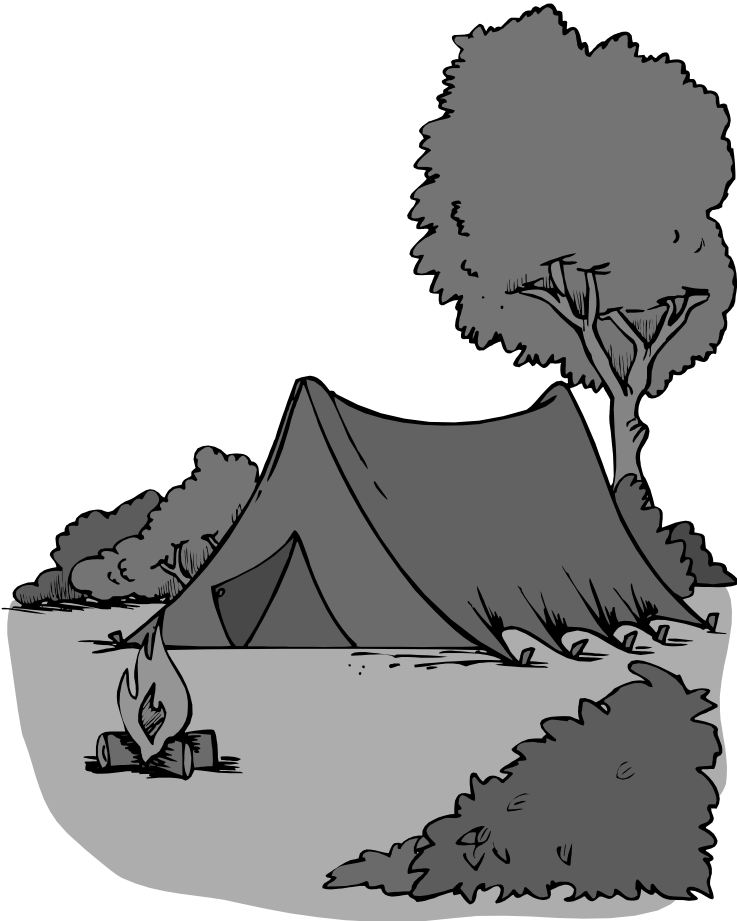


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# Woodsmoke



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## Chairman's Blob

I would like to start by welcoming you all back to another scouting year ahead. I hope you all had a nice summer and found some sunshine somewhere. There was very little of it this year, but having said that, our HQ solar panels still managed to



generate £718.00 for us which was put to good use in buying some extra hall chairs and new towel dispensers, amongst other things. As our Group expands we are finding it increasingly difficult to seat everyone at large hall events such as the AGM .... an indication of our ever increasing numbers. I would also like to give a special warm welcome to our new members who have begun their scouting adventure with us this term .... enjoy the journey!

The Carnival in June was hampered by poor weather this year and this affected our fundraising somewhat as takings were down. However, we still managed a healthy profit of £1200 from the hot dogs, bric-a-brac and plate smashing and I would like to thank the whole team for their tremendous support at this event. It is becoming increasingly difficult for the scouts to compete at this event with the numerous large commercial vendors selling food, so please, at next year's event don't forget to support your local Scout Group.

After many years of fronting the carnival organisation, Pauline Styles, also our Woodsmoke Editor, has handed the folder back to the Scouts Active Support (Fellowship) to get the wheels in motion for next year's event. I would like to thank Pauline for the tremendous effort put in over the years and wish her luck with her new venture..... the 2017 Anniversary Family Camp (watch this space!)

Plans are still underway to resurface the front drive and we hope to have the work completed during half-term. Our new website is up and running now and continues to be developed. The website [www.abbotslangleyscouts.org.uk](http://www.abbotslangleyscouts.org.uk) is where you can view all of the sections' programmes, forthcoming events and also an archive section going back 100 years! My thanks go to Iain and Martin for their continued efforts with this and I urge you all to take a look.

You may have noticed that towards the end of last term we had some decoration work done to the HQ. This was carried out by a team of volunteers organised by The Prince's Trust. A lot of time, effort and money goes into the upkeep of the HQ and with 200 or so people in and out of the building each week it is bound to 'wear out'. Please can we look after our building as much as possible to preserve its condition for the future!

