Tales from the Scout Hut

As always, we were pleased to be involved in Remembrance in the village. This year the Scouts put up 33 poppies around the village to represent the 33 men named on the village war memorial. The poppies could be found from Elgar’s Field to the church, in the windows of shops and businesses, in flower beds and on benches and fences. These complemented the knitted poppies and Remembrance flag in the RBL garden and the window displays in village businesses. We would like to say thank you to everyone who hosted the poppies for us. We also carried out our usual poppy rounds and took part in the Remembrance Sunday parade and service. Despite the almost continuous rain during November, the Remembrance Parade took place on a bright and dry morning and a very good number, led by Wingham Fire Engine, paraded along the High Street and Canterbury Road to the church for the service.

At Beavers they have been getting creative, making their fabulous lanterns from willow. At the beginning of November, they did a parade through the village with the lanterns, from the Scout Hut to the pedestrian crossing and back. It was a beautiful sight to see the bobbing lanterns in the dark. Once again, we were very lucky with the weather which stayed dry for the evening. The Beavers have also been learning about Beavers Scouts in other countries and working on their Photography Badge. They are finishing the year with a Christmas Party.

The Cubs had a brilliant evening at the Clip and Climb in the new sports centre at Whitfield. They all had a great time climbing up the different climbing walls. They have also been working on their Entertainer Badge and are finishing the term with a Christmas sleepover.

To finish off the Remembrance period, the Scouts went on an 11 and a half mile hike taking in 8 churches where Commonwealth Commission war graves can be found, starting at Barham Church and ending up at the burial ground in Wingham and the grave of Private Cecil Belsey who died in 1940 as he was on his way across the channel during the evacuation of Dunkirk. A poppy cross was placed at the grave of Private Belsey.

In December the Scouts got creative with photos to create a montage to celebrate our Centenary. They will be finishing the term with a trip to the White Cliffs Christmas Experience to go ice skating followed by a sleepover.

Explorers continue to go from strength to strength and have been enjoying a campfire as well as a trip to go ten pin bowling in Margate. They are finishing the term with a Christmas party of fun and feasting!

During the next term we will be holding our second Centenary event of a Car Wash, Exhibition and Coffee morning. We would love to hear from anyone who has been involved in Scouting at Wingham, and in particular photos as we will be putting together an exhibition to be held at this event. You can get in touch by emailing to winghamscouts@gmail.com.

Finally, we would like to a big thank you to Karl, Yolanda, Pippi and Harpo from the Post Office. Karl and Yolanda have been big supporters of the Scout Group since they moved here, playing host to many Scout events held on their forecourt. Good luck to you all, you will be missed.