

THE GARRRDIAN



Yo ho, Yo ho, a Pirate's life for me!

Keeping things Shipshape

Our shout out of the day goes to the Site Services team for all their hard work! They get all the fun jobs - cleaning toilets, emptying bins, and doing all the heavy lifting. They are on duty 24/7. They wear more than just one pirate hat - organising transport, rescuing marquees, and helping out security too. From leaky ships to dirty decks to mending sails, Site Services has it covered. They are here a week in advance to set up camp and do not leave till at least Monday next week. So, we wish a hearty Chambo thanks to Nigel and his team of only 13 IST staff for everything they've been doing to keep our camp clean and safe! Extra thanks to Colin for doing an interview with us for this article at The Garrrdian.



Joke of the Day

Q. Are they docking at the port?

A. No they're just drinking it!



Matt Hyde - Very Important Pirate!

Yesterday another very special guest came to visit us at Chamboree – Matt Hyde, Chief Executive of Scouts UK. After lunch we squeezed in a quick chat with Matt before he ran a session for leaders on #SkillsforLife The Scouts new strategy for 2018-2023. Matt had been to see Burst the Bubble in the theatre, which he highly recommends, saying it was “amazing, and really well put together!” There was one particular activity zone he was intrigued by and wanted to do on camp before he left - The Port of Tortuga, hope you had a chance Matt! He left a message for all the happy campers: “It’s fantastic to be here and to see Chamboree in full flow. It’s nice to see the sun, I must have brought it with me! I’d like to say a big thanks to all the volunteers, and I hope all the Scouts and Guides are having an amazing time, having a fun time, and learning lots of skills for life!”

Partying Pirates

Last night felt like our biggest night yet! The best possible word to describe it is simply LOUD! There were cheers, phone waving, and vibrant dance moves.

Crt+C started us off with some cracking covers. By eight o'clock the crowd was wild. Next up was Boomin Band, certainly wouldn't be able to hear cannon booms over this crowd! The dynamic was incredible from ballads to bops in one single mash up. A highlight was the falsetto from the drummer during the band's Grease medley.



Sign Language

Fancy learning some sign language? Adrian Venables is teaching sign language all day tomorrow in the Lighthouse!

Manners Maketh Pirate

Alex Davies would like to say how amazing and delightful it was to have the Explorers & Rangers at the Creation Station! You made their day a pleasure.

Cinema!

Yar har me hearties! There will be no film in the Cinema tonight and tomorrow morning due to the Explorers & Rangers Silent Disco and the Carnival. Go to the Cinema to see the show times.

Caps for Sale!

All funds are going to the WSJ IST and contingents! Just £2!

Liverpool Experience

A thank you from all running the Liverpool experience trip for how polite everyone has been! You guys have made such a good impression and we are getting some great feedback from all the places you are visiting! Good job everyone!

Happy Birthday for Yesterday!

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| Millie Ainsworth | Ellie Henderson |
| Emily Taker | Alan Machin |
| Harley Nash | Georgie Offer |
| Joshua Piper | Adam Abdalla |
| Sos Smith | Andy Bradbury |
| Grace Whitewood | Ramon Hartman |
| Amy Besant-Roberts | Margaret Ford |
| | Tom Harrington |

Survival Skills

On arriving at the Survival Skills Zone you'll be met by scouts and guides swinging on a Scout constructed swing made with pioneering poles and rope. A further wander along will take you to a gadget making area, and a tent full of youngsters making paracord bracelets or their very own rope from scratch. Mr Woggle makes all sorts of handmade rope items, including the rope machine itself! We managed to have a catch up with Alex, Ellie, Katie, and Alice from the 16th Warrington Scouts who had just come from a session in survival skills where they watched, with hands over their eyes, a fresh rabbit stew being made. They decided the popcorn making was more up their street but unfortunately managed to set their popcorn on fire! After a shot on the rope swing they were headed to treat themselves to a slushy in commiseration at the Pirate Cafe. Their top tip is not to leave the popcorn on too long!

'Los El Barca Mureta'

The crew of the 'El Barca Los Muerta' left this morning for foreign shores, landing at Tortuga port for the swashbuckling challenges to prove themselves as worthy pirates! Grunts and aaarr's could be heard as they faced death defying tests of skills. Leaving port on 12 bells and headed off into the horizon, cheers of victory could be heard! None were vexed by the tasks that had been set!

