

Wednesday 13th August

MASQUERADE

YOUR DAILY NORJAM 2025 DIGEST

CREATIVE CORNER

CRAFT AND MAKE ALL
KINDS OF DELIGHTS

STAMP OF
APPROVAL

DISCOVER THE
OUR WORLD HUB

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Cromer subcamp

Ruth Winter
Dan Skipton
Kiri Sykes

Notting Hill subcamp

Teresa, 4th Gillingham Sea Scouts

Santa Cruz subcamp

Sophie, Brooke & Poringland Scouts and Raiders ESU
Giang, 1st North Worle Scouts
Henry, 1st Buxton Lamas Sea Scout Group

Trinidad and Tobago Subcamp

Niamh, Lakenham District
Becks, 1st Rushden
Liam, 1st/2nd Parkeston

Rio de Janeiro subcamp

Imogen, Acle District Rangers

WEATHER

It just keeps getting hotter - today is set to be 32°. Keep topping up the sun cream - and your drinks!

Today's Sunset: 20:24

Tomorrow's Sunrise: 05:34



WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

Main Stage

7pm Norjams's Got Talent
8pm Mardi Gras - Taverham Band
9.30pm DJ Nick

Fiesta del Disco

7pm Crazy Hats (all ages)

Cinema

7pm A Minecraft Movie
8.45pm Black Panther (14+)

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!

HOW ARE YOU KEEPING COOL?



Alex, Olly, Noah, Harvey, Bowthorpe, Notting Hill subcamp We're doing the water activities, and dunking water over our heads!



Casey, Seb, Oscar, Waveney Valley district, Notting Hill subcamp Drinking lots! We have dipped our neckers in the pool.



Emily, Flo, Flo, 1st Haven, Notting Hill subcamp We have been drinking loads of slushies!



Sam, Henlow Clifton, Rio de Janeiro subcamp I have been staying hydrated and staying in the shade of the treeline on long walks.



YOUR SNAPSHOT

Rory from 28th Ayrshire, Santa Cruz subcamp, shares a view from above their impressive gateway



ALL HAPPENING AT CARNIVAL JUNCTION

BY SHAUNA GARNER

If dancing the night away isn't your scene, check our Carnival Junction, with a rolling timetable of activities its the alternative place to be seen. Masquerade sent our reporter down earlier this week, to take in the atmosphere and share what she found.

Carnival Junction kicked off with a quiz night really testing our older participants on their general knowledge and ability to think outside the box. This was kicked off with a quiz night in Carnival Junction that proved so popular that the media team couldn't even fit in the marquee! We have it on good authority that Lucy, Grace, Maddie & April, Dengie Rangers, Notting Hill Subcamp won the evening with a staggering 64/70 correct answers.

After arriving suitably early to ensure we managed to get a spot inside Carnival Junction, we were entertained by Helen Webster, Cromer subcamp, as the host for a close battle of Task Master. Willing volunteers were selected to take part in various challenges designed to test their creativity, logic and ingenuity. The first challenge set by Task Master Helen was 'Create the most impressive hat from things you can find on camp in ten minutes, this challenge was ultimately won by Jake, 1st Twyford Scouts, Trinidad and Tobago subcamp and the inspiration for the winning creation? 'I just like cones'.

We swiftly moved on from the creative challenge to one involving logic. The next set of volunteers were given a sheet of A4 paper and instructed to pass their body through this piece of paper. Only one participant emerged victorious in this challenge after it was deemed using pegs to join the paper was cheating! Trinity



1st Roydon Guides, Trinidad & Tobago, secured victory and said: "It felt great to triumph over my competitors and hear the congratulating cheers of my friends".

For those of you with a passion for both fashion and environmental issues, also down at Carnival Junction is the Upcycle Runway. This is where you can let your creativity run wild and design, make and model an outfit made from recycled materials down the catwalk. There are plenty of materials available from wrapping paper, card, newspapers, masking tape and various props, but you can bring along your own 'junk' to upcycle in your creations.

