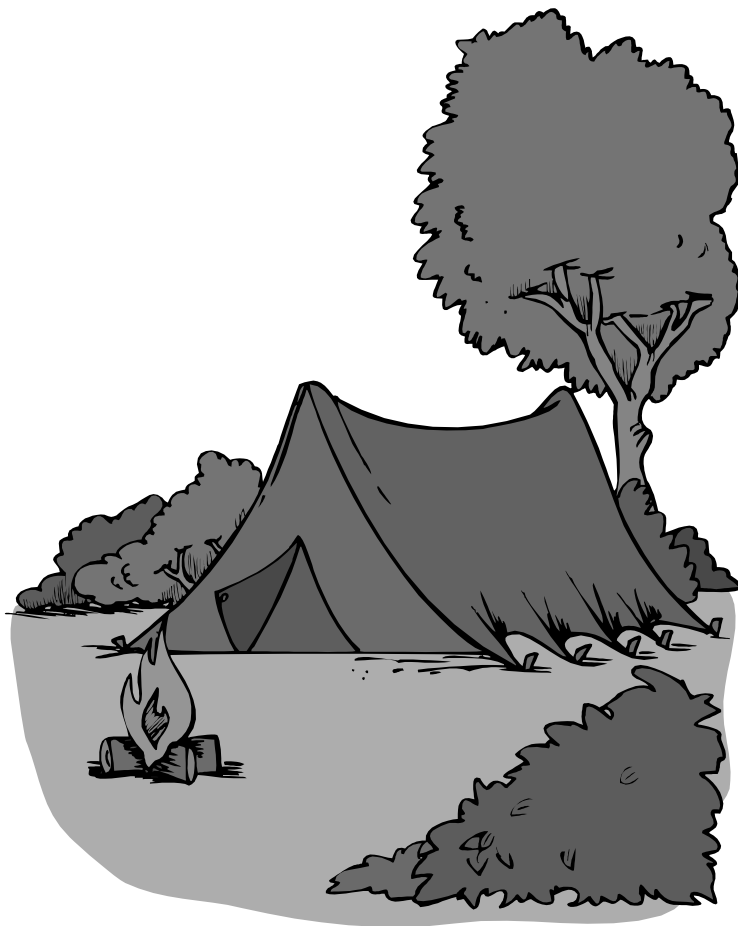


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## Chairman's Blog



Welcome back everyone and I hope you all had a nice summer break. I would like to give a special warm welcome to all of the new members of our Scout Group and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in due course. Don't forget up-to-date scouting news, views and programmes can be seen at [www.abbotslanglescouts.org.uk](http://www.abbotslanglescouts.org.uk)

An exciting opportunity for all our Group Sections and their families to spend time together and get to know each other better, is coming up next summer. We are currently putting plans together for our 2017 Group Family Camp at Phasels Wood from 30<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July. These camps are fantastic and I urge you all to save the date and look out for the booking forms that will be circulating soon. We have some new activities up our sleeves to make the camp even more awesome than in previous years!

Our last fundraiser was the Carnival back in June which, despite two downpours of rain, was a huge success and raised nearly £1700.00. Well done to John and Richard, their first year in charge. Thank-you to everyone who came and supported our stalls and to all the Active Support and Ladies' Guild members who put the whole event together. Extra help is always appreciated, so if you are new to the Group, don't be afraid to get involved.....your Scout Group needs you!

The HQ solar panels continued to generate an income for us over the summer months and topped up the bank account by £688.00, which our new Treasurer, Peter, gladly appreciated. Indeed, I would like to welcome Peter to our Scout Group and hope we have many years together with him at the financial helm. I would like to wish our out-going Treasurer, Mike, the best of luck with his new ventures and sincerely thank him for the past 20 years of supporting scouting in Abbots Langley.

The HQ always requires on-going maintenance, with further electrical upgrade work carried out over the summer and the high humidity in August causing severe problems in the hall as the wood block flooring lifted on three occasions. Our Executive Committee are considering solutions to this on-going problem that may prove to be very costly.

The HQ fire safety inspection was carried out in September and we were given a clean bill of health once again. An extra extinguisher which is to be stored in the outside cupboard, is now available for off-site outdoor events. Our annual fire drills will be carried out as usual in November. We are still in need of a Health and Safety Officer to sit on our committee, so if this interests you please make yourself known ... remember volunteering is good for the soul!

