



BALA BUGLE

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Edition 2

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Fly on the wall

Well what a start to the camp! Rich's car had previously given up the ghost which necessitated a loan of Dave's car and a round journey of 300 plus miles for Rich to bring his caravan to camp; and then drive straight back home to supervise lorry loading. Sara's car decided to spring a radiator leak on her way to camp and needed Green Flag assistance...who couldn't sort it. However she made the brave decision to come to camp anyway in the hope that something can be arranged for her return journey. We also wish Beth (Iddles) a speedy recovery from her recent operation and hope to see her soon.

After experiencing unbearably hot temperatures for the last few weeks at home, it was a welcome relief to have cooler temperatures in Frongoch on Saturday, however the very heavy rain showers and gale force winds were definitely not welcome. Although we were luckier than our Swindon scouting friends at their Studland campsite who had two leaders tents destroyed and a patrol tent ridge pole broken by the wind. Nevertheless out of the back of the Downton's lorry the vast amount of equipment soon transformed into a sprawling tented camp. Gary opened an immaculate QM Stores with everything in order, pegs all facing the same way; axes and saws stored in regimented precision. Sunday AM, accompanied by the heavy rain drumming on the marquee, the camp sang happy birthday to Thomas (Ball) to celebrate his 12th.

Did you Know?

Bala (Welsh: Y Bala) is a market town and community in Gwynedd, Wales. Formerly an urban district, Bala lies within the historic county of Merionethshire. It lies at the north end of Bala Lake (Welsh: Llyn Tegid), 17 miles (27 km) north-east of Dolgellau, with a population taken in the United Kingdom Census 2011 of 1,974. It is little more than one wide street, Stryd Fawr (High Street, literally "Great Street"). The High Street and its shops can be quite busy in the summer months with many tourists.

The town lies on the A494, a major trunk road that leads to Dolgellau, 18 miles to the southwest. The closest major urban areas to Bala are Wrexham at 30 miles, Chester at 40 miles, and Liverpool, 52 miles.

Bala was ranked having the 20th highest percentage of Welsh language speakers in Wales by electoral division, in the United Kingdom Census 2011. According to the census, 78.5% of Bala's population can speak Welsh.

Source: Wikipedia

Fly on the wall (continued)

During flag break, Duty PL Tomos (Day) bravely marched out of the marquee into the pouring rain & broke the flag.

The heavy rain caused programme disruption too- the Geohike became a PM Geohalf hike. Only 3 of the 8 waypoints were visited. ..but these were the ones with the 'sweeties'.

And only 'hardy' Churchdown Scouts were kayaking on the vast lake Bala this wet PM.

Oblivious to the rain, macho highwire hijinks between Gary and Alex resulted in some strange James faces.

Tanya was seen practising the Titanic pose on the high wires.

Camp Leaders chat

We hope you are all settled in and enjoyed your first day's activities. It is very important that you are **punctual** for the minibuses. Some activities were delayed today because people weren't ready. Please check your calendars- if in doubt ask. Remember there are actually **THREE inspections** of your site EVERY day. At night time saws, axes and clothes left out will lose you points.

Hint for PLs: Delegation of patrol's duties on a chart helps win LOTS of points. When it's bed time, please go to bed and stay there. DON'T wander around the camp site.

Camp Facts 2

1. How many pints of porridge are made during camp week?
2. How many legs at camp?
3. How many family groups are there? (i.e. two or more from same family).

Fly on the wall (contd)

Our personnel services reporter has spotted a close 'friendship' between a Falcon and a Peewit. I wonder who they are?

Under the spotlight

Today's Patrol is:-

Gannets

- Izzy Fraser-Hook
- Abigail Barnard
- Jemima Townsend
- Theo Perkins
- Thomas Ball

Points (so far)

Numbers in brackets are inspection points.

Falcons – 48 (38)

Gannets – 56 (46)

Kestrels – 47 (39)

Peewits – 48 (38)

Activities

Tomorrows (**Monday's**) activities are :-.

- Duty Patrol
- Geocaching Hike
- Go Karting
- Whitewater Rafting
- High Wire
- Bushcraft

And during **Monday**

Evening:-

- EA1
- Other
- Town Trail

Please also check your own programmes

Weather for Mon

Windy with rain showers. 16 degrees.

