

North East Norfolk Mardle

Newsletter launch!

September sees the launch of the brand new North East Norfolk Mardle.

The newsletter is going to be coming out regularly with lots of exciting things in it, including:

- ◆ A word from...
- ◆ Who am I?
- ◆ What's been going on?
- ◆ Meeting dates
- ◆ Training dates



We are also going to be including the stories which you send in as well. We want to see what your Sections and Groups are up too. These can be emailed to northeastnorfolk@gmail.com -

(Just make sure you have the correct permissions for the photo).

A challenge...

Are you a budding photographer?



Do you have a way with words?

We are looking for pictures and articles for the newsletter and for the Facebook page. So...it's time to get your camera out, grab you friends and get snapping.

We want you to show us what your Group and your Section has been up to! Trips, activities, badge nights, camps, and anything else you've had fun doing.

Send your pictures with a few paragraphs or your written articles to – northeastnorfolk@gmail.com

A word from the District Chair...

Hello everyone,

Well that was our summer and quickly following Indian summer, all done now. It hardly seems we were just into this new year and now we're heading fast towards autumn. Hopefully many of you have had a lovely Easter camp, half-term camp, WAW activities camp or summer camp. I know some of you have been abroad to help impoverished villagers and a small number have been to the Korean WSJ. Doubtless everyone has lots of recent extraordinary memories and tales for around the campfires yet to come.

On the subject of camping and Nights Away, I need to tell you the 'honeymoon' period of me simply talking to you about your camping endeavours over the past interrupted five years rather than you completing a NAPermit application / renewal form, is about to end. We need to return to the application / renewal forms once again please. I do realise that initially from March 2020 to March 2021 was our first 'lockdown' with almost no NA events whatsoever until late autumn hereabouts. Then again December 2021 to May 2022 was the second 'lockdown' followed by a really gradual restart to meetings and days out once more, and eventually tentative nights away. After May 2022 when all restrictions were lifted, even then our return to meetings, events and camps, was really slow.

What had been decided was for me to say to everyone, over the latest 18 months simply confirm that you want your NAPermit renewed, and because of the long period during 'lockdown' when nothing happened in the past five years of your camping diaries, your NA log.

Subsequently I have been talking to NAPermit applicants by phone, sometimes to reassure you that inviting & suggesting another current NAPermit holder attends to support your next planned NA event will help bring back all your confidence and experience were you feeling unsure.

The plan was to resume 'normal service' from this late autumn as that will be a further 18 months since the C19 restrictions were lifted, to account for the shortfall of 18 months in the past 5 years of everyone's NA history.

With that, the time is upon us to all look on Compass and check amongst everything else, the expiry date of our NAPermit please. Then download the NAP application / renewal document as below, complete all the appropriate sections and email it to me please.

You can find it using this link: <https://cms.scouts.org.uk/media/11877/application-for-nights-away-permit-jan-19.docx>.

Hear from you soon, YiS with regards from Clive



What's been going on in the District?

JOTT – North meets East

On the 21st - 22nd of May 50 Scouts, Explorers, Young Leaders and Adult leaders from North East Norfolk and East Norfolk came together at Happisburgh for JOTT (Jamboree on the trail). They covered over 25 miles in the 2 days with an overnight stop at Repps-with-Bastwick and finishing at Martham Scout HQ.

Each group used the hike as part of their Chief Scout Challenge badge.

It was great to see different groups and sections mixing and supporting each other to complete the challenge. Boundaries were pushed, and many achieved things they didn't think they could.

For a few of them it was the first hike of this distance that they had ever attempted. Some of the participants did struggle and have problems while walking but these were overcome with help from old and new friends!

Yes, there were a few tears and some cries of "***I can't go on***" but when we sorted the leaders out the young people were fine 'haha'. Sarah - ADC Scouts



Adult volunteers honoured at the Royal Norfolk Show

In recognition of the King's wish to promote community cohesion and the spirit of volunteering, about 700 community champions came together in the grand ring on Wednesday. The tribute, organised in partnership with the Norfolk Lieutenancy and the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association, featured people from all walks of life who give countless hours supporting a wide range of good causes. The champions were addressed by the Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk The Lady Dannatt.

She said: "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your contribution in this wonderful county. His majesty is as proud of you as I am and wanted to pass his immense thanks and congratulations to you all."

Here's a few of the adults from North East Norfolk were among those who were recognised.



What's been going on in the District? Continued...

West Runton Turns 80!!



On Saturday July 1st West Runton Group Scouts opened its gates to welcome all its young members, their families, scouting friends and supporters both local and from afar to celebrate our 80th Anniversary. Well over 100 guests including the Chairman of NEN District Scouts Mr Richard Butler and our NEN District Scout Commissioner Mr Paul Henriksen, enjoyed a sizzling BBQ in our grounds we like to call 'The Scout HQ gem of the Norfolk Coast'.

Three special birthday cakes, baked by Angie Cole one of the cooks from Beeston Hall School were created in honour of the occasion. Two were decorated with the two winning designs by our young scouts. Ella Breytenbach designed our new badge to be worn on our uniforms and a young Beaver Luke Peck designed a mug with the oak tree which was sponsored by Mrs Ann Nunn a member of the WRSB Trustees Board. Special thanks to Emma Thorburn who also provided us with an extra cake depicting a scout camping scene and to Nicole Thornton who provided all the bread rolls from her bakery for the BBQ. Also, a special thanks to many local businesses for providing the beautiful Raffle prizes. A particular thank you to Beeston Hall School who continue to support our Scout group in many ways.



