

# Jam Roll challenge





The 'Jam Roll' caravan was donated by Countess Gravina, she was a life-long member of the Guides and was District Commissioner for Malling and Headcorn and Division Commissioner for Weald. Apart from raising her three children in the caravan, she led mountaineering expeditions and in 1962 led a four-woman team to climb three un-climbed peaks in the Himalayas. Her husband, Count Gravina was a conductor and the great-grandson of Liszt.

The Countess died in 1990 aged 85 as a receiver of the Girl Guide Beaver Award.

Jam Roll was towed by horse from Frittenden, Cranbrook to Paxwood campsite in 1957 and has stood in its current position as the focal point of the campsite ever since.

It is a Bertram Hutchings Showman's living van made in Winchester around 1917. It is made of pine and ash. The original wheels would have been completely wooden but over the years those were replaced with artillery cartwheels with a rubber rim which would have been manufactured in Erith, Kent.

The roof is composed of wooden slats covered in a linen sheet painted with a linseed oil-based bonding agent, tucked over the side and secured in place with an ornate cover strip.

The original caravan was cream and white inside and green on the outside but was repainted by Sevenoaks Division Guides to the colours we have today, yellow, green and red. It was named Jam Roll after the nickname given to the Rolls-Royce that was presented to Lord Baden Powell at the Scout Jamboree in 1928 – the Chief Guide, Olave Lady Baden-Powell, opened the renovated Paxwood in 1957 and was more than happy to have the name given to the caravan. She was also happy to have rooms in the house named after the names of their early homes; names such as Pax Hill, Pax Tu, Ewhurst and Mynthurst.

Over the years Jam Roll has undergone re-paints and minor repairs to the front section where previous campsite warden Joe, spliced some of the timber frames where some of the original wood had begun to rot.

Inside the caravan it originally would have had a bed compartment to the rear, a stove and cabinets all made of wood, most of which are all still in situ.

With the proceeds from this challenge badge, we would like to repair the flooring and replace any rotten beams and supports as well as move it onto a flat, stable base to preserve it for many years to come.

As well as renovating Jam roll, we would like to turn it into an activity room for the users of the campsite, with a display explaining the history and heritage of the campsite and Jam Roll.

## How to complete the challenge:

This challenge has activities for all ages and abilities which are split into 6 sections:

- ❖ Arts and Craft
- ❖ Cooking
- ❖ Go Outdoors
- ❖ Gypsies and Showmen
- ❖ Paxwood Campsite
- ❖ Puzzles and Games

Complete at least one activity from each section to earn the challenge badge.

Please feel free to adapt the ideas to suit the needs of individuals.

To order your badges, see the instructions on the back page of this booklet.

## Arts and Craft

- ❖ Make something useful out of a jam jar
- ❖ Try macrame
- ❖ Make a dream catcher
- ❖ Try candle making
- ❖ Try soap making
- ❖ Try quilling
- ❖ Make a hobby horse and have a race with a friend
- ❖ Make something useful out of a kitchen or toilet roll
- ❖ Make a lavender bag
- ❖ Press flowers to make a bookmark
- ❖ Make a friendship bracelet and give to a friend
- ❖ Try jewellery making
- ❖ Make a fun fair out of Lego
- ❖ Try leaf printing or rubbing
- ❖ Make pot-Poruri using seed pods, dried flowers and pinecones
- ❖ Make a Tussie-Mussie (a posy of foliage and herbs with a doily as a base with a small hole in the centre).



