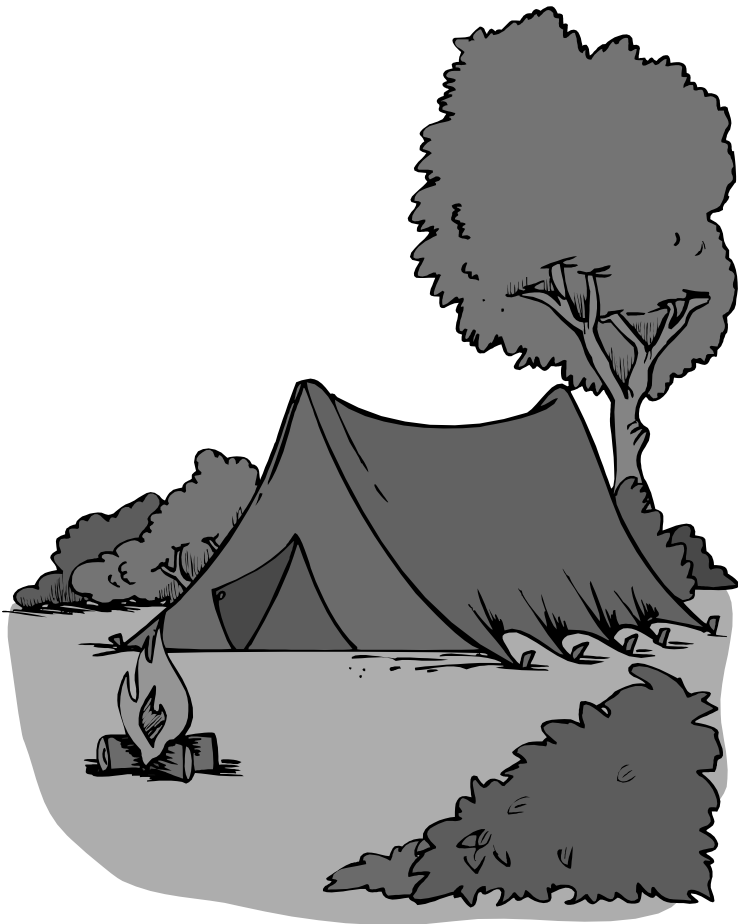


FEBRUARY 2009

Woodsmoke



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Scout Troop Achievements

Congratulations to the following Scouts:

James Allan, Ellen Hurdle, Tom Longbottom and Philip Sheppard on attaining their Adventure Challenge,

Joseph Lambert on completing his Creative Challenge,

Nikhil Kotecha on completing his Fitness Challenge,

Jasper Gillespie, Joseph Lambert and Henry Sugden on completing their Community Challenge,

Daniel Lowrie on completing 8 Years Participation.

Congratulations also go to Tracey Reeve in the Fellowship and her husband James on the birth of their daughter Natalie.

Clive's Chat

Many congratulations to our Cubs Josh Davies, Miles Johnson, Ravi Kotecha and Jamie Tearle who completed their Silver Chief Scouts Award.

Are you into having a good time? Are you into history? First the history. 1909 was the year that saw the first Scouts in Abbots Langley so the Group will be celebrating its centenary, commemorating 100 years since scouting began in the village.

A few special events are being planned during the year. For the youngsters, the Herts 100 Camp is being held on 10th – 12th July at Tolmers campsite in Cuffley and all sections are invited to attend. Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will be able to camp and the Beavers will be invited to visit for the day on the Saturday. Lots of activities are planned and it will be a great weekend. More information will be coming out soon.

For the adults there will be a Centenary Dinner for all parents, leaders and helpers at Hunton Park on Friday 16th October. A great venue for a great event so keep it free.

More good news. On the 23rd February the Group will be opening its second Beaver Colony enabling many more youngsters in the village to enjoy Scouting. There will be 16 new Beavers meeting on a Monday evening under the watchful eye of their new Leaders, Caroline Hubble, Lisa Sharpe and Jenny Beal

Finally, congratulations to the Scout Troop who won the District Cooking Competition in January for the first time. The team of Liam Goodman, Nikhil Kotecha, Jack Longbottom and Amaelia Parmenter will now go forward to represent the District in the County. Well done and good luck.

Clive Winder
Group Scout Leader

The Green Beret

By Liam Goodman (otters)



We arrived at the scout hut to finish off collecting the equipment and set off to Lees Wood at 7: 30 ish. When we arrived we got all of our belongings into the tent and set up our bed. Then disaster struck as George Isherwood fell ill and had to be taken home. This meant we would not be able to compete with only five in our team. Luckily we were able to draft in a substitute called Peter from 73rd South Oxhey group. We had supper and went to bed.



