

WORDS USED for the OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY of the FIRST WOODCUTTS SCOUTS ENTRANCE

GATES IN MEMEMORY OF BEAVER SCOUT EMILY BROWN 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for coming.

In my own words,

The first thing that I would like to say is that these gates were made in Sixpenny Handley by a long standing friend of mine and a local craftsman, Richard Jesse, when I told him that these gates were going to be dedicated to a very special person, he then said that he would make these gates at cost price, in other words he would make no profit out of the job and for that Richard I thank you very much.

Now these gates are dedicated to a very special and extraordinary little girl of only seven and a half years old, first of all she was a member of our Scout Group, she was a singer, she was a dancer, she was an actress and she was a fighter, but most important of all she was a giver, yes a giver! A word we hear so little about today, when I went to Bristol Children's Hospital I had a long conversation with one of the senior staff and she told me that they had never had such an extraordinary little child in their care before, she never complained, her main concern was to be always trying to help other children, some younger and some older with similar problems to her own, she would be trying to help dress them, feed them, reading, writing, drawing , painting and many other things, at one time she was she was to be found in the kitchen making cakes for charity, yes for charity, it certainly gives us something to think about, another time she was asked if she would like to design the next Nurses uniform, so talented was this special little girl and now if we take time to think for a few moments.

During the rest of this century and well beyond many thousands of people are likely to pass through these very special gates and they have to be special because I have never seen in my life which has been quiet a long time and that is the initials of a person in or on any entrance gates, I believe that it is unique!!.

Over the years ahead as people pass through, I am sure that they will be intrigued to know about the initials E .B. which are the most important part of these gates and the history behind them and when they find out, my only hope is that they will find great inspiration to help others! That would be wonderful, finally I stand here today, Proud, Honoured and Privileged to officially open these gates with great love and affection and in Memory of the one and only EMILY BROWN.

Thank you.

Richard Adlem MBE