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REMEMBRANCE DAY



Thank you to the many members and family who turned out for Remembrance Day Parade at St. Andrew's Church on the 14th of November. You did us proud. A lovely bright and dry day and a well filled church.

We attend the Youth Service at St. Andrews each month during term and it is considered part of the Group activities and all members are expected to attend.

One parent and helper puts it very well in her own words:

“As a parent of children aged 22, 20 & 16 and, having been a Guide/Scout more than thirty five years, I have watched our nation's Remembrance Day services dwindle from a proud monumental day of parades to just a trickle of enthusiasm. Surely, as parents, we should be encouraging our youngsters to remember, understand and be proud of our history. Many hundreds of thousands of young brave men and women fought in two World Wars; without their sacrifice we would not be the free and comfortable country we are today.

There are three very important church services each year for Scouts:- Remembrance Day, St Georges Day (patron Saint of Scouting) and the Christmas Toy Service when the various Youth Groups of the area are invited to give a parcel and share their thoughts with the less fortunate.

When we send our children to Scouts it is because we wish them to experience all that

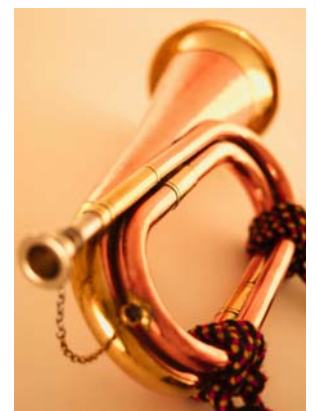
Scouting stands for. The youngsters are asked to make a promise to God and the Queen. I truly believe that our part as parents should be to set aside these special days, shelve all the regular sports or visiting and insist that our youngsters show up for these yearly events. By doing this we lead by example; as a promise should be kept.

The monthly Youth Church Parade is very low key, short and enjoyable, it allows a youngster to experience church and not feel intimidated later in life. The Xmas toy service gives them the chance to be involved, hands on with a charitable and again exciting experience. Most of all our History is how we arrived at today and remembrance is crucial to our youth, so they do not allow the same mistakes in the future.

All our children will be taught about the World Wars in their school curriculum and may even be given the opportunity to visit some War Graves in Belgium. The remembrance Service is a short moment on a Sunday morning that I desperately feel our children should attend. They feel proud to be amongst the uniforms and flags and it gives them a sense of duty to remember, war is not just yesteryear but conflict is always a threat and we must not repeat the bloodshed of the battlefields, we must learn to talk and talk before taking up arms as the price is high.

I hope my thoughts will stir an understanding of the importance of these events and their relevance to the young Scouts, Cubs and Beavers of today.”

*Cilla Trusler
Beaver & Cub helper.*



SAMUEL CODY BEAVER COLONY**Next year**

1st Night back Monday the 10th January 2005

NOVA SCOTIA BEAVER COLONY**Next year**

1st night back Wednesday the 12th January 2005

HASTINGS WOLF CUB PACK**Next year**

1st night back Wednesday the 12th January 2005

PIONEER SCOUT TROOP**Next year**

1st night back Wednesday the 12th January 2005

February Half term

Camp "Soup Dragon" in Brecon, South Wales

Summer

Camp "Croissant" in the South of France

ADVERTISEMENT**ADVERTISEMENT****COTTAGES TO LET**

Set in tranquil countryside in the South of France. This Scottish couple retired from military service and now live in a small farm in the French countryside and let out several cottages in hamlets nearby. They are also hosting Pioneer Troop's summer camp this year! Contact:

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Le Grand Chalais, Pressignac,
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ROUND & ABOUT THE HUT**Garage**

Johnson Wax has made a generous donation of £500 to cover the cost of repairs to our garage store that has been vandalised necessitating the replacement of the roof and doors.

Car Park

Fillings have been delivered and the council will shortly be improving the pot holes situation in front of the Hut.

SITUATIONS VACANT

The families and friends of those in the Group run our Group. Like our Association, all are volunteers. If you can help and participate in running the Group to keep our flag flying in any way please step forward.

At the moment we need:

- **Croup Committee Chairman**
- **Hut Maintenance Coordinator**
- **Small minibus manager**
- **Large minibus manager**
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USEFUL NUMBERS

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