

# cubjam 2009

## Gilwell Park

**Souvenir News  
Summary**  
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## Read all about it.....

This Souvenir News Summary is designed to bring the best of CubJam memories flooding back. It's in a format that can either be e-mailed or printed to all those that took part, and to those who wished they had!

With everyone so busy on site taking part in the opportunities available we know that Cubs and adults alike may not have had the opportunity to read all the news updates that were made during the week, or monitored the crime wave in full.

Here you will find all those updates (in chronological order) and a whole raft of other information— contingent list, competition winners, a poem, a list of activities, some quotes, list of sponsors and suppliers and some staggering CubJam facts.

We have also included the item from the Scout Association main web site. If you have local media items please e-mail them to [media@cubjam.org.uk](mailto:media@cubjam.org.uk)

Throughout this edition you will also find just a few of the thousands of fantastic photos taken during CubJam. At the back you will find a recruitment poster that may be of some use.

In the August / September Cub Scout supplement of Scouting Magazine watch out for another item on CubJam.

All contingents will also soon receive a Souvenir DVD and details of feedback required, plus a draw for Mp3 player prizes for doing so. CubJam 2009 was brilliant but as with all events we are keen to learn how we can make it even better for 2013, so please do take the time to complete and return the forms by the closing date of 31st July. You can download a copy from the live web site.

Don't forget you can order photo gifts and if you haven't already registered for information about CubJam 2013, which will start being released in early 2012, then please do. All via the live web site.

**See you all there !!!!!**

## The sun shines on CubJam

*Written by Simon, Saturday 23rd May 10.20am*

What a great start to CUBJAM!! The contingents are starting to arrive on camp and are welcomed by glorious sunshine.

CUBJAM is starting to come alive with the radio studio now broadcasting and taking requests via text.

Hoads of Cubs and Leaders have already arrived onto the CUBJAM site and a sea of tents is starting to take over Gilwell Park Campsite.

The CUBJAM team are already starting to upload some photos and will continue to do so throughout the event— so be sure to check the photo galleries page.



## The party's started.....

*Written by Louise, Saturday 23rd May 6.58pm*

The sun shining all day certainly put everyone into the party spirit!!! Just before 7.00pm hundreds of noisy Cubs (and not quite so noisy leaders) made their way across to the main arena, proudly waving the flags that each contingent had designed.

There was definite competition between New Orleans, Notting Hill and Rio as they gathered to see just who could really make the most noise - but it was too close in decibels (and lots of them!) to judge!!!!

The opening ceremony began with some great music from 2nd Drove, including

the specially written CubJam song. Once the music stopped centre stage was taken by camp organiser Bob Cooper, who welcomed everyone on behalf of the CubJam team.

Peter Nicholl, Deputy Chief Scout, was then welcomed to the party before being asked to help collect in all the fantastic contingent flags - which were placed in front of the stage to make a colourful display.

Bob Cooper then showed how the party needed to continue by removing his uniform shirt and necker, thankfully revealing his CubJam shirt under-

neath!!! CubJam had well and truly started...

Peter was then invited to make two very special presentations, one to Thomas (a Cub with 14th Lincoln St Giles who had earned his Chief Scout Silver Award) and the other to Jacob a Cub with 1st West End (the winner of the competition to design the official CubJam badge).

A very loud (and nearly tuneful) version of Happy Birthday was then sung by all present for those lucky people celebrating birthdays with all their new friends at CubJam.

## Sun shines on happy campers!

*Written by Louise, Sunday 24th May 10.13am*

After a rather early start from some very eager Cubs (4.30am in one case ) the sun soon had everyone up and ready for a day packed with CubJam fun.

The delicious smell of a variety of cooked breakfasts soon wafted across Notting Hill, Rio and New Orleans. We're sure it didn't take long for every morsel to be eaten, although we're sure some Cubs were still surprised to find they had some washing up to do afterwards!

A steady stream of Cubs and adults soon made their way across to use the showers, although we won't guarantee to parents how many used their full wash kit.

For some lucky Cubs, with tickets for the first performance, the day then started with a brilliant magic show from Colonel Custard. Listening to the Cubs afterwards it was obvious that even those who thought they would have seen all the magic before came away amazed that they actually hadn't. One Cub was thrilled when Colonel



Custard made rings of smoke appear from a cup on his head!

The day's activities across the site are taking place right now, with hundreds of happy Cubs making new friends and enjoying some independence as they make the most of the fun on offer. The sun shines brightly so across the site every minute a leader somewhere can be heard saying "Cubs, have you put some more sun screen on...".

## Cubtastic!

*Written by Louise, Sunday 24th May 3.17pm*

Despite hours of endless fun since early this morning the Cubs show no sign of slowing down!

Activities on offer are giving the Cubs the hardest part of the day, as they try to decide which of the different ones on offer they are going to try next. There was a well earned break for lunch but other than that the fun has continued non-stop.

One of the most popular activities has to be "It's a Knockout", as not only is it great fun it's also a welcome chance to cool off from the heat of all this wonderful sunshine by getting wet.

The Circus Skills workshop is another popular event, although we're not sure how close we want to get to all those Cubs learning to juggle. During this afternoon we have also seen some amazing talent from those on site as

they took part in heats for CubJam's Got Talent, ready for the grand final tonight.

