

Monday 11th August

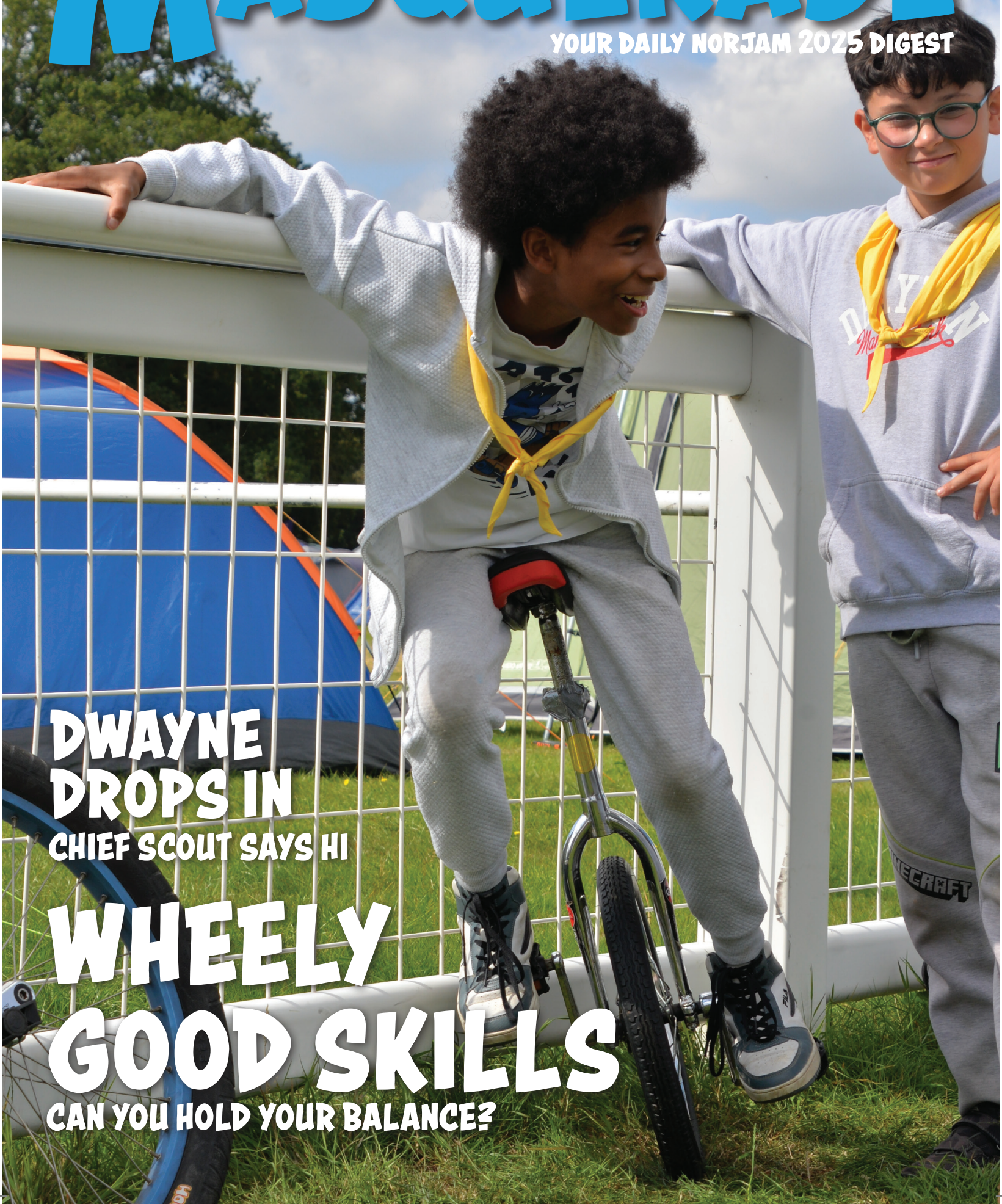
MASQUERADE

YOUR DAILY NORJAM 2025 DIGEST

**DWAYNE
DROPS IN**
CHIEF SCOUT SAYS HI

**WHEELY
GOOD SKILLS**

CAN YOU HOLD YOUR BALANCE?



