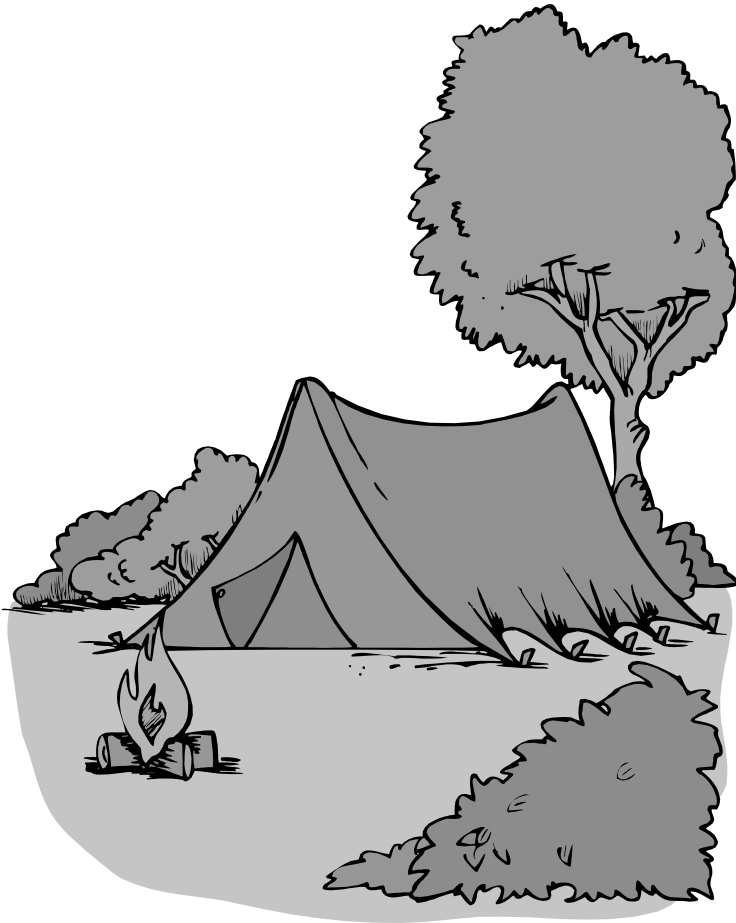


October 2005

# Woodsmoke



## **Scout Troop News**

Congratulations to -----

All 24 Scouts who passed their Athletes Activity Award.

Adam Clifford, Matthew Clifford, Sam Gillespie, Luke Hanson, Georgina Lambert, Daniel Lowrie and Christopher Watts on completing their Outdoor Challenge.

Adam Clifford, Matthew Clifford, Perry Goodchild, Luke Hanson, Georgina Lambert, Daniel Lowrie and Daniel Sharpe on completing their Adventure Challenge.

Tom Lambert, Tom Redmond and Julia Wood on completing their Creative Challenge.

Samuel Gillespie and Georgina Lambert on completing 5 Nights Away.

Adam Clifford, Matthew Clifford, Shannon Courtenay, Daniel Lowrie, Christopher Watts and Julia Wood on completing 10 Nights Away.

Joseph Bernie, Kieran Coan, Luke Hanson, James Hendrey, Grace McCarthy and Joe Turberfield on completing 20 Nights Away.

And finally, special congratulations to Jack Edwards and Dominic Benson. Jack has recently been awarded the Gold Chief Scouts Award, the highest award that can be achieved in Scouts.

Dominic has completed his 50 Nights Away, only the second ever awarded in our Group.

**Well Done  
Clive**

## Scouter in Charge's Bit

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all those boys who have completed their various Chief Scouts Awards over the last term. They are:

Bronze Chief Scouts Award – Alexander Babb, Gregory Benson and Rhys Jenkins.

Silver Chief Scouts Award – Matthew Bowden, Matthew Johnson, Jack Lucas and Andrew Sturgess.

Gold Chief Scouts Award – Jack Edwards.

In addition to these top awards there were many other challenges and badges attained by all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Well done to all of you.

On a more serious note, HELP!. No, I don't mean the Beatles hit song from 1965. Both the Beaver Colony (6-8 year olds) and Scout Troop (10-14 year olds) have lost Assistant leaders last term and are now struggling to cope with the number of boys and girls who are enjoying scouting. We desperately need these positions to be filled for the good of your children.