## Cooking

- ❖ Make a jam Swiss roll or jam roly-poly
- ❖ Make camp donuts
- ❖ Make jam
- ❖ Make a fruit pie or crumble
- ❖ Make jam tarts
- ❖ Make sausage rolls
- ❖ Make bread rolls
- ❖ Obtain various brands of Swiss rolls and hold a comparison contest
- ❖ Make a traditional Gypsy bacon pudding (see appendix for recipe)
- ❖ Make chocolate leaves
- ❖ Make Gypsy tart



## Go Outdoors

- ❖ Go rock climbing
- ❖ Go abseiling
- ❖ Visit a fun fair
- ❖ Go zip lining
- ❖ Go on a hike
- ❖ Go bouldering
- ❖ Go horse riding
- ❖ Grow a cress head
- ❖ Go roller skating or skateboarding
- ❖ Go skiing, snowboarding or tobogganing
- ❖ Climb a mountain or hill
- ❖ Visit a climbing wall, scrambling wall or climbing forest
- ❖ Go fruit or vegetable picking and cook something to eat using what you picked
- ❖ Grow some fruit or veg
- ❖ Grow some flowers from seed and plant in a garden
- ❖ Start a herb garden and maintain it for two months
- ❖ Grow sunflowers and see how tall they grow
- ❖ Make a miniature garden
- ❖ Play a game of Horseshoes
- ❖ Find out about how the rescue services help people in need (Police, Coast Guard, Lifeboats, Mountain rescue etc)
- ❖ Go fishing or pond dipping



## Gypsies and Showmen

- ❖ Learn to juggle
- ❖ Visit a theatrical performance
- ❖ Visit a circus
- ❖ Try circus skills
- ❖ Try tightrope walking
- ❖ Visit a farm
- ❖ Visit a horse or pony sanctuary
- ❖ Take a ride in a horse and cart
- ❖ Do a roly-poly
- ❖ Hold a talent contest in your unit
- ❖ Have a show tunes evening and sing along to your favourite songs from musicals
- ❖ Learn a new song
- ❖ Try a new musical instrument
- ❖ Watch the film "The Greatest Show"
- ❖ Find out about Gypsy luck



## Paxwood campsite

- ❖ Make a bug hotel
- ❖ Visit Paxwood Campsite
- ❖ Complete the Paxwood orienteering route or geocaching
- ❖ Cook a meal on a fire
- ❖ Cook pancakes on a tin can
- ❖ Attend a campfire or sing-along
- ❖ Go bird watching
- ❖ Start a camp blanket or poncho
- ❖ Light a fire on a 2 pence coin
- ❖ Make popcorn over a candle
- ❖ Go star gazing and identify 4 well known constellations
- ❖ Read or listen to the Paxwood Story (available from camp shop or via email)
- ❖ Make a bird feeder and hang it in a tree
- ❖ Learn the country code and design a poster about it



## Puzzles and Games

- ❖ Take part in a beetle drive
- ❖ Play a game of Yahtzee
- ❖ Play Kings got a headache
- ❖ Hold a board games evening
- ❖ Learn how to play a new card game
- ❖ How many words can you make of 4 or more letters from:  
GIRLGUIDING PAXWOOD CAMPSITE
- ❖ Complete some of the activities and puzzles in the appendix



