

# Scouts prepare to take on centenary challenge



SCALING NEW HEIGHTS: Caythorpe scouts Sam Spridgen (13) and Jack Cooper (11). Picture: John Jenkins. Picture reference: 7-0938\_06.



**THERE** are hundreds of reasons why a county youth group are in the final of a prestigious competition.

Boys and girls at the First Caythorpe and Dukes Covert Scouts, near Sleaford, are trying to complete 100 tasks in 100 days to win the entire event.

Challenge 100 was set up by the Scouting Association to celebrate the organisation's centenary year. More than 3,500 patrols nationwide entered the first challenge which was to do as many tasks as possible in 100 minutes.

And two patrols from the Caythorpe group got into the top 100 to compete in the final. Since then, the youngsters have been hard at work completing as many challenges of the 100 set by the association as possible.

Leader of the group Steve Phillips said he was very proud of the youngsters.

"The best thing is they've organised it themselves and arranged meetings at each others' houses," he said.

"Primarily it's been good fun but it has really been a good challenge. It has helped them to develop and make a positive contribution to society. They are learning to make a real commitment and the parents have also been very supportive.

"Without realising it the young adults have been exploring, working as a team and learning about

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global issues. The task is due to finish in May and is making a big difference to their perception of themselves and the world around them."

Alastair Hutton (13), a member of one of the patrols that made it to the final, said the competition had been great fun.

"I really liked doing the 100m races - we did one running and one on skateboards," said Alastair, from Ancaster.

"I knew we'd done well in the first part of the competition but didn't realise we'd done well enough to get through to the final.

"I like the scouts because we get to meet with friends and we learn lots of things that will be useful later in life such as leadership and team building.

"I'm looking forward to trying to throw paper aeroplanes 100 metres."

Alastair's mum Kathryn is also a great fan of the contest.

"These days you often find that children are not allowed to do things because of safety issues but this gives them a safe environment to do all these things," said the primary school teacher.

"They're fortunate to have their base out in the woods and have done all sorts of things such as rock climbing and abseiling."

## Echo helps in 100 word challenge

AS part of their Challenge 100 scouts had to get 100 words published in their local newspaper.

Here are contributions from First Caythorpe and Dukes Covert Scouts:

**Alastair Hutton (13), Ancaster:** Scouting has been around for 100 years now. It is the centenary year of Scouting this year. Lord Baden-Powell was the founder of Scouting. There are five different groups of scouting - beavers (6-8 years), cubs (8-11 years), scouts (11-14 years), explorer scouts (14-18 years) and scout network (18-24 years). Also please remember girls are scouts too. Scouting is all about preparing you for later in life. Whether it is leadership skills or team bonding skills, scouting offers all of this. Scouting can also help to make new friends, meet up with old friends and have a good time. Scouting is incredibly cool! **Timothy Annan (13), Sudbrook:** It's hard to believe that 100 years have passed since the first scouts met at Brownsea Island. Who would have known that it would become the global sensation that it is now? What it means to me is a way of trying new things that I would not try anywhere else - like parascending, abseiling and rifle shooting. Also the responsibility of looking after other people in your patrol, from checking if they are OK and if they need any help. Scouts is an experience that will help you in later life. Check out this list of famous people who were scouts - John F Kennedy, US President, Steven Spielberg, film maker, Neil Armstrong, astronaut, Sir David Attenborough, TV Personality and naturalist, George W Bush and Bill Clinton, both US presidents. I think Scouts is fantastic and most of all, fun, fun, fun. Dukes are the best!

## Will your tot be crowned the Echo's Tot of the Year 2007?

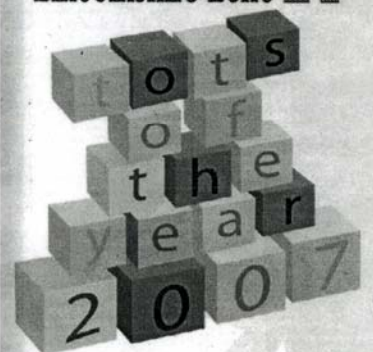
This year's winner will hold the title of Tot of the Year 2007, receive £500, a framed 20x16 photograph and a Hipp Organic hamper.

The winner from the remaining two categories will win £250, six 10x8 photographs and a Hipp Organic hamper. Six runners up will receive a professional photograph

### How to Enter

If your tot is 36 months of age or younger, cut out the entry form printed below and bring it along with your tot to the Lincolnshire Co-operative, Moorland Centre, Lincoln, between Monday 19 to Saturday 31 March or to the Waterside Shopping Centre between Monday 2 to Thursday 5 April. Professional photographers Quayside Studios will be there between 10am-5pm to photograph your baby FREE of charge. You will be given a date to return to select one of the three pictures taken of your baby which will appear in the Tot of the Year voting supplement. You will also have the opportunity to purchase any prints - however, please note there is no obligation to do so. The Tot of the Year supplement will appear in the Echo on Tuesday 15 May and will include full details of how to vote.

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## Some of scouts' 100 challenges

- Shoot 100 arrows or pellets in a competition.
- Score 100 goals in basketball or netball.
- Make a ballista and fire a bean bag a distance of 100 metres from it.
- Recycle bottles, cans and newspapers.
- Bounce a football 100 times.
- Sew on 100 buttons.
- Wash 100 cars.
- Create 100cm of French knitting.
- Send a text message of exactly 100 characters to someone else in your troop.
- Make a 100cm paper chain.
- Make 100 drop scones.
- Serve 100 drinks to the public.
- Raise £100 for a good cause.
- Shake the hand of 100 people and tell them it's the 100th year of scouting.
- Research an aspect of life 100 years ago.
- Do 100 hours of community service.
- Record your top 100 jokes.
- Walk 100km.
- Leap frog 100 times.
- Organise a 100 metre race.
- Abseil 100 metres.
- Make a paper plane that will fly 100 metres.
- Make a display containing pictures illustrating the last 100 years.
- Litter pick 100 pieces.

## Tots of the Year 2007 Entry Form

Enter all details below in BLOCK CAPITALS. The details will be used to identify your child's photograph in the Tot of the Year supplement. Hand this form to the photographers.

Age category (tick box)  0-9 months  10-18 months  19-36 months

Child's first name (only one first name will be published)	
Child's surname	
Child's age	Child's D.O.B
Parent/Guardian's full name	
Address	
Postcode	
Daytime tel no	
Evening tel no (if different)	

Rules: 1. All photographs must be originated by Quayside studios; 2. Employees of Lincolnshire Publishing Company Ltd may not enter their children; 3. All entries must be accompanied by the official entry form published by the Echo - no photocopies allowed; 4. Only your child's first and last name will be printed in the Tots of the Year supplement; 5. Where every effort will be made to ensure that all photographs appearing in the newspaper are of the highest quality possible, it should be noted that pictures reproduced on newspaper may not be of the original quality. Babies must not exceed the age of 36 months when the photograph is taken.

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RETURN TO: Moorland Centre on

I/we understand and accept that entry into this competition will involve my/our baby having their photograph taken by official photographers Quayside Studios, and this photograph will be published in the Echo and other media associated with the Echo.

Signature of parent/guardian

(no entries accepted without a signature)

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