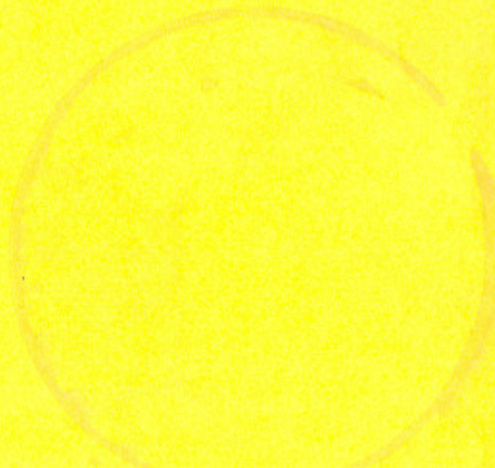




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3rd North Watford (1st Abbots Langley) Scout Group

October 2001

Congratulations *****

Scouts

Scout Award

Hannah Rose
Karl Vaughan
James Siddaway

Pathfinder

Kim Smith
Hannah Rose
Lisa Winder
Lawrence Hendry

Leadership Award

Martin King

*Martin has now moved up
to the Explorer Section*

*A particularly good performance by Lisa & Lawrence
who are still only 11 years old*

MICKS BIT

Can I start by thanking Janet for kindly offering to take on the task of publishing Woodsmoke. We look forward to the new ideas that she will be introducing. Since the last edition the Group membership has increased to a point where Beaver, Cub and Scout sections are full and all have waiting lists. With so many members we need more adult help with the sections. If you know anyone who would be willing to become involved please let us know.

This summer the Cubs attended North Watford District Cub Camp, where they had a fun weekend. The Scouts have had a very busy programme leading up to their Summer Camp at Beaver Lodge in Gloucestershire. From reports I have heard the camp was a great success.

In the future there are many activities available if there are the adults to support. I look forward to seeing the Group competing at District and County events in the future.



Mick Welch

Chief Scout's Award Presentation Weekend



Chief Scout Award

On Friday 21st September I travelled down to Baden Powell House in London to be presented with my county Chief Scout Award Certificate.

On the Friday evening I got to know the other award gaining scouts and we settled down to watch some TV, after tuning in to the necessary channels, this was difficult as we had to put long lost scouting skills in to practice by fashioning an aerial out of a coat hanger surprisingly it gave a very good reception. Left the 2nd floor at about 12 midnight and got to the 5th floor shortly after and got to bed in the early hours of Saturday.

Saturday, up at 7am to get down to breakfast for 8.30am. Breakfast was a brilliant as it is an all you can eat fry up. This was a brilliant start to the day. Then out to roam the streets of London in two groups. My group visited Harrods, a very strange experience if I do say so my self. Then round the tube to the Dome and followed by the Cutty Sark where two very smelly piece of rigging was purchased. Lunch opposite the London Eye at Tattershall Castle (a boat), followed by a stroll down towards Buckingham Place. Watched the changing of the guard which was nice to see traditions are still being carried out, up Constitution Hill and over to Leicester Square and an accidental walk up through Soho and then a must do walk down Oxford street with the occasional stop to purchase a few things. Back to Baden Powell house at 4pm to change for an evening out. Left at 5pm and arrived at Piccadilly Circus for pizza where I for some reason continually wanted to spice up my pizza to the extent that I could not feel my mouth due to the burning and scorching heat that it produced. Then to the Critterion Theatre where we saw "The complete works of Shakespeare" (abridged) by the reduced Shakespeare company. This proved a very hilarious and entertaining evening run by the entire company 3 people! Back to Baden Powell House to watch TV and put further scouting skills into practice by creating a very strange plastic cup doll called 'Hillary'. Off to bed at ummm I don't quite know but definitely very late.

Up at 7am for breakfast at 8.30am and out of the dorm by 9.30 then off to Greenwich at about 10.15. Walked around there and then back to Gloucester Road to see the Albert Hall and Albert memorial. Then back to Baden Powell House at 3pm to only find out that Hilary had been doll-napped! Ransoms notes went up through out the house asking for the return of Hilary. The presentation was interesting as a brief of the weekend was given so the parents received the full story from the leaders point of view. At this point Hilary appears and was claimed but the mastermind of this small marvel of art.

All in all a very enjoyable weekend and I encourage all of the scouts to get the Chief Scout Award and be proud of being in the county which has the highest number of award winners in England. It was well worth all the effort and hard work.

Written by Iain Stanley

Who hath smelt wood smoke at twilight, Who hath heard the birch log burning, Who is quick to read the noises of the night. Kipling's famous lines.

FROM
OUR
CHAIRMAN

Well we are burning again, with a new look Woodsmoke. Janet Sands has offered to edit our new Group magazine. Our last editor as you know, was Keith Moore, who to our great loss passed away in March this year. I have just received a cheque from his estate of £1000. A donation to our Scout Group – what a generous gift.

I was invited to morning coffee with the Chairman of Three Rivers District Council where I also received £100 from the Ex Chairmans charity fund. Thank you to Councillor F Graham Williams.

The Scouts I hear had an excellent Summer Camp at Beaver Lodge in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. On behalf of my daughter Jo and I am sure all who attended, I thank the Scouter s for all their time and stress.

