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# Sevenoaks Newslink



A Monthly Magazine for Leaders and Supporters of Scouting in Sevenoaks

## Scouts meet Aliens and talk about food miles (Like you do!) Or four Scouts go filming for a BBC program!

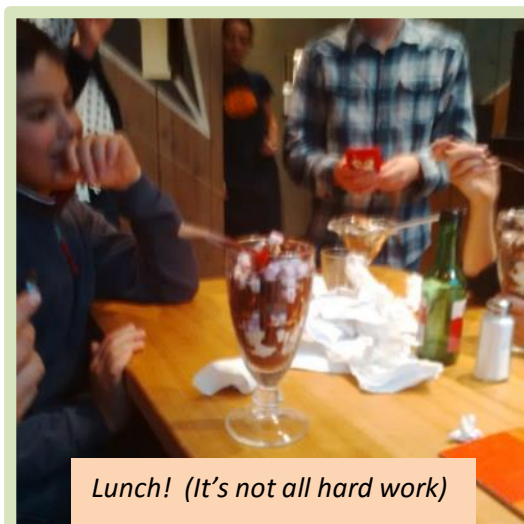
On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November four Scouts from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sevenoaks Bradbourne Troop had the chance to go to London to film with Bakermedia for a BBC Bitesize program. This will be program 2 in a series of programs on changing our world and was about food and food miles.

After sorting out the performance licences and getting schools to agree to them taking time off we finally came to the day of the shoot. Because the Scouts had to have performance licences by law they had to have a professional chaperone. So we met with Danielle at Sevenoaks Station and she was able to tell them all about the Harry Potter films that she has worked on with all the youngsters and on a new Harry Potter film that is being filmed at the moment.



A train journey to Charring cross and then a tube to Oxford circus where we met up some of the film crew to walk to the first of the location shoots at Berwick street market.

This was a walk along the market to buy some produce at various stalls. That done and it was back to the tube and a trip to Liverpool street station and a short walk to Old Spitalfields market to meet up with the other members of the crew and the other actors. One of which had been in many of the Prank Patrol programs that Bakermedia had produced for the BBC. Then lunch ready for the afternoons shoot.



*Lunch! (It's not all hard work)*



*Learning lines for the afternoon*

After lunch some serious learning of the lines for the afternoon shoots

**The** afternoon shoot was outside the restaurant with the Scouts discussing with the aliens about food miles. You will have to watch the program to get the full effect as there will be some TV wizardry to add in the edit.



*Getting the radio mics fitted for the afternoon filming*



Lots of chance for the Scouts to see what goes on behind the scenes of a program and we now wait to see the final program. Some of the main things learnt are that for about every hour of filming it's about a minute on screen so the entire days shoot will come down to about a 4 minute Bitesize program. Sometimes on a program things may not be what they first appear to be! Good acting folks.

After filming a brisk walk back along to Cannon Street trying to avoid all the commuters and back to Sevenoaks. All Scouts look pleased but shattered!

So well done and thanks to Alice Kingswood, Nick Bell, Miguel Mellinger and George Crusher who will be available for autographs later and to Anne Maree Kingswood who came along with me to make sure we didn't lose them across London.

And of course thanks to BAKERMEDIA for asking us to take part. So just leave it to Alice to confirm that that's a wrap

Chris McCann SL 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sevenoaks





## Getting Scouting Out There

This month saw several Groups again taking Scouting to the Public and displaying that Scouting is not just a 2 hour club once a week but an important part of the community.

The Groups that I've heard about organising or taking part in several Firework displays are the 3<sup>rd</sup> (Riverhead and Dunton Green), 4<sup>th</sup> (St Johns) 10<sup>th</sup> (Weald), 12<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Edenbridge), 15<sup>th</sup> (Otford *reported on last month*)



Also many groups attended Remembrance Day Services either in their own villages or the Sevenoaks Town centre on the Vine.

Getting Scouting to the public is the best way to show what we are about and help with adult recruitment.