Plans are underway to organise 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Training for our leaders and group members this term and the annual fire drills will take place after half-term. Our annual fire inspection took place in July and we were given a clean bill of health once again. Our HQ and camp equipment is still in great demand from the local community with many organisations borrowing tables, chairs, tents and camp games in return for small donations which contribute to our annual fundraising. The latest fundraising event was the double jumble sale on October 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> where we raised £1440.00. A tremendous effort by all concerned!

I hope you all enjoy the rest of this term and I look forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and months.

Bye for now,

**Mike Benson**  
**Group Chairman**

## Clive's Chat



I'm pleased to say that we have 5 new leaders joining the Group this term.

Alex Osborn has joined Lake Beavers as an ABSL, Aisling Benson, Jonathan Benson and Sian Plumb will be ACSLs with Jungle Cubs and Finlay Potiuk is to become an ASL with the Scout Troop. I welcome them all to our fabulous leadership team and hope they enjoy themselves in their new roles.

On the opposite side, Noel Deegan has had to step down as an ACSL due to his university studies. I wish him all the best and thank him for his contribution to the Cub Packs he has assisted.

The Summer Term saw one of our main fund raising events with £1,300 raised at the village carnival. My sincere thanks to Pauline Styles and the Group Active Support section for co-ordinating, organising and running the stalls.

Well done also to all the Scouts who helped with the litter picking on the Sunday morning after the carnival.

Clive Winder  
Group Scout Leader

# SCOUT TROOP

We had another busy summer term with a huge amount of achievement, particularly at Scout Camp, and a total of 29 Challenge Awards completed.

Many congratulations to -

- ◆ Harry Argent-Philips, Charlie Bailey, Andrew Bell, Archie Brennan, James Brewer, Ben Culpeck, Leo Dorsett, Joseph Geard, Thomas Greaves, Archie Jones, Taj Kapoor, Ross Sheppard and Sam Woodard on completing their first Scout Challenge, the Adventure Challenge,
- ◆ Andrew Bell, Ben Culpeck, Taj Kapoor and Ross Sheppard on achieving their Outdoor Challenge,
- ◆ Leo Farrington, Matthew Smith, Alex Weston on attaining their Promise Challenge,
- ◆ Samuel Hines, Daniel Nottage, Matthew Smith and Alex Weston on achieving their Creative Challenge,
- ◆ Leo Farrington on the award of his Fitness Challenge,
- ◆ Andrew Bell, Ben Culpeck, Taj Kapoor and Ross Sheppard on attaining their Expedition Challenge.

Very well done.

# The Prince's Trust

Back in May I was contacted by Peter Cargill, a member of the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, about a project he was undertaking on behalf of the Prince's Trust. The Prince's Trust is a registered charity set up by HM The Prince of Wales several years ago aimed at delivering educational, activity, community and work placement programmes to help improve the lives of disadvantaged youngsters. The Herts Fire Service had set up a team to help plan and instigate these programmes aimed at youngsters from the Watford area.

The twelve youngsters involved were aged between 17 and 23, all long term unemployed and with basic qualifications. Some of the youngsters were from very troubled backgrounds, including being homeless. The programme lasted for twelve weeks and consisted of classroom sessions working on CVs, personal statements, help with basic Maths and English and communication improvement sessions. There was a recreational week spent camping at Phasel's doing abseiling, potholing and orienteering, followed by a work placement period with local employers and a community project.

It was with this community project that 1<sup>st</sup> Abbots Langley Scouts became involved. The team offered to spend ten days carrying out basic maintenance and decoration works to the building hoping to instil some structure, achievement and pride in the youngsters' lives that none had experienced before. The funding for the project was provided by two gruelling weeks of bag packing which the Prince's Trust volunteers carried out at local supermarkets.

The ten days spent at HQ were quite eventful and the

senior team's patience (Joanne, Lara, Peter and Dan) was severely tested at times!

