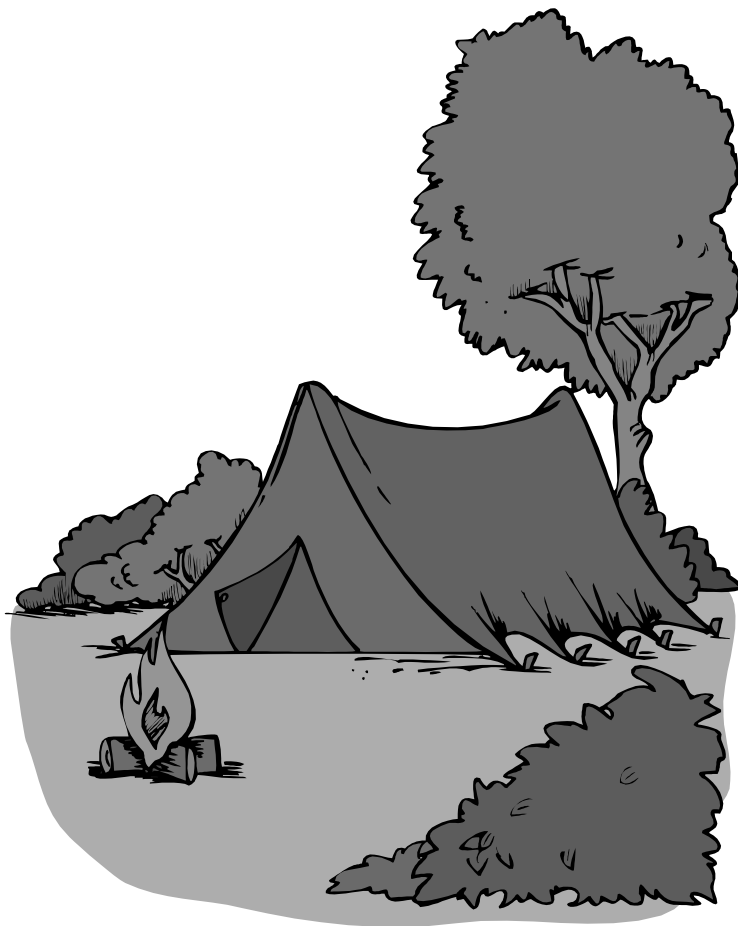


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# Woodsmoke



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# Scoop Speaks

**Y**ou may not be aware that this historic publication, the *Woodsmoke*, had its humble beginning in the March of 1954. According to the County Archivist, Frank Brittain, it continues to remain the longest (unchallenged) running Group magazine in the UK.

Wow, and if that wasn't enough of an accolade, it has now reached its 225th edition. Ta Ra!! Big Fanfare !



So to give it its full title, I needed to research what a 225th might be called. I discovered the obvious 100th being a Centenary and that the 200th is called a Bicentenary. And along with those two landmarks apparently the 125th is a Quasquicentennial and 150th is a Sesquicentennial.

I hope you enjoy this **Quasquibicentennial** edition of *Woodsmoke*, for which I have learnt a new word. Luckily I won't need to report on this again until 2024 when you can note we will reach the 250th Semiquincentennial or Bicenquingenary edition.

Future Editor please note ...

## Chairman's Blog



Happy New Year to you all and a very warm welcome to all new members of our Scout Group. 2016 will see us celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouting and all Hertfordshire Cub Scouts will be invited to a Cubs 100 camp in Tolmers July 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. The Group and Scout Active Support will be assisting with this event so make a note of the date in your diaries. I mentioned a while back that we are planning our next Family Camp and this has provisionally been booked for Phasels Wood from 30<sup>th</sup> June-July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017. I know it's a long way off but planning is already underway!

As you are all probably aware our front forecourt was successfully resurfaced during the October half term. This will help to keep the hall and lobby free from grit and eliminate the potholes and puddles that were constantly appearing in the old surface. The considerable cost of this project came from fundraising and I thank you all for supporting all of our fundraising events.

The Double Jumble sale in October raised £1291.00 and The Christmas Market in November £890.00 which included a £70.00 donation from Dot once again who managed to sell on 'high quality' items to her 'dealers'.....well done Dot! Our next Double Jumble is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> so start sorting out your cupboards now.

