

Thursday 14th August

# MASQUERADE

YOUR DAILY NORJAM 2025 DIGEST

## MAKE A SPLASH

AIM, PADDLE AND  
ROLL IN ENDEAVOUR

## A SMALL ADVENTURE

CUB AND BROWNIE  
DAYS TAKE OVER





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

### Rio De Janeiro subcamp

Matilda, 1st Bungay (School) Sea Scouts  
& Bungay Guides

### Santa Cruz subcamp

Catherine, Aveley Scout Group  
Antoni, Griffin Explorer Scout Unit  
Beth, 1st Shepherdswell Rangers

### Notting Hill subcamp

Alastair, 1st Waltham on the Wolds  
Ella-Rose, Hucknall Guides  
Ruby, Snettisham & Hunstanton Guides  
Eve, 2nd Penparcau Scouts and Explorers

### Trinidad and Tobago subcamp

Nicole, 2nd Mattishall Guides  
Ted, Mattishall Scouts Trinidad and Tobago

### Venice subcamp

Eli, Stamford Bridge Scout Group  
Frank, 6th Selby (Brayton) Scouts (Viper)

## WEATHER

A tiny bit of light relief today as it drops to a still balmy 29! Make sure you keep up with the liquids...



Today's Sunset: 20:22

Tomorrow's Sunrise: 05:38

## WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

### Main Stage

7pm Norjam's Got Talent - FINAL

8.45pm Band- The Entitled Sons

### Carnival Junction

7pm Quiz Night (10-13yrs)

8.45pm Task Master (10-13yrs)

### Fiesta del Disco

7pm Neon Night (14-17yrs)

### Cinema

7pm Mamma Mia (sing-a-long),

9pm Mean Girls (14+)

## YOUR FAVOURITE CAMP MEALS



**Sol & Kyfer, 5th Beckhalls, Rio de Janeiro subcamp** The roast dinner, the meat was very tasty and you could have as much gravy as you wanted



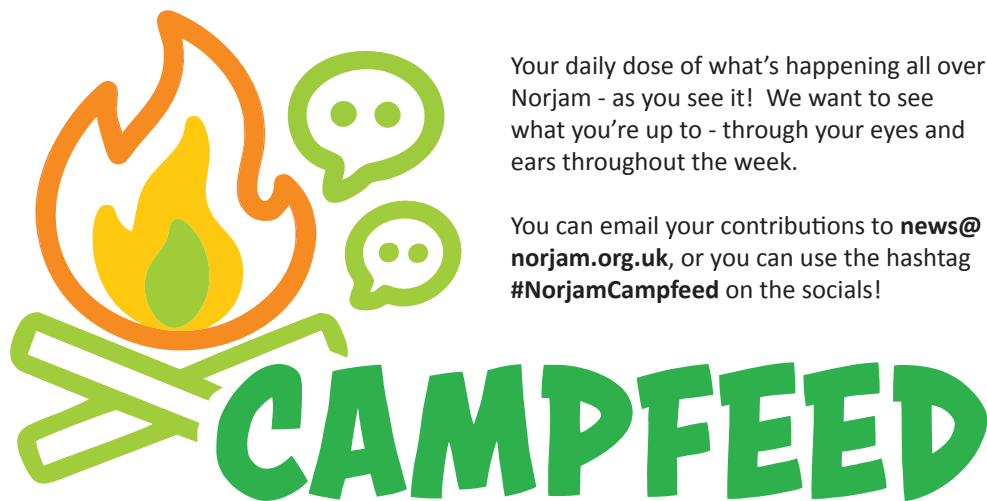
**Isabel & Elsie, 1st Stalham, Santa Cruz subcamp** The waffles! They were sweet but not too crunchy.



**Amelia, Sophie, Molly, Callum, Great Ellingham, Trinidad & Tobago subcamp** The curry was good, it's just a bit different



**Thomas & George, Mulbartam, Notting Hill subcamp** The croissants were better than I expected with jam, and we loved the bacon and egg sandwiches!



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](mailto:news@norjam.org.uk), or you can use the hashtag **#NorjamCampfeed** on the socials!