If your group does something..... ***MAKE SOME NOISE!***



## Ide Hill Group Remember the Past and Look Forward To the Future

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, Ide Hill Beavers and Cubs joined the rest of Ide Hill village in remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf – as I suspect many of you did in many other parts of the District. Lorna Baker has now been invested as one of the two new GSLs at the

16<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (Ide Hill) Scout Group

As you can see Lorna has a Scouting background – she attained her Queen's Scout as a younger movement member and has proudly already sewn it back on her uniform! The cubs and beavers have already given her the Scouting name of Hathi.  
*Hugh Field. DDC*



## Cub Scouts Winning Design

ON THE 14TH NOVEMBER RUBY BROOKMAN, A CUB FROM THE 4TH ST. JOHNS WILDERNESSE PACK WAS INVITED TO THE BARN, AS HER ENTRY HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE WINNING DESIGN FOR THE KENT CUB CHALLENGE BADGE FOR 2016.



ALONG WITH THE OTHER WINNERS, WHO HAD PUT FORWARD VARIOUS CHALLENGES, THEY PLANTED SOME BULBS, MADE SOME CUPCAKES AND ALSO DECORATED A FANTASTIC CAKE BAKED TO CELEBRATE THE 100 YEAR CENTENARY, WHICH EVERYONE THEN GOT TO TRY!



HER PRIZE (WHICH SHE WILL RECEIVE NEXT YEAR WHEN IT IS MADE) WILL BE A PRESENTATION COPY OF THE BADGE AND A CERTIFICATE. A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE DAY, WILL ALSO FEATURE ON THE COUNTY CHRISTMAS CARD.



# AWARDS

It has just been announced that the following Sevenoaks Scouters have just been given these awards which will be presented in due course

## Chief Scout's Commendation

Stephanie Everest  
Helen Davies  
Peter Frankl  
Mary Martin

## Medal of Merit

Graham Baldwin  
Caroline Copleston  
Kevin Crawley  
Ricky Isles  
Julie Maddon  
Rose Mears  
Barry Sharp

*Congratulations to everyone, well deserved.*

## Feet, Knees and whoopsi-daisy



Have you heard? Tunbridge Wells has an ice rink in Calverley Gardens! Kiwi and her beavers from the 16<sup>th</sup> went to check it out last week.

The beavers were all really excited, if slightly nervous.

Some slipped  
and some  
skated.

Some were  
fast and  
some were  
s l o o w w



Most stayed upright (albeit with the help of a few pink seals).



It was all pretty impressive, especially given that most had never skated before!

At the end we had lots of big smiles and plenty of "When can we go again??"

# Sevenoaks Cubs Chess Competition

The Sevenoaks District Cubs Chess Tournament took place at Westerham Scout Hut on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November. 17 cubs from 5 Packs took part in a keenly fought competition. After a series of 10 minute round robin matches in 4 groups the 8 cubs with the best results competed for one trophy and the other cubs took part in the plate competition. In this knockout stage there were some very close matches before the two finals took place between Simon Ralph and Nick McLean for the overall winner and Mattie Thomson and Benjy Collingwood for the plate trophy. Simon Ralph from 1<sup>st</sup> Sevenoaks (Hicks Own) finally came out on top in the one final and Mattie Thomson also from Hicks Own won the plate trophy.



MATE!







# Scout Shop



**Just two more Scout Shops  
before Christmas and the  
NEW YEAR! Whooopppeee!!!!**

**5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December  
and then**

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

(Where did that year go?)

**And then it's the Cub Scouts Centenary Year  
Leaders, look what you can buy.**



**Badge  
£2.00**



**£1.00**

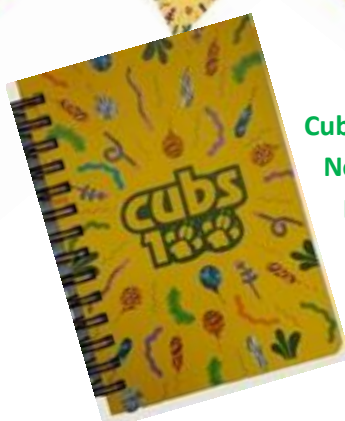
**Bunting**



**£6.00 per 5 meter**



**Water Bottle  
£4.00**



**Cubs  
Note  
Book  
£2.00**



**Centenary  
Scarves  
Child £4.00  
Adult £5.00**

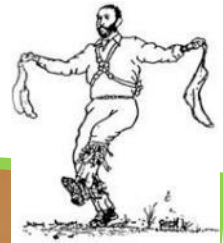
*The Staff and Helpers at Sevenoaks Scout Shop would like to wish all their customers and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year and hope to see them often over the next 12 months.*



# Morris Dancing for Beginners ...

... in this case it was the 7<sup>th</sup> Sevenoaks (Halstead) Troop that were the beginners.