Some of the amazing creations from night one included Bananas coming down the



catwalk in wrapping paper pyjamas, Jerry the (Inflatable) Duck donning a dickie bow and top, and a full formal green cardboard gown with matching handbag.

An amazing newspaper ruffled dress that was one of the overall winners. The other winner was Iris, 1st Wymondham Guides, Venice subcamp. The inspiration behind the winning design comes from a story she is currently writing. In the story, a time traveller goes back to Tudor times and falls in love with a princess called Eustacia, who loves to create crazy dresses, though this is considered scandalous behaviour to her parents. This outfit is one of her creations. Could you be creating the next must have little black dress from a bin bag and pegs?

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

CHALLENGE, CULTURE AND BADGES

BY HANNAH GILL

Earning badges is one of the most exciting parts of being in Scouts or Guides.

It's a fun way to show what you've learned and remember all the amazing things you've done. At the Our World Hub in the marketplace, young people can earn their International Badge by completing a special Badge Passport! Hannah spoke to Jo, who explained everything that's happening at the Hub this week.

There are loads of cool crafts and activities from around the world! So far, Scouts and Guides have made Rangoli boards for an Indian activity and created Japanese folding fans. On Tuesday, it was all about Mexico—young people made colourful scratch art masks!

Gracie, from 1st Welwyn Scouts, Santa Cruz subcamp, told Hannah she's been visiting the World Hub every day. She loves trying something new each time and taking



her creations home to show her family.

Today, the theme is Trinidad and Tobago—a country well-known to many Norjam visitors! You can make a bright, fun bracelet and even try the famous party game, Limbo. How low can you go? On Thursday, the theme is Kenya, and on Friday, it's Brazil! Each day has fun new activities to try, so why not stop by and see what exciting things you can do?

Our World Hub is open every day from 10am to 10pm. It's not just a place for fun—it's also a peaceful spot to relax, chat, and learn about different cultures. So far, over 200 young people have already completed their International Badge Passport, and many more are still working on theirs.

Come join the fun and explore the world without leaving camp!



EXPLORE AND INSPIRE

BY SHAUNA GARNER

Are you a Ranger or Explorer and wonder what happens next? Then have a wander down the marketplace and pop in to the Network and Inspire marquee. Network is the 6th section in Scouting for 18-25 year olds and Inspire is the 5th section of Guiding for 18-30 year olds. Representatives from both are there to have a chat and fill you in on all the exciting

opportunities available in the next step of your journey.

Don't worry if you are still a scout or guide, they still have you covered, they have a Norjam exclusive challenge for you to complete.

If you manage to cover the Adventure and Challenge, Voice and Action, Shared Skills and Beyond The UK challenges from 4 of the 7 pathways of Inspire, you will gain your 'I've been Inspired! At Norjam' camp exclusive blanket badge.



IT'S A MINI ADVENTURE



BY HANNAH GILL

Eaton Vale Activity Centre is a fantastic outdoor adventure spot in Norwich, perfect for Scouts, Guides, schools, and

youth groups! Set in 13 acres of beautiful countryside, it's packed with thrilling activities like climbing, archery, kayaking, crate stacking, zip-lining, and loads more.

This week at the Jamboree, the instructors have been helping young people

complete their activity challenge – and earn a special Eaton Vale Norjam badge!

Hannah, assisted by Isla (a super enthusiastic Beaver visiting for the day), asked a few questions:

Why should people come and try to earn this badge?

"Everyone loves badges, and it encourages you to try something new!"

How many people have earned the Eaton Vale Norjam badge so far?

"About 100! And we still have more to give away!"

How long do we have to earn the badge?

"You can come back anytime during the week to finish the activities."

And that's not all! While you're completing your challenges to earn the Norjam badge, you also get the chance to design the next official Eaton Vale Activity Centre badge! Your design will be entered into a competition, so don't forget to write your details on it before handing it in.