Head over to the Nottinghill Subcamp Office to grab your temporary tattoo and kick off the challenge!

Once inked, your mission is to pass

a tattoo voucher for them to collect to someone outside your subcamp then get chatting and discover three interesting facts about them.





# A SPECTACLE FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

BY CLAUDIA BROWN

Last night, the spectacular International Gala lit up Norjam in a way that will be remembered for years to come. This wasn't just a show, it was a dazzling celebration of culture, talent, and unity, featuring extraordinary performances from Scouts and Guides representing different corners of the globe. Each act brought its own distinctive style, captivating the audience with colour, rhythm, and energy.

The show kicked off with a hilarious comedy sketch from the Netherlands, within the Santa Cruz subcamp. Their tale of the "mischievous breakfast gnomes" had the entire audience roaring with laughter. From spilling cereal to comical attempts at brushing their beards, the gnomes' chaotic morning journey was a perfect warm-up, leaving the crowd eager for more.

Next came an energetic burst of movement from our international Scouting friends overseas. Their sensational dance routine was pure joy in motion. The choreography was sharp, the smiles genuine, and the positive energy irresistible - the crowd couldn't help but join in, clapping, stomping, and dancing along.

The spotlight then shifted to Estonia from the Rio De Janeiro subcamp, who delivered a spot-on recreation of Estonia's Eurovision hit Espresso Macchiato. With dazzling lip-sync precision, slick dance moves, and an infectious stage presence, it felt like we were watching the real performance live from the contest itself.

Wales brought the power next, performing Queen's Don't Stop Me Now with soaring vocals that filled the arena. Draped in the Welsh flag and cheered on by a sea of red dragons waving proudly in the audience, the act became a rallying moment for everyone present. The energy was fierce, the voices were strong, and the atmosphere electric.

From there, the night took a graceful turn as 11th Meath Scouts from Ireland, staying in the Venice subcamp, took the stage.



Their traditional Irish dance showcase was a breathtaking display of precision, stamina, and artistry. Three distinct styles of dance were paired with three different traditional melodies, each performed flawlessly. Just when the audience thought it was over, the performance ended with an unaccompanied acapella solo, a beautiful moment that left everyone in awe before erupting into applause.

Closing the evening was Scotland, sending everyone home on a high. Rose stepped forward to sing I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles) by The Proclaimers - and within

seconds, the entire crowd was singing along at the top of their lungs. It was a heartwarming finale that perfectly captured the camaraderie of the night.

The International Gala was far more than a talent show, it was a celebration of global friendship. It reminded everyone that, although our traditions, songs, and dances may be unique to our homelands, the joy of sharing them is universal. For the evening, the main stage became a place where cultures didn't just coexist - they blended and cheered for one another as one united Scouting and Guiding family.



# CUBS AND BROWNIES DROP IN FOR TEASER

**BY CLAUDIA BROWN  
AND SHAUNA GARNER**

On Monday and Wednesday, the Cubs and Brownies arrived at Norjam and were instantly swept up in the festival-like buzz that filled the camp. From the moment they stepped onto the site, the air was alive with colour, sound, and laughter. Towering gate builds marked the entrances to incredible subcamps, each bursting with personality and creativity, while enthusiastic volunteers radiated positive energy - cheering, clapping, and guiding the young adventurers through their Norjam day.

Their visit was a non-stop adventure, packed with an amazing variety of activities. At the main stage, spirits soared during a lively dance session. Instructors led the crowd through fun, easy-to-follow choreography, encouraging everyone to move, clap, and feel the beat.

The energy was contagious, with Cubs and Brownies jumping, twirling, and grinning ear to ear. Lenny from Mattishall Scout Group, North Norfolk, said, "I enjoyed the dancing the most so far. I'm looking forward to searching around the marketplace next, it's good fun to see Norjam."

Just a short stroll away, the Donkey Derby was proving to be one of the biggest hits of both days. A stable full of inflatable donkeys, a miniature hurdle course, and plenty of cheering onlookers set the scene for a hilariously fun, timed race around the track. Giggles and determination filled the air, and Cubs from 1st Mulbarton declared it their "favourite activity of the day" - right alongside their visit to the bustling marketplace, where they hunted for treasures like the ever-popular rubber duck woggles.