Sheila and Nigel Burgin visited the troop along with some friends to give the scouts an insight to the medieval art of Morris Dancing and what an interesting but somewhat noisy night it turned out to be. Sheila explained to the scouts the origins of Morris dancing and how women took it up when the menfolk went off to war and that there are many festivals around the country where you can see troops of dancers practicing the art especially around spring and May Day.



Once the Scouts had the background sorted they set about learning a dance called The Postman's Knock.

*(Editor's Note to Graham Still: This is not about Tonbridge Postman as the first line is about Dawn O'clock, not a time of day you'd be familiar with!)*

Sheila and friends took their time to go through each stage of what looked like a very complicated dance and by the end of the evening the scouts could perform a credible version although if this is a Fertility Dance I would expect next year's crop to struggle a bit!



The troop had a great time and the scouts enjoyed it very much even though they were a bit red faced and completely knackered. (Can I say knackered?)





## Scouts Nautical Skills Badge: - CANAL ABILITY

Here is part of a letter some leaders may be interested in from Canal Ability.

*We understand that the requirements for many of your activity badges have recently been updated.*

*Having checked with a local scout representative, we are pleased to confirm that our Waterways Skills activity day includes all the information and experience necessary to award the Nautical Skills level 1 badge.*

*We run the day between 10am and 4pm for groups of up to 10 participants (plus 2 leaders) from our moorings in Harlow. The cost is £225 for the group. Our skippers are fully trained to cover the day and all hold a DBS check. There is no input required from scout leaders other than the usual group control issues.*

*We can also provide further experience for Nautical Skills levels 2 and 3 and these are best progressed on a weekend short break hire.*

If you would like further details please contact our admin team  
Tel. 01279 424444. If it would help they can arrange for one of our volunteers who is also an active scout leader to contact you.

**Canal Ability** is part of The Canal Boat Project which is a registered Charity (number 1108452) providing boating experience for those with disability. It is a registered company limited by guarantee number 5246504. Registered address Lock View, Burnt Mill Lane, Harlow CM20 2QS

## NEWSLINK TOP TIP OF THE MONTH

**LOOKING FOR PARENTAL HELP FOR A PARTICULAR EVENT?**

**FIRST CIRCULATE YOUR PARENTS WITH THE NEWS THAT YOU HAVE SPARE TICKETS TO SEE**

**'ADELE AT THE O2'**

**ON THE DAY IN QUESTION.**

**WHEN YOU HAVE A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE INTERESTED TELL THEM**

**'SORRY THERE HAS BEEN A MISTAKE AND THE TICKETS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE'**

**'BUT SINCE YOU ARE FREE ON THAT DATE COULD YOU HELP WITH OUR - BEAVER, CUB, SCOUT, EXPLORER EVENT'**

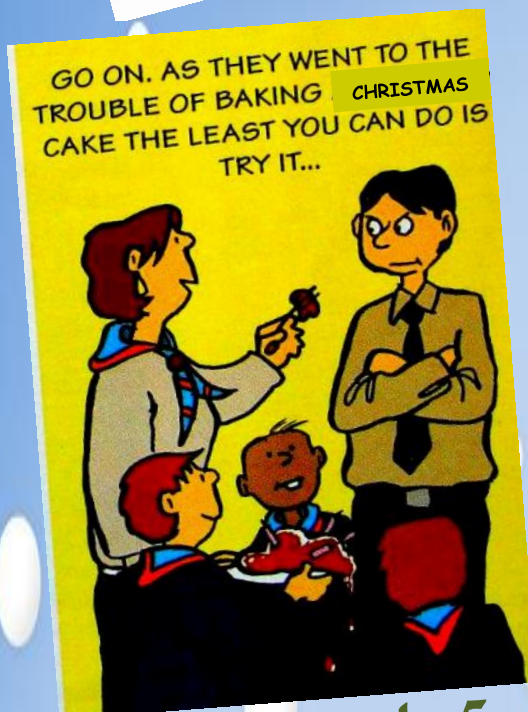
**SIMPLES**



## The Last Laugh

by Ian West

Heard this a few times in the Scout Shop



Wishing All Sevenoaks Scouters  
A Very Merry Christmas  
And a  
Happy Fun Filled  
New Year

