

1st Stanstead Abbots & St Margaret's Scout Group

The girls and boys in our Beaver Colonies have been as busy as ever over the last few weeks, starting with our Forest and Woodland Beaver teams competing against 8 other teams at the District Tug-of-War competition. After some great 'pulls' and teamwork they came in 4th & 7th place. Back at HQ the Woodland Beavers have had visits from both an Archer, who gave them an 'introduction to archery' session with proper bows & arrows, and then a visit from Hearing Dog 'Maple' and 'his' owner from the local branch of *Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*. Then in the first of 3 planned visits to different places of worship as part of their badge work, the Forest Beavers visited Kingdom Hall in Hoddesdon.

The Scout Troop have been out practicing and then competing at some local District and County run Scout Competitions. Three teams of Scouts were tested on their Night Navigation Skills during the Nocturnal Competition, with Clare's team coming 3rd and Oliver K's team 4th and Grace's team doing really well too. The Troop also entered two teams into the County's 'Born 2 Be Challenged' weekend camp for the first time, where they had enormous fun backwoods cooking, building bridges & bivouacs, showing their First Aid skills and even singing songs and doing sketches around the campfire along with the 19 other teams.

Our Cubs meanwhile, have had great fun at the annual Oxley Shield Competition weekend Camp where they were tested on a variety of camping & traditional Scouting skills. Our Panther Pack team came a fantastic 4th having done particularly well with the Tracking & First Aid tasks and the Jaguar Pack team came 12th having done really well in the First Aid & Fire Safety tasks.



All the sections have many more adventures and challenges in store for coming weeks and, as always, the whole Scout Group will be out on parade on Remembrance Day at St Andrew's Church.

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