It was great evening bringing old friends together to reminisce on their days at West Runton Scout Group. One in particular, Mr John Creasy, now 90 years old living in West Runton was one of the first scouts to join when the group was launched in March 1943 by its founder Miss Marsh who named the group's emblem Restharrow, a creeping plant with clusters of pink flowers which grew in her garden, The Restharrow appears on the Group's necker.

West Runton Turns 80!! Continued...

Two other long-standing members of the group are Mike Cole a present Scout leader and our assistant group Scout leader still working tirelessly for the group after 57 years when he first joined as a cub and Paul Henriksen who joined as a Scout in 1978 and became NEN Scout Commissioner after his role as Group Scout Leader. It was great to see the Burden family made up of Alison who started the Beaver section as a leader, her husband Pip and their sons Joe Richard and Tim all old members of the West Runton Scout Group. Nigel Rampling, a member of the group for many years continues to support us. It was so good to meet so many other old leaders and supporters who came to wish us all the best.



Whilst the young people enjoyed a variety of activities including archery and bean bag throwing, the adults took time to visit the presentation of memorabilia of photos, albums and old uniform spanning 8 decades. All of us are proud to belong to the WRSG which continues to thrive and will hopefully do so for many more years to come, giving all young people the opportunity to learn life skills under the guidance and watchful eyes of our fantastic group of adult volunteers.



Happy 80th Birthday from Helen Cardani Group Scout Leader and the team.



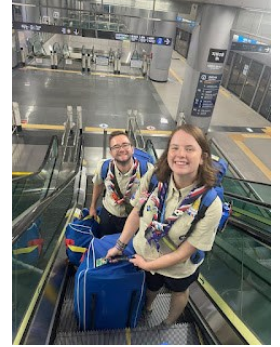
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World Scout Jamboree



On the 25th of July I started my journey on what would be the adventure of a lifetime at the World Scout Jamboree as a member of the UK IST (International Service Team). During my time at the jamboree I met loads of like-minded volunteers who helped facilitate two weeks worth of unforgettable activities for young people from across the globe. I was part of the UK media video team so I had the privilege of getting to record all of the happy smiles of the young people as they explored the site and then Seoul.



Our time on site was cut short, but whilst we were there the jamboree spirit was contagious! Getting to swap badges, make international connections, and learn more about scouting overseas was eye-opening. Conditions on camp may have not been up to the standards that we were expecting but everyone pulled together to make the most of the situation and try to pull the jamboree around. We definitely made a difference which was very rewarding to see once the young people finally made it onsite.

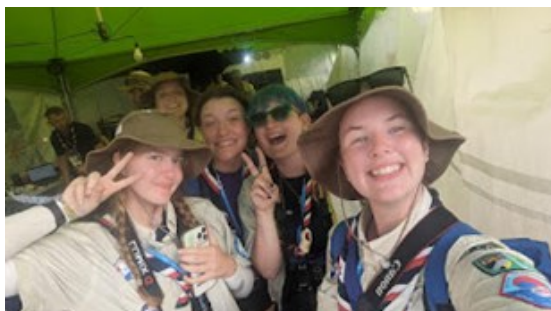
Even though we were evacuated due to ongoing concerns over heat and flooding amongst other issues, we made the most of our time in Korea getting to explore Seoul and continuing the Jamboree in the city! We all kept busy helping to support the busy programme but there was also down time where IST could explore the city for themselves and get immersed within the Korean Culture. Korea



is a beautiful county with lovely people who all made us feel so welcomed and at home even though we were many miles away. This was also helped by the fact that, with roughly 40,000 scouts all in one area, you knew that anyone in a necker was a friendly face and someone you could talk to.

I'd like to also just say a huge thank you to everyone who helped me get to Korea and supported me on my jamboree journey. I couldn't have done it without you all.

From an adults point of view attending a jamboree is still such a worthwhile and life-changing event. Whilst helping run the biggest youth organisation gathering you also get to develop your own skills and broaden your own horizons.



If you're considering attending the next World Scout Jamboree as an adult volunteer, or any other international adventure, I would highly recommend it!



Who am I? Sarah – ADC Scouts

Sarah is part of our Assistant District Commissioner Team for Scouts.

Sarah joined Scouting in 2010, joining 1st Acle Group in East Norfolk.

Sarah came from a Guiding background, becoming a Brownie in 1990 and ended her time with them as a Guide and Brownie leader.

Sarah holds a variety of roles across the County including –

East Norfolk as: Explorer Scout Leader, Marsh Harrier Explorer Scout Unit and District Explorer Scout Commissioner

North East Norfolk as : Assistant District Commissioner – Scouts

County as Social Media manger, that means she looks after our social media!

In her spare time Sarah supports local groups and sections as the social media ‘guru’.



She enjoys a good book, colouring, sewing and crochet. Which isn't bad for someone who clearly states she's not crafty at all!

Sarah also works for the Ambulance Service as a Dispatch Team Leader in the control room and enjoys spending time in her camper van and loves her dog, Henry! (Who also loves Scouting and he is slowly collecting neckers!!!)

Fun Facts:

I once had afternoon tea with the Queen at Buckingham Palace!

My last dog, Harry, was invited to join the local church choir as he sang!

I have a love, some say obsession, of unicorns and rainbows.



Henry and one of his many neckers!



Casper at camp with 1st Salhouse

“If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere.” — Bear Grylls