Next time you enter the Scout HQ. spare a moment to look up, and you will see the new Barge Boards on the front of the building, also soffit, fascia and new gutters on both sides of the high level. Members of the Executive and Fellowship, with the help of a Pro in the trade have achieved this splendid result. 'Thanks Bratty'. More work to be done though, as I have just ordered new windows for the whole of the front of the building.

The Jamboree fund is going ahead very nicely I understand. We look forward to hearing from our two representatives on their training and activities they are undertaking before they visit Thailand.

Next year is our 75th Year of Scouting in Abbots Langley and things are moving towards a way to celebrate this. News of this later. More good news, the warrant for Helen our new Beaver Leader is going through the pipeline.

Janet, I wish you great success as our new Editor and I finish with Kipling. *Let him follow with the others, for the young men's feet are turning to the camps of proven desire and known delight.*



Bryan S Sharpe

diary

SCOUTS

Oct

- 11 Uniform
- 18 Jumble collection
- 25 Uniform

Nov

- 1 Uniform
- 8 Uniform
- 11 **Remembrance Day Parade**
Full Uniform must be worn
- 15 ~~Uniform~~
- 16-18 **Green Beret Challenge**
- 22 Uniform
- 29 No Uniform

Dec

- 6 Uniform
- 10 **Abbots Langley Scout
Group Christmas Service
at St Lawrence Church**
Full uniform must be worn
- 13 Quasar at Hemel
Hempstead followed by
supper

GROUP

Oct

- 17 **Jumble Sale**
- 20 **Jumble Sale**

Nov

- 24 **Christmas
Market**

FELLOWSHIP

Nov

- 2 **Mini aspidestra**

Dec

- 7 **Brewery trip**

Jan

- 4 **Bowling**

LADIES GUILD

Oct

- 9 **'Call my Bluff'**

Nov

- 20 **Christmas
Social**



Thailand

The 20th World Scout Jamboree takes place in Thailand over Christmas and New Year 2002/2003

Fundraising for the trip is well underway. I have had a lot of enthusiasm and support from the other scouts for some fun events and evenings. These have included a quiz evening and a crockery smashing stall at the Abbots Langley Carnival that exceeded all expectations – filling five dustbins with decimated crockery – look out next year!

So far Abbots Langley has raised over £1500 with donations from the Ladies Guild and Rotary and many others.

Future events include a Fred Dobson special on old Abbots Langley and others. It looks as though The 1st Abbots Langley Scout Group will now be sending two Scouts to Thailand with the District reserve Jonathan Easter being given a place. So we need another successful year, and myself and Jonathan thank you for your continued support.

Iain Stanley

Keith's generous bequest...

Following the bequest from Keith Moore's estate, the Group Executive Committee has agreed that the money will be used to underwrite the expense of sending two Scouts from our Group to the World Scout Jamboree in Sattahip, Thailand in 2002/2003. They will be going as members of the two Troops being sent from Hertfordshire, sharing a multicultural experience with Scouts from 215 nations of every culture in our World. Any balance will be used for Leader Training.

Such a practical use is just what Keith would have wanted.



Recent News

54 awards have been attained in 13 different subjects. Half of them were the Mechanics Badge, which we did as part of the programme. The others are spread over various individuals in the subjects of Athlete, Camp Cook, Guide, Librarian, Heritage, Musician, Horseman, Physical Recreation, Sports Enthusiast, Smallholder and World Conservation.

The Scout leaders would like to express their own personal thanks to Iain Stanley, Jamie Winder, Jonathan Easter, Martin King, and Tim Wong for being fine Scouts over the last few years, and wish them the very best of luck in their new Explorer Section.

Clive Winder



A new Scout Shop Manager is needed. If anyone feels that they would like the challenge, please contact North Watford District Commissioner. Roger Collins on 01923 802212

.....If you have something to say –
Let's hear it!

KEITH A MOORE

1934 – 2001



We are delighted that "WOODSMOKE" has found a new editor in Janet. However we should pay tribute to Keith who ensured that the magazine that was started many years ago continued to be published.

Although Keith was a local boy, born in the Village, he did not enter the Scout movement until he was about 12 years old. He then joined the Scout troop under GSL Frank 'Skip' Hoadley. He then progressed through Senior and Rover Scouts until he became a Cub Leader in 1953 at the age of 19.

Keith always involved himself in many leisure activities, being a Sunday School teacher for more than 30 years. He also had a strong connection with the R.N.L.I. as well as with many local groups such as the British Legion. Nevertheless, his main focus of attention was Scouting, and in 1967 after the death of Frank Hoadley, Keith took on the role of Group Scout Leader. In 1997 Keith was very proud of the fact that he had completed 50 years in the movement and to mark the anniversary he attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Unfortunately Keith passed away in April last after living with cancer for the past few years. He did a very good job for Scouting in Abbots Langley and we shall long remember him.

F.Y.



I hope that you have enjoyed reading this magazine.

The next issue will be published in January 2001. Copy to me please by **December 31st**

May I be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Janet

..... Hall Happenings

Monday	Brownies
Tuesday	Beavers Ladies Guild <i>3rd in month</i>
Wednesday	Cub Scouts
Thursday	Scouts
Friday	Fellowship <i>last in month</i>

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