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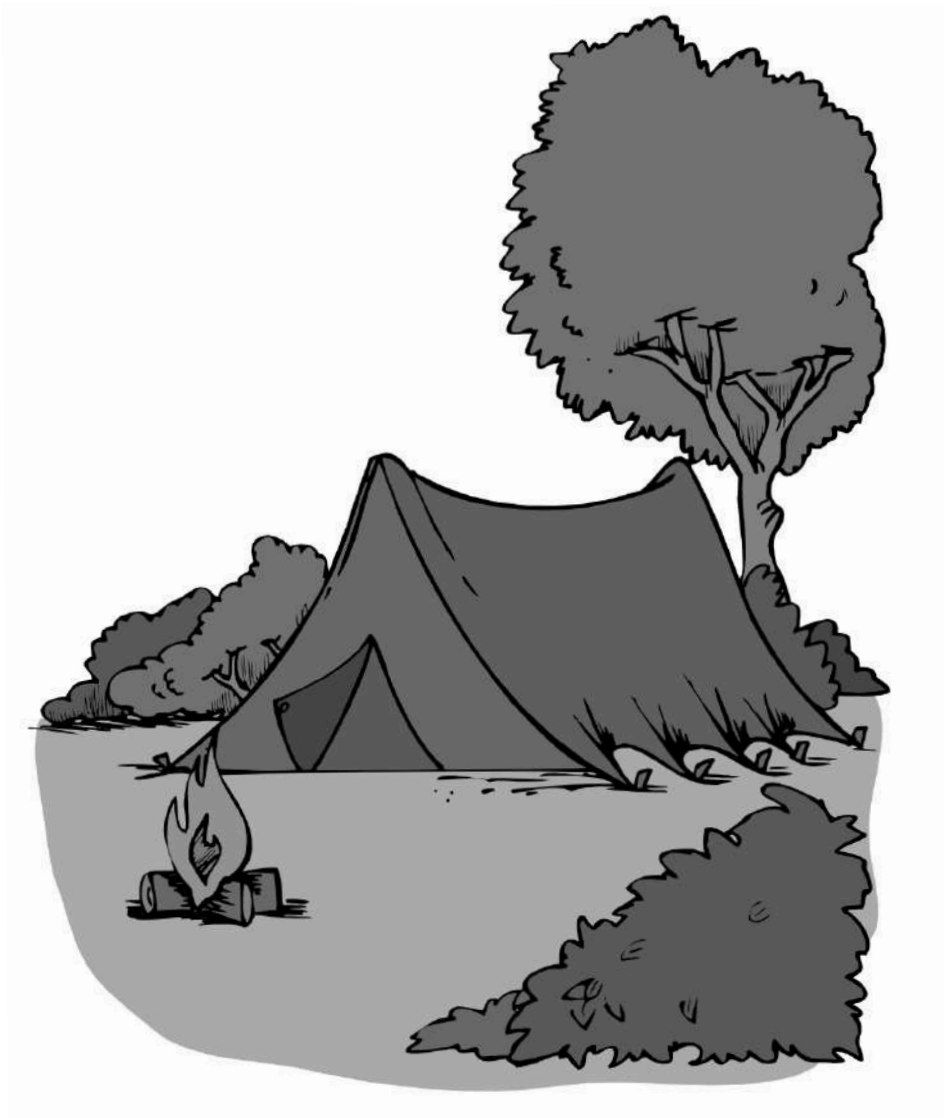
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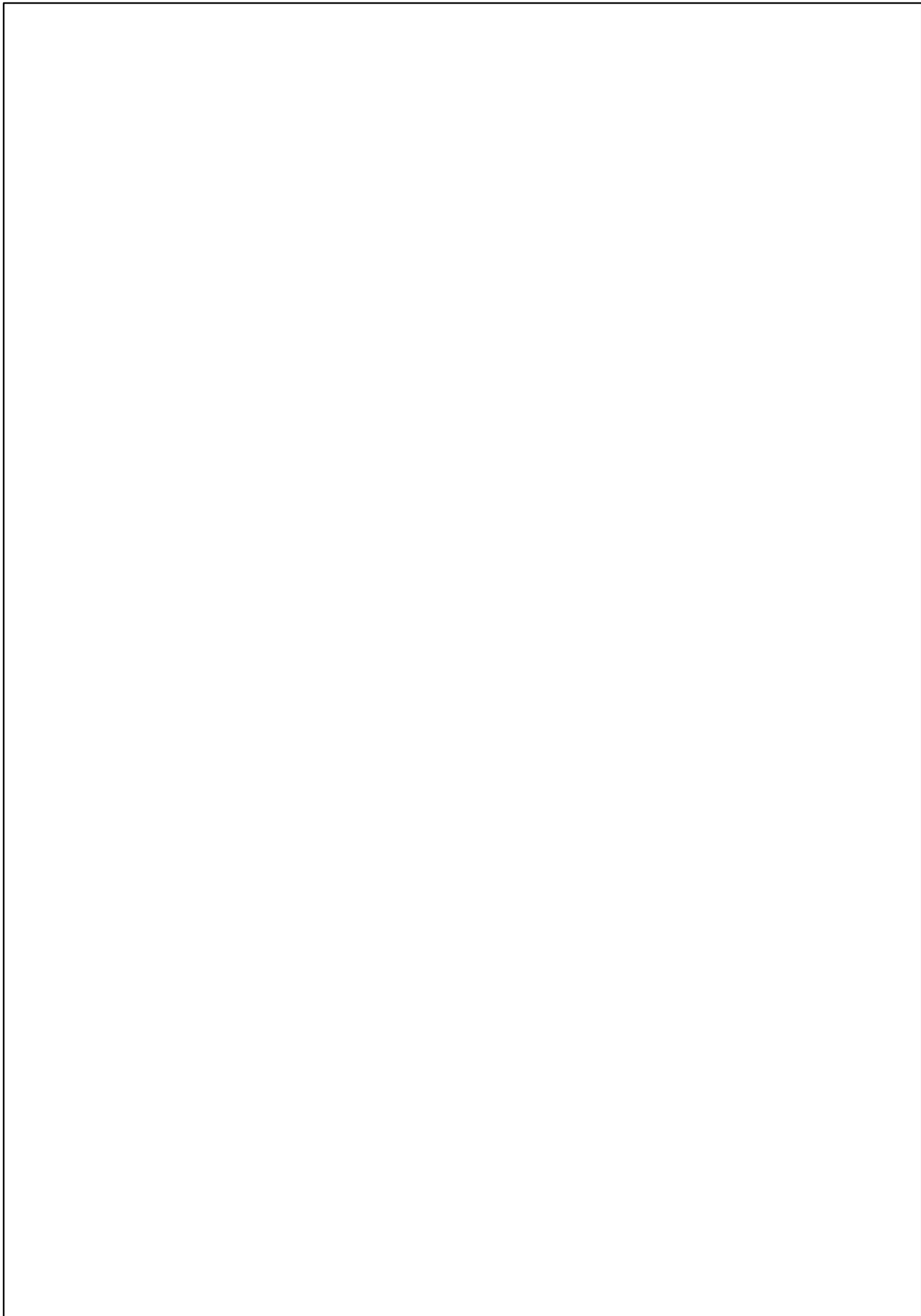
**Scouts**

