) and we set up seven fantastic challenges at varying levels of difficulty for everyone to get stuck into. The Explorers and Scouts soon mastered the easier routes, moving on to progressively harder climbs as their



Scaling the amazing Windgather rocks.



Battling through the gunge at Ramshaw.

confidence and smiles grew. Connor went one step further, learning how to belay other Explorers and Leaders; mind I was glad he had a decent ground anchor when it was my turn to head up!

The next day we pushed on to somewhat slippier routes on Ramshaw Rocks near Leek and although the weather stayed dry, a fair amount of slithering through various layers of green gunge was required before most of the climbs could be conquered and the Bakewell tart was earned.

Our next climbing trip is at Ilkley on the 20th and 21st September, where the rocks are as sticky as the buns in Betty's Tea Rooms!!



Connor and his grigri!




SUFFOLK

Jenny Mullan (County Commissioner) and Peter Jones (County Chairman)

Request the pleasure of your company at The Annual General Meeting of the Suffolk County Scout Council

on Thursday 25th September 2014, 7.45pm for 8pm at St Edmunds Hall, Cumberland Road, Southwold, IP18 6JP

RSVP to: Peter Buckle, County Secretary, 143 Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich, IP4 5BS.

☎ 01473 711678. ✉ suffolkscouts@btconnect.com



Suffolk Scouts

TrainingManager

How are your navigation skills? Can you find your location on a map, at night, using only the map and a magnetic compass? If so, the **SMILE PLUS** is the event for you.

If you aren't sure how to use a map, compass or how to navigate, then you need to be on **SMILE**.

Come and try out all of your Scouting skills, and learn new skills in the only County Patrol camp for adults (*and it is free!!!!*).

Book via the online training system

☎ <https://training.suffolkscouts.org.uk/>