At the beginning of July our two Cub packs celebrated 100 years of Cub Scouting along with 3,000 other Hertfordshire Cubs and support networks at Tolmers Campsite, Cuffley, near Potters Bar. It was a fabulous weekend and the weather was kind to us. A big thank-you must go to all of the leaders and support crew who gave up their time to ensure that our 48 Cubs who camped were well looked after and also to the parents who helped set-up the field kitchen and pitched tents. We couldn't have managed without you.

In late July, we were sad to say goodbye to Holly of Essence Dance and Drama who has hired the hall on Saturday Mornings for eight years. If anyone would like the opportunity to fill this booking slot with a new venture then please contact Elaine, our hall bookings coordinator, with your requirements.

As we go to press plans are afoot for two fundraisers. The first is our double jumble sale at HQ on October 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> – always a very popular event. The second is Applefest, a new event, on October 16<sup>th</sup> which we are trying for the first time. It will take place between 11am to 3pm on the green at School Mead in Tanners Wood and we are providing a hot food stall. I would like to wish all involved the best of luck with these events and encourage you all to come along and support your local Scout Group with much needed fundraising.

I hope you enjoy the scouting calendar ahead and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the forthcoming weeks and months, but until then,

Bye for now,

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

## Clive's Chat

First of all, I would like to congratulate all our youngsters who have completed their respective Chief Scout's Award last term. In addition to those awarded at the AGM, Harry Robinson, Ajay Sen, James & Thomas Sheppard, Millie Wade, Jessica Whiting and Jack Woodman have been awarded their Bronze, Andrew Grant, Katy Packman, Jamie Wells and Leila Whiting their Silver, and Aidan Cheng and Tom Williams their Gold. Well done.

I'm pleased announce that we have 4 new leaders taking up positions in the Group this term primarily as a result of our success with the Young Leader scheme. James Cresswell has become an ABSL with Lake Beavers, and Toby Gamble and Dean Millard are to become ASLs with the Scout Troop. Jamie Tearle, together with Toby and Dean, have become AESLs with the Abbos Explorers. I welcome them all to our fabulous leadership team and hope they enjoy themselves in their new roles.

The Summer Term saw one of our main fundraising events of the year with an incredible profit of £1,683 raised at the village carnival. My sincere thanks to John Gomme and Richard Gabriel, for co-ordinating the event, and all the efforts of our Group Active Support, Ladies Guild and parents who ran the stalls. Well done also to all the Scouts who helped with the litter picking on the Sunday morning after the carnival.

We still need a Health & Safety Officer. It is not a particularly taxing role with regard to time, approximately 20-25 hours pa, and only requires monitoring and updating as required. Please contact me if you are interested.

**Clive Winder**  
**Group Scout Leader**



## Welcome back to another adventure packed term at Lake Beavers!

With the Great British Summer just around the corner, the Lake Beavers began to prepare for the warmer months ahead. The Beavers started the term by planting a bean seed which would grow as the term progressed. They took photos of their bean as it grew from a seed in to a mature plant, and then recorded their progress in their very own bean diary.

### Tiny Turings Crack Morse Code

Last term the Lake Beavers turned codebreakers. After a lesson in the skillful art of deciphering morse code the Beavers couldn't wait to get started and were soon sending cryptic messages from one lodge to another, each time getting faster at deciphering what the other lodge had sent before quickly constructing a reply for their friends to try and crack. By the end of the evening the Beavers were fluent in the language that proved vital during some of the biggest wars of the modern world.



### Bouldering Beavers Scale Rock-face at Lees Wood

What better way to spend a summer's evening than by climbing the heights of the bouldering wall at Lees Wood? The Beavers were eager to climb to the top of the indoor wall, but had to work for their success, as they found rock climbing is a lot harder than it looks.



LAST TERM WE WORKED ON THESE BADGES ...



Gardening Badge



Communicator Badge



Camp Craft Badge



Cycling Badge



Outdoor Challenge Badge



There was a very competitive atmosphere in the air, and after many failed attempts, the Beavers began, one by one, to reach the top of the wall. After mastering the indoor wall, the Beavers tried their hand at the outside wall.

