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

September 2002



75th Anniversary Badge Design Competition

Many thanks to all the boys who made the effort to design a badge for the Scout Group's 75th Anniversary.

The competition prize Winners and Runners-up for each of the three Sections were:

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| Beaver Scouts | Winner Runner-up | Matthew Johnson Ryan Burrowes |
| Cub Scouts | Winner Runner-up | Joseph Bunce Joshua Hill |
| Scouts | Winner Runner-up | Ross Noonan Dominic Benson |

The overall winners, whose designs were combined and used as the basis for the actual badge, were Ross Noonan and Matthew Johnson.
Congratulations



Anniversary Group Family Camp

Lees Wood

Weekend 20th to 22nd September

Phone 'Butch' on 01923 266073 if you are interested

From our Chairman

At last summer suns are glowing, and this has allowed the maintenance team to fit three new windows to the front of the Headquarters and soffit fascia and gutter to the north side. All this is in U.P.V.C. to cut down further replacements. The back stairs have also been repaired. We thank you all.

With regard to fund raising, the Jumble Sale raised a massive £1400. Also I am pleased to say that the boys themselves ran a concert at Parmiters School and raised £700 for the Jamboree fund. The Village Carnival earned the Group about £650, with our Editor alone selling £90 worth of flowers. I congratulate and thank you all.

In June I attended a District Meeting, regarding the new Explorer Scout Section. This was under the leadership of Alan McGlen and we are pleased that things are advancing well.

About 30 members of the Fellowship and Committee visited the London Eye. It was a great experience and we all enjoyed some liquid refreshment afterwards.

Helen Welsh, our Beaver leader has had a baby girl – Katy Mary. I know we all wish them well.

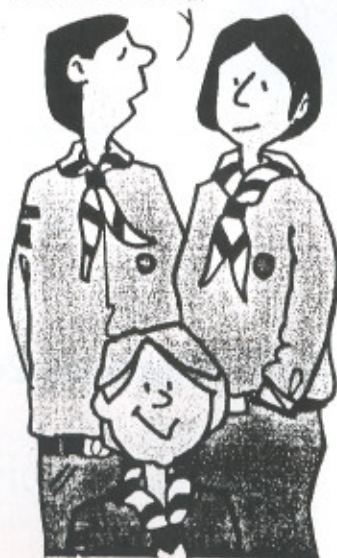
You may know by now that our friend Fred Dobson has moved from the Village, but he's not far away, only at the back end of Bricket Wood.

(fancy joining the Bogits! Bricket Wood Scouts)
He is in hospital at the moment, but things look good. We sent him a card, actually it was a used beer mat but we meant well.

Finally and sadly some of us said farewell to an old friend, Wally Smith, who passed away on the 9th June. A Rover Scout and my one time Cub Leader.
A Big Man in many ways.

Enjoy the sun
Yours in Scouting, Bryan

I TOLD HER TO GROW UP
SO SHE'S OFF TO FORM
A COMMITTEE...



Congratulations to

Jack Courtenay, Ben Halcomb, Luke Connor, Alastair Gabriel, Alex Hughes, Jack McCarthy, Nick Morris, Ross Noonan, Simon Pearce, Tom Sibbit and James Siddaway on the completion of their Pathfinder Award. A great achievement

Also to Dominic Benson, Luke Connor, Alex Hughes, Nick Morris, Robin Lambert and Tom Ward who have completed their Scout Award.

All the Scouts who participated in the annual Scout Triathlon Competition. Out of 22 teams entered from three districts we came 1st, 3rd, 12th and 16th. The winners of the trophy were Tom Sibbit, Ben Halcomb and Tom Williams. Well done.

The scouts who passed the 42 Proficiency Awards over the last term including 20 Cycling Proficiency Awards, 18 Stage 1 and 4 Stage 2 Athletes Proficiency Awards.

Clive



Once again we had our usual stalls at the Abbots Langley Carnival in June. Bric a brac is rubbish to some, but to others it's a treasure. Cut flowers were popular as were the toys and as always our now famous hot-dogs. It was a great afternoon with a steady flow of customers, who all helped to make it a very successful one with profits of over £800.

My thanks to everyone who helped in any way, hard work I know but well worth it.

Lin Lythaby

Cub Pack

As we reflect on last terms activities the cubs enjoyed a varied and active programme, from caving at Phazels Wood to dry slope ski-ing at Hemel Hempstead. We had 36 Cubs in the Cub Pack with the following boys joining the Scout troop in September: - Marc McDonald, Fred Sugden, Oliver Smith and Chris Sheppard, we wish them every good luck as they progress through Scouting.

We are happy to announce that we came 4th in the District Camping Competition held at Lees Wood. A great time was had by all, the weather was kind to us and all the Cubs had an enjoyable time, learning different skills and making new friends within the District



At our last meeting we held a Bar-B-Que at Lees Wood and the Cubs invited parents and family members. All joined in the rounders and helped make the evening a great success. At the end of the meeting the following awards were presented. 10 Camper Badges, 14 Road Safety Badges, 6 Scientist Badges and 10 Cub Scout Awards. As we say good-bye to the old badge system, the Cub Scouts will continue to work hard and gain new colourful badges in the new system. With the change in uniform, books and badges there are many challenges to achieve in the coming months.