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Cromer subcamp

Abbie Brewer
Alison Sheridan

Notting Hill subcamp

Finlay, 46th Norwich

Santa Cruz subcamp

Sophie, 3rd North Walsham Guides
Logan, 1st Steeple Bumpstead Scouts
Amelia, 3rd North Walsham Guides

Trinidad and Tobago Subcamp

Elijah, 6th Selby Brayton 'Adder' Scouts
Xavier, Shed 11 Explorers

Venice subcamp

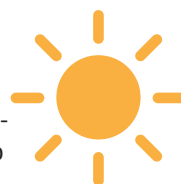
Ezra, 63rd Bristol Scouts
Ruby, South Holland Scouts
Peter, Stamford Bridge Scout Group
Luca, 63rd Bristol Scouts

Rio de Janeiro subcamp

Jan, Ööbikud (Estonia)
Erik, Ööbikud (Estonia)

WEATHER

It just keeps getting hotter - today is set to be 29°. Keep topping up the sun cream - and your drinks!



Today's Sunset: 20:28

Tomorrow's Sunrise: 05:33

WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

Main Stage

7pm Norjam's Got Talent
8pm Fishing Fiesta with the
Sheringham Shantymen
9.30pm DJ Nick

Carnival Junction

7pm Upcycle Runway (10-13yrs)

Fiesta del Disco

7pm Hawaiian Shirts (14-17yrs)

Cinema

7pm How to Train your Dragon
8.45pm Top Gun: Maverick (14+)

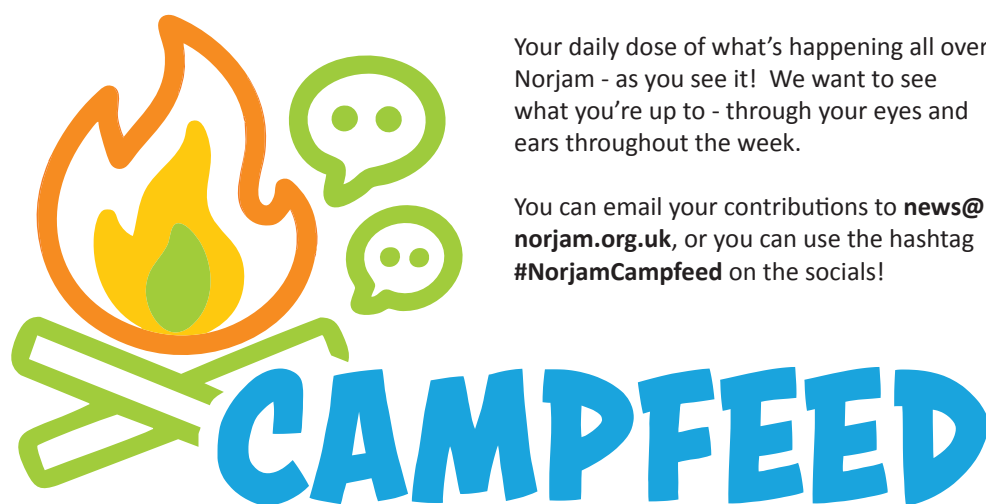
WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED FOR?



Isabella, Scouting Altenogroep, Santa Cruz subcamp I'm excited to exchange neckers with other groups and have lots of fun this week with my friends.



Mia, 3rd Herne Bay Guides, Notting Hill subcamp I'm excited to try lots of new activities, and to watch Mamma Mia as that is where my name comes from!



Your daily dose of what's happening all over Norjam - as you see it! We want to see what you're up to - through your eyes and ears throughout the week.

You can email your contributions to news@norjam.org.uk, or you can use the hashtag **#NorjamCampfeed** on the socials!



