

# COUNTY LIFE

REPORTING NEWS AND VIEWS FROM AROUND GME SCOUTS



## From the County Commissioner:

This month will see the biggest-ever exodus of members of the County onto international trips – 8 will be going to the Rover Moot in Kenya, 16 Explorer Scouts and 4 Leaders will head off to Denmark on the county's Explorer Belt Expedition, and a massive 128 Scouts and Explorers and 24 Leaders will take part in the County's most ambitious overseas project to date – the Nippon Jamboree in Japan – add to that the myriad members of the County who will travel at home and abroad on Scout Camps and expeditions and you'll soon begin to see what fantastic opportunities we are giving our young people to have experiences-of-a-lifetime. None of these would happen without the tremendous dedication, commitment, and sheer hard work of countless Leaders and supporters, parents and fundraisers – to all of them a HUGE THANKYOU. To those young people taking part in the camps and trips remember you are putting your own Group, Unit, the County, and Scouting in the spotlight; you are in the front line representing us so please make sure that in all that you are, and do, and say, you portray Scouting at its very best. Remember too to thank the volunteers who've given you such fantastic opportunities – and the best way to show your gratitude is by being an example of the best of Scouting of whom they can be proud.

I hope that the next two months will be packed with outdoor fun, adventure, excitement, and challenge for everyone in the County (and possibly also some time off for a well-earned break to recharge the batteries?). When everyone is back in September we will have much to celebrate, and there will be lots of stories of great successes – themes which will be at the forefront of our series of special County events to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Full details will be sent out to you shortly – but in the meantime keep the date free. These events will be for all Network members, Leaders, and Supporters. Put the date in your diary now.

With my best wishes to you all for a happy, safe, and sunny Summer.

Andrew Corrie  
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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## We're going to Nippon

As I sit down to write this, it's 21 days, 19 hours, and 8 minutes (according to the handy countdown on our website, [japan2010.org.uk](http://japan2010.org.uk)) until we meet in a supermarket car park, at 4 o'clock in the morning, to begin our adventure to Japan, and the 15th Nippon Jamboree.

For some this journey began over 2 years ago, when they first started putting together plans to attend the 15th Nippon Jamboree. But for most, it started last September, at our 1st Training Weekend, at the Cabin. Around 120 of the 160 participants met for a weekend of silly games, Japanese Culture, and "getting to know you" sessions.

Since then, we've been fundraising round the clock. £1000 is a lot of money to raise, so £1000 "each" has required a terrific effort from everybody concerned.

We've bag packed, cycled to Japan, sold links on our website, bag packed, received generous donations of goods and services, washed cars, run market stalls, bag packed, hosted football competitions, climbed to Japan, run a raffle, applied for grants, sold badges, oh, and bag packed. We would like to thank everyone who has sponsored us, bought from us, donated to us, sold to us, or helped us in anyway.



Our 2nd Training Weekend was supposed to be at the beginning of January, but that had to be hastily rearranged at the last minute due to the small snowstorm that engulfed the UK. So instead, we met in March, at Linnet Clough, for an activity weekend. By this time, all the Explorers had been split into their Troops, so we camped as we will on the Jamboree, each Troop being self sufficient. We had access to the full range of activities at the Clough, archery, shooting, climbing and high ropes, as well as some activities put on by the Contingent leaders.

This year's Beaver and Cub Fun Day had a Join in Japan theme, and the activities were, by and large, run by the Japan contingent members. We initially hoped that around 400 Beavers and Cubs would be able to attend, but the final number was twice that, at over 800 young people. Join in Japan was self-financing (it wasn't a fund raiser), the aim was to give something back to the County, in thanks for their support.

Now, as we prepare to leave, we have one final gathering, back at the Clough, to practise what it will be like on the Jamboree. We're also expecting guests from the 83rd Fife (Cairneyhill) Explorers who are the only other Scouts from the UK attending the Nippon Jamboree this year. They've been a couple of times before, and will hopefully have lots of advice for us.

You can follow all our adventures on the Contingent website ([www.japan2010.org.uk](http://www.japan2010.org.uk)), which we intend to keep up to date whilst we are in Japan. There are already photos, and videos, of our activities so far, so check it out. You'll also find links there to the official Jamboree site, and other useful resources.

Al Rainsbury  
[www.japan2010.org.uk](http://www.japan2010.org.uk)



## Explorer Belt Expedition – Denmark 2010 27 July – 8 August

Over the past year 16 young people (5 teams) have been preparing for the Expedition to Denmark. They have attended three training evenings and one training weekend. Their final training weekend will be held on Saturday 3 July / Sunday 4 July, when they will have a final kit check and be briefed on all aspects of the Expedition.