The Remembrance Day Parade in November was attended by 124 impeccably turned out uniformed members and our Christingle service at St Lawrence's Church in December raised £246.91 and this was donated to The Children's Society.



Storm Desmond blew in during December and caused damage to our flag pole which has subsequently been repaired and concerns were raised about large overhanging neighbouring trees which will be cut back in the springtime. Repairs and alterations were also carried out to the HQ guttering as they were permanently getting blocked and overflowing. Possible work to the soakaways may have to be carried out in due course as these seem to be silting up.

Towards the end of last year our Scout Group was asked to contribute to a local recipe book. I am pleased to announce that the book is now on sale at Over The Moon in the High Street and all proceeds go towards The St Lawrence Church Appeal.

Our annual fire drills were once again successfully carried out at the end of last term.

You may recall that during last year our Scout Group was involved with The Prince's Trust in a community project with local disadvantaged youngsters. I am pleased to announce that 6 of the 10 young people that carried out decoration work at the HQ have now gained full time employment and begun the process of re-shaping their lives.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all of the volunteers who make scouting in Abbots Langley possible.

Bye for now,

**Mike Benson, Group Chairman**

## Clive's Chat

Congratulations to Luke Bond, Adam Brown, Jack Dunstone, Lucy Newman, Stanley Nunes and Arthur Sycamore on completing their Silver Chief Scouts Award, and to Joseph Bailey, April Clough and Alfie Smith for achieving their Bronze CSA.



As our Scout Group continues to grow, with the number of youngsters now exceeding 160, it looks more and more likely that we are going to need a second Scout Troop. As we already have 7 scouting sections that meet at our HQ it looks like this might have to meet on a Friday evening or late on a Wednesday. As leaders don't grow on trees, the first stage is to find adults who would like to get involved as regular leaders. If you feel like joining the team please give me a call.

After 12 years as a valued member of the Scout Group Executive, initially as our Minibus Coordinator, but more recently as our Health & Safety Officer, Rob Sheppard has stepped down. My sincere thanks to Rob for all his hard work over the years and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery. This is an essential role on the Committee and needs to be filled. Can anyone interested in taking on this position please make contact with me as soon as possible.

It was a fabulous turn out from our Scout Group's leaders and youngsters at the village Remembrance Day Parade in November. It was a very impressive show of respect for those who have lost their lives in battle. The St George's Day parade is at the beginning of the summer term on 24<sup>th</sup> April so please keep it free and make every effort to attend.



And finally, a big thank you to our fundraising team who ran our Christmas Market in December. Another great success raising £867 for the Group.



## SCOUT TROOP Achievements

Many congratulations to -

- ◆ Roslyn Chase, Aidan Cheng, Charlotte Clark, Samuel Hines, Daniel Nottage, Lucy Packman, Hannah Trotman and Tom Williams on completing their Skills Challenge,
  
- ◆ Lucy Packman on the award of her Personal Challenge,
  
- ◆ Roslyn Chase, and Hannah Trotman on achieving 50 Nights Away.

Very well done.

# Scout Cooking Competitions

For the District competition myself, my brother Joe and Andrew Bell formed a team to take part in the cooking competition. The theme was South America and we had to create a 3 course menu for 4 people to be cooked and served using camping equipment with a 2 hour time limit with an £18 budget.

We researched the traditional food in South America and decided for our starter to cook Plantain balls filled with mozzarella. We had to boil the plantain first and then mash it with a fork and then make and fill the balls and then fry them.

For our main course we decided to boil ribs in water, soy sauce and lots of herbs and spices. We boiled the ribs until the sauce reduced. To go with the ribs we cooked rice and black eye beans. I was very pleased with the presentation as I filled a small cup with the rice and turned it out to make a rice castle which looked really effective.



For pudding we made caramel and banana pancake stacks with caramel sauce and cream, it was delicious!

The challenge was to serve all 3 courses at the same time and make sure that they were hot and served on a nicely laid table.

