



“THE COOT”



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BEAVER & CUB SPORTS DAY

Beavers from Sam Cody and Nova Scotia Colonies joined with Cubs from Hastings Wolf Cub pack for their annual sports day at the Scout Hut.



There were egg races, hoop races, chucking wellies and numerous other competitions keenly contended by the Beavers and Cubs.



Some individuals went for solo events and then parents helped out with a very confusing finish to what might have been a wheelbarrow race.



Scouts from Pioneer Troop helped out as did stalwarts of the Group such as Mike Young.



The leaders from the three units kept the activities running well,



And the very pleasant summer evening made it a very enjoyable event.

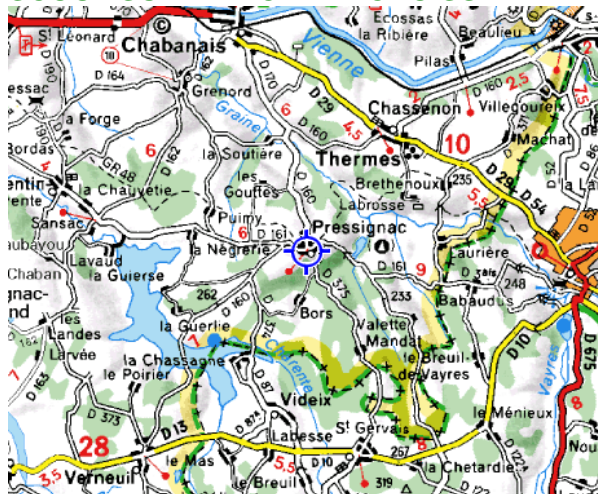


Certificates were awarded at the end and money was raised to help operating our two Group Minibuses.



Well done to all Beavers and Cubs for participating. Thank you very much to all the parents for coming along and making it a most worthwhile event. Thank you very much to all the section and unit leaders and Group friends for organising the event, making it happen and being there on the day.

SCOUT SUMMER CAMP "CROISSANT"



Cubette gamely trundled the five hundred miles there and back to take the Scouts of Pioneer Troop on their summer camp at Le

Grande Chalais near Presignac in France over the first nine days of the summer holidays.



The Scouts arrived late in the afternoon on the Saturday have spent nine hours in a traffic jam on the M25 and waited five hours over Friday night to board a ferry at Dover.

Camp was quickly established with the help of Craig McColville's tractor to ferry equipment. The Sunday morning saw cooking tents in place and the semblance of an organised camp.



The Scouts cut clearings and re-built a bridge over a small ditch for Craig in return for his hospitality.



The Scouts completed their Athlete Badge which included running, throwing, coordination and agility tests, and an obstacle course with a large number of straw bales around the field:

The sun was particularly hot and a constant flow of drinks was maintained.



The Marksman Badge was successfully achieved by all;



The local river challenged (not too



challenging but a lot of fun); and the local beach at the lake visited frequently.



The Mayor of Pressignac invited the Camp to his office to be formally received on behalf of the local Community;



And we all got to see the inside of the old school,



DUKE of EDINBURGH AWARD

The three Senior Scouts of Mountford Troop are well on their way to their Silver D of E award. The first of three hikes was carried out in France during summer camp;



and they successfully gained the Cave Explorers badge during the summer holiday under the guidance of Bob Trusler and the staff of The Rock Centre at Chudleigh in Devon. They have to complete Senior Scout level badges in four specific categories and

are well into their other chosen two; Fire Fighter and Catering.

BEAVER UNIFORM

Beaver uniform is now supplied through BRENDA's in Farnborough. Just give them the name of our Group and ask for Beaver uniform.

AROUND & ABOUT THE HUT

Garage

The doors are hung (very many thanks to Martin Aldrich and his son James) and Martin has arranged through his company (Blue Box Storage) to have the roof work carried out.



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.

Eleven parents stepped forward at the Beaver and Cub Sports day and we have teams developing for

- **Fund Raising**
- **Gardening and painting**
- **Hut Maintenance**

And help with the:

- **Small minibus ("Matt")**

We still need someone to take over looking after the:

- **Large minibus ("Cubette")**

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USEFUL NUMBERS

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