# Woodsmoke

**CELEBRATING THE GROUP'S 110TH  
ANNIVERSARY YEAR  
15TH JUNE 1909 TO 2019**



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# Chairman's Blog

92nd AGM - May 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

## Chairman's Report

In attendance were representatives of the District and County Scout Association Dave Collette, Norman Brandon, Jonathan Hawes and Roger Sands, and The Chairman of Abbots Langley Parish Council, Councillor Robin Powell.



On the 15<sup>th</sup> of June 1909 a group of boys, namely Hill, Welland and Overy met under the leadership of Mr HC Bonaker to create the foundations of Scouting in Abbots Langley. This year marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that meeting which I am sure you will all agree is quite a milestone. Our Scout Group today is as strong and successful as it has ever been. This success is wholly dependent on the volunteer leaders and helpers past and present who devote their time and energy to supervise our youngsters. Therefore, we greeted with sadness the loss of **Joyce Seabrook**, a past Brownie and Guide Leader and **Jim Johnston**, a Group Treasurer. More recently we had to say goodbye to **Kevin Brown** who was part of our Scout Fellowship and Active Support. Kevin was always keen to get involved and was a great person to have on board at any event he was part of. He helped at many Section evenings, camps and fundraising events over the years and he will be sadly missed by us all. Our Scout Group will always be indebted to the time these people devoted to Scouting in Abbots Langley.