WILL YOU RISE TO THE CHALLENGE?

BY SARAH PAGET

Our Jamboree chair, Glenn, is challenging you to get out and about to see all that Norjam has to offer.

If you visit all 12 locations you could earn yourself a special Chairs Challenge badge.

To take part you can collect a card from any of the 12 locations and collect a stamp when you visit each one.

Once you've collected all of the stamps, write your name, group and subcamp on the back and either find Glenn or drop it into Admin and your badge will make its way to you!

Be quick, as there is a very limited number available of this one-off, special souvenir badge!



CHANNELLING YOUR CREATIVITY

BY CLAUDIA BROWN

From the moment you step into the Creative Corner, you're met with a whirlwind of colour, energy, and imagination. The barn is alive with activity - tables bustling with busy hands and the unmistakable shimmer of glitter floating in the air. There's an incredible amount to do, see, and create, with a huge variety of crafts on offer that could leave you heading home with a bag bursting at the seams with handmade treasures.

Every station is its own little world, offering not only a chance to get creative but also the perfect opportunity to slow down, relax, and connect. Whether you're catching up with your own group, meeting someone from halfway across the country - or halfway across the world - the Creative Corner is buzzing with conversations, shared ideas, and spontaneous friendships. As always, there's truly something for everyone here, and the magic lies just as much in who you're crafting with as in what you create.

Wandering through the area, it's impossible not to be drawn in by the colours, the excitement, and variety of what's going on. Candle making was a clear favourite, where you could shape a candle into absolutely anything, dragons included! Guides from 1st Freethorpe, Rio de Janeiro subcamp, shared that "candle making and soap making were their favourite activities in the barn." They were thrilled to be able to experiment with such a wide range of crafts and gain brand new skills along the way, generating quite the collection of handcrafted goodies to take home.

The soap station was a hit, with a seemingly endless supply of oils, colours, and - of course - glitter. Volunteers at the table were surprised that banana scent had become the runaway favourite of Norjam so far, so much so they had to order more! Scouts from Estonia were spotted carefully mixing glitter, beads, and a healthy dose of pineapple fragrance to make their one-of-a-kind soaps. It wasn't just about crafting though - it was a chance to chat, laugh, and exchange ideas with other Scouts and Guides from all over.

Next came a whole collection of camp



companions in the making, starting with sock creatures. Nicholas from 16th Norwich Scout Group, Rio de Janeiro, was happily creating a sock dragon for his brand-new friend, while just a table away, Norjam bug making was in full swing. Everyone let their imaginations run wild as they designed pom-pom bugs

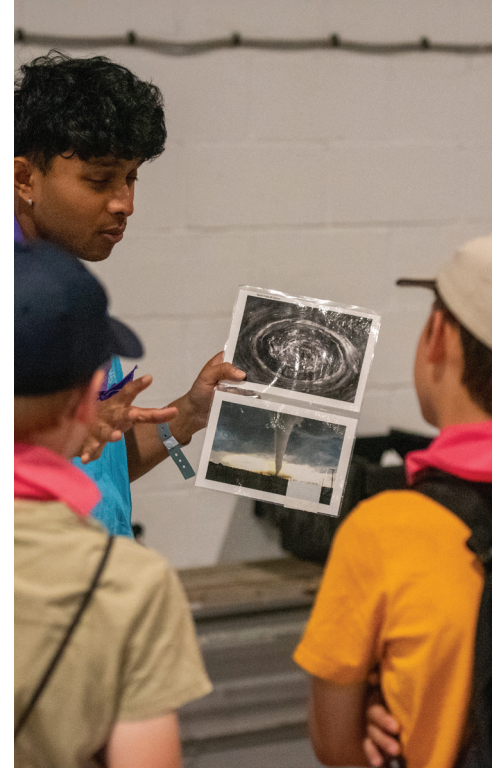
bursting with personality.