Obviously, this entails commitment on a weekly basis, although only in term time. Beavers meet on a Tuesday 6 - 7.30pm and Scouts on a Thursday 7.30 – 9.30pm. In addition to this there is planning and preparation time needed and also the occasional weekend activity to support. We are an equal opportunity employer (that means we are not fussy) and everyone gets paid exactly the same salary as I do (nowt, as they say up north). Don't worry if you think you don't have the knowledge or experience, I didn't (and some would say I still don't), as there is plenty of training available in all forms of media to help you along.

Seriously though, if you fancy giving up some of your time on a regular basis for the benefit of your children, and their continued enjoyment of scouting, then please give me a call. I've been involved with the Group for 8 years now and, although it takes up a lot of my time, I've enjoyed (nearly) every minute of it.

Clive Winder  
Scouter in Charge

# Summer Camp 24th - 31st July 2005

## Beaver Lodge - Royal Forest of Dean

### 24<sup>th</sup> July

As we left Abbots Langley for Beaver Lodge we all hoped that the weather would be better in the Forest of Dean because it was absolutely chucking it down with rain.

We stopped about an hour away from our destination for a breather and to have our lunch. Where we had stopped there was a telephone box. We tried to fit as many scouts in it as we could. We managed to fit in 8 (hopefully a world record!).

We arrived at Beaver Lodge Camp Site. It looked good on first impressions; it had a stream, a good forest for building bivouacs and lots of space to pitch our tents. We set up the tents in sunshine. Hooray!!



### 25<sup>th</sup> July - Caving

For caving we were split up into 2 groups of 12. This (in my opinion) was one of the best activities. Whilst we were in the caves we went through the worm hole, the mouse trap and the rabbit warren. The worm hole was the smallest and one of the hardest holes in the cave, but everyone managed it.

### 26<sup>th</sup> July - Bivouacs

Adam and Woody showed us all of the basic structures for our bivouacs. Then we were given 6 broom handles and 1 main log. When we had all of these we had to go out into the woods and find a suitable place to build it. We then slept in them for a night.

Whilst we were making our bivouacs, Adam and Woody made a rope swing over the stream by attaching a rope with a knot in it over a branch that hung over the middle of the stream. They added a branch where the knot was to make it more stable and easier to hold on to.

## 29<sup>th</sup> July - Canoeing

For canoeing we were split up into 3 groups of 8 to our ability of canoeing. We were taken by Pete, Dave and Sue. They took us to a rock where we could do a 'Seal Launch' (when you go off a rock in your canoe and plunge into the water), but if you didn't want to do that then you could just jump, which most people did.

## Clive and the rope swing

Clive had told everyone that he was going to go on the rope swing. In the end he did it twice. The first time, Clive did it the hard way and made it across. Then he tried to do it the easy way. He hit the bank and fell in! He had lots of bruises and scrapes on his belly but he lived to tell the tale.

## 30<sup>th</sup> July - The Banquet

The banquet took place on Saturday. Tony made 3 brilliant courses. As Ed had left on Thursday, Phil had to be in charge of all the toasts and there were a lot of them. After, everyone had to help with the cleaning up. We then played lots of games. We sat around the campfire eating marshmallows until 2 'o' clock. Then we all went to bed after a brilliant banquet.



I would like to thank Clive, all of the adults who helped to run and to prepare the camp and the 4 explorers without whom this camp would not have been possible.

Roll on next year's camp

By Matthew Gentry  
Patrol Leader  
Eagles

# \* **Group Family Camp** \*

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th June 2006  
Phasels Wood Scout Camp Site

Activities may include climbing, abseiling, shooting, archery, competitions, games, challenges, quizzes, campfires, and more.

And of course, fantastic food!

Put the date in your diary and we hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will come along with their families

The cost of the weekend will be subsidised by the Group making it very affordable.