Work undertaken was the redecoration of the office and Cubs' room upstairs (last done in 1975!) and re-laying of carpet tiles, below dado rail re-painting in the main hall, damp-proofing to external plinth, re-painting of the external doors and a coat of paint given to the flagpole and driveway gate.

I met with the youngsters several times over the ten days and gradually got to know them and witnessed first-hand how well they were beginning to get to know each other and work as a team. Their time keeping skills and the ability to follow instructions improved over time and they all began to take pride in their work - something I suspect many have never had the opportunity to achieve before.

The week ended with a small presentation at HQ and a



scout flag hoisting ceremony where a few youngsters were awarded special certificates for outstanding achievements over the course of the week. To show their appreciation the whole team awarded our

scout group a special recognition certificate for giving them the opportunity to carry out their community project and discover talents and skills that none of these youngsters thought they had ever had before.

The whole programme came to a close in July, when

myself, my wife Aisling and Lin Lythaby, a long standing member of our group, represented the Group at a Prince's Trust area presentation function at Hunton Park, where all of the team were present along with many dignitaries from the Herts Fire and Rescue Service and other community organisations involved with the project.

It was a very humbling experience as each young person stood up in front of the audience and explained their very difficult lives so far and how the Prince's Trust has helped them to forge new positive paths in their lives. They all expressed their sincere gratitude to 1<sup>st</sup> Abbots Langley Scouts for the help that we had given to them to achieve this and I was very proud on behalf of Abbots Scouts to have been of assistance in a very small way.

As one area Commander said at the presentation, "the most difficult day ahead is the first Monday after the programme has finished."



That's when these youngsters have to move forward with the skills they have learnt so far and achieve their goals for themselves. We wished them all the very best of luck for the future and urged them all to try hard not to drift back to the lives that they had before.

Mike Benson  
Group Chairman



# Narrow Boat Trip 2015

As I arrived I found that I was not the first one there, in fact one of the last. I handed the cakes in along with a packet of GIANT American marshmallows. I was shown to my bed which was on the bottom bunk underneath Leo and opposite Louis, it was very cosy, I even had my own nightlight next to the bed. There was a downside – we were right next to the toilet! Everyone put on their buoyancy aids and we set off to encounter in the first couple of seconds a



lock. Mike (Chairman) demonstrated how to open and close the lock without flooding the boat. Soon after we had gone through the first lock we had 2 minutes to relax until the next lock. We were given a rota which told us who was doing locks, steering or relaxing. I was doing locks first with my group

which was called Mini Cods (I didn't like the name but it didn't really matter). Mini Cods comprised Daniel, Samuel, Louis and me, so we all helped get the boat through this second lock.

We arrived at the Kings Head pub and had to find a place to moor, unfortunately we managed to beach the boat but Clive and Mike helped us to sort that out and we moored up. Then we all disembarked and made our way to the pub where we played football and cards as well as having a drink. At about 9pm we headed back to the boat for soup and hot chocolate kindly made by Alison before we settled into our beds.

We woke up about 6.30am and waited for breakfast. Mini cods were on steering duty first, so Louis and I went to steer. I really enjoyed steering the boat although I'd never done this before. After

a while Louis took over the steering. After this we were relaxing, although we still helped out with the locks because that was fun too. Louis and I then decided to do some fishing but we didn't catch anything. Soon after Clive found a fish shaped fishing hook in the trees and Louis used it for a bit but he still didn't catch any fish. The fishing was good fun too.



Eventually after a long day travelling, with more steering and lots of locks, we moored up outside a pub in Berkhamstead, had something to eat and played some fun games but they're top secret – so that's all I can say!! After that we all went to bed and I slept pretty well.



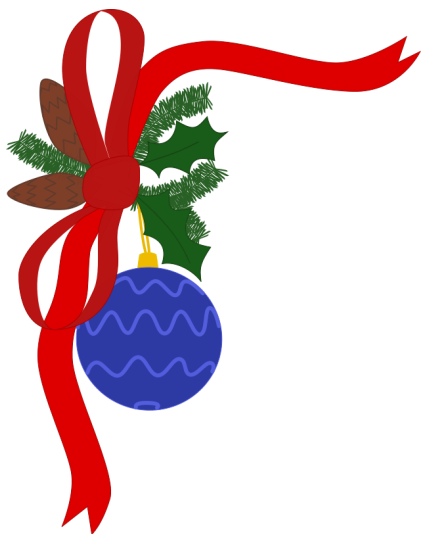
Sunday morning we woke up and lounged around in our beds until everyone was awake. After breakfast which involved bacon, eggs and sausage (thanks again Alison) and we set about our tasks as we headed back towards Abbots Langley. It started to rain a lot so we rushed inside while Mike opened the lock

and Clive steered the boat in. After it stopped raining we all got out to help with the locks, there were quite a few.

