



BALA BUGLE

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Fly on the wall

Well, although camp is over, I wanted to add a final edition of things that occurred after Saturdays Bala Bugle edition had 'gone to bed'.

Camp fire

After all the day's activities were over and we shared a communal meal, Roger led the traditional camp fire sing song on Saturday evening bringing the camp events to a close. It was a cool evening (10c), free from light pollution the sky was filled with stars, some people thought that the International Space Station went overhead too.

We had a large roaring fire, fed throughout by Dan, Olly and Tank. (Safety Note: The fire was off the ground on altar fire stands, the campsite grass was green [unlike grass at home] and fire buckets were filled ready for any problems).

Nobody had any excuses for not knowing the words of the songs for Roger had provided a comprehensive book of campfire songs.

A highlight of the event was when Tank and Gary got up danced and sang '*The cow kicked Nelly in the belly in the barn...*'.

Their antics caused great mirth for as they sang, they danced around the fire in a progressively faster, louder and more animated fashion singing '*a little bit louder and a little bit worse.*'

The campfire ended with people 'drifting away quietly from the circle singing 'Kum ba Yah'.

Fly on the wall (continued)

Birthday Boy

Olliver Tuffill had his traditional birthday breakfast treat of pancakes on Sunday to celebrate his 14th birthday.

A family tradition since Olly was very young. Roger cooked the ingredients provided by Olly's Mum and generously Olly shared them with his patrol.

Belated happy birthday Oliver.

Striking Camp

After patrols had taken down their tents, everybody, including the lorry driver, helped loading the lorry and taking down the seven marquees and other tents. Numerous marquee poles were loaded by a 'fast moving' human chain formed by scouts and leaders.

Hundreds of metres of electrical cable linking the site to the generator were recovered. Poles and canvas were bagged up. Pegs cleaned and stored. Chris (A) oversaw loading operations.

Points were accordingly awarded to those who helped.

Somebody said it was the best camp strike ever. Well done.

The litter picking

Chris ensured an effective 'litter sweep' by getting the Scouts to form a regimented line and actually look at the ground, while some people (Rowan) gazed skyward, presumably to spot any litter blown around by the wind.

Journey Home

Buses loaded, then the long journey home; further enhanced by one of the minibuses taking a 'scenic' route through Wales. Nevertheless, they were home about 40 minutes after the first bus.

By which time the parents had helped unload the lorry and finally camp was over.

Did you Know?

Rhiwlas Estate

Our thanks go to Richard Price, owner of the Rhiwlas estate upon which we camped. One of his predecessors John Lloyd Price, who inherited the Rhiwlas estate at the age of seventeen years on the death of his grandfather, Richard Watkin Price, in 1860, John established the Welsh Whisky Distillery at Fron-goch.

Fly on the wall contd

Nice to put a face...

Having worked since May on programming everybody's activities for camp, it was nice to meet you all and put a face to a name.

Like-wise during the mapping exercise and short geocache hike in the lush green countryside, I also had chance to chat to you all too.

I hope you've enjoyed reading the 'Bala Bugle' every night, I certainly got the impression that you did when I distributed them.

The 'Bugle' contains just a small smattering of the events on camp and I hope you will look back at them in the future and remember the great camp fondly.

Best of luck for future camps...



Points Top Patrol
Numbers in brackets are inspection points.

Falcons – 407 (54)

Gannets – 422 (56)

Kestrels – 377 (54)

Peewits – 364 (46)

FINAL POINTS

At the end of camp these are the final points:-

1st Gannets – 726

2nd Falcons – 688

3rd Kestrels – 676

4th Peewits – 635

(includes all the points that were earned helping to pack up)

Weather

It was Sunny/Cloudy 23c
Nice & dry for a 'pack up'

Summer Camp recipe

1. Confirm the date
2. Go and look for and agree a site. (Recce 1)
3. Look for paid activities in the area.
4. Find Leaders to help
5. Tell Scouts
6. Book Minibuses & Lorry
7. Programme people to activities
8. Go to site and find baker/butcher/grocer/hospital/dentist/ etc (Recce 2)
9. Sort kit/repair/load
10. Transport Scouts & kit.
11. Erect tents/marquees
12. Shop daily
13. Run activities
14. Pack up
15. Go home
16. Store kit away.
17. Decide next year's date