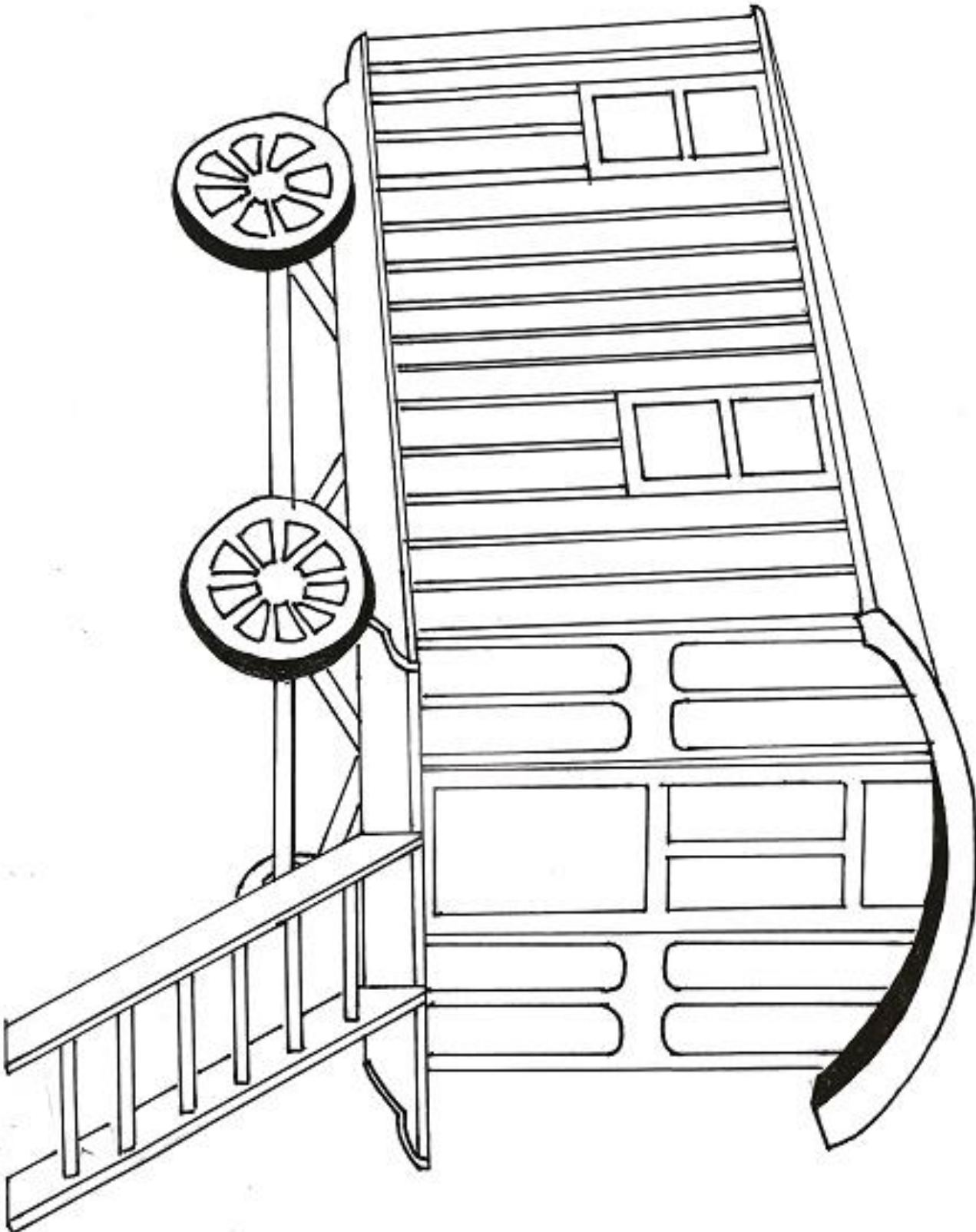
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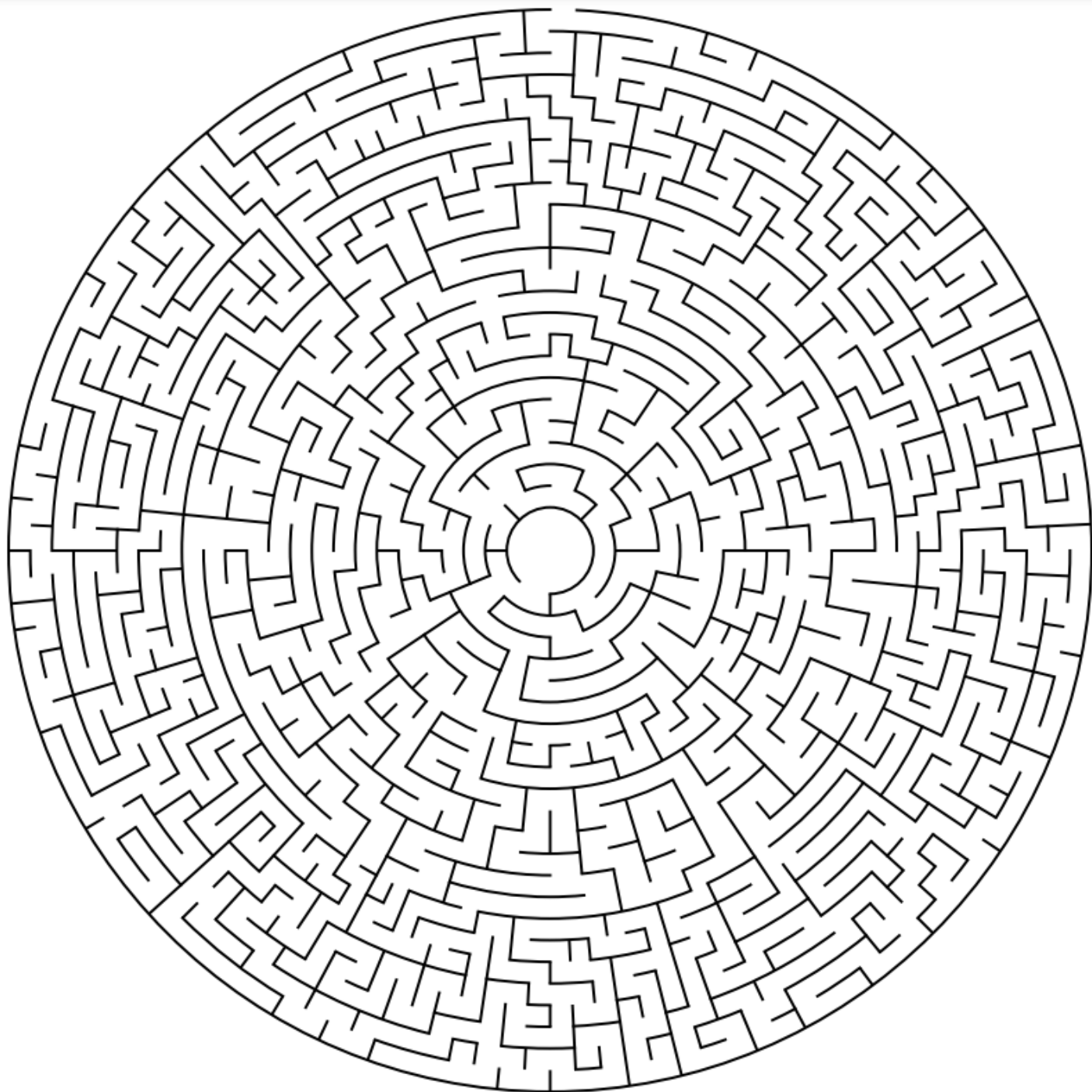