Abigail from Alington Guide Group agreed: "Donkey Derby is my favourite activity, and I'm looking forward to the marketplace. I really want to come to Norjam next time."

She was especially excited to learn that



a climbing wall awaited her in the next activity zone.

Beyond the Derby, Eaton Vale's activity zone offered even more thrills - from a mini climbing wall and RC car racing to catapult challenges.

Cubs and Brownies dashed in every direction, brimming with enthusiasm and tackling each activity with the support of Norjam volunteers and their leaders.

The marketplace itself was a hive of

excitement: rows of colourful stalls, flags waving in the breeze, and vendors proudly displaying a treasure trove of Norjam goodies. Cubs and Brownies explored every corner, clutching bags filled with teddies, woggles, keyrings, sweet treats, and other keepsakes.

For many, the real highlight was that little taste of independence - browsing, choosing, and making their own purchases - leaving them brimming with pride and joy.





Across the subcamps, creativity and energy never stopped. In Santa Cruz, Cubs and Brownies decorated themed coasters, fished for sardines, tested their aim at the tin can alley, and showed off their skills in a hula hoop challenge.

Rio de Janeiro exploded with colour and movement, offering football skill sessions and parrot-themed wristband making.

Adding to the fun was Aidan, the subcamp's unofficial mascot, soaring

between activities in a giant inflatable parrot costume named Apollo.

Notting Hill had its own brand of magic, with Paddington-themed activities that left young faces beaming.

Leaders from 4th North Horsham Brownies described it as a "10 out of 10 would recommend" kind of day, while leaders from 1st Bellingham Guide Group praised how "well organised, lovely, and very successful" the experience had been.

As the Cubs and Brownies moved from one activity to the next, the whole camp seemed to hum with happiness, bursts of laughter, and the constant chatter of excited voices.

Cub and Brownie Day wasn't just a visit; it was a true carnival of fun, friendship, and unforgettable memories. They gave the Cubs and Brownies a magical first taste of Norjam, building excitement for when they can return for a full Jamboree in the future.











Were you lucky enough to see a shooting star Tuesday night?

The annual night sky spectacular of the Perseid meteor shower peaked on the night of Tuesday 12th August when the Earth passed through the remnants of the comet Swift-Tuttle.

It was much harder to see this year

due to the nearly full moon, but Norjam photography team member, Teo Utting, created this beautiful star trail photo from the climbing tower in the Endeavour zone.

Teo spent a couple of hours taking nearly 400 photos which he then stacked together in specialist processing software to create the image.







# CHECKING NORJAM OUT

BY HANNAH GILL

We were lucky to welcome Liz Henderson to Norjam this week! Liz is the Chief Volunteer for England Scouts, and she spent the day exploring the site, trying out activities, and talking to Scouts and Guides. She also caught up with Hannah for a quick chat about her role and her visit.

Liz helps lead and support Scout volunteers across England, a role she has held for three years. "I go this role by accident, I was just filling in at first, but I soon realised how much I loved it and I've stayed". Her role is about making sure that Scouting is safe, fun, and open to everyone. She also checks that the programme stays exciting and high quality. Best of all, she gets to visit amazing events like Norjam, which is her fourth jamboree this summer!

This isn't Liz' first or only Scouting role.



She has helped with Beavers, Scouts, and Explorers in both North London and Somerset. She's always had a passion for Scouting – and so has her husband! Liz is no stranger to Jamboree life having been part of the activity team at Essex International Jamboree back in 2016.

Having had a tour of Norjam Liz was

asked what her favourite activity onsite was. "Definitely the trek carts! They're a great Scouting skill and remind us of our history. Plus, they show teamwork and integrity."

Liz also loved how many different activities there are for young people to try here at Norjam.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS?

Christmas has come early to Santa Cruz - and the 1st Stoke Climsland Scout Group is leading the festivities!

In the middle of August, Santa himself rolled into camp with a merry band of elves, turning the entire site into a winter wonderland. Tinsel, bunting, and festive cheer filled the air as Christmas jumpers, sparkly shirts, and even a full Christmas tree costume made an appearance.