## 'Beaver Bicycle Race, Read All About It!'



The Manor House Sports Ground didn't know what it had coming when the Lake Beavers arrived donning their cycling attire and bicycles for the cyclist badge evening. The Beavers started with some all important bike maintenance information which covered the basics of bike repairs and care. Then the Beavers moved on to some skilful slalom action on the tarmac to show they had full control over their pedal powered vehicles. With a little warmup, it was time for the highly awaited race. All the lodges lined up waiting for the go ahead, and all of a sudden fired in to action, racing towards the half way point before turning a full 180° and peddling as fast as they could to try and be the first to cross the line. With the race complete the evening was over. The Beavers rode off in to the sunset to return the next week in search of treasure!

## X Marks the Spot...

Nestled in the heart of Lees Wood were 5 hidden treasure boxes, and it was up to the Beavers to hunt

them out. Perched in the trees and laying low in the bushes, the Beavers used all their cunning and initiative to hunt out all of the treasure bearing containers. After running around the woods for their loot the Beavers returned to the campsite to the smell of fire, and to their delight Amelia and Lisa had been preparing some sweet treats for the Beavers. The Beavers tucked in to their smores and told stories around the camp fire as the sun began to set in what had been a great evening out in the woods.

## On your marks, get set, GO!



A visit to the infamous cresset run was for many of the Beavers the pinnacle of the term. The charm of the wooden racetrack was irresistible to the daredevils of the group, and within minutes of arriving the track looked like the starting line at Silverstone. The

Beavers raced down in their karts and picked up speed as they hurtled along the way before pulling the brakes and grinding to a halt, some inches from the crash barrier. Whilst waiting for their turn on the cresset run, the Beavers bought some common items found on the forest floor to life.



Alec and Sebastian with their Steel stick men

## A FOND FAREWELL...

... To Oscar, Charlie, Sebastian, Ross, Alec, James & Thomas who are all leaving Lake Beavers to move up to Cubs. We all at Lake Beavers wish you well for the future!





Lagoon Beavers have had an adventure packed Summer Term. Despite the unpredictable weather, with several successful outdoor trips (and some wet ones). We started the term learning about Morse Code as part of our Communicator Badge. We pretended to be spy's and used the secret code to uncover messages. We then used this code to make a special message bracelet, with different coloured beads to represent dots and dashes.



*Roasting Marshmallows at Lees Wood*

Towards the end of Term, we went exploring and walked the nature trail at Lees Wood. When we finished, we had a go at campfire cooking. We cooked hot dogs, and then made smores by roasting marshmallows

and squashing them between chocolate biscuits. The leaders and parents were so impressive with how sensible we were around the fire, even if we did get a little bit excited by the dinner bell!





*Outing to Tolmers*

We finished off the summer with a visit to the Cresta Run at Phasels Wood. Lots of parents stayed and helped us use the toboggan and go shooting down the hill (a few of the parent even had a go too!)

In July, Lagoon Beavers went on an outing with River Beavers and the rest of the North Watford Beavers to Tolmers Scout Camp for the day. Here, the whole county of Hertfordshire Beavers hosted a fun day to celebrate 30 years of beaver scouting (1986 – 2016). There were loads of fun activities, including inflatables and trampolines, nerf gun shooting and many fun crafts. We also played with a giant slingshot, which fired water bombs at the people on the other side... We travelled to wonderland with Alice in a special tent, walking through sand, water and slime with our bare feet. When we stopped for lunch, we enjoyed a musical of Alice in Wonderland, which you can see in the panorama below. At the end of the day, we were visited by Ita, the District Beaver Leader who gave us special badges for our uniforms, to show that we have been involved in the 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Event.



Autumn term will be busy as ever, with lots of exciting adventures planned. We will be working towards our world challenge badge, meeting important members of the community and learning about fair trade and clean water.

A huge thank you to my wonderful Young Leaders; Connor and Joe for all their help. Thank you also to all of the parents who were able to stay and help.

**Hollie Goodman**  
**Lagoon Beaver Leader**

Please give any contributions for the Christmas Market to your Section Leader to pass onto Lin Lythaby. Tombola donations, bottles, unwanted gifts all gratefully received!