The rules for Explorer Belt are given below:

- You **MUST** be aged 16 before the start of the Expedition
- If you are 18 or over at the start of the Expedition you **MUST** be CRB checked and provide your Disclosure number. (CRB checks are done through Scout Network, Scout Group or Scout District)
- Plan & train for an International expedition as part of a small team.
- Travel to another country and travel through that country for 10 days
- Complete a major project of your choice
- Complete at least 10 smaller projects
- Keep a diary during the expedition and work within a small budget
- Take part in a debriefing after the expedition
- Make a presentation about the Expedition; preferably within two months of the end of the Expedition
- The Award **MUST** be **COMPLETED** by your 25<sup>th</sup> birthday



On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July the teams will travel to Copenhagen where they will be given their allowance for the 10 day expedition and a folder in which to write up their experiences and projects. Each team will travel around Denmark meeting people, visiting towns and villages and completing their chosen projects. After 10 days they will meet in Toftlund for de-briefing and assessment before returning to Manchester on Sunday 8 August.

The final step of the Expedition is to hold a public presentation about their experiences. At this the quality and thoroughness of their work will be assessed and belts will be presented to the successful candidates.

*Ed. – For the lucky 16 that are heading off on the challenge everybody in the county team wish you all a fantastic time and look forward to hearing some of your stories when you return*

### County Shop

Using the county shop offers you a 10% discount off any price at the National Scout Shop ([www.scoutshops.com](http://www.scoutshops.com)).

If you would like any items then make a list, add up the total cost (remember to take off 10%) and send a cheque payable to GMECSC to Mike Dolan at 684 Manchester Old Road, Rhodes, Manchester. M24 4GB. If you have any questions then contact Mike on [communications@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:communications@gmescouts.org.uk). All orders will be available from the County Office after they are delivered.

## 13th World Scout Moot, Kenya, 2010 – It's Time!

The 13th World Scout Moot is taking place in Kenya between 27th July and 7th August 2010. It will be the first World Scouting event for young people to take place in Africa.

There are 126 Network Scouts from around the country attending the Moot, seven participants are from GME.



**Vicky Cummins**  
**Freya Jones**  
**Ben Bowen**  
**Francesca Nice**  
**Rachael Harris**  
**Hannah Hochland**  
**Tom Simpson**

Upon arrival in Kenya they will be spending four days at one of five expedition centres and then coming together at the Moot Gathering which will be based at Rowallan, Nairobi.

Once the Moot is over the participants have a choice of the following

Safari  
Community project  
Home Hospitality  
Mount. Kenya and Kilimanjaro

Have a fantastic time and we wish them all an exciting and safe trip!

For all those interested in attending a Moot the 14<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot is being held in August 2013 in Canada, I will publish more information on this event when it is available.

Debbie Gallagher  
ACC International



## Samba Scouts Band – Sponsored Piano Push

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2010 Tameside South Scouts Samba Band will be pushing a full size upright piano 25 miles along the coast of Wales from Prestatyn to Llandudno. This will be a sponsored event to raise money for some much needed equipment so the Samba Band can continue to develop and grow.

It will certainly be a challenge for the members of the samba band, but our determination and willpower to succeed will drive us forward. I hope you can support our cause in any way possible anything from 10p to £10 will make a huge difference.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 5:30pm I hope you can all attend St George's Centre in Dane Bank for a FREE BBQ and a burning of the piano to congratulate the young people in the Samba Band on their achievement. The bar will be open and the samba drums will be out for you to have a go at playing with the Samba band.

Anyone and Everyone is WELCOME!

Look forward to seeing you all there.

Thanking you for all your support  
Loz, Becky and the Samba Band.

# LINNET CLOUGH

## SCOUT CAMP AND ACTIVITY CENTRE



## News from the Clough

### Canoes for Sale



We have recently replaced our fleet of kayaks and canoes. Our old craft and kit are now for sale; if your Group are interested in buying them please contact Carl.

### Campsite Services Badge

We will be holding another Campsite Services weekend on 19-21 November.

Take part in site maintenance projects; learn how to unblock the drains and how to look after the activity equipment. You may be putting up fencing or chopping down trees – whatever you do on this enjoyable weekend you will have helped to keep Linnet Clough at its best.

Scouts can earn Camp Site Services Badge, Explorers can earn Activity Centre Service badge. The cost is £15 per person to cover the costs of food. If any of your Scouts are interested then contact us.

