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A word with the Camp Chief

Ace reporter Shannon sat down with Jamborí 2018 Camp Chief, to get his impression of how things have been going.

Kiernan describes himself as a bit of a 'jamboree nerd'. "My first was in 1977, when I was a Scouter, I was a Sub Camp Chief at Portumna '85, Camp Chief of Ballyfin '93, Chief Commissioner at Jamboree 2008, and ran a programme base there.", he says, "Oh and I've been to nine World Scout Jamborees."

"We pulled together a team of 12 like minded people to run departments and bring it to life and make it happen," Kiernan explains, "then we took the time to convince everyone that this camp could be a success."

With such preparations what had Kiernan been looking forward to prior to arriving at Stradbally Hall? "I'd seen on

social media that the Young People had trouble sleeping due to excitement, so I was looking forward to seeing the some of those faces coming through the gates."

"The Jamborí only became magic when the Scouts and Ventures arrived." he explained. "Young People gave the empty place the magic."

He believes that the epitome of Scouting is when "Young People come together and live in harmony."

"This has been such a team effort, and the core team have great people working with

them," Kiernan explains, "I'm also personally indebted to the Venture Scouts and Scouters from my Scout Group (Aughrim Street) who've helped out a lot before and during the camp"

Is there such a thing as a typical day for the Camp Chief? "Not as such," he says, "on Tuesday, I had a meeting and lunch with Northern Ireland Scout Council, a meeting with the Sub Camp Chiefs and I was signing booklets for the Camp Chief's Challenge." "I also try to visit programme zones as often as I can."

What has been
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Listening Ír overheard on JamboRí

"I know Kealan who was on the stage"
- Niamh B.

"Why are people saying 'Pump. Dump. Pump' to us?"
- Crepe Staff

"I see that everyone remembered it's international Scout Scarf Day"
- B.Powell

"What do you need nail clippers for?
That's why you have teeth!"

- Joe M.

"I can't pour diesel if I'm laughing"

- Anon, Hills Sanctuary

"Next time I use a buggy, I'll make sure it's got a key, and fuel" - Mike R.

Spot the Difference



Rawrí's JamboRí StoRies



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Kiernan's personal Jamborí highlight?

"On Sunday I helped out on traffic duty for Visitor's Day. Seeing the parents and friends coming in to see how the 'game is played' was great," He says, "the parents could learn to understand Scouting a bit better and see the effort that goes into it." "I was delighted that my own Patrol Leader from my first camp 50 years ago was able to visit, with other influential people from my Scouting life."

Kiernan is particularly pleased with the turn out of International Scouts and Guides. "Baden Powell had that in mind in later life - Scouting is a peace movement." he says, "It brings different people together that can live and work in harmony." "My own Group has that philosophy at a local level - everyone's welcome, no ones left out. If you respect everyone's culture and nationality everyone's involved."

Kiernan believes that Venture Scouting has excelled at Jamborí. "They've done great work," he says, "society has a bad impression of teenagers—they

aren't being taken seriously enough."

"But, for example, four Venture Scouts (Libby, Ciara, Adam and Jack) planned and managed an event for 500 Ventures celebrating 50 years of Venture Scouting."

"Teenagers are becoming a force to be reckoned with. As leaders, we just need to remember that we were young once too"

"Scouting is the best game to play, to teach young people to experience new things."

Kiernan's closing message?

"See you at the next one!" He believes that if you don't plant the idea that there cannot be another one in 4 years time, there won't be one. "There really should be one!", he stresses, "we just need people to believe in themselves and the association and it's up to people to believe in it and to want it."

What is the number one thing Kiernan's going to take away from Jamborí? "A job well done," he says, "Turned out really well, point proven. Let's keep it going and do it again. The Cubs and Beavers that visited should be here, or somewhere, again when they are Scouts and Ventures. And I'll be sure to visit".

Letters to Rawrí



Rawrí,

The end is nigh. Jamborí has opened my eyes up to new worlds, new possibilities.

I can't go back to school in September.

-John, Louth

John,

Aren't you a school teacher?

-Rawrí

Rawrí,

Where shall we find your opinions on matters when Jamborí ends?

-Alice, Naboo

Alice,

Opinions are like I.D. cards.

Everyone eventually has one. If not check with your Sub Camp Team.

-Rawrí

Rawrí,

Can I get away with wearing my Jamborí wristband when I get home?

-Anna, Mayo

Anna,

I've you got it, flaunt it. I'll be wearing my I.D. card the whole time.

I mean I would be wearing my I.D. card the whole time, but there was a printing issue, I have to check with my Sub Camp Team.

-Rawrí

Rawrí,

Favourite Minion?

-Jonathan, Dublin

Jonathan,

Some of the Site Services team work pretty hard.

-Rawrí

Rawrí,

Is that newsletter named after you, or are you named after the newsletter?

-Anthony, Hogsmeade

Anthony,

What newsletter?

Has someone been reading my personal correspondence!?

-Rawrí