Joe Lambert, Peter 73rd South Oxhey, Henry Sugden, Greg Benson, Sam Pearson, and Liam Goodman.

The next morning we were woken up at 7:00 sharp, packed our day/night bags and had breakfast. At around half 8 we set off to do the activities. First we had to cook a pancake which had to fill with apple filling. Then we had two people singing whilst the others had to dance to entertain. We moved on to a different base where we were given pieces of guttering and for this challenge we had to get water from one area to the other just using the guttering. We excelled at this challenge as the average score was 5 and we got 17.9.

For the next challenge we were given an amount of letters of which we had to make the longest words possible. Our words included discombobulated, hydrochloric, and many more. Next we went orienteering and it took us 59 minutes and 52 seconds to do five bases (the map was hopeless). Then we had a well deserved lunch.

After lunch we did many more challenges which included the assault course. To start with we had to climb up and over a 2 meter high wall, which was easy for me as I am small. Then we had to follow a trail made up of paper squares but the colours were almost indistinguishable!! However we went on well to all of the hard but fun challenges. At last we came to the grand finale of events, we had to climb up on some planks at about 2 inches thick until we came to a 30 foot stainless steel pole of which we had to slide down and I was terrified! But we all did it and it was great fun.

We then went on to do a variety of activities until dinner. After dinner we went on to do more activities till 10 at night which included go-karting and map reading skills. I was so tired that I went to bed for five minutes to recover but ended up sleeping until I was woken the next morning. Whilst I was asleep people were searching for me and found me dead to the world still covered in dirt.

On Sunday we packed up, had the camp dismissal with a presentation. We left and went home for a much needed hot bath! We finished 101st, and all in all it was a fantastic weekend and I would do it again! Many thanks to my Dad and Michael Benson who looked after us on camp.



Hunton Park on Friday 16th October 2009 will host the Group's centenary celebration.

A Dinner, Dance and Disco

At a fantastic subsidised price of £22 per head
Booking forms will be available shortly but for further
information now please contact Pauline on 269902

A social history is also being compiled and the
Editor would be grateful to receive any relevant
material for inclusion.



Fellowship Autumn Trip 2008

On a cold, wet and windy October Day about fifteen members of the fellowship set off for their annual weekend away – this year to Burnham Deepdale on the North Norfolk Coast. The top notch bunkhouse accommodation was within an easy stroll of two drinking establishments and a café. It was also in an excellent position to watch the twitchers watching the birdies.

On Saturday the main party braved the elements and walked along the coast to Wells-Next-the-Sea whilst the younger members sheltered from the elements at the sea life sanctuary. A select group cycled on the quiet country lanes. Although windswept, the coast was absolutely amazing with wide sandy beaches and lots of shells to fill your buckets with – definitely somewhere to return to.



A big thank you goes to the organisers Tracy and Paul and the team that kept our tummies full, Pauline and Tony.

In November Hazel Butcher arranged a visit to the County Museum to see the exhibition of 100 Years of Scouting in Hertfordshire hosted by the County Archivist Mr Frank Brittain.



The Christmas meal was held on 5th December at the White Hart in Bedmond where over 20 people enjoyed the hospitality of the mine hosts in a very convivial atmosphere. Thanks are owed to Pete Linskey for organising and Rob Sheppard for driving the minibus.



DIARY DATES

March

6th	Quiz Night, 8pm Cricket Club	Fellowship
14th	District Swimming Gala	Cubs
16th	Executive Meeting	Exec Committee
17th	TBC	Ladies Guild
21st	District Swimming Gala	Scouts

April

1st	Jumble Sale	ALL
3rd	TBC	Fellowship
4th	Jumble Sale	ALL
14th	Hanging Basket demonstration	Ladies Guild
19th	St George's Day Parade	ALL
25th	Night Trifid	Scouts

May

1st	TBC	Fellowship
1st - 4th	PAW Weekend	Scouts
15th	Group AGM	ALL
18th	Executive Meeting	Exec Committee
19th	TBC	Ladies Guild

June

5th	TBC	Fellowship
12th - 14th	Top Ten Scouts Narrowboat Trip	Scouts
13th	Abbots Langley Carnival	ALL
16th	TBC	Ladies Guild

July

3rd	TBC	Fellowship
10th - 12th	Centenary Camp, Tolmers	ALL
20th	Executive Meeting	Exec Committee