### Medieval Banquet

Do something different this New Year and come to Linnet Clough.

We are holding our famous medieval night again, for £40 a person you can enjoy a banquet, mead, ale, entertainment and midnight fireworks. Please contact us for further details.

### Accommodation Availability

For the remainder of 2010 we have limited availability for the indoor accommodation.

In the Barn Complex we have 13-15 August and 3-5 September.

In the Lynmouth Chalet we have 13-15 August, 3-5 December, 10-12 December and 17-19 December.

Please book now if you are interested.

If you would like more information about Linnet Clough then you can contact us by telephone on 0161 427 1688 or via E-mail at [linnetcloughcamp@aol.com](mailto:linnetcloughcamp@aol.com).

## A New Years Eve Medieval Banquet



### Includes:

- 5 Course Banquet
- Ale, Mead, Wine and Champagne
- Entertainment
- New Year Fireworks



For Bookings: email [linnetcloughcamp@aol.com](mailto:linnetcloughcamp@aol.com)  
or write to Linnet Clough Campsite and Activity  
Centre, Gibb Lane, Mellor, Stockport, SK6 3NB  
Tel: 0161 427 1688

Cost £40 (inclusive)

## The New Bullock Smithy Hike



56 Miles in the Peak District.

Organised by 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazel Grove Scout Group.

Date: 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> September 2010

HQ: 3<sup>rd</sup> Hazel Grove S G. Almost opposite the Carpet Right Showroom

Time: Start mid day Saturday

Where: Devonshire Park. Opp. Scout HQ

Finish: Group HQ. To be completed within 24 hrs

### Information.

The event is an official Long Distance Walkers Challenge event, taking the entrants in a loop through the beautiful Peak District. Entry is open to both walkers and runners, and there are prizes / certificates for all finishers. The event was started 34 years ago, and has 100s of regular supporters who come back each year to test themselves in one of the toughest events on the calendar. In addition, we regularly get entries from abroad, and such is the events fame, it was extensively featured on BBC TV a few years ago.

Bullock Smithy is the old name for Hazel Grove. It was famous for many things including, to quote the notable John Wesley, 'all manner of evil and wickedness'. Some things don't change. There are still some very evil people in Hazel Grove. Every year, they make 100s of innocent people run, walk, crawl and grovel up hill and down dale. For most, all they get for up to 24 hours of pain and suffering is breakfast and a certificate! There must be something in it!

Many people use it as a fund raiser for Charity, and there have been some very notable results recently with 1 group raising £10K for McMillan Nurses. The event is one of Hazel Grove's most famous activities, and the Scout HQ is buzzing all weekend.

This year is the 34th consecutive running of the event, some going, and the organising team, headed up by Steve Holt, is ready and eager to take the Hike forward. The course, the warm welcome at the 14 checkpoints and the real physical challenge won't change, nor will the feeling of elation arriving back at HQ. Are you up for it?

For more information contact the events publicity man, Quentin Blagg. Home: 01625 872825 / Mobile- 07764 821241 / email – [quentin.blagg@genmills.com](mailto:quentin.blagg@genmills.com). Or visit our Website [www.bullocksmithy.com](http://www.bullocksmithy.com).

**HALLOWSCREAM**  
**Saturday 30th October**  
**@ Linnet Clough**  
**7pm till 10:30pm**  
**£5 per person or £15 for a family**  
**(2 adults 2 children or 1 adult 3 children)**  
**FREE hotdog & hot drink per ticket**  
**Bonfire & Fireworks**  
**Tickets available from**  
**Section Leaders**  
**or**  
**Becky Kippax**  
**1st Denton St Lawrence BSL**  
**becky.kippax@hotmail.com**  
**0161 366 7672**  
**Don't miss out, Fun for all ages**

## County Diary

### July

2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup>	Japan Exp. Training weekend
3 <sup>rd</sup>	National Scout Car Championships Blackley
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Survival Camp – Boarfield
25 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Japan Expedition
27 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> August	13 <sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot - Kenya
31 <sup>st</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> August	100 years of Guiding (Camp at the Clough)

### September

11 <sup>th</sup>	Core Team Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mega Team Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts City Quest
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bush Craft weekend
25 <sup>th</sup>	County Conference
26 <sup>th</sup>	Scout Zap Day

**Greater Manchester East Scouts**

**Ski Italy 2011**

Join the Adventure in Italy  
18th - 26th February 2011 (Half Term)

Prices: Participants Under 18 Years £ 745  
Participants 18 years & Over £ 845

Price includes: Transport from Stockport, Full Board Accommodation, Equipment Hire, Lift Pass, Ski Instruction, Helmets

**DON'T MISS OUT - RESERVE YOUR PLACE TODAY!**

For More Details Contact:  
Phil Santana-Reedy - 0161 485 4507, 07962 072888

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## Gilwell Reunion – 2010

Gilwell Reunion 2010 will take place from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th September 2010 at The Scout Association's Gilwell Park Activity Centre.

