

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ **OUR 2010** summer annual **Go Camping** is on sale from 1 May in WH Smiths, price £4.99. It's packed full of information and top tips that are guaranteed to help all campers get the most out of life under canvas. Visit go-camping-magazine.co.uk for details.

➔ **HAYMAX NOSE** balm is now available in Pure, Lavender and Aloe Vera. It works by trapping pollen before it enters the respiratory system. HayMax has a high melting point which makes it last a long time. It is non-visible, doesn't smell unpleasant and can also be used with make-up. HayMax retails at £6.95 for a 5ml pot. For details visit haymax.biz

➔ **TO CELEBRATE** its 21st birthday, clothing manufacturer **Keela** is giving away 21 sets of its revolutionary ESP technology clothing system. For a chance to win, just email Keela at competition@keela.co.uk with the header Happy Birthday by the end of April.

➔ **MARIE MORRISON**, who recently wrote about her great experiences at **Rose Farm Touring Park** in Norfolk for *Readers' Lives*, has emailed to tell us that the campsite's proprietor, Tore, died over the winter months. Our sympathy goes to his wife Sue and family.

➔ **FOUR OF** The Camping and Caravanning Club's 100-plus sites have received a David Bellamy Conservation Award for 2009. Inverewe Gardens in Scotland and Verwood Club Site in the New Forest were awarded a gold level of excellence whilst Horsley (Surrey) and Delamont Country Park in Northern Ireland picked up silvers. For details visit thefriendlyclub.co.uk

➔ **NIGHT OWLS** can look forward to a weekend of ghostly goings on as museums and galleries across the UK unlock their doors for the annual after-hours celebrations. Yes, Museums at Night 2010 is back and will run from 14-16 May. The promised range of themes includes: family, romantic, spooky, history, subject based, regional, and cities. Visit culture24.org.uk/museumsatnight for further information.

LIGHT CONTROL WITH A WRIST FLICK

➔ **MAGLITE HAS** brought out the XL100 – the world's first motion sensitive torch that is sure to appeal to all gadget-mad campers.

The XL100 is a sleek, precision-engineered LED torch that is water and shock resistant with a 200-hour battery life and a 134m range.

The unique and innovative characteristics of the new XL100 really come into play when using the advanced flashlight multi mode user interface (yes, it's American). There are five easily accessible modes available at the press of a button and flick of the wrist:

- **DIM** Rotate wrist to dim the light and rotate back to brighten. Helps to conserve battery life when a bright light is not needed.
- **SOS** Can be left on in an emergency at varying brightness to save power.
- **STROBE** Increase strobe rate by rotating wrist. Can be used as a signal beacon to aid search and rescue.



MAGLITE® LED XL100™

- **SIGNAL** Torch flashes only when you move it – perfect for Morse code.
- **NITE LITE** Enables you to reduce brightness to five per cent and stand the torch on its end to leave by your side when sleeping. If you need the torch during the night just grab it and full power will automatically be activated.

▶ **Expect to pay** £59.99 and to read a *Talking Shop* test report soon!

JOIN IN THE FRIENDLY FUN

➔ **THE FRIENDLY** Club is holding its 10th National Camping and Caravanning Week on 29 May-4 June. This year's theme is 'Get Togethers' as the club encourages new and experienced campers alike to come together and have fun.

Planned events include a Gelert-sponsored children's drawing competition (under-5s, under-10s and under-15s) that will ask kids to show off their artistic side by drawing what they love most about going camping.

Adults can also get involved in 'Our Great Get Together' competition. Campers are requested to send in pictures along with 200 words telling the Club who their get together was with, why and where they decided to camp.

Campers and caravanners are also invited to join in the fun that week at the club's popular New to Camping event at Warwick Castle on 2-3 June. An 'Ask the Expert' theme will see industry specialists offer help and advice to get people started.

▶ **For more information on NCCW visit its website** nccw.co.uk or the **New to Camping website at** newtocamping.co.uk

EXHIBITION DATES

➔ **CAMPING CENTRE** (London) is again holding its popular camping exhibitions – for the 33rd year running. It promises free entry and marquees stuffed with camping kit!

The first event takes place on 15 May-13 June at the Wyevale Garden Centre, High Street, Codicote, Hertfordshire SG4 8XA. The second runs from 3-25 July at Gorrick Cottage, Luckley Road, Wokingham, Berkshire RG41 2ES.

▶ **For details call 01438 821544 during exhibition dates or visit** campingcentreexhibitions.co.uk

BAG A TOILET SEAT



➔ **BOGINABAG** is the brainchild of Kate Castle who, while lying awake desperate for a pee when camping in Dorset, decided there must be a better option than

having to trek across a dark campsite to a toilet block. On her return she began hunting around for a portable toilet. Dismissing the bulky chemical based options she decided it was time to come up with a better alternative.

Two years later BoginaBag is here. Place a plastic bag containing super absorbent polycrylate over the stool and into its hole and you are ready to go!

▶ **Check out boginabag.co.uk for details of this lightweight toilet system...**

NEW NAME, NEW PRODUCTS

➔ **HANDIRACK HAS** changed its name to HandiWorld to better represent its diverse product range that now includes the HandiKart. The new £79.99 HandiKart is an innovative kayak/canoe trolley that features Camba wheel technology, which provides not only excellent all-terrain capability that's great on sand and rough ground, but also the versatility to transport a wide range of different boats.

▶ **For details visit the company's new website at** handiworld.co.uk