The leader "cry" of "Cubs, have you put some more sun screen on..." is now followed up with the natural sequel... "Cubs, why aren't you wearing your hat?!"

Watch this space for more news later ..... (and if you haven't already done so why not web stream live to CubJam FM?)

## As the sun sets....

**Written by Louise, Sunday 24th May 7.39pm**

As the sun starts to set we can only say what the Cubs are telling us - "CubJam is AWESOME!!!!!!!"

Whilst the afternoon may well have been hot and sunny the majority of red faces are due to running round having fun rather than not wearing sun cream and a hat!

More sessions for the wonderful activities on offer included a chance for other Cubs to witness the magic of Colonel Custard, and once again he (almost) stunned the crowd into silence as they tried to work out just how he did all those tricks.

Once everyone had a chance to recharge their batteries, although not all those adults working hard catering for the hoards could do so (well done folks!!!), then there was even more fun to enjoy. The cinema is running every evening throughout CubJam, and tonight the audiences were able to enjoy another great film (Garfield).

Even those not joining in the organised camp activities were soon engaged in random games of cricket, football and anything else they had the kit for! Some serious badge swapping has been taking place (sorry folks but looks like more

sewing of badges onto those camp blankets...) and lots of new friends made as Cubs head off in search of trades - where else can you swap a "make it yourself" plane for a handful of bouncy balls and a tub of bubbles?!

Earlier today Notting Hill, Rio and New Orleans had auditioned for their sub camp entries to go through into tonight's final of "CubJam's Got Talent". As we speak the final judging is taking place. So, the winners are.....we'll tell you as soon as we know!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



## Urgent help needed with investigation

**Written by Simon, Monday 25th May 7.15am**

CubJam woke to a Scene of Crime investigation this morning.

Police helicopters were circling overhead and Cubs are currently assisting with police investigations.

One Cub says "It was awful. I woke up and there was toilet roll and police tape everywhere".

We ask that all Cubs help the CubJam Police with their enquiries as much as they can. If you see anything out of the ordinary please contact CubJam FM.

Thank you for your patience.. Photo evidence can be found on the website.

The Cubjam Police.

## The morning's fun

**Written by Jack, Monday 25th May 2.13pm**

The rain clouds loomed to bring normality back to typical Gilwell weather, but only threatened for a few minutes with a small shower and some light wind before the glaring sun re-appeared to brighten the mood once again . Although it was nice for a bit of a cool down!!

As the day got started the amazing CubJam atmosphere was still as strong (if not stronger) as the previous days. The wary leaders, all with the same look of pinkish sun burn, dousing themselves in sun cream and advising their Cubs to put on their hats.

Today spoils us not only with glamorous weather but also more amazing activities to participate in and enjoy. Every Cub looking just as eager as each other and cannot wait to leave their own Sub camps and go and join in!! Some were so excited they even forgot to finish their breakfasts, and didn't want to come back for their lunch.

A short time after lunches had been scoffed and drinks gulped, the Cubs head off for another round of fun packed activities.

All those that haven't yet taken part can't wait for the formidable "It's A Knock

Out" to begin. This is possibly one of the most anticipated and enjoyed activities here at Gilwell Park. It leaves open vast opportunities for Cubs and Leaders alike to marvel in each others athletic ability (mostly Cubs ) and never fails to make people smile, and leave them soaking wet in the process. "It's A Knock Out" is without a doubt a favourite amongst all who have witnessed it!!



## A little rain does not stop play.....

**Written by Louise, Monday 25th May 7.57pm**

Another afternoon of new friends and activities as the Cubs carry on the fun, with a few very short bursts of rain not dampening spirits one bit (although a few Cubs have now learned why you should close up your tent properly).

The Cubs really are making the most of all the brilliant opportunities that CubJam has to offer, the hardest thing most of them have to do is simply to work out which one they want to try next! It's brilliant to see all these youngsters making so many new friends - realising that no matter where they may come from scouting means they all

have something in common.

Yet again circus skills, music workshops and "It's a Knockout" are all definite hits - although having got soaked in the game some of the Cubs need a lot of persuading that they really do still need a shower....

This evening the cinema is once again open and one sub camp of youngsters have been able to test themselves in "Challenge Valley", a long obstacle course that was specially built for Eurojam in 2005.

Another sub camp of Cubs have been

out exploring around Gilwell Park as they do their best to complete a photo hunt before it's time for bed.

With some sub camps heading off site to either Chessington or Colchester Zoo tomorrow leaders are trying to work out how to persuade the Cubs to have an early night, and how on earth they are going to get them ready for the coaches in time in the morning!

The great news is sunshine is forecast again for tomorrow.



## Crime wave strikes CubJam

**Written by Louise and Night Support Team late Monday 25th May and early Tuesday 26th May**

Three more incidents have now been brought to the attention of the CubJam Police. Who is behind this crime wave...?

### **Bearknapping!**

Dreadful news hits our ears here at Gilwell as the Rio sub camp announce that they are conducting a major investigation into the bearknapping of much loved Big Ted !

Concern has grown as a ransom demand arrived, the sub camp are not sure that funds are available to pay off such a high fee - 20 ICE CREAMS

Big Ted has now been spotted high in an Oak Tree, but no-one as yet has approached the tree in an attempt to rescue the teddy bear.

