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# Pathfinders Times

## Welcome to the Pathfinders Times

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the “Pathfinders Times”.

If you have any ideas or want anything specific included in a future newsletter, please let me know at [sam.dunn.home@gmail.com](mailto:sam.dunn.home@gmail.com) or via Facebook.

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Helpers—don't forget to  
send your forms in ASAP so  
we can clear our waiting list!

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## Pathfinders 2015—15th to 22nd August

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As ever, those of us who are familiar with Pathfinders will know that this time of year very much involves “the challenge of clearing the waiting list”. So, any of you who are planning to come to camp as a helper, please get your forms in as soon as possible, so we can confirm to those on the waiting list that they can come to camp.

If you’ve forgotten, the dates are the 15th to 22nd August.

Please also remember to spread the word and try to recruit new helpers, share with your guiding, Duke of Edinburgh, sixth form or university groups, we are always after new helpers!

**Please remember to keep Jane & Dave up to date with your contact details at [jane.pyzniuk@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.pyzniuk@btinternet.com).**

## A Double Marathon Month...

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To raise funds for the wonderful Pathfinders, Eleanor and Caroline are taking on a challenge: both of us will be swimming a marathon! In terms of maths, that’s 26.2 miles, or 1688 lengths of a standard swimming pool **EACH**.

And just to make it a bit challenging (as if our level/lack of fitness wasn’t enough) we will do it in just one month - that’s more than 50 lengths every day...

We’ll be completing the challenge in July this year, and would love sponsors – we all know how good a cause it is! If you would like to donate, contact us at [ejcod@hotmail.com](mailto:ejcod@hotmail.com) or you can donate online (from June 7th) at [crowdfunder.co.uk/pathfinders-camp](http://crowdfunder.co.uk/pathfinders-camp).

**The crowdfunding site will be available from 7th June for 8 weeks only.**

We’ll be sending little “thank you” messages to those who donate (read more about it online) because it’s those that will keep us going! Wish us luck – it’ll soon be time to get our feet wet...

Nori & Caroline



## Monster Race 2015

On April 18th, on a sunny, but deceptively cold day, Gill Bryant and Kim Rayner from Pathfinders (and various friends and family of theirs) took part in the Monster Race 2015 (Gill for the second time, Kim for the first time).

“Monster Race” is published as a 5k, 20 obstacle race through mud, water, up, over and through various tricky and sticky obstacles. However, not once has the 5k ended up less than 6k due to the placement and spacing of the obstacles

The team completed the course in fantastic time approximately 1hr 45 (slower than last year, but the course was longer!)

They have raised about £500 at last count. However you can still donate sponsorship for this—just contact Gill or Kim or let them have the money on camp.

Lots of photos are on facebook, mostly taken by Kim’s dad who went round the entire course with them, running between the obstacles to stay ahead of the team and capture some excellent action shots.



## Pathfinders 2015—Theme

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For those of you who have not heard, the theme for camp this year is circus, and I don't think we'll have to look very far to find quite a number of "clowns" on camp!!

We're still working on exactly what activities and crafts will be available, so you'll have to wait until you get there to find out more!



## Pathfinders teams

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Pathfinders is a place for making new friends, as well as reconnecting with old ones.

We don't finalise the teams for camp until very close to camp, due to last minute changes in who's coming, coming. Lots of things happen and change in between when the application forms start coming in and what actually happens when we arrive at camp on the first Saturday.

We do our very best to put people with who you ask to be with, but this isn't always possible.

Just remember we were all new to Pathfinders once and part of the adventure camp gives us is making new friends, even ones who have been coming to camp for years!

# Woodlarks Swimming Pool

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The rebuild of the Woodlarks swimming pool changing rooms has been completed. From the photos available this looks amazing and will increase the facilities available to us and hopefully make the process a lot warmer. I know I am really looking forward to see the new changing rooms.



## Details from the Woodlarks website:

The main entry is the right hand lobby. This door leads to one of the two large communal changing rooms. There is a toilet on the side of each lobby



Inside the lobby are the controls for the heating, (underfloor and warm air) and hot water. Entering from the lobby (on the right hand side) you encounter the main changing area with benches and a hoist.

At the far end of the changing room is the shower area. Two of the showers have drop down seats.



As well as the two communal shower areas, there are three wet rooms leading from the poolside.

# Fundraising.

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## Fundraising

Please all have a think about how you can raise funds to help run Pathfinders, any small amount helps, whether it's collecting your coppers (I'm sure Nicky will love counting the coppers), baking a cake and selling it to your work colleagues, making crafty items (such as cards, jewellery or knitted items) and selling them, or anything else you can think of - lots of little amounts of fundraising soon adds up!

For those of you working, lots of companies have community support funds that can be applied to for funding for groups such as ours, have you thought about asking at work about this?

## Easyfundraising.org.uk

Woodlarks Campsite are linked into easyfundraising.org.uk, this means that many places where you buy things online will make a donation for purchases you make, this is a nice, easy way of raising money for the campsite.

You can find us on facebook, just search for "Pathfinders Camp", our website can be found at <http://pathfinderscamp.org.uk/>.

Woodlarks can also be found on facebook, search for "Woodlarks Camp Site" and their website is <http://www.woodlarks.org.uk/>