

# **BUCKS BUBBLES**

**3-10 AUGUST 2013**  
**NORTHERN IRELAND JAMBOREE**



12 Guides & Senior Section & 3 leaders boarded a very early flight on the Saturday morning to travel to Belfast for NIJAM 2013. Once we were settled in with our tents and had met our host patrol there was an Opening Ceremony at which Irish Bagpipes were played around the whole campsite collecting the 1000 Guides & Scouts, their leaders and all the camp staff to gather us together to officially open the camp. On Sunday most of us attended Scouts/Guides Own at which Katy read a reading on stage. Sunday afternoon was full of games and fun with a Charity Fayre. All groups, including ours had a stall or game for everyone to take part in paying with tokens (bought prior to the fayre opening). There were pancakes and sweets, hoopla & skittles & much more.

Throughout the week the camp was split into 5 subcamps and had a different zone each day. Monday we had the adventure zone, which even us leaders braved some of the onsite activities including the zip wire, skyrunners & an exhausting adventure trail! Tuesday we took the train into Belfast and the Guide leaders from our sub camp made an adult team to take part in Titanicopoly, which involved us racing around the city to find landmarks and buildings, answering questions and trying to win the game against the Guides and Scouts, we found the leaders were highly competitive!

Wednesday bought the water with Wet and Wetter, the girls enjoyed canoeing, with a few going sailing in the morning and a big It's a Knockout competition in the afternoon. Thursday we ventured off to a nearby woodland area where we took part in 6 activities around the woods throughout the day. These included Pioneering, Tracking, Backwards Cooking, Rafting, Catapulting and Conservation work. I even managed to hit every target on the catapult!

Friday was another day off site, we travelled first to Carrick-a-rede where most of us crossed a rope bridge, followed by a tour round The Giants Causeway which was a stunning place to see and finishing off at Port Rush spending all our money at the amusements!

Every evening there were many different things to including Bear Grylls series playing on big screen in the woods, a talent show for each sub camp with a final on the last night, craft tents and a disco.

Saturday came far too quickly and time to strike camp, some sad farewells to many new friends and some fantastic memories made.