21st	TBC	Ladies Guild
26 th - 2 nd Aug	Summer Camp, Brecon Beacons	Scouts
August		
7 th	TBC	Fellowship
18 th	TBC	Ladies Guild
September		
4 th	TBC	Fellowship
15 th	TBC	Ladies Guild
21 st	Executive Meeting	Exec Committee
October		
2 nd	TBC	Fellowship
7 th	Jumble Sale	ALL
10 th	Jumble Sale	ALL
16 th	Centenary Dance, Hunton Park	ALL
20 th	TBC	Ladies Guild
25 th	Triathlon	Scouts
November		
6 th	TBC	Fellowship
8 th	Remembrance Day Parade	ALL
13 th - 15 th	Green Beret	Scouts
16 th	Executive Meeting	Exec Committee
17 th	TBC	Ladies Guild
21 st	Christmas Market	ALL
December		
4 th	Christmas Meal	Fellowship
7 th	Christingle Service	ALL
15 th	TBC	Ladies Guild
26 th	Boxing Day Walk	ALL

14 visited the Hollywood Bowl in January for the annual bowling grudge match. From novice to veteran, no name and shame here, suffice to say they know who they were ... all enjoyed a good evening. Over two lanes the winners of Game 1 were Clive Winder and Pete Lythaby, Game 2 were Bryan Sharpe and Dave Sturgess, with the overall winner over two games by a margin on Lane 1 being Pete Linskey and Lane 2 Pete Lythaby.



The AGM was held on 6th February where the programme for the year was devised.

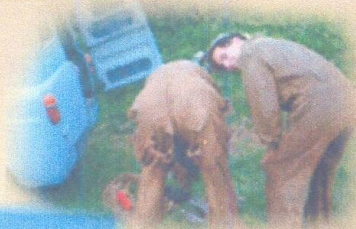
Anyone is welcome to attend events, so please contact John Noonan on 01923 266921 if you are interested.

Abbots Langley

remembered by
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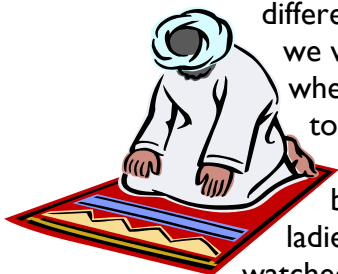
In the Autumn term we welcomed five new Cubs to the Pack. They were Sam Biggerstaff, Josh Felton, Connor Jungnickel-Judge, Liam O'Sullivan and Greg Read and we decided to introduce them to Cubbing by learning about the story of the Jungle Book and how it influenced Baden-Powell's development of Cubs. The boys helped decorate the notice board with a Jungle Book theme, by colouring pictures from the story.

This term the Cubs worked towards their Community Challenge badge and visited Hemel Hempstead fire station,



where they learnt about ways they can help fire fighters do their jobs. They got a tour of the fire station and fire engine and also got to explore the smoke house, as well as having a go at spraying the hose pipe!

Another part of the badgework included learning about a different faith and visiting a place of worship, so we visited the Jamia mosque in North Watford, where the imaan (religious teacher) gave us a tour of the mosque and answered lots of questions. We had to take our shoes off before we entered the mosque and the ladies covered their heads with scarves. We watched some Muslims pray from the balcony above which was very interesting.





Pete Linskey also lent his expertise and taught the Cubs some basic first aid skills as the final part of their badgework. Thanks Pete!

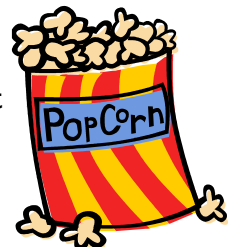
The Cubs had lot of fun at the Halloween party, with lots of ghosts, skeletons and ghouls making an appearance! We played games such as 'Make a Mummy' (using loo roll!), donut-on-string, apple bobbing, Squidgy Body Parts, and a fiendish card game organized by Akela Chris.



Some boys took part at the Community Challenge Award Day at Lee's Wood. We joined with Scouts from our group and competed against other teams from the district. The bases included ones run by the police, fire service, ambulance, park rangers, and Watford Football club. The weather was lovely and the Cubs and helpers all had a great time!

We also entered a team in the District Volleyball competition in November. The team members were Oliver Dean, William Bell, Tom Bell, Sam Biggerstaff and Josh Felton, and after a really close tournament, the boys came an impressive second, well done!