On arriving back at Hunton Bridge we moored the boat and took all the stuff off so we were ready to be collected and taken home.

It was a great weekend and I enjoyed it a lot. Thank you to all the adults that helped over the weekend and to my mum for making my favourite cakes to take and for buying giant marshmallows too.

Andrew Bell  
Eagles



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support the  
Christmas  
Market on  
21st  
November  
10am - 1pm**

**A chance to buy your Christmas  
cards and gifts at great prices!  
Tombolas and raffles galore ...**

Donations gratefully received by Lin  
Lythaby - bottles, gifts etc. Please  
leave on the stage or give to your  
section leader to pass on.



# DIARY DATES

## October

30	Load up for Green Beret at HQ	Active Support + All
31	8.45 am at HQ for the Bus	
	9.30 am at Tolmers to build assault course	Active Support + All

## November

5	Wide Game & Fireworks—Lees Wood	Active Support
6	Fireworks and Film night 7pm/8pm	Active Support
8	Remembrance Day Parade	All welcome
13-15	Green Beret	Active Support
16	Executive Committee Meeting—8pm	Exec Committee
17	Meeting—2 pm	Ladies Guild
21	Christmas Market—10 - 1 pm	All welcome

## December

4	Active Support Christmas Meal	Active Support
6	Making Christingle candles 3pm HQ	All welcome
7	Christingle Service—St Lawrences	All
8	Christmas Party—2 pm	Ladies Guild
26	Boxing Day Walk - Meet 10.15 for a	All Welcome
27	10.30 start at Love Lane	

## January

8	Gin & Games—8pm HQ	Active Support
18	Executive Meeting—8pm	Exec Committee

## February

5	Active Support AGM—8pm HQ	Active Support
17	Meeting—2 pm	Ladies Guild

## March

4	Active Support Meeting	Active Support
11	Beer Festival—Tbc	Active Support
21	Executive Meeting – 8pm	Exec Committee
15	Meeting—2 pm	Ladies Guild
20	St George's Day Parade	All

## ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT

### Fancy getting involved?

Last summer, at the Family camp, I was very impressed by the organization of the catering and the events during the weekend camp. I was informed that most of the logistics were carried out by "*the Fellowship*" or Abbots Langley Scout Active Support group to give them their correct title.

Having a son at Cubs and seeing all the work that needs doing (and not being brave enough to become a leader!) I thought it looked like a good way to get involved a bit more.

To become a member of ALSAS there is no initiation ceremony or strange rituals, you just turn up to one of their monthly meetings have a bit of fun and get stuck in at jumble sales, camps, the carnival etc. - all to help raise funds and support our local Scout group.

At the village carnival in June for example we had a really busy (and very wet!) day. We started at 8 am with a lively debate as to the best way to arrange the large marquees (pointy



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bit on top was agreed I think!) After setting up the stalls and BBQ, it was cooking and serving most of the day. Then at the end of the day the big clear up - putting every thing back as it was and taking all the equipment down and returning it back to headquarters in Langley Road and finishing at about 6pm! □

There is no pressure to attend every event in the calendar but if every member helps as much as they can it makes it easier for all. They really are a lovely bunch, helping the kids in our community. So, if you have thought may be you would like to be a little more involved in the local community or you have a child at Beavers / Cubs or Scouts or you just fancy getting involved, why not come along and have a chat to one of us. Or contact Tracy Reeve for more information. email : [alsas1954@gmail.com](mailto:alsas1954@gmail.com). You would be most welcome at our November meeting which is a relaxing film night, and I am sure you will have fun and possibly an alcoholic beverage!