We were really pleased to win the District Competition



# SCOUTS

and then take part in the County event a few weeks later. Ross Sheppard joined our team as we needed 4 people to compete. There were a lot more teams taking part in the County competition so we had to work a lot harder.



We were happy with how our food turned out, it was exactly as we practiced and it tasted really good. A photographer took a picture of our 3 course meal. It was served on time and the four of us worked really well together. I think we were a good team although we did not win but we tried our best.

Louis Geard  
Eagles Patrol

# Green Beret 2015

Last years County Green Beret competition took place on the 13th-15th November. It was a great experience as it tested our skills, teamwork and fitness. On the Friday we arrived at the camp and unloaded all our kit from the minibus, only to find, that we were camping on the far side of the camp. So after a long walk in the dark we arrived at the part of the camp that our troop was camping on. We put up our tents, had dinner, unpacked and then went to sleep.





In the morning we had breakfast then discussed our tactics in the teams we had been put in. I was in the team Abbos A, which consisted of me, Aidan Cheng, Hannah Trotman, Lucy Packman, Charlotte Clark and Roselyn Chase. After breakfast, we rushed to the day activities so that we could try and get as many done as possible. In order for the scores from all the bases to count we had to do at least 10 bases and if you did more than 10 bases only the 10 highest scoring activities would be counted. The first base we went to was a Kim's game, in this activity we had to memorise 20 objects in 1 minute and repeat them after they were covered up. We used good teamwork in this activity and as a result we got the full 50/50 marks. On another base, we had to move 4 different size tyres over 4 poles, but the catch was that a bigger tyre couldn't go on a smaller tyre. We also got full marks on this base as we completed it in a record time.

After we had finished the bases we went to the assault course which wrapped around the whole of the campsite. The course had six different bases that all had a balance of fitness and teamwork included in them. One of the bases that I enjoyed was having to run either under, over or through different obstacles that had been made out of wood. Our team was very good at this base as we all had good fitness.

After we had finished the course we went and washed off as much mud as possible, as some of the bases on the assault course required us to crawl through thick mud. After dinner we had about an hour to relax until we went to do the night activities from 7 – 11pm. A lot of the night bases we did were to do with general knowledge and puzzles as they were a very easy way to get points. We did several of these quiz's then we went and did a physical activity. This was called whack-a-mole, where we had to swing a ball that was suspended on a rope, so that we could try and knock down 10 crates in as few swings as possible. We, again, did very well on this activity as some of us did it in under 4 swings.

After we had done the night activities we went back to camp and went straight to bed because of how worn out we all were. In the morning we woke up at 7.30 so that we could get ready for the presentation that was happening on the Sunday morning. We had breakfast then went to the presentation that every scout troop attended. Although we didn't win any awards we came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Night Exercises and 19<sup>th</sup> overall. The best feeling was that we completed the weekend with a good final score and our B team also did well, coming 100<sup>th</sup> out of 146 teams. It was a great experience and I would recommend it to anyone.

Tom Williams  
APL, Foxes.

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**13 May 2016 at 8pm  
Scout HQ, Langley Road  
Followed by a buffet**

- Come along
- Find out what's going on
- Meet everyone

# DIARY DATES

## March

4	Beer Festival	ALSAS
13	Scout Triathlon—Lees Wood	Scouts
15	Meeting—2 pm	Ladies Guild
16 & 19	Double Jumble Sale	All
18	Swimming Gala—Woodside	All
21	Executive Meeting — 8.15pm—HQ	Exec Committee

## April

1	Craft Evening—HQ	ALSAS
4	Curry Night—7.30pm Abbots Tandoori	All
8-10	Recce Weekend—Beaver Lodge	Leaders/ALSAS
19	Meeting—7.30 pm	Ladies Guild
24	St George's Day Parade	All

## May

6	Butch's Walk	ALSAS
13	Scout Group AGM—HQ 8pm	All
16	Executive Meeting — 8.15pm—HQ	Exec Committee
17	Meeting—7.30 pm	Ladies Guild

## June

3	Race Night	ALSAS
11	Abbots Langley Carnival	All
12	Litter picking - 9.30 Manor Hse Grounds	Scouts
17-19	Scout Top 10 Narrowboat weekend	Scouts
21	Meeting—7.30 pm	Ladies Guild
22	District AGM	Leaders