Gilwell Reunion is an event which happens every year on the first full weekend in September. It was established to mark the occasion of the first Wood Badge course in 1919, enabling Wood Badge holders from across the world to come together as the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group.

The event is now in its 84th year and has run since 1921 every year (except for four years during the Second World War) and is a gathering of around 2000 adults within Scouting.

In recent years the event has opened up to all adults within Scouting, from the UK and around the world.

Activities include:

Evening Entertainment in 3 locations

- Saturday is aimed at Supporting the section
- Sunday is designed for supporting the individual
- Enjoy a drink with the Scout Association trustees, as well as catching up with old or making new friends

If you are interested in attending this year's event and you are an adult in Scouting then please visit the Gilwell Park Booking website (<http://gilwellpark.ticket seller.co.uk/buyticket.cfm>) Tickets cost just £10.

## Awards

Congratulations this month should go to the following people who have been recently received the Award for Merit and the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service. Also congratulations to this who have been awarded their long service awards. Special congratulations must go to Michael Stuart Vernon who has amassed an amazing 50 years of service.

### Award of Merit

Ian Russell Haskell (1<sup>st</sup> Heaton Vale Sea Scouts), Mrs Helen Wendy Nightingale (2<sup>nd</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Stockport), Simon John Rowland (1<sup>st</sup> Offerton), Mrs Elizabeth Ann Slater (DESC, Stockport)

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Miss Gillian Drabble (1<sup>st</sup> Offerton), Brendan Gerard Hegarty (4<sup>th</sup> Stockport), Mrs Jacqueline 'Jackie' Hodgkinson (13<sup>th</sup> Stockport), Steven Patrick Kelly (DSC Stockport), Mrs Caroline Lovell (1<sup>st</sup> Offerton), Paul Shepherd (1<sup>st</sup> Offerton)

### 15 Years Service

Derek Whittaker (Goyt), Timothy Peter Shaw (Ladybrook Valley), Louise Jarman & Rachael Ann Pimley (both North Manchester), Debbie Wagstaff (North Tameside), Helen Wendy Nightingale (Stockport),

### 20 Years Service

Kay Patricia Baxter (Cheadle and District), Neil Karl Philips & Alan Shaw (both Ladybrook Valley), Paul John Good & David Leitch (both Manchester South), Colin James Raftery (North Manchester), Edward Alan Adderley (Tameside South)

### 25 Years Service

Ann Rankin (Cheadle and District), Adrienne Mary Stevens (Goyt), Anne Pauline Wardrop (Ladybrook Valley), Darren William Doran (Manchester North),

### 30 Years Service

Andrew Tonge (Stockport)

### 50 Years Service

Michael Stuart Vernon (Ladybrook Valley)



With all maps currently at 3 for 2 you could save yourself over £1,000 (if you bought all of the 403 Explorer Maps that cover the UK). Of course you don't have to buy them all to make the savings you just need to buy multiples of 3 and they can be of any map that you want.

To make the most of the offer visit the OS Website at <http://leisure.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/>. Offer end 31<sup>st</sup> August.



**Fancy flying through the air on a Giant Swing?**  
**Showing off your moves on the Elvis Pole?**  
**Or making your way across a Monkey Bridge 35 feet in the air?**  
**Oh, and a hot pot supper too!**

**How?**  
**An evening at Challenge 4 Change indoor high adventure centre!**  
**Three hours of fun and a hot pot supper for just £25!**

**Thursday 15 July & Wednesday 21 July**  
**7.00 - 10.00pm**  
*Challenge 4 Change*  
Trafford Park,  
Manchester M17 1AL  
[www.challenge4change.org](http://www.challenge4change.org)

**To book call Matt on 07545 757752 or email [matt@intheoutdoors.co.uk](mailto:matt@intheoutdoors.co.uk)**



22<sup>nd</sup> WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011  
**UNITED KINGDOM**



## Nick's Jambo Blog

It has been a couple of months since I last had chance to fill you in with what's been happening in Jamboree land and I have lots to tell you about.

The last few months have been full and active for me and I've been out and about visiting the various units I'm supporting, we've had a number of national events too.