Kevin Brown  
New ALSAS Member

### What have we been up to?

**June** - In June our meeting consisted of meeting up on a lovely sunny evening on Northchurch Common where we were given a compass, a map and some co-ordinates to find. Now, not being Royal Marines or such trained experts, most of us only had a basic idea of what we were doing. We split into groups of two or three and off we went for a lovely walk for a couple of hours enjoying the countryside, the wildlife and having a chat whilst occasionally actually finding what we were looking for!

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Having left the car park at 7.30pm we all made it back as arranged at about 9.30pm with most of the groups finding 3 out of the 8 locations and marking down the symbol as evidence. I was lucky enough, along with my partner for the evening Elaine, also a fairly new member, to have found 4 out of 8 which made us the winners of a nice bottle of red wine.

After a brief chat about who got lost the most, we all headed for a lovely pub down the road, which surprisingly EVERYBODY found. We retreated to a table in the corner where we chatted over a couple of drinks or three, loosely planning what we need to do at the carnival.

Kevin Brown

**July** – Making the most of the nice weather, July's meeting was all about Bang, Twang and Dogs...That's shooting and archery, followed by hot dogs, to you and me! Lees Wood, our local scout camp, was the perfect venue and Abbots Langley are very privileged to have several of our own leaders who are qualified to teach these activities – Dave and Hollie Goodman were our instructors for the night. A little bit of friendly rivalry helped the more competitive of us (apparently its more about the bunching rather than the total score??) and then we enjoyed a couple of hot dogs to finish off a summers evening.

Tracy Reeve

**August** - On a beautiful summers evening in August, a little bit of 'ooh la la' was brought to Bedmond with the Scout Active Support's French themed BBQ. A big thank you to our very generous hosts Janette and John Noonan. John was definitely our BBQ Champ, as he took control of the

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coals. With everyone's contributions to the desert table, the French theme soon became more like an episode of the Great British Bake off. Filled with food, a little wine and with spending

time in great company a lovely evening was had by all.

Hazel Harkin



### Lawn Bowls – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Ever wondered what goes on behind the big wooden gate behind HQ? Well, it's big, flat, very green and involves throwing balls around.

Now I have your attention I can tell you about a recent SAS event. Bib kindly arranged once again for a group of us, including some recent new members to join with Abbots Langley Bowls Club. The aim being to put their teaching skills and patience to the test as we threw down rubber mats, adopted a peculiar half crouching stance, let fly with wooden bowls and, for the more successful amongst us crow about how flipping good we were at placing a big black ball very close indeed (well quite close) to a tiny white ball called a Jack.



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Jack, was in fact kept quite busy, running this way and that and being scared to death by great lumbering bowls that either fell too short, continued over long or completely refused to stop altogether until they fell off the green into the perimeter ditch to be recovered later. Accompanied by the almost whispered exchanges of oh!, good length; shame, too short: don't stop there and, funny, why did it do that?

The evening proceeded without any undue damage caused to either the green or to the equipment or indeed to any of the full time members. The rain nearly failed to appear and later, an occasional glimpse of a beautiful red sunset just hinted at the distinct but unproved possibility that Hemel Hempstead was in fact ablaze. With a sense of new found pride at having mastered the basics of an ancient pastime, the secrets of which are known to only a very select few we adjourned with the onset of the darkness into the warmth and hospitality of the club house for a lemonade or three and engage in happy talk of SAS activities still to come (except for Mike Benson who refused to stop and, as far as I know may well still be out there throwing his bowls around).

Anon.

**September** - What better way to kick off autumn than with a wine tasting extravaganza? 42 guests joined us at the scout HQ for an excellent evening of fun, laughter and of course wine. Jeff from Dallings & Co in Kings Langley had kindly agreed to run the evening for us. He bought along 6 very different wines to taste and guided us with identifying flavours and aromas. A mystery wine appeared quite a

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challenge but our very own Hazel Harkin proved to have a canny nose for Asian wine! A wine quiz bought an unexpected competitive side but the young table proved worthy winners.

With the wine tasting complete, we were able to continue to enjoy two more wines and enjoy the company of old friends and new.