Negotiations continue.... Read more later to see if Big Ted has been returned home.

### **Mysterious Disappearance**

With the disappearance of a key member of the night support team in the earlier hours of Monday morning,

rumours of a toilet roll rustling ring and the holding of teddy bears for ice cream ransoms, the workload for CSI:Cubjam continues to grow.

Pictured left, Jen, a popular member of the night support team, went missing after an early patrol on Monday morning. Is it coincidence or is it linked to the crime scene that our Cubs woke to this morning? As yet our crack team of investigators have failed to solve these mysteries and are relying on the Cubs to help...

### **Pooh disappears in daring night raid**

A raid on Cubjam office during the night has led to the disappearance of Pooh Bear and his little friend.

Destined to travel home with one of our campers at the end of the week, Pooh Bear and his collection of now rare Cubjam souvenirs seems to be replaced with another ransom note demanding 15 ice creams. Also with Pooh, and now missing, was his small friend Cubjam Bear - the price for his return being 5 ice creams.

It is thought that the raid happened while the desk clerk was distracted by a deluge of phone charging requests - probably arranged as cover.

We wait with baited breath for more news from their captors, with a deadline of 20:00 set for payment.

At the time of writing, Cubjam organisers were unavailable to comment on what can now only be described as a mini crime wave.

The night support team advise that you keep a close watch on your bears - "Cuddle them tight and don't let them out of your sight" commented Bunny, night support member, as he set off into the night in search of the perpetrators of this terrible crime...



## A soggy start to Tuesday

*Written by Louise, Tuesday 26th May 9.33am*

After a relatively early night (for some) the wonderful weather decided to take a break. Overnight several bursts of heavy rain meant that everyone woke to find they needed their waterproofs for the first time this week.

A steady stream of Cubs and adults could be seen dashing across the site in the early morning - wellies and waterproofs with pyjamas was the fashion trend in place! By the time breakfast was underway the heavy rain had eased to become light showers and by about 10.00am the rain had stopped completely. As far as we know no one

ended up with a swimming pool in the tent from the rain, thanks goodness everyone had (like good scouts should) shut down their tents tightly last night!

It was an early start for those on Notting Hill and New Orleans today as they had to be at the meeting point for their coaches by 8.30am, packed lunches at the ready. Excited Cubs from Notting Hill have headed off in 8 coaches to spend the day at Chessington World of Adventures whilst equally excited youngsters from New Orleans have headed off in another 8 coaches to

Colchester Zoo.

With everyone else off site the Cubs from Rio have all the activities to themselves, and they are certainly



## The skies clear

*Written by Louise, Tuesday 26th May 1.44pm*

Much to everyone's relief the skies have cleared to a mix of cloud and sunshine, which combined with a breeze means the tents are all drying out nicely.

The Cubs and adults are really pleased to know that so many parents and supporters back home are visiting the website to listen to them on CubJam FM, send messages via the blog page and

view the hundreds of photos already available. The CubJam team are delighted too, as it means that we know you all now can see that the words we write about the great time everyone is having are really true!!!!

The contingents on Rio are making the most of having the site to themselves, meaning that most are getting to try

activities they haven't yet had chance to. Added to the range of activities so far is badge making, so lots of Cubs are now getting crafty

More updates later, once the tired adventurers return from their exploring at Chessington and Colchester Zoo.

## Everyones back again

*Written by Louise, Tuesday 26th May 7.29pm*

As the sun sets on another day of fantastic opportunities the Cubs seem to still have boundless amounts of energy, although the same can't be said for the adults with them!

Notting Hill have returned from the great fun at Chessington World of Adventures, with what looked like half the contents of the gift shop in their bags. It was great to hear that so many of them had the chance to try some rides etc that they had never seen before. It seems even the most wary Cubs (and adults) found plenty to keep them occupied. The braver Cubs (and

any adults they could persuade) screamed their way around the more "scariest" rides, so a few hoarse throats can now be heard. One of the most popular rides was "Vampire".

The Cubs and adults on New Orleans had spent the day exploring the huge animal collection at Colchester Zoo. The hardest part of the day was probably for the poor keepers, trying to work out how so many little monkeys had escaped their enclosures all at once

For those on Rio the chance to try their hand at yet more new activities for the first time was made easier as they had



everything all to themselves.

With two thirds of Cubs off site the ground had the chance to recover from the overnight rain last night, much to the relief of leaders who had previously had visions of a "Winter Camp" style mud bath floating before their eyes.

The party continues tonight with CubJam FM pumping out yet more music, with messages from Cubs and home being read out all the time. The site may (!) just fall quiet at some stage later this evening....

## The mystery deepens

**Written by Night Support, Wednesday 27th May 4.25am**

As the Cubs awaken this morning, not only are they greeted by sunshine and a very welcome dry day, they are also greeted by further evidence in the CSI:Cubjam mystery. As this story continues to unfold, will the Cubs solve this by the end of the week and the perpetrator be apprehended?

The story so far...Teddy Bears have been held to ice cream ransom, team members have gone missing and the

toilet roll rustling continues. Last night, Charli Ann, drafted in to replace Jen from night support after she went missing, was taken mysteriously ill and unavailable for duty - is this another twist in the tale? - with the Cubjam staff baffled, only the Cubs can help.

