

WOODCRAFT TIMES

Welcome to our Newsletter!

Welcome to the 5th issue of the Harrow Woodcraft Times which is still going strong. This is your paper and your news so don't hold back, send in your contributions.

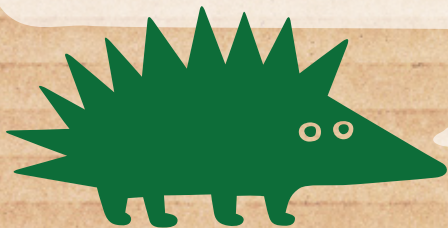
Over the past weeks contributions from the national Woodcraft Folk have come in via the 'Friends of HWcF' WhatsApp. The main promotion has been 'Dream Big at Home' and can be found on the web address:

<https://dreambigathome.uk/>

Zoom meetings are one of the ways for keeping in touch and the Elfin and Pioneer groups are arranging meetings to keep members in contact with each other. They are great but not as good as the real thing. Looking forward to when our groups reopen.

The 'Friends of HWcF' WhatsApp group is proving to be a popular and for those who haven't joined yet but wish to, please send your details and telephone number to Duncan Buttle, the host. Duncan's email is:

harrowwoodcraftfolk@yahoo.co.uk



MAYS FULL MOON *is called*
FLOWER OR MILK MOON!

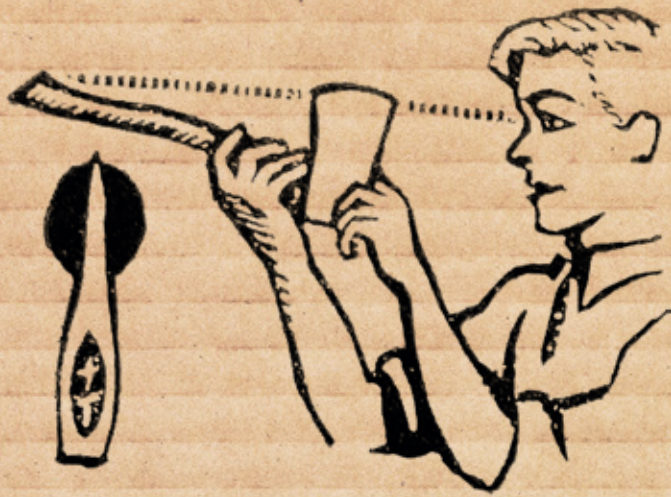


If you saw the symbol on a map what would it mean?

(Answer on the last page)



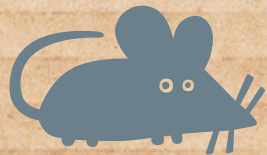
THE USE & CARE OF A HAND AXE



Correct
Alignment



Cut on a Log
Right Method



Use a Tree Stump
as a Chopping Block



WARNINGS:

You have to be an older Pioneer (12+) at least to start learning to use the hand axe and bow saw.

A hand axe is not suitable for felling trees or splitting large logs.

The axe should never be stuck in the ground or left lying on the ground or in the grass.

The Hand Axe (Handles made of Hickory the best).

The hand axe should be kept sharp by using a round carborundum stone, bought via Amazon (on-line) or a local Hard-wear store, if you can find one. Keep dry and the head lightly greased to stop rust.

When not in use it should either have leather axe sheath or wrapped for storage in a tool box.

USE:

Ensure that no one is near you. At least 2 meters away.

Chop or split wood on a wooden base- not on the ground or on a stone.

No part of the body should be in-line with the swing of the axe.

It is dangerous to hold a piece of wood vertically for splitting. Place the piece flat on wood to chop or split it.



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Even more!



MESSAGE FROM MARVIN



ZMO L
QMCA M
KMJMJM
RMJBULFQ?

Marvin the Monkey wants to ask you something.
Here is how to decode his message:

Change all of the 'M's to 'A's

Change all of the 'J's to 'N's

Change the 'R' to an 'S'

Change the 'A' to an 'E'

Change the 'K' to a 'B'

Change the 'Z' to an 'M'

Change all of the 'L's to 'I's

Change all of the 'F's to 'C's

Change the 'U' to a 'W'

Change the 'B' to a 'D'

Change the 'C' to a 'V'

Change the 'O' to a 'Y'

Change the 'Q' to an 'H'

WHAT IS MARVIN TRYING TO ASK YOU?

(The Solution is on the last page)



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THE 1950'S

HISTORY OF THE HARROW WOODCRAFT FOLK.Pt5



Debden: 1951 saw the Festival of Britain Camp at which Harrow and Watford Folk entertained the Austrians from Graz. This International camp was the first one that the new younger members of Stanharken Thing were to experience and made a deep impression on them. The Austrian delegation was to make the camp memorable with their singing, folk dancing and guitar/accordion playing. Meeting and making friends with the Red Falcons from all over Europe, swapping badges, addresses and so to become pen-friends, became a daily quest. The food was cooked and eaten centrally. All had to contribute to looking after the campsite, from litter picking to helping with the washing up. There were many festival occasions where each country entertained with folk dancing and singing.



