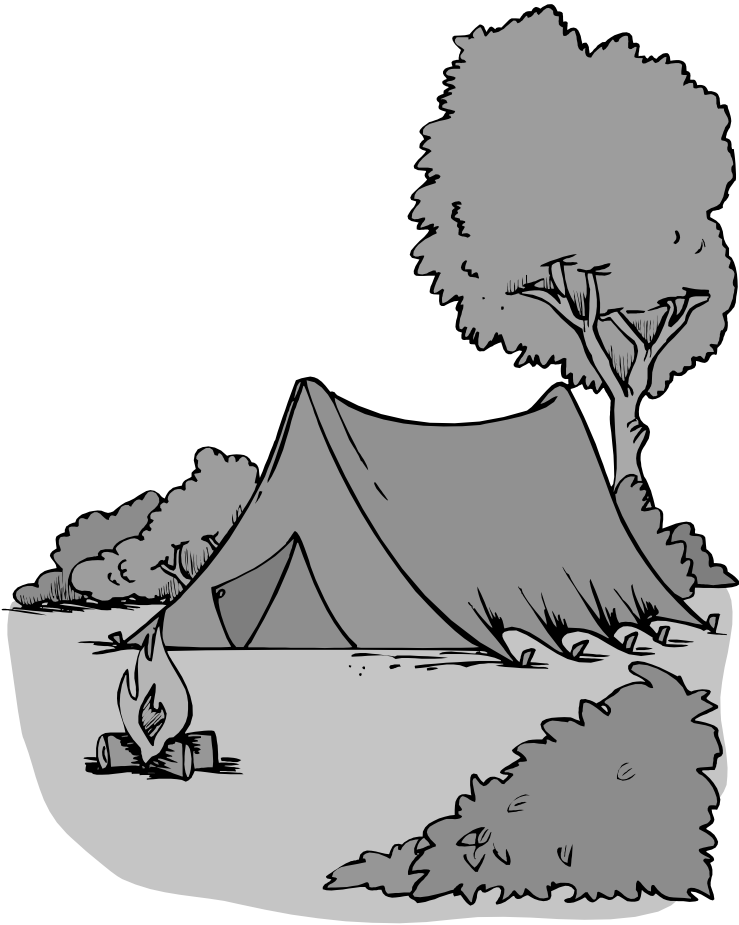


February 2007

Woodsmoke



Scout Troop News

Congratulations to ...

Joseph Bernie, Adam Clifford, Mathew Clifford, Sam Gillespie and Grace McCarthy on completing their Creative Challenge.

Jonathan Benson, Sam Gillespie and Christopher Watts on completing their Fitness Challenge.

Adam Clifford, Mathew Clifford, Luke Hanson, Daniel Lowrie, Marc Redmond and Christopher Winder on completing their Community Challenge.

Christopher Watts on completing 20 Nights Away.

Sam Gillespie, Luke Hanson, George Styles and Christopher Watts who have all completed 8 years service in the Scout Movement.

Well Done
Clive

Scouter in Charge's Bit

Congratulations to all those who completed their respective Chief Scouts Award last term. They were:

Silver Chief Scouts Award (Cubs) – Finlay Potiuk
and Bradley Weston

Gold Chief Scouts Award (Cubs) – Adam Clifford
Mathew Clifford
Sam Gillespie and
Christopher Watts

Congratulations also to the 2 teams of Scouts who participated in the County Green Beret held in November at Phasels Woods in which 110 teams from across the county took part. The teams achieved the best results **ever** by our Group with Team A coming 5th overall and Team B a very credible 30th. Well done to all the boys. You can read more about it in the article by Sam Kidd.

Wow, what a full year we have planned for 2007, the year in which we celebrate 100 years of the Scout Movement. In addition to the weekend activities that the individual sections usually participate in there are a number of other events planned throughout the year. All the section leaders are busy planning how we are going to fit it all in.

The main Group events to focus on in the first half of the year are the District Swimming Gala on 10th March and the Centenary Camp on 25th – 28th May, the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend. The full list of activities and events can be seen on the centre spread of this issue. Enjoy!

Clive Winder
Scouter in Charge

Green Bara November 2006

Friday 17th November and we all met up at the Scout HQ. The weather was horrendous with heavy rain and all the tents that we had set up the night before at Lees Wood were soaked, this did not put a dampener on morale of the troop.

After arriving we had to set up our sleeping things for the next two days. We then settled in for the night by sitting around the camp fire drinking hot chocolate. When we had the fire lit and roaring other troops joined us.

Saturday we were woken at 7am so that we could start the events on time. The events consisted of day Bases where we scored points for team work and skill. This was followed by the orienteering course Team B (Sammy Gillespie, Chris Watts, Sam Kidd, Adam & Matthew Clifford and Chris Winder) went first through the check points, This was done under a time constraint of 45 minutes we managed 10 check points with five minutes in total. Team A (Jonathan Benson, George Styles, Luke Hanson, James Henry, Mark Redmond and Joe Turberfield) they also did well.