## July

1	Foot Golf	ALSAS
1-3	Cubs County Centenary Camp—Tolmers	Cubs/A Support
18	Executive Meeting — 8.15pm—HQ	Exec Committee
19	Meeting— BBQ	Ladies Guild
23-30	Scout Camp—Beaver Lodge	Scouts

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

## **WANTED**

### **Health and Safety Officer**

Duties include responsibility for reviewing and maintaining the overall safety of the HQ and the well being of it's users. H&S and Accident Reporting policies and Fire and Activity Risk Assessments are all in place and only require monitoring and updating on an annual basis. First Aid kits need to be reviewed and replenished on a regular basis and assistance with fire drills once a year. Arranging the annual service and inspection of all fire extinguishers and any other minor H&S issues that might arise.

### **Maintenance Assistant**

Experience of a trade to support maintenance of the Headquarters

If you'd like to get involved at any level

Please contact Clive

01923 443359

# ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

**ALSAS Annual Weekend Away—YHA Litton Cheney,  
Dorset** 2nd to 4th October 2015



Walking and talking, some skittles and a bit of pointing. What a great way to spend a weekend! Thanks to Tony and Pauline, and Rachel for finding a brilliant place.





# ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

## Scouts Fireworks & Wide Game Night

5th November 2015

Scout Active Support were pleased to be able to host a wide game & fireworks night for the Scout troop on Whippendell Golf course woods on November 5th.

A potentially more ambitious offering of a 3-team flag game in the woods on a wet and windy night proved to be a hit with the Scouts, who braved nettles, brambles and low spiky branches to quest for their opponent's flags and "bags o' treasure" (aka bags of haribo!), whilst keeping hold of their 'lives' (woolly armbands). The leaders enjoyed it too, as they got to stand around the fire keeping warm, whilst the junior leaders did an amazing job of encouraging and directing the scouts throughout the activity: keeping good discipline and not losing anyone! A short firework display rounded off a fun evening in spite of the wet weather. No injuries and lots of smiles!

My grateful thanks to Tracy Reeve for helping set up, Kevin Brown for the dry firewood on a wet night, and help in setting up, and to Elaine Nottage for supporting. And not forgetting the Scout Leaders for letting us loose with the Scouts!

Rod Anderson Boyle

# ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

## Fireworks and Film Night

6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

“They’re ready for you now, Miss Munro”

Lights, camera – ACTION!

Film Night: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

The fireworks in the village went off with a bang. We then retired to HQ to watch a film on the BIG SCREEN upstairs. Everyone had been asked to bring a film of their own choice. The idea was that we would have a show of hands for each and then watch the film that received the most popular vote. By unanimous decision I foisted my favourite, THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL upon everyone else.



*Critics Comment: Typically stylish but deceptively thoughtful. Ornate visual environments used to explore deeply emotional ideas. (Source Rotten Tomatoes)*

I think nearly everyone enjoyed it (you know who you are). So I was happy. Needless to say, the nuts, wine and crisps all disappeared before the interval.

**AUDIENCE SCORE, 99% liked it**

Film Night Review by: Richard (Groucho) Gabriel  
(You can't fool me. There is no sanity clause)

# ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

## Green Beret Assault Course

14<sup>th</sup> November 2015

November is a busy month for ABBOS SAS but the event that is the most challenging and time consuming is The Green Beret Assault course at Tolmers.

With 150 scout teams from across Hertfordshire taking part it is our responsibility to construct one of the high assault course stations.

It meant a team had to load all the equipment, ropes, ladders, boards and scaffolding at HQ on the Friday evening then on the Saturday it all had to be transported to Tolmers to be erected.



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The following weekend was the actual assault course when more ABBOS SAS turned up to monitor and encourage the groups of scouts to tackle our fiendish course! Although it poured with rain all day the scouts, who by the time they reached our station looked like swamp monsters, took on the challenge and to their credit all managed the course.



Then as the night drew in we had to deconstruct the course and transport it, along with several litres of mud, back to HQ where it had to be unloaded and stored back in HQ.

Fortunately we had many hands so it was a reasonably quick pain free process and by 6pm some hardy souls headed for the Royal Oak to dry out!