This morning the carriage from the Stevenage train, until now offering innocent site tours, was found packed with toilet rolls in the main arena. The

main train itself has been cordoned off in its train shed awaiting the arrival of investigators.

There is talk of an onsite incident room being opened for Cubs to review the clues and solve the mystery - could we be in a position to make an arrest at the closing ceremony?



A few light showers this morning haven't dampened the enthusiasm of the Cubs on New Orleans, who are pleased to have the site activities to themselves for the day.

Parents (in their hundreds) continue to view photographs, make requests to CubJam FM and make blog entries as they follow the news updates. One parent has even bailed their Cub son out (who didn't quite bring everything on his kit list) by posting in his swimming trunks!

## It's gone quiet again....

**Written by Louise, Wednesday 27th May 8.12am**

Another night passes off peacefully enough, except maybe for the (not so) occasional snore from very contented campers (especially one on Notting Hill who must surely win the "loudest" prize so far ).

The only complaints to date are the ones from the Cubs as they realise that if they want to make the coaches heading off site they do really need to get out of bed and get ready in time, whilst of course they would much rather snuggle down for "just 10 more minutes".... The ones to escape this today were the Cubs on New Orleans

sub camp, as they will have the activities on site here to themselves.

Cubs on both Rio and Notting Hill therefore had to get up, get dressed, have breakfast, clear up, get lunches sorted and hand out any pocket money - so numerous plaintive cries of "Akela, I can't find my..." gradually decreased as things surfaced from wherever they had been hidden.

Rio have headed to Chessington World of Adventures whilst those on Notting Hill have gone to Colchester Zoo.

## They're back

**Written by Louise, Wednesday 27th May 4.29pm**

As we write all the coaches are returning to site from the trips out to Chessington and Colchester Zoo.

Weather made Chessington a bit of a soggy experience for those from Rio, and not just on the water rides. In typical scouting fashion though everyone was prepared, and rain did not stop play. We wonder if any more bearknapped teds made their way onto the water ride..... Who would have thought that being held to ransom could be so much fun for a Ted

Notting Hill spent a great day at Colchester Zoo. According to sources

"the Orangutan was wicked", the adult elephants "helped" some Cubs with their hygiene by slobbering over them and best of all ...some of the Cubs saw a Polar Bear poo!!!!!! Once again the zoo staff seemed able to sort out the real monkeys from our little ones, and all of them have made it safely back on site.

Throughout the day New Orleans were able to have all the site activities to themselves, although a combination of weather and the toll of so many days of fun on energy levels meant some activities were much quieter than others.

Weather on site today has included

showery rain this morning and some very gusty winds, but once again the scouting spirit survives - and thankfully so do all the tents!

Tonight is a usual mix of activities, including the chance for more to complete the Photo Hunt. For those who prefer something a little more sedate tonight's movie is "Valiant", and of course the stars of CubJam FM will be partying for a while yet.

We wonder what mysterious events will have taken place today, and may take place overnight. Watch this space to see if the night team can add.

## Dawn breaks after a peaceful night

**Written by Night Support, Thursday 28th May 4.14am**

As dawn breaks over Cubjam, with the birds singing and a bright sun rising, for once it seems to have been a peaceful night... Our latest patrols report no new incidents, with all being calm across the site.

Perhaps the impromptu Cubjam FM night show - on until 2am this morning - scared our perpetrators off? It

certainly caused many to turn in for an early night!

All this said, there are still so many questions to be answered after the events of the last few nights and with this in mind, the CSI : CubJam investigators have taken over the souvenir shop and converted it to an incident room. The evidence has been

gathered, a rogues gallery of likely suspects is on display and report forms are ready to be completed.

We hope there will be at least one Cub out there ready to solve the mystery, as we know the Camp Chief wants results in time for an arrest at the closing ceremony...

## Only one more sleep to go

**Written by Louise, Thursday 28th May 10.00am**

After so many days of fun the Cubs (and most of the leaders) had a relatively early night, and for Notting Hill a late start as they made the most of the fact they are staying "home" today.

The comment about snoring the other day seems to have started a trend, as last night the champion of Notting Hill had some serious competition from contenders on New Orleans and Rio.

The sun is shining on and off through a cloudy sky so it wasn't too hard to encourage New Orleans to get ready for their day of fun at Chessington

World of Adventures. After the comment from yesterday Rio have headed off to spend the day at Colchester Zoo, with Cubs hoping they too will be able to see a Polar Bear do a poo!!!!!!

Notting Hill are making the most of having the site activities to themselves, and if the sun shine continues then swimming may well be the most popular choice this afternoon. We're sure some of them will be putting the finishing touches to their carnival costumes, ready for the carnival parade later.

Some Cubs seem rather disappointed that their leaders aren't too keen to sew

all the badges they have swapped or collect so far this week onto their camp blankets for them. They are obviously eager to look their best for what should be an awesome camp fire experience later tonight.

We're sad to report that the sound of tears has hit the site in a few places - but the good news it's from a couple of Cubs having such a great time they don't want to go home tomorrow!

Don't forget to look at previous days fun in the news section, or to make the most of the last day or so to add blog comments or listen to CubJam FM.