You must be joking

Q: Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill?
A: To get to the bottom!

Astronauts

What did the astronaut see on the stove?

An unidentified frying object

What is an astronaut's favourite key on a computer keyboard?

The space bar

What do you call an astronaut's watch?

A lunar-tick .

Who's Who—Leaders

Dave ;

Scouting Role: ASL @ Churchdown;
Responsibilities at Camp; Camp Leader; Duty Scouter; BBQ; First Aid; Kayak Instructor; Minibus Driver;
Hobbies; Caravanning; Kayaking **Likes;** Carolyn, Motorsport, DIY, Scouting, Holidays, Fairy Lights **Dislikes;** Archery, Shopping, middle lane drivers

Carolyn ;

Scouting Role: Occasional Helper @ Churchdown; Scout group secretary;
Responsibilities at Camp; Badges; Camp Bank; Patrol Box inspector; Compo Meal Judge; Activity Assistant; Catering Activities; Shopping;
Hobbies; Caravanning; Badminton; Dog Walking **Likes;** Dusty Dog, Liverpool football club **Dislikes;** Snakes, Rude people

Boo ;

Scouting Role: Leader @ Churchdown;
Responsibilities at Camp; Duty Scouter, Activity Assistant, Catering Activities; **Hobbies;** Tennis; Netball; **Likes;** Wimbledon, foreign holidays, sports, boys **Dislikes;** being late, mountain biking

Tom (Spatch)

Scouting Role: ASL @ Churchdown
Responsibilities at Camp: Activity Assistant; Duty Scouter; Games Assistant; Kayak Assistant;
Hobbies: Scouting; Car Maintenance;
Likes; Boo, Cars. **Dislikes;** Rusty Cars, Hungry Boo

Book List

'Under the Grand Stands' by Seymour Buts
 'How to Survive a Bear Attack' by Ben Eaton
 'Walking to School' by Misty Bus
 'How to Check a Pulse' by Izzy Dead
 'Where Have All the Animals Gone?' by Derin Dabarn
 'Over the Mountaintop' by Hugo First
 'The Numbers Game' by Cal Q. Later

Roger's Puzzles

1 Matchstick Sum ANSWER

By moving one match you can create:... 5 + 4 = 9

2 The LYLY Puzzle QUESTION

Here's a sneaky one - Add one letter to either the beginning or end of the string of letters below to make an English word. You can't change the order of the letters - **LYLY**

Answer tomorrow

Roger's Riddle

Answer to Yesterday's

A: The Scouts went down to different sides of the river at the start.

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Today's Riddle:-

Q: When you have three, you have THREE. When you have Two, you have TWO. When you have one, you have NONE. What do you have?

Dingbats

Answer to Yesterday's

'crim' in 'al' (Criminal)

2 Na Fish
(Tuna Fish)

Todays

Can you decode the 2 Dingbats below?

Answers tomorrow

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TRAFFIC
Ciffart

Doodle space

Sudoku

Easier one?

5			8	6	7			
		1	4				6	7
	9					5	4	
6	7	2	9					
3						4		
9	8		6				1	
								5
				8	3	2	7	
			2	7				9

Today's Quiz 2

- On an O.S. Landranger Map what is the symbol for a Youth Hostel?
A: The initials YH, A red triangle OR A green Y
- What is the symbol for stream or a river?
A: a thin brown line, a black line OR a blue line
- To which of the following does a compass point?
A: True North, Magnetic North OR Grid North
- What is the first thing that you do when you encounter an accident?
A: Get Help, Assess your safety OR Perform CPR
- What knot should be used to tie the ends of two ropes of unequal thickness together?
A: Reef Knot, Sheetbend OR Fisherman's Bend
- For which of these would a sheepshank be used?
A: Joining ropes together, tying a rope to a tree OR Shortening a rope
- What type of lashing is a Japanese?
A: Diagonal, Sheer OR Square
- What would you storm lash?
A: A patrol tent, 2 crossing spars OR 2 parallel spars

Yesterday's Quiz Answers

- Quiz 1 –Answers.**
- Robert; 2. Mafeking;
 - Scouting for Boys; 4. 1907; 5. Wolf Cubs; 6. Girls were allowed to join;
 - Be prepared; 8. Left.

Camp Facts 1 answers

- 1112 pegs
- 726 bread rolls?
- six sets of siblings