



“THE COOT”



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SUMMER CAMP 2010 – CRINACOTT FARM

Pioneer Troop returned to Crinacott Farm in Devon for another wonderful nine day summer camp with Mike and Linda Godfrey and their family. No more Ostriches, but the Emus are still there. The Scouts enjoyed good weather and spent two days on the beach at Bude surfing, rock pool investigations and sand castle building. Richard was elated because parking all day for Mildred was £1.80!!

Badge work, orienteering, water bomb catapult building, fire engine riding and a hike into the local village for a pub lunch were all part of the camp. We had Scout Master and two Scouts visit us for a day from the Hythe BPSA Group. Harry Punter and Aiden Howarth achieved their Mechanic badge by removing the diesel heater and wheel chair lift from Mildred, a task that took them a day and a half. A badge very well earned indeed.

There were two campfires, with a Bar B Que on the closing campfire on the last Saturday when Mike Godfrey and his family joined us. We also had Mark Howarth, Jeff Kingston and his daughter, and John Walter senior join us to help strike camp, so it was a full campfire circle with good singing. Leaving was hard on the Sunday. We had good intentions for an early departure but the Scouts and the Godfrey family were hard to part, and even after Mildred was packed, all were to be seen in the farmyard drinking tea and eating cakes with Mike trying to press us to stay for a burger lunch.

We received a lovely letter from Mike Godfrey after we returned home. We had thanked him for the kind and generous hospitality he and his family gave us. He wrote

to say how much his family had enjoyed having the Scouts on their farm for nine days and how they now missed them.



Setting out for the long journey...



The Scouts and Mike's Family enjoying a sing-song around the campfire.



Bay watch?..... (Dan and Charlie after a bude surf)



A tad pink for my liking...



Scouts enjoying a ride in the Tra'er



How much wood, would a woodchuck, chuck, if a woodchuck, could chuck, wood... ? Lewis looks like he knows the answer....



Jonny, Kirsty, Sam and Ross



The Scouts and Mikes family for one last photograph until next time...

DOWN IN THE CAVES CHUDLEIGH

At 18:30 on Friday evening, Richard, Michael, Gareth, Callum and I (Luke) left in Long John Silver Bus to do caving for our Cave Explorer Badge and Duke of Edinburgh Award. We stayed over night in the local Scout group's hut, before heading off to our first cave on Saturday Morning.

Pridamsleigh is the main cave in the area, attracting lots of groups. We were lead by our instructor, Joe, around some of the more unused routes because we were quite a small group. Pridamsleigh is the muddiest cave of the lot, however it is also the largest and most open. We then visited Dog Hole in the afternoon, a much smaller cave system. This time however, Joe didn't lead the way, we had to go in by ourselves, making for a much scarier experience.



They don't call it a dog hole for nothing.

AROUND & ABOUT THE HUT

SITUATIONS VACANT



The families and friends of those in the Group run our Group. Like our Association, all are volunteers. If you can help and participate in running the Group to keep our flag flying in any way please step forward.

- **Fund Raising**
STILL NEEDS HELP
- **Hut Maintenance & gardening**
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TRANSPORT

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