Jade, Lowestoft Explorers, Trinidad & Tobago subcamp I'm excited for Fiesta Friday so we get to choose which activities we can go on - and have brought plenty of glow sticks for the closing ceremony.

TODAY'S SOCIAL THEME IS GATES!



CRACKING CAMP, GROMIT...

BY SHAUNA GARNER

Whilst taking a wander around the subcamps the much loved character Gromit was spotted on 175th Bristol Totterdale Scouts camp within the Venice subcamp. The statue that formed part of Bristol's 2013 Gromit unleashed Trail was purchased blank the year before and beautifully decorated by the group.

Gromit spent the early part of their decorated life on the roof of the local church, and was formally adopted as part of the trail.

Since Gromit's first appearance at Norjam 2018, they also visited Jurassic Jamboree in Dorset before returning this year to Norjam 2025 to stand tall on his plinth in the heart of the Venice subcamp. Here he is during build, waiting to be installed in place!



STAFF ARE FULL OF BEANS

BY HANNAH GILL

The Cromer staff subcamp have told Hannah from Masquerade all about what's on offer in the Rehab Relaxation Station.

This year, the jamboree staff are being treated to Norjam Blend Coffee — a limited-edition brew available only at the jamboree!

You can enjoy a cup in the Rehab Relaxation Station, or buy your own bag for just £7.50 (usual RRP: £9.50). Choose from ready-ground or whole bean depending on how you like to brew your coffee at camp. But be quick — once it's gone, it's gone! Head to the Cromer subcamp to purchase your own. Of course, the Cromer subcamp team have already sampled the goods and declared it "absolutely banging!" So you heard it here first — miss out, and you'll be missing a real treat.

Also on offer for staff in the subcamp HQ, there are games, puzzles and comfortable chairs. Go and give it a try in a quiet moment!

For staff with freezer blocks, you can store these here too. Please ensure they are labelled with your name.



TODAY IS GOING TO BE HOT.
PLEASE DRINK PLENTY OF WATER, FIND SHADE
AND KEEP TOPPING UP THE SUN CREAM

CHIEF ADVENTURES

BY CLAUDIA BROWN

Yesterday Norjam welcomed Chief Scout, Dwayne Fields. From the moment he arrived, his enthusiasm, positivity, and passion for Scouting was infectious, felt by everyone he met during his afternoon tour of the Norjam site.

The visit began with selected volunteers, Scouts, and Explorers had gathered for special lunch and drinks. Dwayne entered with an overwhelming sense of pride, greeting each table individually to thank the hardworking volunteers and learn what the Scouts had been enjoying so far at Norjam.

Two leaders from 1st Caister Scout Group said that they believe he will do “really brilliant things for Scouts” and appreciated being able to speak with him as a person, knowing how much he “wants to know what support Scout leaders need will keep Scouts improving.”

He made a heartfelt address to all the volunteers hosting him, thanking them for their dedication: “thank you for everything you do, the more I see, the more I am proud,” a message he wants to share with all who give their time to Scouting.

His passion shone especially when he said, “I wouldn’t be here in this capacity or at all if not for Scouting,” ending with the belief that the future will be better because of it.

Next, Dwayne visited the watersports area, amazed by the impressive pools created for the event, exclaiming, “this is one of the most incredible things I’ve ever seen – they created a lake in a field!”

He chatted with groups about to paddleboard on the water, spurring them on from the sidelines.

Seeing all of Dwayne’s encouragement, an Explorer supporting the tour from Shed 11 said it “feels great to speak to him, he is so nice and genuine.” After asking about their favourite parts of Norjam and Scouting, Dwayne told them he always aims to “try and exhibit everything good about Scouting to encourage others to join,” stressing the importance of inspiring others and upholding Scouting’s values.