The highlight? Santa delivering beautifully wrapped presents to every single Scout.

Word of the summer Christmas miracle spread quickly across Norjam, and now Stoke Climsland has been given surprise gifts from other camps eager to join in the celebration. It's official - Christmas in August is the hottest (and coolest) party in camp!



## THANKS FOR BUDDYING UP

On Tuesday afternoon the 11th Meath, Kilcoon, Venice welcomed friends for an international afternoon tea.

On offer was a variety of traditionally Irish goodies including soda bread. Eleanor, one of the leaders, explained the reason for their gathering. "We just wanted to say thank you to all those who had made it possible for us to be here this week. A huge thanks to 15th Norwich Air Scouts for being our buddy group and the admin team for supporting us to be here."

As a token of thanks leaders from the 15th Norwich Air Scouts were presented with a traditional hurley stick and sliotar used to play the national sport of Hurling as well as a 11th Meath group necker.





# STAYING COOL ON CAMP





# NOM NOMS AT NORJAM

The Masquerade team has taken it upon themselves to perform the arduous task of sampling some of the food outlets in the market place. Here, we detail the choices we made. Sadly, we were too busy eating to think about photographing them...

## Stonebaked pizza and dough balls

We plumped for a classic pepperoni, alongside some extremely cheesy dough balls. The pizza was perfectly cooked, with a lovely tang on the pepperoni.

The dough balls had a very generous helping of melted cheese - so would not be particularly healthy - but who's calorie counting on a jamboree?

## Halloumi Norjam Special

We opted for the vegetarian food truck option and sampled the Norjam Halloumi Special (available as chicken tenders too). After selecting from the multiple ingredients, you make up a truly personalised dish perfect for yourself.

We went for the peri fries over the plain (these did offer a little after kick), perfectly cooked halloumi batons, think soft and gooey and none of the squeaking you get when undercooked, combine this with home made coleslaw and a choice of gravy or dipping sauce and you have a feast in a lovely little tray.

## Churros

These sweet treats are a firm favourite judging by the queue. And rightly so, the wait might be a little longer than you'd like but they are warm and sweet with the perfect blend of soft and crunchy.

You even get the choice of three dips; milk or dark chocolate and salted caramel.

Naturally in Wednesday's heat it would appear that the media hub has been powered by ice-cream and slushies. We're not quite sure this counts as renewable energy, but we're happy to keep taste testing until it's confirmed.

Everyone has a favourite, which is yours?



## 18-30 GATHERING LOST PROPERTY

There will be an informal social at the Norfolk Tavern (quiet bar) for all members of Network, Inspire, SSAGO and supporters of these sections at 8pm Thursday.

This is an opportunity to meet other members and share your thoughts on what you would like to achieve in the time you are in section.



Have you been looking for a lost item? Looked high and low and still can't find it? Have you checked out lost property? The lost property desk is open, in Admin, every day from 9am til 8pm.

## PASSING IT ON...

As the week comes to a close we all know leaders out there will be starting to consider the remaining food and how to use it up - instead of "chef's surprise" why not donate unwanted items to the Foodbank.

The Norwich branch of Trussell Trust will be in the cabin next to the charging

If you find an item without its owner, there are lost property bins near all of the activity zones. Where items can easily be identified as belonging to a particular subcamp they are sorted into trays and returned to subcamp hubs.

If an obvious home can't be identified they are logged and wait to be collected by their owner from Lost Property.

station on Friday 10am to 5pm and again on Saturday collecting any donations.

They are looking for:

- tins,
- dry food,
- unopened or unused items with a best before date

They will also take donations of cleaning products and personal hygiene items.



# A PLACE TO BREATHE

BY CLAUDIA BROWN

Down in the marketplace, there is an incredibly thoughtful and carefully created Spiritual Space. Designed to be both chilled and informative, it offers opportunities for calm, self-reflection, and learning.

Inside, you'll find a series of activities that encourage you to reflect on what matters most to you, explore your sense of self, and discover more about religions from across the world. The space not only brings together knowledge of different faiths but also broadens the conversation to spirituality as a whole - inviting reflection on hopes, dreams, and aspirations for the future.