This year's fundraising got off to a tremendous start with nearly £4,000 being raised at the Carnival. Our best ever fundraiser, I believe thanks to the fantastic effort put in by Richard and the Carnival Committee and all of the Active Support and Ladies Guild who helped make the day so successful. I look forward to seeing you all at this year's event on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Double Jumble Sales in March and October continued to be successful with £2,700 being raised. The Jumble sales not only support other Group fundraisers but this year we have also donated items to the British Heart Foundation which then have been sold on raising £485 for this worthy cause. This year has seen the introduction of the parent rota which has been very successful at these events with lots of help coming from parents and younger members of our Scout Group. I would like to say thank-you to Jo for administrating the rota. I hope this will help to secure this valuable source of fundraising income for many more years to come.

The hire of the mini-bus and hall still provide the Group with a steady income and my thanks go to John and Elaine for managing these roles so well.

The Christmas Market raised £1,230 and the solar panels generated £1,900 (helped by our glorious summer last year of course!) A beer and wine festival and quiz night were other events held in the past twelve months that contributed a further £1,000 to Group Funds. This makes the total fundraising for the year a staggering £10,830, which is remarkable to say the least. I would like to thank each and every one of you who was involved. Your help, be it great or small, is sincerely appreciated. I am glad to say this money hasn't stayed in our bank account for very long. Sorry Peter!



With the help of The West Herts Charity Trust we are now the proud owners of a new mini-bus from which all sections will benefit with transport to camps, outings and activities. It will also be used for jumble collecting, Green Beret and at the Carnival. My thanks go to Clive for his perseverance in handling all of the paperwork to do with its purchase. I know at times it hasn't been an easy task.

We have also purchased fourteen new tents and replaced the signage at the front of the HQ. As you can see, we now have a new overhead projector and screen in the hall and this was used for the first time at the Quiz Night. You never know, we may have an interactive AGM next year, so watch this space!

Sadly, the Headquarters was broken into earlier this year with extensive damage caused and a number of items stolen. The police are still carrying out their investigations but unfortunately it is likely to cost the Group money in repairs and replacement of stolen items. We are reviewing our security situation but I ask you all to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity around the HQ in the future.

The Christingle service in December raised £372 and was donated to The Children's Society. The Centenary Remembrance Parade in November was very well attended with 131 uniformed members taking part. This was the culmination of events that marked the anniversary of the end of World War One and my thanks go to Pauline and Rachel for the extensive research they did into the contribution and involvement of Abbots Langley Scouts during The Great War.

The Cubs had their District Camp at Lees Wood in June and the Scouts went on their Summer Camp to Somerset in July. Both camps proved to be very successful and everyone had a great time.

Active Support have had another busy year with games and film nights, Tapas night, Nordic walking, a Shakespeare evening and Archery, as well as helping out at every fundraising event throughout the year. Your help and assistance is immeasurable and we truly appreciate all of your efforts.

The traditional Boxing Day walk, now in its 69<sup>th</sup> year, was well attended once again. Our Woodsmoke Journal, now in its 234<sup>th</sup> edition, continues to report and document the Group's activities and my thanks go to Pauline, its Editor, for the work involved in its production.

We have a busy summer ahead with The District Camp taking place at Lees Wood during the weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup>, with over seventy Group Members taking part. My thanks go to the organising committee and I am sure it will be a great weekend.

Future projects being discussed by our Executive Committee at the moment include the replacement of the cladding to the front of the building, which we hope will form part of the maintenance day rota.

The Group has donated some of its fundraising revenue this past year to Ros and Alex Chase who will be representing our Group and District at The World Scout Jamboree in the USA this summer. I, on behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Abbots Langley Scouts, wish them the very best of luck and can't wait to hear all about it when they return.

All of these events and activities would not be possible or as successful as they are, if it were not for the hours and hours of hard work put in by all of our County and District Scout Associations, our Leaders, Active Support Members, Ladies Guild, Executive Committee and Parents.

In recognition of their long lasting commitment to scouting I am delighted to report that Clive Winder and Alison Redmond along with other District Scout Leaders have been invited to Buckingham Palace this summer to attend a garden party to recognise the good work those in the voluntary sector do year in year out. Congratulations to you both!

Those who volunteer in Scouting can be confident knowing that their devoted time and effort ensures that our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers can continue to experience and enjoy the adventure of a lifetime. I offer you all my sincere thanks.