At the climbing wall, he wasted no time joining Maise, 14, from 1st Silver End Guides for an abseil. Although nervous,



Maise later told a radio interviewer she “loved it, absolutely loved it. Dwayne helped me through, I was really scared to be abseiling but Dwayne’s encouragement got me through.” From the very start, he threw himself into every experience, greeting every volunteer, and taking time to connect with Scouts and Guides alike.

Reflecting during this part of the tour, Dwayne shared that it “fills me with pride when I see young people doing what they should be doing – making friends.” His

own favourite Scouting memory was his “very first day in Scouting, building bridges between benches,” a moment when he knew Scouting gave him opportunities to share skills and build life-changing friendships.

In the market area, Dwayne explored what was on offer, visiting the Our World tent to learn how to play Mangala and create Indian artwork with Scouts from 1st Mendlesham Scout Group. He also explored the spiritual space, where a leader from

WHO IS THE CHIEF SCOUT?

BY SARAH PAGET

Throughout the week we will welcome a number of special guests to Norjam. They want to come and take in the atmosphere and see all the amazing activities you are all able to take part in.

Yesterday we were treated to a very special guest, UK Chief Scout Dwayne Fields. As Dwayne was only announced as Chief Scout last September, we know that many of you won't know who he is.

Dwayne is the 11th Chief Scout and is no stranger to Scouting. He joined Scouting as a Cub and despite stepping away for a while has been a UK Scout Ambassador since 2017.

Some facts about Dwayne:

- He was born in Jamaica
- He's an explorer & the first black Briton to reach the North Pole
- He co-founded #WeTwo Foundation, providing opportunities for young people from inner city backgrounds to explore and experience the world.
- He's a TV host
- He's BAFTA nominated
- He's been awarded the Freedom of the City of London
- He's a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.



31st/9th Ipswich Scouts said it was "very nice to have him visit" and that it was "nice to have a spiritual space on camp and to have it recognised."

The market area also saw countless selfies and scarf signings, with many Scouts placing a peg on Dwayne's scarf as keepsakes. He even left with a bright orange cowboy hat.

One of the final stops was the segway track, where Dwayne donned a helmet and joined Scouts for a ride, to their

amazement. After completing the course, he recorded a personal video message for a leader from 1st Matershall Scout Group who could not attend Norjam due to surgery—a small gesture that meant a great deal to the group. Throughout the day, Dwayne made it clear he was there for everyone.

His time at Norjam left a lasting impression, his genuine interest in people and his drive to nurture their passion for Scouting will be remembered by all he met.

ROLL UP, ROLL UP - TO

BY HANNAH GILL

Roll up, roll up for carnival central at Norjam! 23 thrilling, challenging, and awe-inspiring activities await you and your new jamboree friends! From the coconut shy to stilt walking, silent disco to Lego, there's something for everyone. This year, there are also many new activities, including curling lanes, a photo booth, and steel drums!

And of course, there are some golden oldies, like Punch and Judy, which is proving super popular — with over 40 young people watching on Sunday morning. "That's the way to do it!". There is such a buzz around the jamboree, excitement for the activities and wonder about what the week may hold. There really is a sense of fiesta. Olé!

For anyone seeking a quieter space, there is a chill and chat zone in the barns, with board games, puzzles, and buzz wires to name a few. Please respect the quiet zone to make sure that the jamboree is enjoyable for everyone.

We spoke to Ian from i.CIRCUS to find out why you should head there this week. He explained there are countless opportunities to learn new skills, enjoy the fresh air, and since it's an open activity, you can come back again and again! The activities are inclusive, fun, and addictive! What will you take on? Maybe juggling, tightrope walking... or perhaps the most challenging of all i.CIRCUS skills — unicycling!

The youngest member of i.CIRCUS is Isaac, who is just 7 years old. His first circus experience was at ShireJam 2023, where he learned the roller bowlers. Now, he's moved on to silk skills, walking globes, and aspires to walk the entire tightrope. Isaac says, "If I can do it, anyone can!"

If you've ever looked at a pair of towering pole stilts and thought, "I could do that," the 6ft Challenge is here to test your confidence — and your balance.