There are 10 activities in total, starting with the self-reflection area, where you can pause to think about everything that makes you who you are. Here, you can take part in self-mantras, a reminder that "we are smarter and braver than we think." This reflection feels especially important at Norjam, where each day's challenges show us just how capable we are. You can also write down words or phrases to describe yourself and keep them as a reminder. This leads into creating your own Paracord Person - a small figure symbolising personal growth and the potential we all have, to create positive change.

Other activities include adding to a growing paper chain that represents unity, showing that we are stronger together. You can also visit the tree to add a leaf of resistance bearing the name of someone who supports, encourages and protects you.

Keeping with the theme of connection, you can add your hometown to a world map, celebrating the wide range of places we've all come from. You'll also find items and displays sharing fascinating facts about religions from across the globe.

The atmosphere is one of being "informed but not influenced," with an overwhelming sense of calm. As Tamsin from 1st Dersingham Guides said, "it's a really comforting space for people of all religions and backgrounds, it feels like a safe space." Amelia from Grey Alington agreed: "I like the paracord crafting especially, it's a fun and calm place to be.



It's a good place for a break and chill out area."

One of the most powerful activities here is the Tibetan Prayer Flags - where you can write a hope, dream, wish, or prayer and hang it in the breeze, sending your words into the universe.

Quiet corners are dotted throughout, including a beanbag circle and a spot for learning origami.

Next to the main tent, you'll find a purple tent dedicated to prayer. Open to everyone,

it's a place for private reflection or worship. Chaplains of many different faiths have already led services at Norjam, with a multi-faith reflective service scheduled for Friday at 12:30 pm. The Spiritual Space team can tell you where it will be held.

If you can, take time out from the busyness of camp life to explore the Spiritual Space. With its welcoming atmosphere and thoughtful activities, it's a place for everyone - a space of comfort, calm, and connection.



# THE SPIRIT OF ENDEAVOUR

BY SHAUNA GARNER

The spirit of adventure was very much alive down in the Festival of Endeavour, the soaring temperatures did not put participants off from enjoying the activities available in this zone. In fact, it was probably such a buzzing hive of activity as it is one of the few zones that offers shaded areas. The zone even has a treelined shaded footpath dividing the two fields that make up this area, which was being enjoyed by many!

The activities on offer here are all high energy or adrenaline filled and you are very much spoilt for choice. Many of these are also activities that participants do not have the opportunity to do locally or on a normal meeting night, so they are definitely highly sought after, with many choosing to queue despite the heat.

Emily, 1st Apsley Scouts, Santa Cruz subcamp whilst sitting in the shade of the Zipline tower queuing said "Ziplining is just a fun thing to do and we don't get to do it on our normal camps, and I really just want to have loads of fun".

Ziplining isn't the only activity here that will leave you hanging around, there is also the Brentwood Activities Team here, you will easily spot this batty looking Climbing wall, Abseiling tower and Crate Stacking area as you enter the zone. The Abseiling tower appeared very popular with its shaded roof area.

Matthew & Lucas, 1st Steeple Bumpstead Scouts, Santa Cruz subcamp had decided to get to these activities early because "it's cooler now than it will be later".

If you prefer your feet firmly on the ground, then don't worry, this zone has you covered too with Pioneering Buggies, Petrol Go Karts, Mini Tanks and Catapulting. Here we caught up with Maisie, 1st Whittlesey Explorers, Santa Cruz subcamp who explained why her group were repeat visitors to this activity.

She said: "it's something new to do and the leaders are actually really nice, it's something to do with my friends altogether as a group, we are also pushing our limits by leaving our camp and getting out there".

I have never experienced a group of Explorers so quiet and engaged in an



activity, well at least until they hit a target to knock it down and then the cheers and screams erupted!

If target sports are near the top of the list of activities to do on camp, then you are spoilt for choice on the Festival of Endeavour as around the corner on the next field is also Archery.

This was another popular choice and Fergus, 28th Ayrshire Explorers, Santa Cruz said he was queuing on the

hottest day of the jamboree so far "because I want to see how good I am at hitting a target and stuff and I've never really done it before".