This HQ is used extensively by approximately 250 people each week and it is always in tip top condition. Every Friday morning without fail Bib makes the hall spick and span ready for the section programmes to begin again the following week. Bib has been.... quietly.... getting on with this job for as long as I can remember. Well, at 81 years young, Bib would like to retire and hand the job over to someone else.

I would like to personally thank-you, Bib for your contribution to this Scout Group and the upkeep of the building and I hope we can find a replacement as dedicated as you have been for the last 60 years. I hope you will continue to be part of The Scout Active Support and be part of The Abbos family for many more years to come. Thanks Bib



Lastly, but not least, a big thank-you to the team who prepared the hall for us this evening and to Lin for the lovely buffet. So please, join with me now and enjoy some birthday cake and refreshments. Thank-you all for attending.

Michael Benson

## *Clive's Chat*

In this issue you can read all about 2018 in my GSLs report from the Presentation & AGM evening and also one from our Chairman, Michael Benson. It was an excellent evening, with youngsters, parents and leaders filling the HQ and a number of Chief Scouts Awards were presented by our District Commissioner, Dave Collette, and our ADC Norman Brandon. Congratulations to:

Bronze – Barney Bird and Millie Weightman

Silver – Alex Gish, Jake Rayner, Daniel Perry, Kai Bain, Sebastian James and Jessica Whiting

Gold – Luke Bond, Lucy Newman, Emma Pinchbeck and Emma Renphrey



Many congratulations also to Zachary Hines who had his 50 Nights Away Award presented and to Emma Pinchbeck who was our 2018/19 Scout of the Year.

With regard to other successes, our Scouts have been very busy participating in various County and District events last term. Three teams of Scouts entered the District Cooking Competition and the team of Zachary Hines, Lucy Newman, Emma Pinchbeck and Emma Renphrey won the trophy for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row. They then came a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> in the County competition. We also entered 3 teams into the District Night Owls, a new competition this year, and our team of Ben Chase, Lucy Newman, Emma Pinchbeck, Luke Pinchbeck and Emma Renphrey were overall winners. Two teams were also entered into the County Triathlon and our team of Ben Chase, Andrew Grant, Zachary Hines and Ben Newing won the District Trophy, the 3<sup>rd</sup> year running. What a brilliant start to the year.

I would like to express my thanks to all our volunteers who ran the successful jumble sales before Easter raising essential funds for the Group. Our next fundraising event is at the Village Carnival on 8<sup>th</sup> June so please come along and help and/or support our hot dog, Bric-a-brac, tea shop and plate smashing stalls.

Clive Winder  
Group Scout Leader

### **Scout Troop Achievements**

Many congratulations to -

- Zachary Hines on the award of his Creative Challenge and his Personal Challenge,
- Luke Bond and Ben Chase on completing their Skills Challenge,
- Luke Bond and Katy Packman on the achievement of their Teamwork Challenge,
- Emma Pinchbeck, Lucy Newman and Emma Renphrey on attaining their Team Leader Challenge and their Personal Challenge.

Very well done!

## GROUP SCOUT LEADER & SCOUT LEADER

### ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The total Group membership at the 2019 Census was 160 (2018 = 150). The individual section numbers are:

- Beaver Scouts           35 (33)
- Cub Scouts             58 (55)
- Scouts                 35 (33)
- Leaders & Assistants   32 (29)

We have had a slight increase following a significant drop in numbers in the previous year due to the closure of the Lake Beaver Colony. The good news is that in January 2019 we relaunched the Colony on a Saturday morning with Dani Chalk as the BSL and Stacy Ward joining the Group as the new ABSL. Unfortunately, the bad news is that Hollie Goodman is stepping down as the BSL of the Lagoon Beaver Colony in July after 8 years. Despite my best efforts I have been unable to find adult replacements to continue and therefore the Colony will close reducing the number of youngsters in the village that can enjoy scouting.

Although it looks like we are well off for leaders, quite a number are inactive due to university and changes to work commitments. In addition to Stacy we have been fortunate in having Geeta Agarwal join River Beavers and Hannah Stephenson becoming an adult leader with Rainforest Cubs after being a Young Leader for the last 4 years. I'm also pleased to welcome back Nicola Trotman as an ACSL with Rainforest Cubs. Alas we have had a couple of leaders step back and my sincere thanks to Dave Goodman and Aisling Benson for all they have done over the years.

