



Stenek Ha'n Mor Explorer Report

April 2009 – March 2010

- At the beginning of May a group of Explorers went to Exmoor for a long weekend. Again we had fantastic weather, we did two days of hiking, one route following part of the coast path with spectacular views across the Bristol Channel to Wales, only downside well upside were the hills well small mountains. The other route was along the river Barle to Tarr steps an old clapper bridge again a lovely hike. Lauren especially enjoyed this hike with Phil and Sarah teaching them navigation through gorse over a hill they didn't need to climb. Just ask her about what she thinks of Phil. As usual with investing Explorers we try and do it somewhere different so we invested Sam Mills at the top of Dunkery Beacon the highest point on Exmoor! (*well this was after trying to find the place with Sam Jones very bad SatNav which found the lowest point on Exmoor*) This was a fantastic trip the hikes were amazing, Niki's driving was amazing and the Explorers singing Combine Harvester through all the towns and villages of Somerset and Devon was..... well, just loud!!!



- Also in May we took part in the ShelterBox Everest Challenge, the idea is to walk up and down Carn Brea as many times as possible carrying a ShelterBox and hopefully with a joint target reach the height of Mount Everest. Again the Explorers were fantastic our groups walked the most circuits of any group and we only stopped as the marshals stopped the walking because of a little bit of rain!!! We raised £400 split 50/50 with ShelterBox and the district Explorers, this was a fantastic feat. Well done!!!



- June we were invited down to Penzance horse show to run the car parking. A great day was had. And the Explorer did a fantastic job and I am very proud of them. We were give a nice donation for all their hard work.
- In July we did our annual Surfing trip to Gwithian, the weather didn't shine on us this day, it was cold, wet and windy (typical Cornish scouting weather) but we still had a fantastic day with the Explorers learning how to surf and to wipeout!!
- In August Explorers from 2nd Redruth and 1st Camborne went with 2nd Redruth Scouts to Lochgoilhead in Scoutland sorry Scotland. A very adventurous week with Explorers taking part in Canoeing, Kayaking, Rock Climbing (just ask Martin B about that) and hill walking plus lots of other activities. We invested Laura by the Side of the Loch so she has the distinction of being the only district explorer to be invested in another country and closest to the North Pole ;-). It was an amazing experience and would recommend to any group.
- In October Explorers from 1st Camborne and 2nd Redruth went on a Most Haunted Ghost tour down Poldark Mine, was very spooky and some of the Explorers were truly terrified (hehe) to finish off I made them Hike back to 1st Camborne HQ getting back about 2am.
- November: Explorers from the Camborne and both Redruth Groups went up to Carn Brea for Fireworks night to see the fireworks from a panoramic view, we invested explorers by the monument then hiked back to our respective HQs

- Also in November each of the groups marched in their respective towns for Remembrance Day, I missed this as was bringing the scout association in to disrepute by filming "Total Wipeout" in Argentina. But did get good feedback on the Explorers when I returned
- December we had our annual Christmas Night hike, taking in parts of the Great Flat Load and up over Carn Brea, nearly everyone turned out in Santa suits.
- January bit of a broken month with evenings cancelled due to snow (just love global warming)
- February we had our annual Frosties camp, with Explorers from Camborne, Redruth & Hayle. We carried on our tradition of Space hopper races and mass volleyball. Evenings were filled with very large camp fires to keep us warm.
- March, Explorers from 1st Camborne and 2nd Redruth went to Falmouth Fire station for the evening and took part in hose running, leadership and team building exercises and going in the Smoke chamber in total darkness with masks on and doing a search for bodies. Was a fantastic evening run by the supporting community values team.
- March: Explorers from 5th Redruth completed their Expedition for Chief Scout platinum and DoE Bronze. Route Godrevy to Carwynnen to 5th Redruth HQ. Project littering on the footpaths. They all enjoyed it and one of them even lost his hiking boot in the Mud, don't ask I won't mention any names ^{Daniel}. All did very well, a great team effort.

Other Stuff

Apart from the above activities, Explorers have done lots of other activities within the groups they are affiliated too, including group camps, hikes, Explorers from 5th Redruth and Hayle did Coast2Coast, so well done to them (Phil and his team made the distance in one day an amazing feat which I think he is still paying for now), cooking a full Christmas dinner (which was nice). Some Explorers from the district are helping out the younger sections as young leaders within their groups; they are a valuable asset and should be encouraged and thanked for all their hard work.

I would like to thank the Explorer team of Liz, Phil, Langy and Sam for running their sections of the district unit and their support of me with the district as a whole. We have had another good year with some amazing activities. And without their support the Explorers would not be what it is.

Also a big thank you to the other leaders in the district, whose help over the last year has been invaluable. These leaders apart from running their own sections and activities have given their time and experience to help out on Explorer Activities without this contribution I could never run the explorer programme over this year. Out of all the leaders who have helped I would like to make a special thanks to Keith & Sue Barkle, Jes Richards (even thou his SAT-NAG is rubbish) and not forgetting Niki Hore and her wonderful driving!

Well until next year Good Bye

Simon