# Jungle



## Cubs 100 Camp



The

Cubs 100 Camp was a great camp to celebrate 100 years of Cubs at Tolmers Activity Centre in Cuffley. There were loads of Cubs, around 2800, but luckily the campsite was big enough so it didn't feel squashed!



We camped there from Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of July until Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July and had loads of fun doing all the activities. The activities were split into four zones, Fire, Earth, Water and Air. Some of the activities I had never heard of but once I had tried them they turned out to be really good fun, some of my favourites were Aeroball, canoeing, Gyroscope and loads more exciting activities. Some of the other things that were at the camp were



Bungee  
Trampolines, Water Wars, lots of climbing walls and fairground rides. I went on the Waltzer four times because it is one of my favourite rides and

also because there wasn't a big queue. Each night all of the Cub Packs went to the stage area and we had entertainment before we went to bed. I think everyone went to bed really late and woke up quite early – poor leaders!



On Saturday night we had a fireworks show which was really good. On the last day I was really sad that I had to go and that I didn't get to go on all the things there. It was so much fun and I would love to do it again.

Jessica Newman

# Rainforest

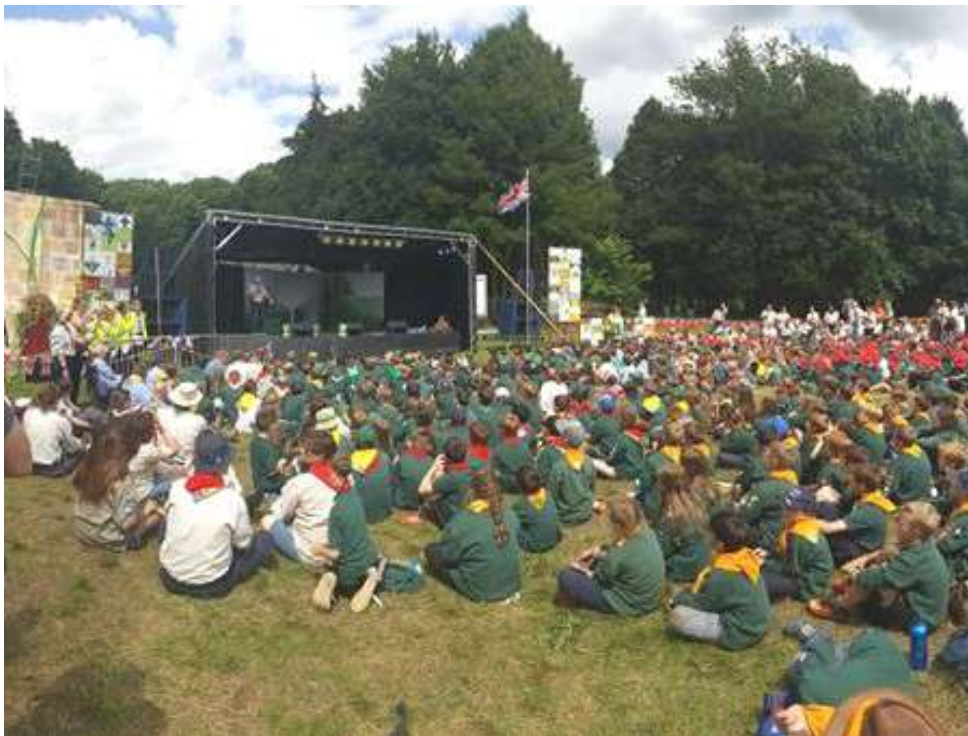


During the Summer term we did loads and loads of different things, most of which were outside of our usual Scout hut. I really liked this term as we were able to go to the woods and do things like pot-holing, building fires for cooking and wall climbing. For pot holing we had to wear head torches and go through tunnels, getting wet and muddy. The tunnels are quite cramped but it is a lot of fun!

We also did work towards our badges. We completed our Athletics badge at Woodside and also our Airplane badge at RAF Hendon, which had started with a paper airplane competition in our hut a few weeks earlier. This museum was really interesting; we saw Spitfires and one of my favourites, the Vulcan bomber. There was a challenge to find all of the different types of airplanes, which meant we had to walk round everywhere – it is a really big museum!