Our Beaver Leaders, Helen Welch, Hollie Goodman and Dani Chalk, provided another excellent programme for the Beavers ably assisted by those already mentioned above together with Lin Lythaby, Nikki Goodman and Rachel Drake. Beavers attended various District events and achieved a number of Bronze Chief Scouts Awards. I'm pleased to say that we have 2 Bronze CSAs to present tonight to Barney Bird and Millie Weightman.

Both Cub Packs have continued to be very active under the Leadership of Cheryl Browne and Chris Frith, ably assisted by Paul Hines, Aisling Benson and Richard Livermore-Hardy in Jungle and Chris Watts, Louise Fowler-Davies, Suli Hope, Nicola Trotman and Wendy Cousins in Rainforest.





My congratulations to the Cubs who completed their Silver Chief Scouts Award in 2018. I'm pleased to say that we have 6 more Silver CSAs to present tonight. These are Alex Gish, Jake Rayner, Daniel Perry, Kai Bain, Sebastian James and Jessica Whiting.

Our Scout Troop had their first success of 2018 with the team of Emma Pinchbeck, Zachary Hines, Lucy Newman and Emma Renphrey winning the District Cooking Competition, the 8<sup>th</sup> year in a row. The next event was the District Swimming Gala in which the whole Group took part. Overall, our Beavers came 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Cubs came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Scouts 1<sup>st</sup> which meant we were able to retain our trophy as the overall Group winners. Next came the County & District Triathlon

in which our team of Emma Renphrey, Zachary Hines, Andrew Grant and Ben Chase entered. Although they weren't the top team in the County they came away with the Margaret McGlen Triathlon Trophy as District winners. In September we entered 2 teams into the inaugural District Watopoly and came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. It was enjoyed by all. We also entered 2 teams into the very challenging County Green Beret held at Tolmers. We came a very creditable 34<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> overall out of 150 County teams but were 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the District and were therefore winners of the new District Green Beret Trophy. One of our teams was 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Night Activity Bases. That was 2018 and as you can see the success has continued in 2019 with trophies in the Cooking and Triathlon competitions and the resurrected Night Owls challenge.

The Scouts completed a total of 46 Challenge Awards in 2018 and 3 Scouts, Andrew Bell, Taj Kapoor and Ross Sheppard, were awarded their Gold Chief Scouts Award. I'm pleased to announce that we have 4 Golds to present tonight. Congratulations to Luke Bond, Lucy Newman, Emma Pinchbeck and Emma Renphrey.





Another measure of a committed Scout is to complete 50 Nights Away and I congratulate Zachary Hines on this achievement.

My thanks go to my fellow leaders, Jason Gearhart, Liam Goodman, Amaelia Parmenter, Finley Potiuk, Alison Redmond, Jamie Tearle, Tony Dabson and Tom Lovelock for all their commitment and hard work.



The Scout of the Year competition encourages Scouts to show commitment to events, competitions and fundraising and is awarded for their overall Scouting ability and behaviour. It was the hardest fought competition ever with the winner this year being Emma Pinchbeck.

As Michael has outlined, 2018 was a very busy year for the Group as a whole. Two of our YLs, Ros and Alex Chase, have been selected to attend the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, this July. I know they will have a brilliant time. Last summer I applied to the West Herts Charity Trust for a grant for a new minibus and, although it took some time, it was granted and the bus arrived last month. However, it's so nice that we're not sure we want to allow any youngsters in it. To raise money for the new minibus and the Jamboree we held two additional fundraisers with a beer & wine festival and a Group Quiz raising nearly £2k. The other major project was the investment in the new projector and screen. We were able to obtain these at cost thanks to Ross Noonan and they were generously installed free of charge by a parent, Andrew Lomas, and Michael. My thanks to them all.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Executive Committee. They do an excellent job of running the Group behind the scenes and, along with the leaders, are the unsung heroes of the Scout Group. My thanks also to the Abbo's Active Support Unit who provide assistance with the numerous fundraising events, Green Beret assault course and various scouting activities. And finally, my thanks to our 12 Young Leaders who provide tremendous support to the adult leaders in the various sections over the year. Our Young Leaders are proving to be our future adult leaders and long may that continue.