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Kindo: In the 1950's the London Woodcraft Folk's numerous Districts (Things) had joined together in what was called London Kin. Each year they organized a folk dance called 'Kindo'. This gathering whilst mainly a folk dance all so attracted folk singing and satirical plays called 'skits' written and performed by the Districts. This was a 'must go to event' for the Harrow Hardihoods who always had a large party on the train to London. Kindo was held at the Co-operative Headquarters Hall in Leman Street, Aldgate early in December so it had a festive feel.

A Chance to Travel:

1952: Harrow 'Folk' joined with other delegations and travelled by train and boat to Fussen, Southern Germany to meet up with delegations from all over Europe and make friends. The hiking was spectacular, walking up mountain tracks passing the Neuschwanstein Castle at Schwangau to the Marienbrücke Bridge for the view. The trip home made eventful by four of Harrow's Hardihood girls getting left behind in Brussels but being saved by a Belgium Red Falcon leader who looked after them and arranged for their trip back to England, albeit a day late.

1953: The International camps continued with a delegations attending a camp in Holland at Vierhouten, where the camp site was very sandy. The delegation also stayed in the Red Falcon's houses in Rotterdam.

1955: There were two camps, a delegation to the Red Falcon camp in Norway and one to Poland. The trip to Poland, a so called 'Iron



First Folk Hostel: In 1953 the Folk's hostel at West Hoathly, Sussex was opened and was used by the Harrow Folk's 'Hardihoods' (Older teenager group) on cycling tours around South East England. They also met-up with Folk members from South London for hikes. As cycling was the method of transport, there was always a stop at a transport café for a fried eggs and chip supper at Caterham, on the way to West Hoathly.



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Curtain' country, was made memorable by flying to Warsaw and being made welcome by the Polish Pioneers at the Cieplice Pioneers Palace on arrival. The hospitality of the Polish people was warm and while in Warsaw the delegation had the opportunity to attend the World Youth Festival. This visit laid the foundation for further reciprocal visits of the Polish Pioneers and the Woodcraft Folk.

In 1957 the White Mountain Pioneer group opened at the Kenton Co-op Hall.

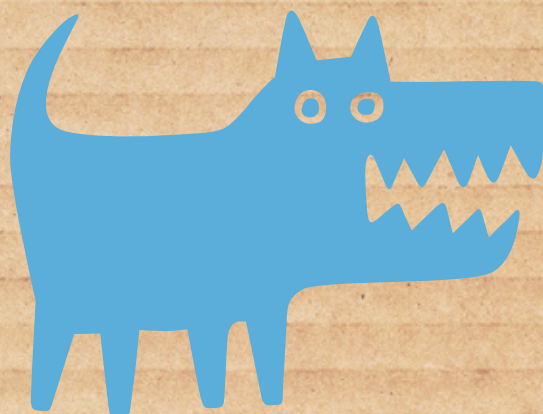
1958: The Harrow 'Folk' joined with a large national delegation and travelled by rail and boat to Vienna, to take part in the Austrian Red Falcon's International camp. A memorable camp but made sad by the loss of a Harrow young Hardihood who died while walking a precarious path in the Rax mountains.

1959: Peter and Peggy Colbert took a delegation from Harrow to the German Democratic Republic where they stayed and met the Young Pioneers of the GDR and enjoyed the beauty of the Werbillinsee.



Q) What do you call a dog that does magic tricks?
A) A labracadabrador.

Q) What do you call a dog with no ears?
A) Anything you like - he can't hear you.



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ANOTHER SHOUT-OUT TO *Livie and Henry*

Who have enjoyed the new woodcraft challenges: Here is their bunting!



Livie and Henry particularly hope they will be able to camp at Mad Bess Woods this year.

AND THANK YOU TO OUR VERY OWN
John & Roger

WHO PHOTOGRAPHED A BLUE TIT (JOHN)
AND SPARROW HAWK (ROGER) IN THEIR
BACK GARDENS!



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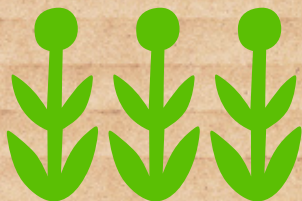


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MORE MEMORIES FROM *Mad Bess Camps*



ANSWER TO MAP ICON 'NATURE RESERVE'

MARVIN IS ASKING: MAY I HAVE A BANANA SANDWICH?

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