So despite the fact the weather was miserable it was a privilege to see so many youngsters out in the rain tackling the course with no moaning or groaning that many people seem to think applies to today's youngsters.

Well done to all who took part from ABBOS SAS.

Kevin Brown

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### Boxing Day Walk 26<sup>th</sup> December 2015

So on the warmest boxing day that anyone could remember the 66<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day Walk took place. 20 eager walkers and 3 dogs meet at the start of Love Lane on Tibbs Hill in Abbots Langley to walk across some rather muddy fields through Tenements farm to the Holly Bush P.H. in Potters Crouch covering 3 miles.



The walk after all these years still starts at 10.30am sharp and arrives at the Holly Bush P.H. to coincide with the opening time. However one tradition, which is still strong and upheld upon our arrival at the Holly Bush, when partaking in our first drink, the toasts are always to the Queen and to

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“absent friends” where we think of those who are unable to join us or are no longer with us.

Now, it was back in 1961 that Fred Dobson first documented that singing took place within the Boxing Day proceedings. Traditionally the first song is always Yonder Blackbird as it mentions the Holly Bush, and a few Christmas Carols follow this.

At some point during the proceedings Bib Butcher (in his 48<sup>th</sup> consecutive year) sings his tribute to Rule Britannia, the chorus is normally accompanied by the rest of the group standing up to raise their glasses while enthusiastically singing along.

Other favourites sung are Pete Linskey’s music man, performed in a variety of ways each year by Steve Flowers (in his 36<sup>th</sup> year), who inherited this honour after Pete died. A rousing chorus of Jerusalem is sung along the way, producing a tear or two in pride and remembrance. And it wouldn’t be the same if we didn’t have a few “Oggy’s” and “Bravos” along the way started by Kevin Fancourt (on his 37<sup>th</sup> consecutive walk).

The walkers then left the Holly Bush and carried on through the lanes to Bedmond village. Some needing further refreshment at The Bell P.H., then carrying on down Bedmond Road and finishing back in Abbots Langley.

These days walkers comprise of current members of Abbots Langley Scout Group along with their friends and family. In more recent years we have been fortunate enough to be joined by 3 generations of one family.

Hazel Harkin

# ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

## Gin and Games

8<sup>th</sup> January 2016



After the success of last years Casino and Cocktails night, the Gabriel's (Richard, Ruth and Alistair) were once again coerced into kicking off the New Year with a Gin and Games night. And they did us proud. A selection of Gin based cocktails were shaken, stirred and devoured by willing participants. A variety of games – mega jenga, where in the world, paper hats, after eights, guess the logo and guess the personality – were enjoyed. Some were serious and some were hilarious.

And the winners were **\*The Gin Girls\*** – well done to Cheryl, Pauline, me and Dave Gray (an honorary Gin Girl)

Tracy Reeve

We only won because Tracy guessed the mystery person was Bear Grylls but she is too modest to say. Apart from that we was rubbish at making paper hats!!  
(Ed).

# Jungle



It was my first term in Cubs and I really enjoyed it. Here are a description of some of the activities we did.

## **Bird Boxes**

I had lots of fun making Bird boxes. We used wood and nails to build the bird boxes and we did lots of the drilling ourselves. We drilled the nails in to connect the wood together. Some of the bird boxes are going to be used in the park for the birds to live in.



## **Quasar**

We went to Quasar at the end of term and were put into two teams. My team was the yellow team and we got the highest score and won! It was really good fun!





## **End of Term Movie Night**

We watched Inside Out and ate popcorn, sweets and crisps and stayed late so that we could watch all of the film until the end!

## **Christmas Crafts**

We were asked to bring in empty glass jars and we decorated them with different coloured tissue paper and tied a ribbon around it and put a candle inside. It was really pretty when the candle was lit as the tissue paper reflected lots of colour. After making the candle holders we were very sticky!

Written by Millie Geard



## Welcome back to another fun packed term at Lake Beavers !

And also a very warm welcome to our new Beavers; Jack, Joshua, Noah, Ross, William & Abby, who are all joining us this term.