The assault course proved a challenge to us all but we all enjoyed it and had a laugh and both teams won their races. Dusk set in and we then had to do a few night bases but the main night base is where we had to make hot chocolate and without completing this we would have been disqualified from the whole competition.

Sunday dawned and it was time for the award ceremony we all felt tired but we had all done really well and had enjoyed ourselves. Team A came 5th over all and to achieve this they came 3d in the day bases. Team B came 30th over all but achieved 5th place in the orienteering something we are all very proud of. Both teams did amazingly well and we would like to congratulate them all and on behalf of both teams a huge thank you goes to Clive, Tony, Michael and Sharon for all the help and effort they gave us it would not have been possible without them.

By Sam Kidd

Team A



Team B





Explorers

Alison Redmond
Explorer Scout Leader

DIARY DATES

10th February

20th

22nd

24th – 28th

Cub Chess Competition

Howard Pryse - Slides on Tunisia

Founders Day

Explorer Chiltern Challenge

Cubs

Ladies Guild

ALL

Explorers

4th March

10th

19th

20th

24th

Beaver Handicraft Competition

District Swimming Gala

Executive Meeting

Quiz

Scouts Night Trifid

Beavers

ALL

Exec Committee

Ladies Guild

Scouts

14th April

17th

22nd

Scout Wide Game

Andy Boyce - Talk on plants and plant sale

St George's Day Parade

Scouts

Ladies Guild

ALL

4th – 7th May

11th – 13th

15th

21st

25th

Scouts Patrol Activity Weekend

Top 10 Scouts Narrowboat Weekend

Mr Paine - Telling a true story about WW2

Executive Meeting

District Centenary Camp – Lees Wood

Scouts

Scouts

Ladies Guild

Exec Committee

ALL

9th June

19th

Abbots Langley Carnival

Quiz

ALL

Ladies Guild

1st July

8th

17th

21st – 28th

Picnic in the Park—St Albans

District Sports Day, Woodside

Barbecue

Scouts Summer Camp - Bishons Lydeard

ALL

ALL

Ladies Guild

Scouts/Explorers

23rd	Cub Cracknell Shield Competition	Cubs
27th-8th Aug	World Scout Jamboree, Gilwell Park, Essex	A Scout Member
31st	District Sunrise Evening – Cassiobury Park	ALL
1st August	Promise Day at Whipsnade Zoo	ALL
4th or 5th	Jamboree Visit	ALL
18th September	Tony & Elizabeth Manning - Slides on India	Ladies Guild
22nd – 23rd	Cub Night Hike	Cubs
7th October	Beaver Bangers	Beavers
12th – 14th	Hertfordshire Peak Assault	Explorers
16th	TBC	Ladies Guild
21st	Scout Triathlon	Scouts
27th	Cub Quiz	Cubs
11th November	Remembrance Day Parade	ALL
16th – 18th	County Green Beret	Scouts
20th	TBC	Ladies Guild
24th	Festival of Scouting	ALL
24th	Cub Volleyball Tournament	Cubs
1st December	Pantomime – Watford Palace Theatre	ALL
8th	Night of Lights – Phasels Wood	ALL
10th	Christingle – St Lawrence Church	ALL
18th	Christmas Party	Ladies Guild

NEWS FROM CUBS...





This term the Beavers are going to be working on the Animal Friends badge and the Science badge. The Animal Friends badge involves each Beaver looking after a pet for two weeks, walking them, grooming them, feeding them etc. Alternatively they can do a project on a favourite animal if they don't have access to a pet.

The Science badge is the one they are really looking forward to though, as this involves finding out how things work and doing experiments, including blowing things up and making a mess (don't worry we won't be blowing up the Scout HQ!)

Also in March we have the District Handycraft competition where I will be taking 2 6-year olds and 2 7-year olds to the 2nd HQ for an afternoon of gluing, painting and general mess. So wish us luck, or should I say me?

I am also planning a visit to Willows Farm again as last year was such a success.

I would like to say a big thank you to my helpers Lin and Julia as I don't know what I would do without them!

Helen Welch
Beaver Leader

Uniform and Boot Banks

We now have a small selection of good quality trousers in the bank but we are still in need of more Beaver, Cubs or Scouts uniforms

For a small donation you can obtain items of clothing by telephoning **Lisa Sharpe on 01923 266196**

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Fundraising

£3630 was reclaimed back in gift aid for the year

The Christingle service made £212 for

The Christmas Bazaar raised

Hall Happenings

Monday	3rd Abbots Langley Brownies
Tuesday	Beaver Scouts Ladies Guild (Third in the Month) Explorer Scouts
Wednesday	Cub Scouts
Thursday	1st Abbots Langley Brownies Scouts
Friday	Girl Guides Fellowship (First in the Month)

Woodsmoke Editor

Pauline Styles



1st Abbots Langley (3rd Watford North) Scout Group