Written by Skipper Krinon from 12th Warrington East and 16th Warrington West



Pirate Tooth Fairy

The Pirate Tooth Fairy came to visit 37th Warrington Guides as Abbie Taylor had managed to use a Cola bottle to remove a tooth! An unconventional way of tooth removal that The Garrrdian would not recommend!

Thought of the Day

'Religions are different roads converging upon the same point. What does it matter that we take different roads so long as we reach the same point.'

Mahatma Gandhi

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Teresa & Graham Shaw are celebrating their Bronze (19th) Wedding Anniversary today! We want to say a massive congratulations from all the team here and we hope you enjoy your afternoon tea!

Party in the Pirate Cafe

As soon as the main stage had their last song, you could hear the songs and cheers coming from the acoustic night at the IST Cafe. Every pirate needs some downtime after a long day at sea! Well done to all the artists who performed, especially to the lads on last who had every leader on their feet singing a mash up of 'Hey Jude' and 'Bulletproof'. Of course the leaders were just as excited and you could hear the chants for one last song from miles around. A hearty well done and thank you to everyone involved - here's to more partying before our ships leave shore.



Escape the galley

A year and a half ago the Cheshire Youth Forum were approached by Camp Chief, Graham Phillips, and asked to run some kind of activity at Chamboree. Cheshire County are youth led, so the forum of 40 people are not newbie's to running activities for Scout groups. The idea itself came from a trip to a pirate themed Escape Room in Stockport. Alex Lunnon took charge of the project, writing and designing all of the puzzles himself before putting them before the Youth Forum for approval. Alex's team then helped with putting all the puzzles together and making the rooms look as piratey as possible. They had a few teething issues, which were quickly resolved by a run to Sainsburys, but apart from that Alex and his team are very happy with how it's been running! Keep your wits about you if you head to the Escape Rooms, Alex told us that people have been puzzled by things that weren't even meant to be puzzling. If you want to know more about Cheshire Youth Forum, or fancy your hand at the Escape Room then you can find Alex and his team up in Port of Totuga. But get in quick, it's very popular and spaces are filling up fast!



From Broadway to Gangshow

From her humble beginnings at the Knutsford Gang show, Totie Driver has gone on to have a career in the arts for which she gives all the credit to Gang Show. We managed to go along to Totie's talk about her career as a stage designer. She is a renowned stage designer who's worked for years with a production of Miss Saigon that has been all over the world. She showed us photos from America, Japan, and Belgium among many others. Even though Totie told us stories about all the wonderful people (including Tom Hiddleston and Miranda Hart!) and places she'd been to, it was clear that at the centre of it all was her family - both biological and Scouting. Gang Shows gave her the confidence to ask questions and get on stage, or backstage in her case. Even now Totie still has a huge amount of support from her family - shout out to her handsome son Alex (his words not ours!) and her mum who told us that at 12 years old Totie walked up to someone backstage at a Manchester Theatre and asked what she needed to do to have a career in stage design. They told her it wouldn't all be plain sailing and she would need plenty of elbow grease - Totie went and did it! From designing gang show sets to designing massive helicopters to fly on stage mid-performance, Totie is an inspiration to us all. Totie is now passing on all this knowledge by teaching at a university and by speaking about her journey at Scouting and Guiding events. So, heave-ho me hearties lets splice the mainbrace (whatever that means) & cast off - you never know where it might take you #skillsforlife

The adventures of Tarquin!

Tarquin has been bought home to the Media Tent by 1st Hurdsfield Scout group! Thank you guys, we really appreciate it!

However, he seems to have flown off again! Keep an eye out for him and bring him back for your chance for a Newsletter shoutout!



The Port of Tortuga

Somebody stolen your loot and needs to walk the plank? Get them down to Port of Tortuga and stick them in the dunk tank. If you're feeling forgiving then you could always lock them in the stocks and give them a thorough soaking instead. While you're there why not try your hand at the cannonball dodge, or battle it out to see who's the toughest crewman at the Deckhands Duel? If you're not the strongest then you might be the fastest! See how you quickly you can Scale the Rigging or Scramble the Shoreline. Don't forget to keep your eyes open for the mysterious pieces of eight whilst you're there.



Investiture under water

In true Pirate fashion, 12th Wallasey have invested three of their Scouts under water in the Scuba Diving area! Go on Twitter to see some amazing photos and videos @12thwallasey



What do you do with your old newspaper?

Mid Cheshire Explorers have been recycling old newspapers, getting creative and turning them into paper boats. So far they have a running total of 450 boats. If you spot a paper boat that's lost its way, go and find the Mid Cheshire Explorers in Skull Harbour and say hello.