

# News

## SCOUTS TAKE PART IN RADIO JAMBOREE



● Richard Croft, Jacques Torode and Christopher Croft, all 12 and from the 4th Guernsey Air Scouts, took part in the annual Jamboree on the Air event, in which scouts from around the world connect over the radio to talk. (Picture by Adrian Miller, 1278348)

SCOUTS were riding along on the crest of the airwaves as part of a worldwide radio initiative.

Jamboree on the Air is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides from around the world talk to each other with help from amateur radio contacts.

Local Scouts were taking part for the first time in five years, aided by the Guernsey Radio Amateurs Emergency Network.

Guernsey Raynet group controller Tom Burnett said the event was in memory of his predecessor, Mike Sloan, who had done a huge amount of work with the Scouts and at St Sampson's School, where

by Nigel Baudains

he used to be a teacher.

'People will say, why don't we just phone people?' he said.

'But with this, you log on and talk to people you've never spoken to before, with a common interest, and to who you might never speak again.'

Les Beaucamps student, Chris Croft, 12, is a member of the 4th Guernsey Air Scouts.

He had spoken to a Scout leader in Luton and another Scout in Bournemouth.

'It's cool in a way as you are just talking to strangers in a

safe environment,' he said.

'We've got to learn about Morse Code, too, and it's a lot of fun.'

4th Guernsey Air Scouts leader Nick Paluch said it was a good learning experience for the scouts.

'It's potluck really – you send out your signals and see where they land. Somebody has been talking to someone in Canada.'

The event took place over 48 hours on Saturday and Sunday.

● Over the weekend, scouts also continued having fun on the organisation's new high wire course, which was installed earlier this month.



● Ben Brown, 12, from the 4th Guernsey Air Scouts, on the new high-wire course at Rue Maingy. (Picture by Adrian Miller, 1278350)



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