



“THE COOT”



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PAWS FOR THOUGHT



How cool is this cat, modeling a perfectly positioned BP Scout beret and 1st Blackwater Valley scarf? Purrfect!!!!!!

SAMUEL CODY BEAVER COLONY Pancake night



Beavers of Sam Cody Colony enjoyed pancakes a night early at their Monday meeting. Sugar, lemon and other toppings added to the delight and not one ended up on the ceiling!! Not the smallest piece of pancake was wasted, nor was there any report of any poor appetites!

Good as Gold!!



Believe that and you will believe anything! Malyk and his assistants worked hard to achieve this photo.

Sausage sizzle

Not content with scoffing pancakes, the Beavers from Sam Cody decided it was time for deliciously fried sausages at Weathertop in Out Of Africa again. Accompanied by four Dads and Malyk, they set up through the woods to the hill top over looking the Army training ground at E1. Dad's turned out to be very adept at cooking and getting the sausages into buns with just the right amount of tomato sauce.



NOVA SCOTIA BEAVER COLONY HASTINGS WOLF CUB PACK

The Cubs were up to Weathertop at Out Of Africa. Gadget wood was selected and what to do with it discussed at length with many excellent suggestions being made.



They then cooked their own bangers on special Bob Trusler metal toasting prongs, while the leaders provided buns and drinks.



Peter Johnson, the Southern Area Commissioner came to observe and brought with him a large bag of chocolate cream eggs which made him popular. Sean had time on his hands being temporarily in a wheel chair, so he engaged Peter in conversation as only Sean can. However, he hit all of Peter's pet subjects as an ex Royal Marine and Scout Master for 50 years! Sean got to hear that Peter had indeed met Baden-Powell, during a formal visit to Reading; and that Peter did see active service as a Marine and was wounded.



It is always a pleasure to have a visit from our Area Commissioner. He has great respect for those youngsters that are willing to get out and do something. What Peter did not explain to Sean was that his brother had been a Marine as well, but not been so lucky. It was sadly, but with great pride that, only a couple of years ago, Peter finally gave the official salute at the dedication ceremony for the monument commemorating those of the village of Mortimer who gave their lives, including his brother.

Peter's sons and now his grandsons have followed in the family tradition. One grandson is in the North of Iraq on active duty at this time.



PIONEER SCOUT TROOP

Camp Soup Dragon

February half term saw the Scouts of Pioneer Troop in the Brecon Beacons. The camp in the welsh mountains was at the Group's traditional site in a small copse on the border of the Brecon National Park, just a few miles outside Sennybridge.



Camped in the copse at Trellog

The two patrols of Scouts spent a great deal of time collecting wood and tending their fires to keep warm. Despite an initial wet reception they achieved very well in this respect and had extensively constructed fire places and seating areas. Food was in good supply and excellent content.



Sunday lunch in the making

Monday saw the Scouts and leaders making their way up Pen Y Fan, the highest mountain in the Brecon Beacons at just under three thousand feet.



The weather was extremely kind. Despite very cold and biting wind on the way up, ascent to the top was met with an unusual calm and quiet never experienced there before. The sky was clear, the view beautiful, and there was ample snow.



The Troop posed at the top and was entertained by gliders that swooped close to the peak in spectacular fashion.

The walk back down was well timed as mist rolled back onto the peak. Crossing the stepping stones across the stream at the end of their circular route went without mishap, observed by wild horses grazing along the path.

Back at camp, Chil had kept the fires going and had hot drinks ready and dinner in the making. It was still a lovely sunny evening, the perfect end to a long but very enjoyable day.



AROUND & ABOUT THE HUT

Garage

The new garage doors are her. Thanks to Martin Aldrich for organising and Gerry McGeehan for collecting. They now need to be hung and roof constructed. Please email offers of help and assistance to:

martinaldrich@blueboxstorage.com

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:

- **Fund Raising Chairman**
- **Group Committee Chairman**
- **Hut Maintenance Coordinator**
- **Small minibus manager**
- **Large minibus manager**

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