

CAC Kids at Belas Knap, 26th May 2013

Arriving just after midday on a warm and sunny bank holiday weekend, we enjoyed a stunning walk up through woods and meadows to this nicely reconstructed Neolithic long barrow, enjoying along the way of views, as Niamh succinctly put it, of the whole world.



The team at Belas Knap

We were not alone, lying directly on the Cotswold Way, Belas Knap is clearly a favourite sandwich stop for walkers and indeed our first priority was to tuck into our own picnic.

Belas Knap is a superb site for our CAC Kids, the mystery of the false entrance and the variety of differing sized chambers presenting plenty of exploring opportunity. The "mini" chamber on the west side proved a perfect hiding place for Hannah, and the larger chamber on the east side became the focus for imaginative games involving something to do with power rangers.

Following this we had a little work to do. With Niamh and Sophie in charge of measuring, Jaimee armed with the compass and taking responsibility for orientation, and George, armed with sticky, looking important, we continued our Neolithic measuring project.



Measuring and Niamh in a bit of a tangle

The monument was constructed around 3000 BC, and excavated in 1863/65 and again in 1928/30, after which it was restored to the state in which we find it today.

Surveying complete, it was time for some general fun; kite flying, archery (continuing our medieval theme) and the inaugural test match for the CAC Kids First XI Cricket team, well, first IV maybe. We saw great innings from George and Jaimee, with some interesting umpiring decisions from Hannah, suspending play until she could be persuaded to give us our stumps back!



A lone CAC Kid on the barrow



CAC Kids 1st XI



Archery practice!

Belas Knap is a wonderful spot for a lazy sunny Sunday afternoon and well worth a little more exploration of the Cotswold Way.