### MY UNIT VISITS

During May I spent a very enjoyable evening with the West Yorkshire Units at their unit launch, it was very well attended by both the participants and their parents.

I have also been in Chester with the Cheshire units to support them at their 'Dragon Boat' event. Dragon Boat racing has been popular with Cheshire Scouts for some time, it was yet again a fantastic day for everyone and great for me to be involved.

### UNIT LEADERS WEEKEND AT DAVENTRY.

Early in June the 2<sup>nd</sup> Unit Leaders weekend was held in Daventry in the Midlands, adults from all over the UK attended and the weekend consisted of workshops, presentations to provided the very latest information from HQ and the Jamboree organisers in Sweden and on Saturday evening involved a formal dinner with the guest speaker, Richard Butler (2007 IST Manager and CC for Norfolk). GME was well represented at the event with our Unit Leaders and CST all attending.

### JAMBOREE NEWS

The whole Jamboree preparation process is gathering pace and the CMT travelled to the Head of Contingents meeting in Sweden a few weeks ago, they came back with lots of new information. I'm not able to share everything in this blog so I've managed to come up with what I think are the highlights and most interesting.

- We have been allocated an additional 300 IST places which will bring our total members number to 4444, that will be the largest ever UK contingent to travel outside the UK.
- The National 'Join in Jamboree' programme will be launched in the October issue of 'Scouting' magazine and will include activities each month for ALL sections.
- The list of Countries for Home Hospitality (Ho Ho) has been increased from 5 to 12 and includes places as wide apart as Finland, Netherlands, Poland and Spain!
- The Jamboree tent design was unveiled and it is VERY FUNKY.

### INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TEAM

Some of our IST people enjoyed an Indian meal in Rusholme recently, thanks to all those who managed to attend. The National IST Gathering will be held at Walesby Scout Activity centre in July, this will also include an additional selection event for the extra 300 places. It should be a great event with over 500 people camping together. Good luck to the extra GME Leaders who are up for selection.

That's about it for me for this month, have a great summer and I look forward to bringing you more Jambo news in September.

Nick Steciuk,  
UK Contingent Support Team

## National Notice Board

- Vetting Scheme – As many of you will know the new Government has cancelled the new vetting scheme. Sadly many people had already put in a lot of work for this so that our transition into it would have been smooth. The original CRB system is to be maintained therefore as an organisation we should carry on using this. The Scout Association is still planning on continuing with its plans to use the electronic CRB system at the end of the month so that local postage costs are still reduced.
- Are your personal details correct on the scouting system? If you receive Scouting Magazine every 2 months and also receive Scouting+ E-mailer weekly then your details are most likely correct however if you don't receive either then log on to [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) and check your details.
- Once again this month various factsheets have been updated they are as follows:
  - Forming or changing to a Sea Scout Group (FS120616)
  - Scouting Afloat: Sea Scouting in the UK (FS295108)
  - Criminal Records Check (FS321004)
  - The District Executive Committee (FS330078)
  - Criminal Records, Disclosures and the Scout Network (FS800011)
- The Scout Association have introduced the following NEW Factsheets:
  - Planning an Outing (FS155068 replacing FS155052 & FS170057)
  - Design and Deliver and Effective Recruitment Event (FS500017)
- Remember that you have to get both your Tesco Club and Sainsbury Active Kid's vouchers back to the relative companies this month either for items or to bank them for next year.
- Want a free Computer? Home access is their to ensure that young people from low income families can benefit from Computer Technology. For more info visit [www.homeaccess4.me](http://www.homeaccess4.me).
- Creative Challenge – Although 6 months away now is the time to start designing the Scout Christmas card. Winners will receive a copy of "A complete Guide to Scouting Skills". Get those entries in to The Scout Association, Gilwell Park, London E4 7QW quick as entries close on the 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### Message from the editor.....Andrea Dolan

The Summer is here, and the world cup is all but a distant memory (especially after a set of dismal English games). We are all (I'm sure) looking forward to a well earned month off during August.

The past month has continued to be a busy time in the Scouting calendar in Manchester, and from some of the information that you have sent me the following few months are not going to let up in pace. Good luck and have fun to those attending moots / jamborees and explorer belts. Have a wonderful summer and for those of you going away on Summer camp I hope that you have a fantastic time. I am off to Walesby with my Scouts in August.

Remember that there is no County Life in August but we will be back after the summer break. Please send your articles to me for the September issue by the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. Please send all of your articles to [countylife@gmescouts.org.uk](mailto:countylife@gmescouts.org.uk)

Thanks for all of your continued Support

Andrea Dolan