**Clive Winder, Group Scout Leader and Scout Leader**

# **ABBOTS LANGLEY CARNIVAL SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2019**



Please come along and  
support your Scout group at this year's  
Village Carnival on the Manor House Grounds

Sausages, Burgers and Cold Drinks available

**\*\* Best value food you will find at the Carnival \*\***

Tea, coffee and cakes at the adjoining  
Explorer stall

then visit the popular bric-a-brac stall behind the  
food to spend a pleasant moment or two

and have a go on the crockery smashing stall -  
the best stress buster in town!!

# We have a new minibus!

Members of the group received the keys to a new minibus in April. This was the result of a grant from the West Herts Charity Trust, and Scout Group money received from fundraising events throughout the last 12 months.



From right to left:  
Mike Humphreys, Clive Winder (GSL), Jamie Tearle (ASL), John Gomme (The Group's Minibus Co-ordinator), Richard Minashi, Matthew Humphreys



Hello and a very warm welcome to all our group members and their families. We would also like to welcome Gavin Agarwal, Alana Deomic, Erin Fox, Evan McGowan, Matthew Milford and Toby Theakson who have joined our River Beaver Colony. All the new Beavers have settled in very well and already having a blast.

Scouts is not only about having fun but it is also about learning in a fun way. Beavers learned about basic first aid - when and who to call for help.

Beavers have had a very busy term doing various activities, celebrating special days and exploring outdoors. One of the activities was working as a team. Beavers were divided into 4 groups and they had to make up an act with some dancing and acting. The children not only put up an act independently but also demonstrated amazing teamwork.

Beavers were very innovative in their ideas creating amazing tie and dye patterns.



For Mother's day, Beavers worked very hard to make beautiful cards and gifts for their mums. I have to say, it wasn't easy for them but they managed to keep this as a secret until the actual day. It was well worth the effort. We got amazing feedback from mums, few also had tears rolling down their eyes (awww!)

Beavers had an amazing time decorating their Easter themed hats. Chickens, daffodils and daisies were few of the many colourful stuff that they used to decorate their hats to blend in well with the Easter theme. And what a lovely way to end the term, the children were sent home with Easter eggs.



Finally, Millie, Paige, Barney and Holly (shown in picture below) have all moved up to Rainforest Cubs. We are sure they will have great fun taking part in a wide range of activities designed to be interesting and challenging.



Geeta Agarwal  
ABSL, River Beavers

Lake Beavers returned this January with 8 new Beavers, we have been working towards our skills challenge badge including learning a few new songs, practising tying our shoelaces and how to make our beds. We also decorated pancakes with healthy toppings (and decorated some chocolatey ones too!)



We visited the National Animal Welfare trust where the volunteers showed us how they look after the cats and dogs. We had a cuddle with a rabbit, met a bearded dragon and pig called Percy.



Our other outside visits included a trip to the woods to do a nature scavenger hunt and an easter egg hunt at Leavesden Country Park.



We also entered our first 'Construction Challenge' with the other Beavers in the district and received a participation award!

Dani Chalk

Spring Term for the beavers was again very busy! In February we were very lucky to receive a special guest; Teddy (Emily's pet cat) came to visit us in the hut. He wasn't quite sure about leaving his basket (as we were a bit noisy...) but learned all about his diet and lifestyle from Kate; asking her lots of great questions for our Animal Friend badge.



To celebrate Pancake Day, we all had a go at flipping a pancake (with some help from Taj and our awesome parent helpers).

For Mother's Day, we made beautiful clay hearts which were coloured and decorated, and just before Easter Taj (our Explorer helper) arranged a number of crafts and activities including chocolate nests, table decorations and an egg hunt in the loft!



As our end of term treat, we all went bowling! We met at Hollywood Bowl in Garston and had great fun changing the names on the screen multiple times... Congratulations to Gabriel and Joshua for winning their respective games!

For the summer term we will be outside as much as we can. We were very lucky with the weather this week and had a barbecue at Lees Wood. We are looking forward to visiting Phasels Wood at the end of term to have a go at the Cresta Run!



Finally, we say goodbye to Toby and Max as they move up to cubs. We wish them the very best of luck on their Scouting journeys.

As ever, a massive thank you to our fantastic leadership team; Nikki, Emma and Taj. Thank also to the parent helpers who provide additional support to our evening meetings.



Hollie



In January we saw the pantomime The Wizard of Oz at the Henderson Hall and Dorothy's dog (Toto) was played by a real dog!

