## **1<sup>ST</sup> BLISWORTH SCOUT GROUP**

## What a year that was...just see what they got up to!

At present Beavers have 2 leaders and 12 Beavers; Cubs have 13 Cubs 1 Young Leader, 1 Leader, 1 assistant leader and 1 section assistant; and Scouts have 24 young people and 9 Leaders/Young Leaders including 1 parent helper.

Some of the AMAZING activities **Beavers** have done include:

A drive in movie themed Sleep Over (Brave Leaders!), whereby the Beavers made their own cars to sit in and watch the film. They've had visits from Birds of Prey, smaller reptiles etc, a veterinary nurse and her dog to show the children how to look after their pets, someone who showed them little sign language (ie how to sign their names). They went on a trip to Wells Near the Sea and are off to The Cotswold in June. One of our Beavers is a very talented artist and he presented an evening showing us his artwork. They visited the Fire Station at Mereway and did a walk from Milton Malsor to Blisworth. They made pancakes, held a collection for Harvest Festival to support to the Hope Centre, did a litter picked around the playing field and have a scavenger hunt, village walk, gardening evenings and hopefully an evening at Pinnacle climbing centre to round off our term in July this year. And they presented two Bronze Scout Awards to two Beavers..... PHEW!!!!

In addition to all that **Beavers**, **Cubs & Scouts** also supported **Blisworths own events**:

The stunning, funny and remarkably entertaining Scout Talent Show.

A very successful **Bonfire Night** which will be an annual event open to all villagers.

A Remembrance Sunday Parade at St John the Baptist Church

The Santa Sleigh walk round Blisworth fundraising for charity.

The **Wild & Woolly** raising much needed funds for 7 different charities.

The St George's Day Parade linking up with Milton Malsor & Roade Scout Groups.

The **Blisworth Canal Festival**, running a Tombola, fund raising, litter picking, rubbish bin emptying, and guiding lost visitors.

**Cubs** – for the first time they built own shelters to sleep in at summer camp, good job it didn't rain...., visited Blisworth Chapel, Healthy Cubs - how body works and eating, Cub X-rays (!); Glow stick scavenger hunt; environmental scavengers where they learnt about recycling; Renewable energy (very topical at the moment)' marshmallow & spaghetti sculptures (!??); Built mini rafts and them sailed on the canal.

**Scouts** also managed to squeeze in White Water Tubing at the Nene Valley Centre; a Bivi Camp @ Spotley where they slept in homemade shelters and cooked in "different ways"....; their annual summer camp was at Youlbury with their excellent facilities; they held a Challenge Weekend Expedition at Cosgrove; **London Monopoly** (!) with the Tunnel Rats (**Blisworths Explorers** group); Bowling with a hike; Proudly came 2nd out of 15 teams at the County Backwoods Challenge Weekend; completed Commonwealth Cooking; Had a great night where different exotic animals were bought in for the young people to hold; had a Treat night paid by group for pancake making at Gallone's Ice Cream Parlour

The Scout Hall is being regularly used by the villagers, Tunnel Rats, the District Scout Band, the Guides, Sensory Dog training and Home educators.

Oh... and we bought a **MINIBUS** which local not for profit groups can hire!!!