## Carnival is coming to town

**Written by Louise, Thursday 28th May 2.30pm**

Well, ok, so the carnival has been here all week really but tonight will see the carnival parade itself taking place.

New Orleans and Rio are en route back to site after the day of fun at either Chessington World of Adventures or Colchester Zoo. We hope they got their carnival outfits ready before they went, if not we're sure it won't take long for them to get creative on their return.

All the sub camps have had a supply of craft materials available for Cubs and adults alike to get their carnival outfits ready, although some contingents had been so prepared they have brought it all ready done with them. All CubJam contingents were asked to hand in a

Group necker to their sub camp leaders at the start of CubJam and since then some very nimble fingered leaders have been burning the midnight oil to sew them all together. These make really impressive "flags" for each sub camp that will look amazing as part of the carnival parade tonight. As well as costumes the contingents have a variety of whistles, shakers and drums so we do hope everyone is ready for probably the noisiest night so far!

On site today the Cubs from Notting Hill have been able to make the most of the activities and finish off their carnival preparations. A warm afternoon means swimming has certainly been a popular

choice! Some of the Cubs grass sledging decided to finish their session rolling down the hill, leaving the sledges behind. A sight to behold - especially when these Cubs staggered back up the hill feeling just a bit dizzy.

Lost property continues to collect, and some has even been claimed. The words "please make sure everything is named" on kit lists obviously hadn't registered with some Cubs and their families. We do wonder what one Cub has been sleeping in all week, as we have had their pyjamas since Monday and we are trying to track down two other Cubs by smell.... their towels have been here since Sunday!

## Now, the end is near.....

**Written by Louise, after the end of CubJam, for Thursday 28th May 10.00pm**

After tea all the contingents began to transform themselves from dirty, tired, happy Cubs into dirty, tired, happy Cubs in costume!!! The carnival parade was the first of the main activities this evening and it was wonderful watching all the youngsters (and some of the adults) get into the carnival mood.

Photographs in the public and contingent galleries show how truly wonderful some of the costumes and carts / floats were. We seemed to have nearly every animal under the sun and every colour of the rainbow in all the costumes. Goodness knows how much paint and glitter everyone had used. As the contingents gathered in their sub camps there was great excitement and the noise grew louder and louder. That may well have had something to do with all the drums, shakers, clackers and whistles that seem to have appeared - some made in Cub meetings before arriving and others made on site.

Teddy Bears seemed to be everywhere, some in their "bling", and included the Ted safe from his adventures on the log flume at Chessington Even the Stevenage Scout Train got in on the act, as did the CubJam team in their brilliant clown outfits. Sub camps were led by hand carts and flags, there was a wonderful "Mississippi Steamer" and a flag made from neckers (or scarves if you prefer) of the contingents on Notting Hill (lovingly hand sewn until 1.30am by one talented scouting adult). The sub camps paraded around making loads of noise to collect each other and then gathered for one of the camp organisers, in his disguise as a blue haired clown, to wind them up to make even more noise.

No sooner had the carnival fun ended then everyone had time to pop back to their sub camps, collect their decorated camp blankets and gather ready to head off for the campfire. The sub camps all

gathered together and took the long way round to reach the campfire circle. The sight of around 1500 people all gathered together at the Gilwell campfire with their scouting family is certainly one that the Cubs in particular will remember for years to come. Glow sticks were handed out and as the light faded the campfire was lit, even if the wizard hiding inside didn't want to wake up.... Singing began and for the next half hour or so everyone took part in singing some old favourites and attempting to learn some more unfamiliar ones! Finishing with the tradition of "Kum ba yah" the campfire slowly came to an end and the contingents made their way "home".

After all the excitement of the past week it really wasn't long before silence fell across the campsite, apart from the members of our "Snore Chorus" of course!!!!!!!!!!!!



## CubJam's most wanted

**Written by Night Security**

As the camp draws to a close, it seems that the Cubs have helped us identify who has been responsible for the Cubjam crime wave. With stocks of toilet roll recovered, bears back with their owners and a call from Jen - who awoke in Bournemouth this morning remembering nothing about the past few days except a gleaming head - all that is left now is to make an arrest.

Pictured above is the man identified by the Cubs as the perpetrator of these crimes, Andy the Train Driver.

Overnight, the CPS (Cubjam Prosecution Service) team have been working to identify the extent of the catalogue of crimes that he has been carrying out under the cover of this otherwise fantastic event. To read the full list of charges, check out the news pages. An arrest is expected early this morning, with Court Appearance planned for 10am at the closing ceremony. Many thanks from the team at CSI:Cubjam to all the Cubs who helped us solve the mystery and all the parents and supporters who have e-mailed with ideas to help the investigation.

## Time to go home

*Written by Louise, after the end of CubJam, for Friday 29th May 1.00pm*

Despite the late night many adults were up fairly early on Friday to start the second worst part of any camp, taking down tents and packing away. Slowly Cubs began to stir too, full of great excitement that they would soon see their families, sadness that CubJam was at an end - and eggy bread of course.

Across the camp site it was almost a mass call by Akela's from across the country as they tried (and mostly succeeded) in reuniting Cubs with all the lost property from the week away. Some lost property was definitely declared as "too yucky to touch" and part of the "No, they're not my pants Akela" collection so were consigned to rubbish heaps starting to collect. Still don't know what one Cub slept in as he never did claim those pyjamas.....

