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FAREWELL, FAREWELL

With the sound of the closing band ringing in their ears tired but happy campers made their way back from the main stage to their sub camps for the last time. CamJam 2011 is over, but the memories and friendships will live on. Eighteen hundred young people and around twelve hundred adults had turned Huntingdon Racecourse into a village for a week and the atmosphere in the newest village in Cambridgeshire was electric from start to finish. Even the rain on Thursday failed to dampen the spirit of the campers and even when the main stage blew away, the camaraderie allowed entertainments to continue in the cool open air.

Earlier in the evening Richard Hames, the Camp Chief and County Commissioner for Cambridgeshire had kicked off the closing ceremony and Friday party by thanking the very many teams of people who had worked hard over the past three years to make CamJam 2011 such a success. He then went on to introduce the four sub camp leaders, Martin Hall, Mark Royle, Steve Taylor and Chris Halliday. Martin Hall made special mention of the site services team who had come on site a week before camp and who would still be clearing up into next week. As Richard told us all of how fantastic it had been to be celebrating 21 years of CamJam it then became time to show the talent.



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How much for 1 knecker

In Wednesdays issue of the Winning Post we mentioned the raffle being undertaken by the 1st Whetstone Rangers for one of their Tinkerbell kneckers. The final total raised was £192.67 which the CGT team made up to £200. Well done girls - a fantastic idea.



Over 3 days and 18 hours of auditions, CamJam's Got Talent had decided upon it's final 12 contestants. The performances came in a variety of forms including a fantastic dance routine to Calvin Harris' "Bounce" from Sonny, an acoustic rendition of Jessie J's "Price Tag" by Samuel and a heart-moving performance of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" by Matthew.

The contest was judged by a decibel meter as the crowd roared for their favourite contestant. With a winning decibel reading of 109.3 the competition was won by a lively and involved performance of Florence and the Machine's "You've got the Love" by Christina.



First Aid



As always the Eastbourne District Scout First Aid Team provide round the clock cover for CamJam's campers. Tim went to speak with the team and find out a little more about EDSFAT.

Although EDSFAT have a global membership, the majority of the team are based on the south coast and they provide first aid cover for upwards of 30 scouting events per year, including one week long jamboree. In addition they also teach first response.

CamJam has been a fairly average camp - they expect to see around 2% of the camp population per day and this is what they have been roughly doing, but as with any job there are busy and quiet periods.

The team also like to make their time fun and have unofficial as well as official birthdays, plus a relaxation area where they can sit and chill when off duty, but when on duty they all have their roles and know what to do.

The team try to self fund and have a website selling first aid supplies. Why not try it. www.edsfat.org.uk



Meet the Team



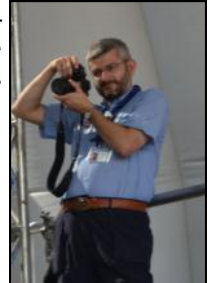
At the end of the camp we thought it would be good to introduce you to the team behind the news. Our two roving reporters have been Ellen Tack - a Guide Leader from Camborne and Ryan Aymes - an ADC from Suffolk

Behind photos and articles, and also the whiz with websites and digital things was Richard Carpenter - County Advisor (websites) for Cambridgeshire and design, photos and editing the paper has been Tim Burgess - AGSL in Nene District.



We hope you have all had a fantastic time and hope you have a safe journey home.

Tim



The Story of the Clock

Have you seen the clock in Thailand sub camp HQ. This has a CamJam history and has been in The Winning Post before. In 2006 Mark Royle was leading the Newmarket sub camp and one night succeeded in burning the bottom out of a relatively new large frying pan (see picture). Unknown to him his sub camp staff took the said pan and turned it into a clock which they presented to him at the end of the camp.

Rumour has it it keeps as good time as Mark!



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Wendy Cohn, Jono Powell, Tom Barr, Ross Mullen, Scott Crozier, West Haines, James Wright, Rachel Juel-Bier, Harriet Neville and Karen Trciky. Sorry we also missed Stuart and Rosey's 5th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday.



Odds and Sods

After Thursday nights loy krathong festival, Thailand sub camp have a replacement stage available.

Chadwell St Marys Scouts and Leaders would like to welcome Ian Spurgeon, Assistant Scout Leader who was invested into the troop on Thursday night in Chile sub camp. A big thank you to everyone in the troop, Leaders and Scouts for a great CamJam.

Steve, Cheryl, Alan, Jo, James and Andy would like to say a very big thank you to all of those groups on Chile sub camp for a really terrific and very enjoyable week and for all of your help and enthusiasm. Have a safe journey home, Chile, Chile, - Hot, Hot, Hot!

Congratulations to Zoe Jarrett and Joe Williams from the Devon Scouts and Explorers who completed the StiffnStilted stilt challenge

and were presented with their kneckers.

One parent called admin today and asked for the postcode of the Racecourse. When asked why they replied they thought it would be difficult to collect their son from a PO Box as this was the address give by the leader for collection.

The Cambridgeshire County Training Team have trained 66 leaders this week on 120 different modules and validated many more - wow!

Newmarket Explorers beat the leaders in a head to head race to the get the fastest time on the gun run of 4 minutes 52 seconds.

Found Property

Admin has lots of property that has been found, and that they would like to return. It will be available this morning for you to collect. However, we will dispose of all unclaimed items once the camp has finished.

Today's Weather

Partly cloudy
 high 20 C
 low 11 C
 Sunrise 05:31
 Sunset 20:41