We decided to end the term by holding a Blockbuster Night! The Cubs decorated their own tickets and cups for popcorn and drinks. On the night they dressed in smart cloths and arrived to a red carpet and sparkling lights. Following a democratic vote, they watched 'Alvin and the Chipmunks' on the



big screen upstairs. I think it is the quietest they were all term! Drinks and nibbles were on sale and the money raised was donated to the British Heart Foundation, in fond memory of Steve Johnson, husband of Jo who was an invaluable help at Cubs for several years.

We said goodbye to four valuable Cub members at the end of the Autumn term, who all moved up to Scouts and received their Chief Scout's Silver Award. They were Ravi Kotecha, Miles Johnson, Jamie Tearle and Josh Davies. Well done boys and we hope you have a great time at Scouts.

As well as the Cubs receiving their Community Challenge badges, some decided to work towards a few badges in their own time and the following were awarded: Timmy Cannock - Stage 3 Swimming badge, George Rollinson and William Bell - Home Safety, Nicholas Smith - Faith badge, Jake Taylor - Physical Recreation, Robert Armstrong - Martial Arts and Sports Enthusiast, Josh Davies - Creative Challenge badge. Well done for all your hard work.

Finally, we would just like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who helped out, in various ways, at the meetings last term, whether it was washing and drying cups, selling popcorn, or just being an extra pair of eyes and ears. Your help and support really is appreciated and is an immense help. Thank you.

More photos of these events can be seen on the website.

Chris (CSL) Holly (ACSL) Chris Watts (Young Leader)

Once again this term has been busier and better than ever.



September: This term we are doing the Animal Badge, so for part of that we went to visit a farm in Bushey. It was a great night, with all the beavers getting the chance to hold snakes and spiders to rabbits and guinea pigs. With a great turn out of beavers they all participated in feeding the farm animals, whilst also getting taught about how to care for them.

Later on in September we had an exciting visit from the local PCSO Dean. All the beavers were very excited at the thought of trying on a uniform and looking in and around his car. The sirens were going non stop all evening with the beavers having great fun. Especially when Dean tuned into the West Watford Police Radio, and allowed all the beavers to shout as loud as they can 'Hello, we are Abbots Langley Beavers!!' this could be heard in every police station and car throughout west Watford. It was great fun!!

October: As usual we entered the District Beavers Bangers Competition held at Lees Wood. The beavers spent most of the morning doing various craft activities from, spaghetti towers to play dough hedgehogs. Throughout the morning everybody was being judged on behaviour, manners and the craft activity. We all sat down to a good bangers and mash lunch before the winner was announced. For the first time ever in Beavers Bangers History, it was announced 1st Abbots Langley, 3rd North Watford Beavers were the winners. Both Helen and the beavers were so happy to be able to take home the big trophy board.

November: Along with all our other activities, such as making fireworks, at the end of November it was that time of year to join in with the Beavers District Panto to Watford Palace Theatre. This Year it was Dick Whittington and his cat. All the beavers turned up immaculately dressed, buzzing to go. The panto started and so did all the fun, all the beavers were joining in shouting back. At the interval they all enjoyed Ice cream and all will agree it was a great night out.

We also took part in the remembrance Parade along the high street, it was a great turnout and everybody was very well behaved.



December: Just as we thought we couldn't possibly do anymore exciting activities and events. It was time for Christingle and our Christmas party.

It was a great turn out at St Lawrence's church for the Christingle Service, with all the beavers donating a lot of money, having fun singing along to the songs and eating their orange and sweeties. Our Christmas party was once again a great success, with everybody coming in fancy dress. We played many games such as apple bobbing and pass the parcel, before sitting down to eat our lovely dinner.

Thank you to all our helpers especially Lin Lytherby and the Explorers.

All our best wishes go to our beavers moving up into cubs. Whilst welcoming our new Beavers in January,
Helen, Julia and Jenny

Hall Happenings

Monday	5.30 - 7.00 pm	Beaver Scouts (Lake)
Tuesday	6.00 - 7.30 pm	Beaver Scouts (River)
	7.45 - 9.45 pm	Explorer Scouts
	8.00 - 10.00 pm	Ladies Guild (3rd in Month)
Wednesday	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cub Scouts
Thursday	5.15 - 6.45 pm	1st Abbots Langley Brownies
	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Scouts
Friday	8pm	Fellowship (1st in Month)

Don't forget to look at the website for more photos of this term's activities

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We would like to be able to email to let you know when updates have happened to the website so if you would like to be kept informed please send your email address

Woodsmoke Editor

Pauline Styles



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