The familiar "cries" for the end of a Cub camp soon echoed across the camp site - "Akela, I can't find..."; "Akela, it won't all fit in ..." and "Akela, I can't get my sleeping bag back in it's bag".

Eventually everyone was ready to gather for the worst part of such an amazing event - the closing ceremony and time to

say goodbye.

Contingents gathered together for the final time, with one of the camp organisers (Bob Cooper) once again acting as master of ceremonies. Towards the start of the ceremony the week long investigation of mysterious goings, investigated by the Cubs, resulted in the arrest of the perpetrator. A full charge sheet was read out and despite his pleas the audience found him guilty on all counts!. He was taken away, to be totally soaked by some of his own Cubs armed with very full water pistols!!!

Part of the ceremony included the presentation of prizes to various competition winners and also some very special moments for some of the Cubs present - there were two presentations for Cubs who had earned their Chief Scout Silver Award and 1 brave Cub from the 2nd Bracknell was invested in front of everyone present. Without going into details everyone present was also asked to congratulate 1 Cub for receiving the Medal of Meritorious Conduct. Whilst all the CubJam team were warmly

thanked Bob ensured his fellow organiser, Steve Hall, was rightly singled out for all his hard work and dedication. The Cubs cheered all the adults who had this week given them the most precious gift any adult can - their time.

It was finally time for everyone to return to their camp sites for the final time, packing away and heading home. CubJam truly had achieved it's aim, reminding us all that through scouting we have a common bond - and around another 28 million family members we have yet to meet! It was great to see so many contingents saying warm goodbyes and arranging to meet again, at CubJam 2013 if not sooner.....

So - parents and supporters... you've seen some of the best that scouting can offer this week so why not see how you can help your local Group in some way? There are hundreds of roles available that need **YOU** right now - remember it's all about what you can do, not what you can't. If you do recruit / volunteer as a result of seeing CubJam in action drop as an e-mail and let us know.



## CSI : Cubjam Charge Sheet

*Written by Night Support, Friday 29th May 3.38pm*

**Date - 29th May 2009**

**Location – Gilwell Park**

**ACCUSED** - Andrew "Shifty" Smith  
**BORN** - Sometime last century

1. That you did between 23rd May and 29th May deliberately deface Cubjam Menu boards to the annoyance of all Kitchen staff.

Contrary to section 27 Cubjam regulations 2005

2. That you did between 23rd May and 29th May pretended to be a real train driver.

Contrary to section 12(a) Having fun at Camp Act 1972

3. That you did between 23rd May and 29th May, whilst not an official Union Member cause unrest between hard working colleagues at camp.

Contrary to section 48 Camp crew staff regulations 1960 as amended by the Bog cleaning Act 1984.

4. That you did on at least one occasion between 23rd and 29th May fall asleep whilst on duty in a prohibited place (the White House Lawn) whilst on duty in charge of a lethally propelled vehicle.

Contrary to the pretend train drivers Code of practice 2001 and the "I am the fat controller" regulations 2003

5. That you did one night whilst at Cubjam use said "pretend" train to rustle

toilets rolls and car park permits for your own gain. Contrary to section 1 Sneaking about at night Act 2005 and Section 401 the Improper use of toy train Act 2004

6. That you did one night whilst rustling toilet rolls did kidnap an honest hard-working member of the night team, namely Jen and then held her against her will whilst trying to pass the blame on to everyone else.

Contrary to All Sections of the Good Egg at Camp Act 1908 onwards and the Bring Back Jen Campaign (Cubjam 2009)

## Quotes ~ just a selection from the hundreds received

“Wow! Seeing the smiles on all the Cubs faces makes me wish I was 10 again. There hasn’t been a dull moment in CubJam and it is the most rewarding, happiest times of my life. The experiences I have gained is immense and it is my wish to become a proper leader when I’m an adult.” - Samuel Amer (14)

“I enjoyed my time at CubJam. It was the best camp I have ever been to and I wish I would stay at CubJam forever!” - Sadiyah Folami (9)

“I learnt how to sleep the right way on a slope I my tent. I’ve really liked the evening shows at CUBJAM FM because of all the tricks and songs. It’s really FUN.” - Luke Dyer (10)

“I am really enjoying CubJam, I’m having so much fun. It rocks!!!!” - Ben Wise (Cub)

“An excellent event and all the Cubs and Leaders enjoying themselves—long may it last!” - Peter Nicol (Deputy Chief Scout)

“A superb event! Well organised with lots of Cubs and others having a great time. Well done one and all!” - Rob Lyons (Regional Commissioner, East of England)

“I wish I was still a Cub and didn’t have to go to work on Tuesday! Brilliant organisation, activities, weather (so far!) and fun.”- Rikki Harrington (County Commissioner, Hertfordshire)

“I liked having well behaved Cubs on camp. I liked seeing them having loads of ff.uu.nn, in the sun. My favourite activity was putting the Cubs in the 3G swing and watching them drop at 100mph! They are getting very dirty now and need to find water....FAST!!!” - Steve Hynes (Baloo)

“After 25 years in Scouting I finally decided to join a week long camp with trepidation. Can I on behalf of my exhausted Cubs and the other leaders say an enormous thank you for making every thing to do with Cubjam so enjoyable. The Cubs have had an amazing, unforgettable time and the adults (now they have caught up on their sleep) thoroughly enjoyed themselves too” - Carole Charge