Of course, there were plenty of opportunities to make something wearable too. The options were endless: paracord bracelets, Lego woggles, badge making, and tie-dye bleach t-shirts. At the badge table, Owain from 1st Tregaron Scout Group, Rio



**I LOVE THAT WE CAN MAKE
A UNIQUE LEGO WOGGLE**
2ND THORPE ST ANDREW RANGERS

CREATIVITY AT NORJAM



de Janeiro subcamp, proudly showed off the Welsh dragon badge he had created. At the Lego woggle station, Guides from 2nd St Andrew Rangers said they “were really loving the Lego woggle, it’s a chance to make a woggle unique to us.” This station was especially popular, with chairs constantly filled, it quickly became one of the most social spots in the barn.

Nearby, others were busy creating bead flags, mini brooches representing

different countries or counties. Lily from 2nd Fork Rangers, Rio de Janeiro subcamp was carefully crafting a Brazilian flag for a friend who had recently moved from Brazil, adding a personal and thoughtful touch to the colourful collection.

In the far corner of the barn was a quiet but much-loved area for creating friendship bead bracelets - each one unique, colourful, and packed with meaning. For those aged 14 and up, the silk painting station became

a calming escape from Norjam’s usual hustle and bustle. Known for its relaxing vibe, it offered the chance to slow down and focus, with the added bonus of learning an incredible new skill in the process.

The Creative Corner isn’t just about making things, it’s about making moments. It’s a place where you can express your personality, learn new skills, and connect with people from places you’ve never been. It’s where glitter meets giggles, where socks

MEET THE: SITE SERVICES TEAM

BY SHAUNA GARNER

I had the chance of a catch up with David, the one of the Directors of Site Services.

Tell us about your role and what it involves

Myself and Karen are the directors of site services. This is our third Jamboree heading up the site services team, making sure we have water, electric, and marques where they are needed from sub camps to the marketplace, we also back up the catering team when needed and everything in between, including fixing & unblocking toilets. We have an amazing team of 14 behind us that work extremely hard and we couldn't do this without them.

Why do you volunteer at Norjam?

I like to see the young people enjoying themselves and having fun on all the activities. Getting to be part of planning and organising all of this and sharing the knowledge we have previously learnt for the benefit of the scouts and guides is

why we volunteer at Norjam. It is also why I have already been on site 12 days and will be for 3 more days after everyone else has left!

Were you ever a Scout? Yes, I was a cub scout at 1st Spixworth Sea Scouts and I currently chair the awards group at Norfolk Scouts and occasionally a cub team member.

What are you most looking forward to?

Smiles! Then I am looking forward to normal life and going back to work! (Yes, I love my job), oh and perhaps book a last minute holiday too!

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

Please double flush toilets so we don't have blockages, don't stand in the showers too long. Remember, you need a waterproof shower bag for your clothes and flip flops to wear in the shower.



Why is Norjam so special? I've been attending Norjam since 1985 where I was involved with the Marketplace before moving over to site services. It feels fantastic to see what is essentially a green field develop in to essentially a village with full infrastructure housing 5000 people.

Where is your favourite place in the world and why? The North Norfolk coast, I love to visit here as I can jump in the car and be there in 45 minutes, no need for a train or a plane to visit the sea.

What is your favourite hobby? Scouting is my favourite hobby but I do also enjoy eating out and travelling.

Cream then jam, or jam then cream on a scone? Butter, then jam, then cream!

UNLOCK THE ANAGRAMS

UNSCRAMBLE THE BIRD NAMES CONNECTED TO THE EACH SUBCAMP!

Anagram Answers

1. RWSORAP _____

2. ANRACY _____

3. UACNOT _____

4. GOMINALF _____

5. INBOR _____

6. SUGLL _____

Bonus Round

FOR A BONUS, TELL US WHERE THEY ARE THE NATIONAL BIRD!