Last term was an exciting one for the Beavers; we kicked off the term with cake decorating. The intricately decorated cakes were worthy of the Bake Off tent, and the finished product looked like those shown in the picture above. The Beavers all had fun making their tasty treats, and most probably had even more fun eating them once they had got home.

One of last term's badges was the Navigator badge, which required the Beavers to learn how to locate themselves on a map, draw a simple map of the area, and be able to use a map during an outdoor walk among other things. In preparation for their walk, the Beavers planned a route around the High Street, and then went out and wrote down the local landmarks they saw on their travels. It was a very enjoyable evening, and the Beavers had lots of fun walking the streets of Abbots Langley in search for the landmarks on their list, despite not being able to have a cheeky cake mid walk in the village bakery.

LAST TERM WE  
WORKED ON THESE  
BADGES...



Safety Activity  
Badge



Photographer  
Activity Badge



Disability  
Awareness  
Activity Badge



Navigator  
Activity Badge  
(Stage 1)

# BEAVERS

## “999: What's Your Emergency?”

That was the theme of one of last terms Beaver meetings, with Beavers learning what to do in an emergency, how to call the emergency services and how to identify hazards around the home. The Beavers spent part of the evening making a visit to our very own hazard ridden kitchen, which had been set up with all sorts of hazards that could occur around the home. Each Beaver had to see how many of the hazards they could spot before discussing what they would do to resolve the issues.

## Lake Beavers’ Visit Tesco



Last term, Lake Beavers visited the Hemel Hempstead branch of the national supermarket chain Tesco to take part in the store’s ‘Farm to Fork’ initiative. After getting suited and booted in fluorescent yellow hi-vis bibs and meeting the evening’s host, the Beavers set off on a behind the scenes tour to find out where their food really does come from. First stop, the fruit and veg aisle, where the Beavers learned about how to get their ‘5-a-day’ from a colourful array of produce, and the amazing things you can do to a courgette to make it into spaghetti! Our evening’s host explained to the Beavers where bananas come from, and how they get all the way from the sunny plantations of Costa Rica in Central America to our lunch boxes in rainy Britain.

After learning the difference between root veg and tropical fruits, the Beavers made their way to the fish counter, where two kind assistants showed the Beavers how to gut a fish. The demonstration wasn't for the fainthearted, although some Beavers could be heard asking the fishmonger to

**“Cut the brain out !”**

of the unfortunate fish

After visiting the fish counter the Beavers made their way to the inner workings of the store which are normally off limits to the general public, and they were in for a treat ! Behind the glamorous face of the store, the Beavers found themselves inside a ginormous freezer where stock ready to replenish the shelves is stored. After a few minutes inside the cosy **sub zero temperatures** the Beavers were red nosed and ready to get back out in to the warmth.Brrr!

To finish their supermarket tour, the Beavers made their way upstairs to the tea room, where a banquet of exotic foods were laid out for the Beavers to try out whilst they



completed a Farm to Fork worksheet that put their knowledge that they had learned over the past hour to the test. Upon completing their tour, each Beaver received a special Farm to Form badge to sew onto their uniform. Exciting stuff!

As the nights drew in and weather increasingly colder, the annual Halloween party was once again upon us. Beavers turned up looking spookier than ever in stunning costumes, and spent the evening having lots of fun bobbing for apples and enjoying a selection of Halloween themed treats. The evening ended with some freakishly funky dancing and a lot of laughs



On a cold Sunday morning the entire Abbots Langley Scouting community assembled in the village for the annual Abbots Langley remembrance day parade. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all of the Beavers who attended the parade. We had a brilliant turn out and hope to better it next year!

## 'FLASH BANG WALLOP!'

Last term, the Beavers perfected their photography skills to earn an exciting badge. The Beavers learned all about the different parts and components of camera and even made a scrap book bursting full with photos they had taken on their own cameras. The Beavers had fun snapping away with their cameras, and sharing the photos they had taken with their friends.



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## On your marks, Get set, BAKE!



Last term the Beavers turned their hand to baking bread. Let loose on the dough, and with flour flying, their creations began to come to life. Many of the Beavers opted for the plaited loaf which proved to be trickier than it looked to perfect. Once the bread was baked and the hall was smelling like a bakery, it was time to see how everybody's loaves had turned out. I'm pleased to say that all of the Beavers were happy with the way their bread had turned out, and hopefully it

tasted as good as it looked!