Three weeks later we had a paper aeroplane competition where you had to make a paper aeroplane and at the end we all threw our paper aeroplanes and whoever threw their aeroplane the furthest won a prize. I didn't quite win, but I did come fourth.

A couple of weeks after that we made Valentines goodies for Valentines Day and it was also the day that new cubs got invested.

After half term we split into two groups and delivered leaflets to people for the Jumble Sale. A week after that the Sixers and Seconders came back to where we had delivered the leaflets and we went up to people and asked them if they had any jumble for the sale. If they did we took it down to a street light and when the van passed they picked it up and put it in the trailer. At the end we had to unload all the jumble from the trailer to the Cubs Hall and it was quite hard work but we got a good chain going!

One week after that it was Pancake Day. Yay! On Pancake Day we got to make loads of pancakes and on our pancakes we could put syrup, bananas or Nutella. I love Nutella, it's yummy!

In April we played a game called Cool Wall where one side of the room was North, one side was East, one side was West and the other was South. When they called out one of the sides you didn't want to be the last one to get to the wall but if you were the last one to get to the wall you were out. I did pretty well in that one!

In May we did Map and Navigation Skills where we had to choose somewhere, like a school, and you had to find it on the map. On that day we also drew a map from our school to our house. That's not that far for me.

The week after that we did a Village Hike where we had to walk from the Hive at Leavesden Park through the village and then all the way back to Leavesden Park. I was very tired after I did that, but I did sleep well!

By Alex Gish

# Jungle

# cubs

Jungle Cubs celebrate St George's day at the Manor House playing fields, creating some fantastic art using just nature for their dragons and knights!!



This event took place at Lees Wood on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March and our Scout Troop had 14 Scouts participating in 3 teams.

All of the Scout Troops were separated into teams of 4-6 Scouts and I was one of the Team Leaders. My job was to make sure my group was safe, make the hot chocolate and cook the breakfast in the morning. Andrew was the map reader, and the rest of my team consisted of Zachary Hines, Ben Newing and Sean Lambert.

We had to get our gear ready for the hike only a few hours after arriving and setting up our tents and eating fish and chips at the Dolphin fish bar in Abbots Langley. We had our gear checked - my group were Team G.

At 8 o'clock we set off and started at base 2. We had to strip a wire and plug it into a switch to light a light. After that we were on our own. Andrew pointed the way and I stayed at the back, so we didn't lose anyone.



After about 15 minutes of walking we arrived at a base, only to find that we were at base 7! The people at base 7 pointed in the direction we had to go so we went and after about another 10 minutes of walking we got to another base which was actually base 8! We looked at the map for a bit and then decided where to go.

We started walking in the right direction and it was ten times harder to find because Andrew's torch had had a magnet in it that broke the compass. As we were walking I started feeling dizzy and I had a bad stomach ache so I was slowing down a bit. After what felt like forever we arrived at base 4 (we had to miss base 3 because we were late) and at that point I felt like I was going to throw up! The activity was to sew at least 5 buttons each on to some fabric. I just about managed this and then was sick. The reason I was sick was because I had had my jabs at school the day before. I stayed at base and my group went without me. After about 10 minutes I felt better and, funny enough, my team bumped back into base 4! They got lost and ended up back where I was, so I went along with them and we completed the rest of the bases.

Some other activities on the bases were making hot chocolate and making origami boats and sailing them on the canal. We also completed some really confusing puzzles! In one task we had to balance on planks of wood and get to the other side using team work and I tried to involve the whole team in all the activities.

Our team came in 10th but I'm pleased to say that one of our other teams, with Emma Pinchbeck, Lucy Newman, Emma Renphrey, Ben Chase and Luke Pinchbeck, came first. A big thanks to all the base leaders and everyone who helped organise the Night Owls event.

By Luke Bond  
Patrol Leader, Stags



On the May Day bank holiday weekend 10 scouts were selected to go on a narrow boat trip along with 3 leaders (Clive, Michael and Alison).

On Friday 3rd May we met at the West Herts Narrowboat project docking area. From there, we set off in the direction of the King's Head, whilst the new ones were taught how to do the locks. When we got to where we would normally dock there was no space so we had to walk down the canal a bit to find a spot to moor but once we found somewhere we were quick to get down to the Kings Head pub where we met our parents and siblings. It was cold and wet outside so we went inside and talked / played games on the upstairs balcony. After a few hours, we headed back to the narrow boat. We ended up staying up to about 2:00 am and getting barely any sleep.