Before I close, I wish to say a sincere 'Thank You' to parents and friends who have joined us at pack meetings each week and the extra help at the District Camp. From all the Leaders and Cub Scouts in the Pack we very much appreciate your support in making our Cub Pack one of the best!!

Here's to the new term, trying lots of new things and having a great time.

Akela

Cub Fact: Did you know that David Beckham and Michael Owen were once Cub Scouts?

Scouter in Charge's Bit

At the end of a very long summer term I'm happy to report that all Sections continue to remain strong thanks to the commitment and hard work of the existing team of Leaders. The Beavers visited Drusillas Park and had a great time whilst the Cubs enjoyed a very active and well organised District Cub camp at Lees Wood. The Scouts also spent a week at a fun packed and adventurous Summer Camp in the Peak District, which the Leaders spent another week recovering from. My thanks again to the Leaders but also to the parents and Fellowship that helped out the three sections with all of these events.

The Summer term saw the Group get involved in a local community project helping at an animal sanctuary in Bedmond. This involved repairing buildings, replacing fencing and clearing rubbish. It was an excellent Group effort and my thanks to those that helped out. It was greatly appreciated by the local residents. Unfortunately, due to the scale of the project there is still a lot more to do and I hope to arrange another date in October for the next phase of the project.

Next term starts with the 75th Anniversary Group Family Camp at Lees Wood on the weekend of 20th - 22nd September. Everyone is welcome and a fun packed weekend is promised. Please let Butch know on 01923 266073 if you want to participate. It's not a problem if you are only able to make some of the weekend. It is also not compulsory to camp, unless you are the parent of a Beaver Scout who wants to stay overnight.

It is with sadness that I must report the demise of 'Old Rusty', the Group minibus which has finally gone to that great scrap yard in the sky. The good news is that the marvellous, good looking, sensitive, thoughtful and courageous Executive have sanctioned the acquisition of a replacement. This is a major investment and needs to be utilised to help pay for itself. We are therefore looking for some form of sponsorship and for the minibus to be used for activities outside of the Group. Please contact me if you have any ideas to raise funds to support this useful asset.

Finally, congratulations to Helen, our Beaver Leader, on the birth of her daughter, Katie Mary, on 10th August and weighing in at 6lb 12oz. Both are doing well and Helen is looking forward to starting back with her Beavers in September. Congratulations also to our Explorer Leaders, Tracey and Steve, on the birth of their son, Edward.

Clive Winder
Scouter in Charge

Diary Dates

September

- 6th Dragon Boat Racing Fellowship
12th Scout Meetings resume
17th Beaver Meetings resume
17th Street Furniture Ladies Guild



20th to 23rd
Family Group Anniversary Camp at Lees Wood

- 27th Beer Festival Fellowship

October

- 4th Curry Tasting Fellowship

9th & 12th
Group Double Jumble

- 15th Trip to the Baltic Ladies Guild



November

- 1st Slide show of Thailand Fellowship
19th Jordan & Sinai Ladies Guild

23rd Group Christmas Market

December

- 6th Haunted London Ghost Walk Fellowship
14th Items for the next issue of Woodsmoke please



Yet again I get to read back through the programme and give you a brief insight into what we have been up to in an exciting four months of Scouting.

During April, May, June and July we like to spend most scout nights out of the hall. Which means we get to make use of the facilities available at our local camp sites. We have been shooting at Lees Wood and Phasels Wood as well as using the assault course and the grass sleds at the sites. Phasels Wood has almost become our base of operations as we have made use of the Climbing Walls and canoeing on a number of nights. We are very grateful to Pete Linskey for instructing the Scouts on the climbing Wall, to Stephen Hendry for his assistance and to Dave and Pete for the canoeing lessons.

During the summer we have also been out cycling and playing pitch and putt. We have also been getting through two proficiency badges the Cyclist (stage 1) and the Athletes Badge (stages 1 and 2).

Clive, Russell, Tony, Bernice and my self are already working on next terms programme and hope the Scouts enjoy what we have planned.

Phil Brant ASL

Scout Group Quartermaster

When I was asked to write an article for Woodsmoke, as to why I agreed to take over the role of Quartermaster, I had to do a lot of thinking. My son has been part of the Scout Movement for about ten years, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and now Explorers, culminating in his being chosen to go to Thailand for the Jamboree, what an opportunity!

What has he gained? He has had opportunities and training in not only many outdoor activities, but in self assurance and leadership skills that many sixteen year-olds have never had the chance to learn. This has been entirely due to the sheer hard work of the various leaders and helpers who selflessly give up their own time, including their holidays, to provide our sons and daughters with such a proactive movement in Abbots Langley. There are also numerous members of the Scout Fellowship who work relentlessly fund raising, to provide equipment and to subsidise the camps and activities on offer.