Hopefully we all went home a little more knowledgeable about wine, and possibly a bit worse for wear. Thank you to everyone who came along and shared the evening with us and supported abbots Langley scout active support.

Tracy Reeve

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## GREEN BERET CHALLENGE



The Green Beret Challenge is a full day competition for Scouts from all over Hertfordshire. The late Bryan Sharpe, former Group President was one of the founders of the competition. It is designed to test teams of 6 Scouts over a range of physical and intellectual activities. It also proves to be a significant challenge to their leadership and team work skills.

Abbots Langley Scout Group have supported this event for over 40 years. We will once again be providing a challenging assault course consisting of a series of elevated walkways and a final vertical pole slide. The assault course is erected on a Saturday morning in advance of the event. This involves collecting the various equipment from HQ Stores, loading it into the minibus and delivering it to site where the various elements have then to be assembled. On the day of the event, which this year is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November successive teams of Scouts negotiate the course at roughly 15 minute intervals. Over 100 teams are expected to take part in the event. Once the final Scout Teams have completed the course it is dismantled and the materials returned to HQ.

Setting up and running the base does involve a lot of time and physical labour. The reward is in seeing Scouts overcoming their initial fear, giving each other encouragement and their obvious sense of relief and of achievement upon completing the course. Abbots Langley Scout Active Support have committed to this event but would like to invite all parents, members and friends of Abbots Langley Scout Group to give some of their time to help us with the day. It will also provide an opportunity for us to pass on the store of knowledge surrounding this event and help ensure that the Group's involvement is maintained for the future.

Any offer of assistance received, whether it be for a few hours or the whole day will be very much appreciated.

**Please contact Tracy asap! [alsas1954@gmail.com](mailto:alsas1954@gmail.com)**

## Abbots Langley Scout Active Support

### GREEN BRET CHALLENGE 2015, Tolmers Scout Activity Centre, Tolmers Road, Cuffley EN6 4JS

We are setting up & running an assault course as part of this very popular scouting event. Are you able to help us? Please indicate your availability on this sheet & return it to your Scout/Explorer Leader.

Activity	What's involved	Where	When	Can U Assist? Please Tick
Load up the equipment	Collect equipment for building the assault course from Stores. Load into Scout minibus	Head Quarters, Abbots Langley	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct <b>8:00pm*</b> – 9:00pm	
Set up base	Lay out and build the assault course including lifting, hammering and tying things to other things	Tolmers SAC	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct <b>9:30am*</b> – 2:00pm	
Help run the base	Oversee teams of scouts completing the assault course throughout the day. Provide general assistance and encouragement.	Tolmers SAC	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov <b>7:30am*</b> – Noon Noon – 4:30pm	
			All day	
Dismantle the base	Take down the various elements of the assault course. Load it into the Scout minibus	Tolmers SAC	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4:30pm – 6:00pm	
Pack away	Unload the Scout minibus. Return the equipment back into Stores.	Head Quarters Abbots Langley	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6:45 pm – 7:30pm	

\*N.B. Times are provisional and subject to final confirmation

NAME (Please print) ..... Your Contact Tel No: .....

For further information, please email: [alsa1954@gmail.com](mailto:alsa1954@gmail.com) or call Tony Dabson 01923268018

## Cub Camp Lees Wood – 27/28th June 2015

When we arrived at Lees wood we found our tents and put our stuff in it, then Akela called us together for registration. Then we went into the massive fire circle meeting area and a man called Norm told us about the wide-game we were going to play. For this game we had to try and find some leaders who were hiding in the woods, they each had a set of numbers which we had to cross off our bingo sheets that we had just been given. It was hard to find some of the leaders as they were hiding, but we did in the end but didn't manage to get a "full house" so didn't win the game.

After that we had some supper, I had soup and 5 bits of bread. We played in the woods for a while then Akela said it was time for bed.

The next morning we had breakfast, I had cornflakes and bacon and chocolate spread on bread. We went and played in the woods for an hour, we built a really nice den with Michael, Jack, Calum, Luke, Ben & Jamie.

After this we spent the morning making and painting things so they looked like things from the 1960's. First we drew with special crayons and felt tips on t-shirts, each cub group had different years to make a gate way theme and this was ours.