None of this so far take your fancy? How do you feel about physical activities? This

is also covered in this zone. You can test your speed, endurance and stamina at Trek Carts. You

should make time for this activity if you are of a competitive nature. You race your



**I WANT TO SEE HOW GOOD I AM  
AT HITTING A TARGET  
FERGUS, 28TH AYRSHIRE EXPLORERS**



# OUR IS ALIVE AND WELL



cart around a line of cones and then take the cart to pieces, move the parts under a barrier and then assemble your cart again.

Rachel, 1st Stoke Climsland Scouts & Explorers, Santa Cruz subcamp, and her trek cart team the Kernow Knockers had this to say: "We were wandering around and saw others doing it and thought that looked really interesting, so we had a go and are now hooked and we're determined to win, we went against a group of Network who we battled for first and we beat them by over 3 seconds".

Keeping to the physical activities Global

Adventure, Lincolnshire Scouts have brought along their Bungee Trampoline. Isobel, 1st Stalham Guides & District Rangers, Santa Cruz subcamp who was waiting patiently in the shaded queueing area explained why they had chosen this activity. She said: "I love jumping and used to go on these all the time when the fair visited Stalham and its great to do stuff from my childhood".

Global Adventure are also running Water Zorbs and perhaps my favourite activity on site I have seen so far.

At Water Wars you get to throw water

balloons by catapult at an opponent on the opposite side of the activity. There is a steady stream of visitors to Water Wars, so the queue moves quite quickly as it is a fast paced activity.

Keeping to the water theme, the last activity in this area is canoeing, where I chatted to Poppy, 1st Shipdham Guides, Santa Cruz subcamp. She summed up the reason for its popularity "Because it has cold water and we have heard you can get dunked in the water if you want!"

So if you haven't visited Festival of Endeavour, what are you waiting for?



# MEET THE: ADMIN TEAM

BY CLAUDIA BROWN

Want to learn more about the inner workings of Norjam? Today I had a chance to sit down with our Director of Admin, Shelly, to learn more about her role and inspiration for volunteering at Norjam.

Have a look at what she had to say...

**Tell us about your role and what it involves**

Prior to the start of the Jamboree, I worked with the admin team to manage Norjam bookings for various roles across the camp. During the event, I manage all of these roles, which includes overseeing a central information database, coordinating activity packs for dependent children, handling gas orders, fire kits, and more.

**Why did you choose to volunteer at Norjam?**

I have been part of the Norjam staff since 2006, I continue to return as the Jamboree offers a great opportunity to young people and shows them that across Scouts and Guides, we live together as one.

**Were you ever a Scout?**

I first started in Scouting as a Beaver leader when my son joined the association. I have been a leader across different sections including Scouts and Explorers. I am District Volunteer Lead for East Norfolk and County Trustee. I have 28 years of service so far!

**What are you most looking forward to at Norjam?** I look forward to seeing everyone enjoying the Jamboree.

**What advice would you give someone coming to Norjam for the first time?** Take every opportunity, don't be afraid to have a go.

**What sets Norjam apart from other events?**

Norjam offers a wide range of activities all in one place. It brings people together from around the world to support young people.

**What will be your next Scouting challenge or adventure?**

In two weeks, I will be leading a trip for the entire district, comprising 400 members, to Africa Alive, an award-winning conservation zoo in Suffolk known for its strong focus on zoological education.

**Do you have any pets?** I don't have any pets anymore, but I used to have a very noisy cockatoo named Ollie.

**What is your favourite Scouting memory?**



A memory that stands out to me is when I took a group of 40 Scouts to the top of a mountain in Switzerland. When we reached the summit, one of the Scouts said, 'I'm on top of the world,' and that moment has always stayed with me.

**What is your favourite hobby?** When I have time, my favourite hobby is photographing church architecture. I've always been fascinated by their unique and meaningful features.

**Cream then jam or jam then cream on a scone?** Butter, jam, cream and then a fresh strawberry on top!

## CAMP CONNECTIONS

JOIN UP THE TREE TRUNKS, USING THE MIDDLE PAIR OF LETTERS