What has been my contribution? I've bought the uniforms, sewed on the badges, paid his subs (far cheaper than a child minder!) made a few cakes and ferried people around on occasions. I decided that it was time I put something back, so I accepted the role of Quartermaster.

Demands on my time will be negligible in comparison to that given up by so many others. I feel it is a small contribution to the help that we parents should give to the scout group which is becoming larger and larger, (a victim of it's own success!) with no more leaders to call on.

Sarah Easter
(Quartermaster/mistress!)



The Ladies Guild

By Rose Baldry

I first became interested in the Scout Movement when our son joined the Cubs.

I attended the A.G.M. and was elected onto the Committee. I duly served for ten years by being re-elected each year.

We had a branch of the Baden Powell Guild which was run and attended by the male members of the Group. But times were changing and other branches of this organisation comprised men and ladies. However when the idea of enrolling ladies into Abbots Langley Guild was put to the vote it was rejected.

I was then approached by Bill White and Doug Read (members of the Group) who suggested I tried to get enough ladies interested to form a twig off their branch and run their own meetings.

At a Social evening in the Langleybury Scout Headquarters, I obtained about 25 names, and we had our first meeting on the third Tuesday in April 1963. (and we still meet on the 3rd Tuesday in the month)

The Baden Powell Guild was eventually changed to the Scout Fellowship and as our members did not wish to join, we continued with our meetings under the name of

The Ladies Guild

Still supporting Group Events when required.

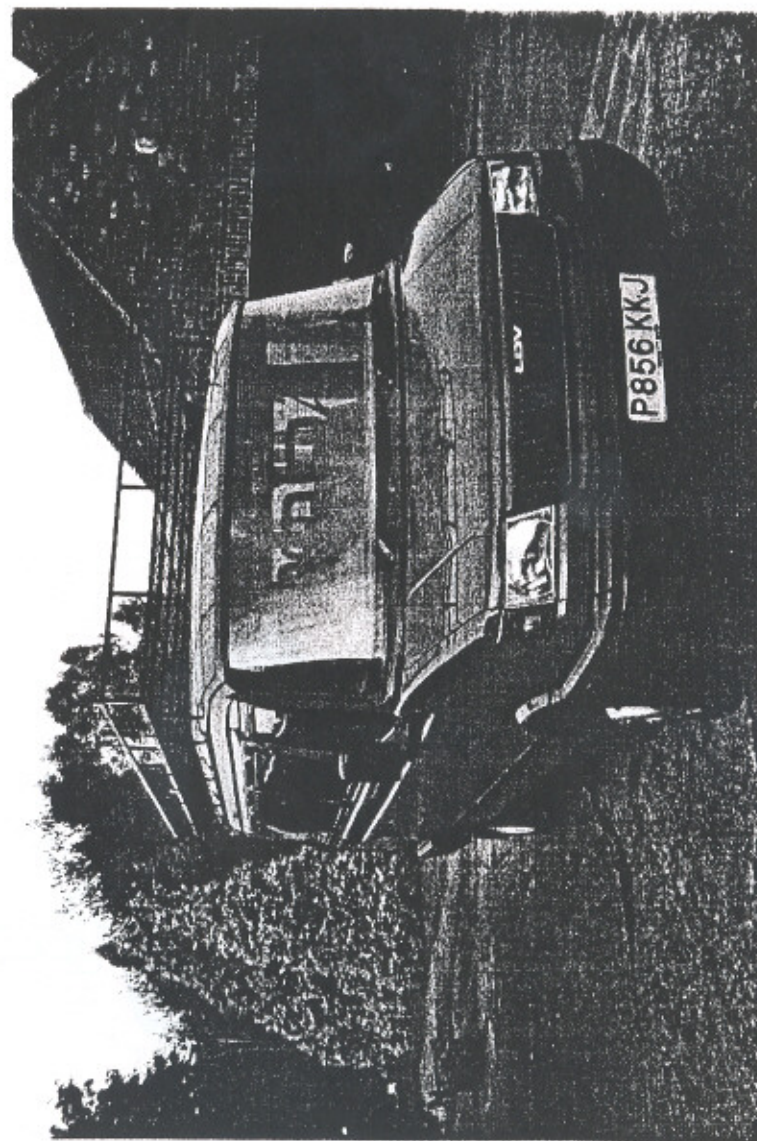


Photo by VM Butcher

Look out for the new Red Scout Group Bus
17 Seater L.D.V. Convoy 2.5 L



Gone home

Wally Smith
Scout – Rover Scout - Cub leader
9th June 2002

Geff Funnel
Scout – Rover Scout
31st July 2002

Sad news for those that remember

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this copy of Woodsmoke.

The next issue will be published in January 2003. Copy to me please by the middle of December.



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

Janet

..... Hall Happenings

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| Monday | Brownies |
| Tuesday | Beavers Ladies Guild <i>Third in month</i> |
| Wednesday | Cub Scouts |
| Thursday | Scouts |
| Friday | Fellowship <i>First in month</i> |

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