The gateway into our camping area was cut outs of old fashioned uniformed cubs and old cars which we painted, also there was a zebra crossing and beacons, it was supposed to be like Abbey Road, a pop group called the Beatles did it a long time ago. I have heard of them before as we went to see the George Harrison garden in Baktivedenta Manor, I went there on a school trip a few months ago.

Then after lunch we started the games that the leaders of each of the cub groups had set up in 'stations' each of them had a different decade. Our first game was to catch water bombs that were being thrown over a wall the first one hit me on the chest and burst. It was funny and we got very wet.

My favourite station was the battleships station where we used cubs to lay on a numbered grid pretending to be the battleship. Then a cub who had a flag sent a grid number to another cub using the flag, the receiver of the message had to then tell a leader what the grid number was. If it was a hit the leader sprayed the cub on the grid with a water pistol machine gun.

I also liked the minefield game that our leaders had set up.... This was even wetter than the other one as we got sprayed with two water pistols every time we 'stepped' on a mine.

After dinner we played some more until time to go to the campfire circle where we sang funny songs like a ging gang goolly with funny words about bikes that we all had to do actions too.

After that we went back to our camp had hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows on our camp fire until it was bed time.



Sunday we woke to rain but it didn't matter as we had to finish off the stations that we hadn't been to the day before. And those ones were wet games! The parents and leaders put all the tents and stuff away while we were doing this. We all had a good time and it was over too quickly.

**By Zachary Hines**  
**Jungle Cubs**  
Typed by my dad



## Lake Beavers



As summer dawned, so did another term at Lake Beavers. With one of the main focuses of the term being the Global Challenge, the Beavers wasted no time in getting stuck in on the activities. First up: Musical instruments. Armed with their kitchen roll tubes, straws and rice, the Beavers set to work making their musical masterpiece. Kitchen tubes became rainmakers with the addition of rice, and straws were transformed in to panpipes. It really was a great evening!

Equipped with their geographical knowledge and some bluetac, the beavers set about labeling the continents of the globe with well-known landmarks. From Stone Henge to the Himalayas, the beavers traveled around the world in 100 minutes. Once some of the lesser-known landmarks of the globe were discussed and labeled on the map, the beavers left the hut, returning to the next activity on the program, gardening.

With summer fast approaching, it was only fitting that the Beavers took part in a little gardening. In aid of the Experiment Activity Badge, the Beavers planted some seeds, and what better seeds to plant in the run up to summer than sunflower seeds? Along with their sunflowers, each Beaver planted a broadband seed that they would take home and nurture. They then reported back every week to let us know how their plants were growing.





As the term drew to a close and the summer holidays were upon us, we headed off to gambados. With the beavers at the wheels of the bumper cars, mayhem broke loose as everyone battled it out to overtake their friends

and dodge getting bumped themselves. After all of the speeding around, the beavers made their way on to the main attraction: the jungle gym. After sending the night running around in ball pits and racing down slides the beavers tucked in to some sandwiches and a drink. The term drew to a close at lake beavers, and with a long summer ahead of them, the beavers had a long rest to recover in time for next term.

By James Cresswell  
Young Leader at Lake Beavers





**Come and help us make the candles for  
the Christingle service**

**3pm on 6 December 2015 at the Scout  
Head Quarters**

**Bring some mulled wine or mince pies to  
share and a Christmas carol or two and  
we'll get the job done with a smile and a  
song!**

**Children welcome**

## Hall Happenings

Monday	4.45 - 6.15 pm 6.30 - 8.00 pm	Beaver Scouts (Lake) Cub Scouts (Jungle)
Tuesday	5.30 - 7.00 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm 8.00 - 10.00 pm	Beaver Scouts (River) Abbo's Explorer Scouts Ladies Guild (3rd in Month) 2pm Winter/7.30pm Summer
Wednesday	6.30 - 8.00 pm	Cub Scouts (Rainforest)
Thursday	5.30 - 7.00 pm 7.30 - 9.30 pm	Beaver Scouts (Lagoon) Scouts
Friday	8pm	Active Support (1st in Month)

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