“Wonderful time had by all. This was my 1st Jamboree and what a way to start. Bring on the next one....” - Sion Hewitt (Ikki)

“This is the second time I have had a child on Cubjam and the difference for

us parents is huge. Last time round you were somewhat limited by the lack of technology, but this time with the ease of uploading photo's, blogs, comments and FM we at home have felt as included (almost) as our lad. This is such a wonderful idea - I know how exhausting it is, I have held a warrant myself, but you are ALL heroes. The work you do for our kids, for children you barely know, is magnificent and it is very comforting for a parent to send our beloved kids away knowing that they are being looked after by people as dedicated and caring as you all. Our son has come back having totally enjoyed his experience and is only disappointed to know that there isn't a Cubjam next year!!!!” - Gareth Wilson

“Been here two days. Have sewn Velcro on the gazebo, stitched the seams of the tent, mended a Cub’s trousers and have volunteered to sew 20 scarves together for the carnival float! Knew my GCE Needlework would come in handy one day!” - Mary Forster (Akela)



## CubJam included

- 3G swing
- Aeroball
- Archery
- Badge swapping
- Badge making
- Bouncy Castles (3!)
- Campfire
- Carnival Parade
- Challenge Valley
- Chase Trail
- Chessington world of adventures
- Cinema
- Circus skills workshops
- Climbing
- Closing ceremony
- Colchester Zoo
- Crafts
- Coffee Shop (adults)
- CUBJAM FM
- “CubJam’s got talent”
- Face painting
- Giant garden games
- Grass sledging
- It’s a knockout
- Jump mats
- Live band
- Low ropes
- Magic show
- Music workshops
- Opening ceremony
- Pedal karts
- Photo hunt
- Revolving climbing wall
- Rifle shooting
- Stevenage scout train
- Swimming

## A poem about CubJam 2009

**Written by Jacob (from Stevenage's) Mum!**

Way back on Sunday morning  
I sent the Cubjam guys a text  
Requesting Mr. Blue Sky  
And the D.J played it next!

I was so proud of full of joy  
To hear this song played for my boy  
By now I'd really got the bug  
But didn't know my grave was dug.

From now on  
I was resigned  
To send a flow of verse  
And songs combined.

On Monday I was a bit let down  
When they didn't play the Clash  
So I donned my Poem Queen Crown  
And I caused quite a splash.

I asked them for another tune  
And happily they played it  
They also did it really soon  
And then I knew I'd made it.

When they chose to play that song,  
I really was elated  
So I wrote another poem  
As I celebrated.

Since then I've sent my odes to you  
Sometimes twice or more a day  
Now it amounts to quite a few  
Enough to fill a page (or two).

On Tuesday I begged with the Stevenage  
cubs

To make better use of the U.S.B hubs  
I asked them quite nicely to do some  
uploading  
Just simply that, nothing hard, like  
encoding.

Finally their pics are online  
But now its Thursday so its about time  
But we really do appreciate it  
It's been so long that we have waited.

That day I also sent requests  
They both got played, I was impressed  
Although I had to ask for one of them  
twice  
They eventually gave us Apollo  
440 ....wasn't that nice!

On Wednesday I was late for work  
And really in a rush  
But still that could not stop me  
Now the words just seem to gush.

By then I'd made a Face book page  
To celebrate the crew  
And become (almost) official sage  
Next week, what shall I do?

That night I was made, much to my glee  
An honorary Cub Scout  
But I haven't got a woggle see,  
Maybe they can send one out?

One more begging poem  
To Stevenage, I sent  
But I think they were already  
Snoring in their tent.

Last thing before I went to sleep  
I asked for some Thin Lizzy  
But I had to go to bed,  
Cuz I was feeling dizzy :(

Once again, when today began  
I greeted the campsite with rhyme  
It's quite sad to think I can  
Do this for the second last time :(

When I had returned from work  
I assured the crew we love them  
But next week where will we all lurk  
When the airwaves shove them?

I celebrated the parade  
For each event a poem made  
But its almost finished now  
Time for the adults to take a bow

You've all been fantastic  
For giving up your time  
And of course enduring  
My never ending rhyme.

Us Mums and Dads think you're the best  
For everything you do  
I hope someday you are repaid  
And someone's good to you :-)

## The winners ~ from various competitions

### What does CUBJAM stand for?

The CubJam team had decided on  
"Carnival Unites Buddies Jammin'  
Around Midnight".

The closest entry was "Cubs Uncover  
Beavers Jiving At Midnight" from Ella  
Firman.