## Disability Awareness Evening

One evening in the depths of winter last year, the Beavers learned about different types of disabilities, and what it means to be disabled. The evening started with the Beavers saying what they thought it meant to be disabled, before moving on to learn about different disabilities. After, the Beavers had a go at speaking in sign language, a way that deaf people communicate, using hand shapes and movement instead of the conventional way of speaking with sound. To begin with, it was a little tricky to remember how to make all of the different shapes, but by the end of the night, the Beavers were all able to sign the whole alphabet. What an achievement !

## It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

With Christmas fast approaching, the Beavers' focus turned to presents under the tree and the magic of Christmas. The Beavers spent an evening making Christmas cards for their nearest and dearest, as well as making some pretty little Christmas tree decorations.

The Beavers made their way to the local St. Lawrence Church for the Christingle service, held each



year to mark the start of Advent. This years service was a with a brilliant turn out The money raised from the round. Thank you all for , which helps the Christingle collection your Beaver took home goes to the **Children's Society** most vulnerable young people over the festive period and all year your charitable donations ! We ended this fabulous term with nothing less than a party. The Beavers settled down and watched a Christmas film in their pyjamas and filled up on sweet Christmas goodies. As the credits rolled it was the end of another term and another exciting year at Lake Beavers.

## A BIG CONGRATULATIONS...

... to Joseph and Alfie, who all achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award last term!

The Chief Scout's Bronze Award is the highest attainable award in Beaver Scouts, and it is awarded to those who completed all six of the challenge awards and four activity badges. Its no easy feat to achieve, and so to Joe and Alfie who managed to get the award in their time at Beavers, WELL DONE !



# WHO WANTS A CURRY?

## Curry Night

Monday April 4th 2016

7.30pm

Abbots Tandoori,  
Abbots Langley

A four-course meal for just £15!

In support of the Hertfordshire  
Capital Appeal.

(Vegetarian and non-Indian  
alternatives available)

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by Friday 11th March:  
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**Watford North**  
Scout District

If you'd like to join us for the Curry Night, please email Pauline By 10th March on [1st.abbos@gmail.com](mailto:1st.abbos@gmail.com) saying whether you want a curry, vegetarian or non-Indian option. Cheques should be made payable to Watford North District Scout Council.



# **Cynthia Mary Botwright nee Killminster**

## **1st September 1937 to 25 December 2015**



With regret I have to report that Cynthia Botwright passed away peacefully on Christmas Day, surrounded by her family. Cynthia moved to Bushey in 1956 from Bournemouth and was introduced into Cubs by a friend. She held a warrant as ACM at the 48<sup>th</sup> South West Herts pack for two years and it was at the Cracknell Shield competition in 1957 that she met Alan, who was a Club Leader in our Group at the time. Cynthia and Alan married on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1959 in Christchurch, Hampshire and the Group presented them with a barometer as a wedding present.

Alan was the Cub Leader of the 'B' Pack of the 44<sup>th</sup> South West Herts Group, as we were called at the time. As in many a "Scouting" marriage, Cynthia was true to form and took out a warrant as the Assistant Cub Leader three months after their wedding at the 44<sup>th</sup>. In the latter 1960s she moved to the 1st Apsley Scout Group as Cub and then Assistant Cub Leader.

*Photo taken at the Group's Centenary Dinner in 2009 where they had supplied memorabilia of their time in the group.*

## Hall Happenings

Monday	4.45 - 6.15 pm 6.30 - 8.00 pm	Beaver Scouts (Lake) Cub Scouts (Jungle)
Tuesday	5.30 - 7.00 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm 8.00 - 10.00 pm	Beaver Scouts (River) Abbo's Explorer Scouts Ladies Guild (3rd in Month) 2pm Winter/7.30pm Summer
Wednesday	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cub Scouts (Rainforest)
Thursday	5.30 - 7.00 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm	Beaver Scouts (Lagoon) Scouts
Friday	8pm	Active Support (1st in Month)

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