# Colouring page





**Get to the centre of the maze**



## Badge order form



**Badges are £1.50 each**

**Postage costs:**

1 – 30 badges £1.60

31 – 80 badges £2.20

For any other quantity please email [jamrollfund@hotmail.com](mailto:jamrollfund@hotmail.com)

Badges must be ordered by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of badges: \_\_\_\_ @ £1.50 = £\_\_\_\_\_ + postage £\_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed £\_\_\_\_\_

Please send this form and a cheque made payable to

“Girlguiding Paxwood, Kent” to “Jam Roll challenge” C/o Laura Glynn, 56 Little Heath Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 5HW.

Alternatively, send your badge order including the above details to the email address below and transfer the money via BACS to

Girlguiding Paxwood Kent 40-52-40 Acc 00022652, use ref jamroll + your unit

Badges are also available from the campsite shop, (cash or cheque only).

Any questions, please email [jamrollfund@hotmail.com](mailto:jamrollfund@hotmail.com)

### **Bacon Pudding (serves 4)**

2 cups (225 g) 8 oz flour

1/2 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

75 to 100 g (3 to 4 oz) shredded suet

2 onions, chopped

6 bacon rashers, rinded

1/2 teaspoon dried sage

#### **Method**

1. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl.
2. Mix in the suet, then bind with water.
3. Roll out the dough into an oblong.
4. Cover with the onions and bacon, leaving a margin clear around the edge.
5. Sprinkle with the sage, salt and pepper.
6. Dampen the edges and roll up.
7. Tie in a cloth and boil for 2 hours, or steam wrapped in greaseproof paper for 3 hours.