The best entry was "Children United  
Begin Jamboree Activities Marathon"  
from Izzy Holland

The funniest entry was "Cubs—Ugly  
Boys Jumping Around Marquees" from  
Aimee Butcher



### Winning Badge Design

Jacob Davenport

### CubJam's Got Talent

Under 9s—Oscar Tipper

Under 10s—Liam Jenman & Chloe  
Button

Under 11s—Joe MacRae

Over 11s—Matthew Spoor, Thomas  
Kingsland & Morgan Pugh

### It's A Knockout

1st—Girl Power

2nd—Treble 10

3rd—28 Ducks

# Some CubJam 2009 facts and figures

## Contingents

- There were 59 contingents (full list at bottom of this page) from Yorkshire to Guernsey and across to Wales. Some were single Cub Packs and some combined Pack or District contingents.
- During CubJam 2009 we had 31 people celebrating their birthday on site, ages from 5 to 56
- The most common first name for the males attending was Thomas / Tom (a staggering 41), beating Matthew into second place (31)
- The most common first name for the females attending was Emily (13), with Sarah (11), in second place
- The most common surname was Smith (18)

## Web Site (during CubJam)

- 10,587 visits, with the most on Wednesday at 1860
- 1,143,009 pages, with the most on Tuesday at 186,453
- 2,852,950 hits, with the most on Monday at 517,197
- The most popular time to visit the website was between 8pm and 9pm and the majority of visits lasted between 5 and 15 minutes
- The most listeners to CubJam FM via the web at any one time was 62, the most listeners via the web in one day was 476 and they received over 600 e-mails
- 800 blog entries made during the week
- 8,884 photographs loaded



## Random

- 184 parking permits were issued
- 860 tents / marquees pitched (everything from traditional to modern and toilet tents to party marquees)
- Estimated 27,000 toilet flushes using the 70 toilets on site!!!
- 100 caps were the first item to sell out, closely followed by 288 teddy bears and 500 woggles! By the end of the week most other items had also sold out - 1000 wristbands, 500 key rings, 250 mugs and 100s of clothing items. (Some items will be re-ordered so visit our on-line store for details)
- Raised over £250 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity by asking for donations for charging mobile phones, use of the internet or leaders refreshments in the coffee shop

Bedfordshire - Ampthill & Woburn, Biggleswade; Berkshire - Pang Valley, South East Berkshire, Wokingham; Cambridgeshire - Cambridge, Cromwell, Fenland; East Sussex - Hove & Portslade; Essex - Colchester Estuary; Gloucestershire - Cotswold Vale, Royal Forest of Dean; Gt. London Middx West - Harrow & Wealdstone; Gt. London North - Barnet Borough; Gt. London North East - East London, Hornchurch; Gt. London South - Southside; Gt. London South East - Chislehurst, East Wickham & Welling, Orpington; Gt. London South West - Richmond Upon Thames, Sutton; Guernsey; Hampshire - Blackwater Valley, Bramshill, Gosport, Odiham; Hertfordshire - Hemel Hempstead, Letchworth & Baldock, Royston, Stevenage, Ware; Kent - Dover, Medway, Romney, Sittingbourne, Thanet, Tunbridge Wells, Weald; Lincolnshire - Boston, Lincoln; Norfolk - North East Norfolk; North Yorkshire - Harrogate & Niddedale; Northamptonshire - Glendon, Grafton; Oxfordshire - Oxford Spire; Solihull - Blythe; Suffolk - Stowmarket, Sudbury, Wolsey; Surrey - Esher, Surrey Heath; Wales - Cardiff East & South

# Item from front page of Scout Association web site

## “Families tune in to Cubjam

**One of the largest national camps for Cub Scouts has been using technology to help beam the adventure of a jamboree back to parents' homes.**

Cubjam has 1,000 eight to ten year olds spending the week under canvas at Gilwell Park Scout Activity Centre, Essex. They have come from all over the UK, including Guernsey, Wales and Yorkshire to share a week of jamboree style fun, and take part in a wide range of activities, both on and offsite.

Organisers of Cubjam, Bob Cooper and Steve Hall, have made a huge effort to help parents discover real time what their sons and daughters are doing for the week.

Steve said, 'A camp like this can be more difficult for the parents than the young people, especially as it is often the first time the young people have spent so long away from their parents. This is why we have created Cubjam Live – an online area where parents can blog, read their children's blogs, listen to the radio station, text in messages and look at the thousands of photographs uploaded each day.'

One parent blogged on the site: 'It's been amazing to see daily photos, read news, listen to the radio, add requests, write and read blogs from our 1st and 2nd Orpington Cub Scouts. Our son is obviously having an amazing time, he looks so happy. A lifetime of memories I suspect.'

The site has proved so popular that they have had over a million page views this week alone.

Louise Clover, media manager and contingent leader said, 'This is a great way for parents to give their children a bit of freedom to gain their independence in a safe environment. It's also the first time that some parents have really understood what Scouting was about. We've already had five requests from parents to come and help out at a meeting when we get back.'

The main aim of Cubjam is to encourage Cub Scouts to meet others from across the UK, and that they have much in common with each other – no matter their background or where they are from. Ten-year-old Louis summed up his week so far: 'It's great. I don't want it to end.'

To find out more about all the fun that has taken place simply visit the CubJam Live website. The next Cubjam is 2013. To register your interest visit the Cubjam website.”

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# Our new Chief Scout says:

"So much of who we are as an adult is formed when we are kids"

"What Scouting says to people is it's okay to go for it in life"

"Every child has a right to have an adventure"

"Life is about grabbing opportunities"



If you agree with Bear then why not join the adventure as an adult volunteer? Whether you can spare an hour a year or two hours a week there are opportunities waiting for YOU right now.

Over 6,600 adults are needed across the UK to make the adventure happen for the 33,000 boys and girls on waiting lists.

Contact :