

EXPLORERS



2014 has been another good year for the Newnham Explorer unit with the usual selection of exciting activities taking place. The highlight of summer 2014 saw the Explorers heading to Cornwall for their week long summer camp, staying at Nine Ashes Scout activity centre. Over the course of the week the Explorers got up to lots of great activities including numerous trips to the beach, sea kayaking, surfing lots of campfires and some interesting hikes lasting well into the night! Summer camp was capped off with a Silver DofE expedition for the Explorers helping them make progress to completing the award.



The term time activities have allowed the unit to take part in a wide range of different things, learn new skills and socialise with one another on a regular basis. We have welcomed a number of new people into the unit this year while working around exams and work commitments for the older members of the unit and will continue to integrate the new Explorers as they arrive from Scouts or from elsewhere.

Most recently the unit organised a joint camp at Priory

Wood in Bishop's Stortford for the Newnham Explorer Unit and the Gamlingay and Gransden Explorers. These units have been linked by virtue of the leaders who run them and as such this seemed like the perfect opportunity for them to get to know some new people. The camp went well with everyone getting the chance to sleep under hand made shelters, gut rabbits, pheasants and ducks and cook some lovely stew!

A number of the Explorers (along with myself) are looking forward to taking part in the World Scout Jamboree this summer in Japan and will hopefully learn a lot from the experience that they will be able to bring back to the UK on their return.



A good year for the Explorers and hopefully with the addition of a number of new members this year it will continue to go from strength to strength.

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