Max from 1st Acle Scouts has gone above and beyond, practicing his skills at home so he's already ahead of the game at the jamboree!

Organised with infectious enthusiasm by Andy from Stiff & Stilted, this spectacle is more than just a walk in the park... or, rather, above it! You will have seen the



team at the opening ceremony, towering above us all during the show in their fluorescent outfits.

Competitors first prove their skills by mastering the pole stilts at a standard height. Those who succeed are invited to take on the main event: the mighty Six Feet Challenge.

Here's the twist — each success earns you the chance to go higher, pushing your limits and your nerve. Fail, and gravity wins.

Triumph, and you'll not only conquer the poles but also walk away with bragging rights and a well-deserved, bright orange

stiff and stilted neckerchief as a mark of your achievement.

The atmosphere is a mix of nerves, laughter, and support from the crowd, all encouraging each daring participant to keep their balance just a few steps more. In the end, it's not just about walking six feet

above the ground — it's about walking tall.

Whether you're an adrenaline junkie, a balance wizard, or just someone who loves a good challenge, stilt

walking is proof that sometimes, the view really is better from the top. Go have a go, and be among the orange giants.

What are you waiting for? Go and challenge yourself!



**I'VE ALREADY BEEN
PRACTICING AT HOME!**
MAX, 1ST ACLE SCOUTS

... CARNIVAL CENTRAL!



MEET THE: ESSENTIAL SERVICES TEAM

BY SHAUNA GARNER

I had the chance of a very brief catch up with Matt, the Director of Essential Services, between one of the many call outs he has been dealing with all day. Here's what he had to say...

Tell us about your role and what it involves I manage and oversee several teams which include the Security, Response and Medical Teams. Basically, my role is to oversee everyone that is here to support you if you have a problem whilst at Norjam and ultimately ensure everyone has a safe experience during the Jamboree.

Why do you volunteer at Norjam? As a director at Norjam you are invited by the Chair at the very start of the planning process. You are normally asked based upon the knowledge and experience you hold, and what you can bring to the role. Of course, my response four years ago was I would love to be at Norjam!

Were you ever a Scout?

Yeah, I started as a Cub at the age of 8 and 30 years later I now manage the Norfolk Scouts ICE Team.

What are you most looking forward to?

Seeing everyone enjoying a safe jamboree!

What advice would you give someone coming to Norjam for the first time?

Be prepared especially in relation to the weather, if it's hot make sure to put on your sun hat and cream and carry and use your water bottle everywhere you go. If it is wet, put on your wellies - but also make sure your sleeping bag is somewhere dry inside your tent and you zip up your tent before you head out on the activities.

Why is Norjam so special? Norjam takes place in my home county, and I get to meet up and spend time with all the friends I've made over the years.

What will be your next Scouting challenge or adventure? My next big challenge is to grow and develop the Norfolk Scouts ICE team, we have just purchased a new



ambulance for the team. The vehicle is being official launched right here at Norjam. You can find us on Instagram at @norfolkscoutsiceteam if you want to follow us and find out more about this exciting adventure.

Where is your favourite place in the world and why? This would be quite a local place called Colney and this is where my son was born.

What is your favourite hobby? I like generally keeping fit and being active so anything physical is a good hobby.

Cream then jam, or jam then cream on a scone? Obviously cream and then jam, the Devon Way!

CARNIVAL CODEBREAKER

CAN YOU CRACK THE SECRET MESSAGE FROM THE CARNIVAL OF FUN?

The message below is written in code! Each letter has been shifted 1 letter backward in the alphabet.

For example:

B = A

D = C

Z = Y

A = Z

Uif dbsojwbm jt gvmm pg tvsqsjtft! Nffu gsjoet, nbIf nfnpsjft, boe ibwf b cmbtu!

Instructions:

- 1. Shift each letter 1 step backwards in the alphabet.**
- 2. Rewrite the real message on the lines below.**
- 3. Celebrate your codebreaking skills!**