# PICTURES TAKEN AT THE CUB CAMP

*Gerry (Cub Leader), Chris (ACL), Jo and Aisling*







# DIARY DATES

## October

7th	ERS Tour	Fellowship
8th & 15th	BCU One Star Canoeing Qualification	Scouts
12th & 15th	Double Jumble Sale	ALL
18th	Mr Burrow's Talk on Butterflies	Ladies Guild
21st - 23rd	Trip to Buxton	Fellowship

## November

4th	Firework Display - Phasels Wood	Fellowship
13th	Remembrance Day Parade	ALL
14th	Executive Committee Meeting	Exec Cmte
15th	Mike Dixon's Talk on Magic	Ladies Guild
18th - 20th	Green Beret - Lees Wood	Scouts
19th	Christmas Market	ALL

## **December**

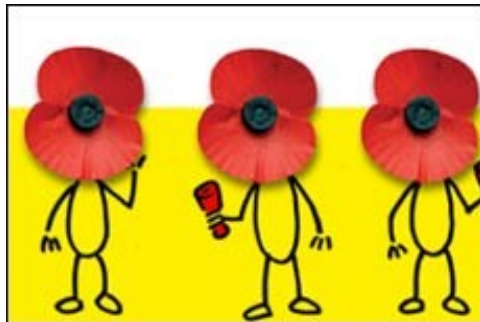
2nd	Trip to London	Fellowship
12th	Christingle Service	ALL
13th	Social Evening	Ladies Guild
15th	Christmas Activity at Quasar	Scouts
15th	Pantomime Trip to “Cinderella”	Cubs
16th - 18th	Lakes Trip	Fellowship

# ***HELP WANTED***

Your District needs you! The Watford North District Executive Committee need a new Treasurer. Only 2 hours a month. Full handover and help given to take on the role. If you are interested and have a couple of hours a month to spare for the good of local scouting please let Clive know (01923 443359).

\* \* *Don't Forget* \* \*

*The Remembrance Day Parade on 13th November*





The Beavers had a very busy summer. We had the North Watford District outing to Whipsnade wild animal park. We came face to face with the new baby elephants and went into the new lion viewing area. We did a quiz as we went around, answering questions about the animals. The Beavers really enjoyed going on the Zebra bus around the zoo!

We also had the first joint district event at Lees Wood with the north and central districts getting together. The theme was cowboys and everyone dressed up (including leaders)! The children had a lovely time doing crafts and activities around the theme, and we all enjoyed a big sing-a-long at the end.



This term we are working on our Friendship Challenge badge and doing the Stage 1 swimming badge, as well as having Beaver bangers in



Lees Wood, a Halloween Party, a trip to the Christmas panto and singing at Margaret House Retirement home. With the Christmas party rounding off the year we have a very busy term ahead.

Helen Welch  
BSL



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To – Editors of Group & District Newsletters

16 August 2005

Dear Editor

**Re – EXHIBITION – The Mobilisation of Scouts on the Home Front of WW1 & 2**

*In case your readers have not seen HSG recently, they may be interested to learn about my Exhibition planned for later this year to be held at the County Scout Museum at the County H/Q, Well End. MR – O.S 166 204985 Aimed at all ages, this will be an ideal opportunity to view artefacts and memorabilia showing the considerable role of Hertfordshire Scouts who were operational on the Home Front prior to call up to Active Service.*

*This is not an Exhibition about conflict although the names of over 70 known Hertfordshire Scouts who lost their lives are recorded. These may possibly include people from your own Group or District. All the displays have educational content and are ideally suited to young people although it is unlikely that Scouts or Guides under 11 would be appreciative of the content.*

*It may be possible that parts of the Local Knowledge & Heritage Badges can be completed or ideas formulated while attending the Exhibition and Museum. In addition, there are a number of illuminating displays covering Milestones of Scouting that occurred during these two world wars. These include - The birth of Wolf Cubs # The creation of the Cornwell Scout Award (of which Hertfordshire has had 12 holders). # The death of Baden – Powell # The acquisition of Tolmers Campsite, etc.*

*The County Scout Museum itself is well worth a visit. Housed within the Haydn Dimmock Building for 48 years, it has now been re-organised and filled with many artefacts and photos not previously seen.*

*I hope you will make an effort to come. Bring your Sixers & Parents, PLs & Parents. Treat the Explorers or the Fellowship to a mystery night out. The Exhibition starts on 12 November and lasts until 18 December. It is open to all comers 1200 – 1600 hrs each Saturday & Sunday. By appointment at any other time. Give me a call about this, or any Group or District Historical information needs. I will do my best to help.*

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# Hall Happenings

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

*I hope you have all enjoyed reading this issue of the Woodsmoke! If you receive more than one copy, or want to pass on read copies it would be useful if you could pop spares back in the plastic folder pinned to the notice board in the Scout Hall Lobby. Similarly if you miss getting one, you can pick one up from there.*

*Many Thanks*

*Pauline*

**Woodsmoke Editor**

Pauline Styles



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