On Saturday morning we set off bright and early after cereal, and cooked breakfast was served later. We were on a rotation of who did locks, steering and who was relaxing. We were in 3 groups:

1. Team EELA (Emma, Emma, Lucy and Alison)
2. Team BALZ (Ben, Andrew, Luke and Zachary)
3. Team Elsa (It doesn't stand for anything but the members were Katy, Leila, Jess and Michael)

The day went by and we didn't really stop for lunch, we just kept on going as we enjoyed a sandwich, crisps and a drink. As we came towards the end of our journey on the Saturday, myself and Zachary decided to mess around and get Katy to do our make up (see picture). Once we arrived at our destination, we went up to the park and messed around there (Respect Elise (inside joke)). After spending 30-45 minutes in the park we went back to the Narrow Boat and had Fish and Chips. After dinner, we decided to do a scene from friends (The main characters go to where Marcel the monkey who Ross used to live with. Ross breaks out into song singing The Lion sleeps tonight and everyone joining in with Joey getting super into it.) After that, we played games and then, because we were so tired from not sleeping on Friday night we did not stay up much longer and we went to bed.



On Sunday morning we set off even earlier than on Saturday and some of us were woken up by the engine starting and of course some slept through till about 11:00 (I don't know how as we were quite noisy). Sunday was non-stop on the water most of us being fuelled on tea and coffee. We stopped briefly for lunch and then kept on going. However, during lunch, we did take a group photo for the memories. It wasn't soon before we were back at West Herts Narrowboat project docking area and all of our stuff was unpacked and we went home.

We are all very thankful of all that Clive, Alison and Michael did for us. And how they set up the opportunity for the fantastic narrow boat weekend we had this year.

Ben Chase  
Otters Patrol

## DIARY DATES

### May

17	Scout Group AGM - HQ	All
20	Executive Meeting 8.15pm HQ	Exec Committee
21	Ladies Guild Meeting - 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild

### June

7	Prep for carnival followed by liquid refreshment	Active Support
8	Abbots Langley Carnival	All
9	Carnival clean up and litter picking 9.30 am	Scouts
15	Abbots Langley Scout Group's 110th Year Anniversary	All
18	Ladies Guild Meeting - 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild
21 - 23	District Camp - Lees Wood	All

### July

5	Butch's Walk	Active Support
13	HQ Maintenance Day 10 am	Parents
15	Executive Meeting 8.15pm HQ	Exec Committee
16	Ladies Guild - Fish and Chips - 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild
27 - 3	Scout Summer Camp - Derbyshire	Scouts

### August

2	BBQ - TBC	Active Support
29	Silver Duke of Edinburgh Expedition – Buxton	Explorers

### September

6	Local Dine Out	Active Support
16	Executive Meeting 8.15pm HQ	Exec Committee
17	Ladies Guild Meeting - 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild
27-29	Active Support Weekend - Big Mose Bunkhouse, Brignorth	All welcome
28	District Watopoly	Scouts

### October

9 & 12	Double Jumble Sale	All
15	Ladies Guild Meeting - 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild
19	HQ Maintenance Day 10 am	Parents

### November

1	Chocolate and Port Tasting	Active Support
2	Set up bases for Green Beret, Lees Wood	Active Support
10	Remembrance Day Parade	All
15-17	Green Beret - Lees Wood	Scouts
16	Man bases for Green Beret, Lees Wood	Active Support
18	Executive Meeting 8.15pm HQ	Exec Committee
19	Ladies Guild Meeting - 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild
23	Christmas Market	Ladies Guild/AS

### December

2	Christingle	All
6	Christmas Meal	Active Support
10	Ladies Guild Meeting - 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild

# Hall Happenings

Monday	4.45 - 6.15 pm	Beaver Scouts (Lagoon)
	Closing end of July 2019	
	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cub Scouts (Jungle)
Tuesday	5.30 - 7.00 pm	Beaver Scouts (River)
	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Abbo's Explorer Scouts
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	Ladies Guild (3rd in Month)
Wednesday	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cub Scouts (Rainforest)
Thursday	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Scouts
Friday	8pm	Active Support (1st in Month)
Saturday	10.30 - 12.00 am	Lake Beavers

Pauline Styles  
**Woodsmoke Editor**

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