Also, last term we had the Cubs 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday camp at Tolmers. The Mums and Dads had gone along on the Thursday to help put up the tents with our leaders – it had been a bit wet a few days before so they had to be careful where they pitched the tents. We all turned up on the Friday night – I have never seen so many Cubs in one



place!

We were allocated our tents with our friends and then got ready to go to the Opening Ceremony. Everyone had to sing the Bear Necessity song from the Jungle Book – it was really loud. We were given some chicken soup afterwards with hot chocolate before being sent to our tents and beds.

On the Saturday and Sunday, we did lots of activities like bouncy castles, water fights, rifle shooting, crafts, canoeing, water zorbing and fairground rides. Our leaders were great at cooking breakfasts for us all as well as yummy dinners. There was a fantastic laser show on the Saturday evening, which meant we all went to bed really, really late!



We finished on the Sunday lunchtime with a Closing Ceremony before being handed back to our parents

with a collection of wet and dirty clothes! The camp was awesome and I would definitely go again.



James Fewster,  
Rainforest Cubs

# Abbo`s Website

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Copperbeechdesigns

Over the last few years we have been updating our website and improving the way we display things, hopefully for the better. We would like to thank Martin Davies for his years of service maintaining the site which has now moved over to Iain Stanley of Copperbeech Designs.

Iain is an ex-member of the group and, on top of website design, in his free time, is involved in Aylesbury District and Buckinghamshire County in many scouting roles. All programmes and comments for the website should now be directed to Iain at the address below. He will also be discussing a uniform system for email addressees and communications as well as suggestions for improved ways of using the

As we wave a fond farewell to our Treasurer of the past 20 years, Mike Trotman, we welcome in the new one —

## **Peter Serlin**

Peter is a member of the local community, and has kindly offered his services as Group Treasurer. He is 74, divorced with one son and two grandchildren aged 13 and 15. He loves sport and regularly goes to matches at Arsenal, Barnet and Saracens. After retiring from a working life in Accountancy, Personnel Management and Financial Services, Peter is keen to occupy his free time in helping the Local Community by offering the expertise gained during his working life.





## SCOUT TROOP ACHIEVEMENTS

We had busy summer term, particularly at Scout Camp, and a total of 16 Challenge Awards completed. Many congratulations to -

- Aidan Cheng and Tom Williams on completing their World Challenge, Team Leader Challenge and Personal Challenge,
- Luke Bond, James Brewer, Jack Dunstone, Ethan Ford, Joseph Geard, Zachary Hines, Aryaman Madan, Stanley Nunes and Emma Renphrey on achieving their Outdoor Challenge,
- Tom Williams on attaining his Creative Challenge.

**Very well done!**

*Clive*

## Summer Camp

### Beaver Lodge, Parkend, Forest of Dean

As we boarded the bus we all knew the journey had begun! We set off for Beaver Lodge at 11 o'clock and hopefully we would arrive at 2. When we finally reached our destination we were all relieved that we got there safely and keen to investigate the site, as we were filled with excitement. No parents, No school and No washing! The very first job when we arrived was to pitch our tents - a long and gruesome job! After that we lit the campfire and one after another following some late night chatting-we fell asleep.

The next day we all got ready: excited for what the day would hold! My group was issued kayaking and archery. After breakfast we all hopped onto the mini bus to do our first activity of the week. The beautiful waters of the Forest of Dean River Wye took everyone's breath away. We went down rapids and learnt how to handle fast moving waters... amazing time was had by all. The next activity of the day was archery we were all getting bulls eyes- left, right and centre!



# SCOUTS

On Monday we all awoke from a peaceful night dying to start the day! Caving was the first activity on our list. As soon as we arrived we all got kitted out to tackle our task! The caves almost conquered us. However, we all persevered and collaborated as a team. The second activity of the day was survival skills. We all learnt how to whittle and make a fire. Due to not bathing in 3 days we all started to smell, so Clive decided we should go swimming! This was actually quite refreshing- especially as we had forgotten how water felt on our skins!!

Fourth day in camp and today we were all constructing our own bivouacs. My group was made up of James and Alex and myself. We decided to construct our bivouac suspended in the air. This took quite a while to construct and we recruited the help of some Young Leaders to finish the grand design! We finally completed the master piece.....it only took us 6 hours! James slept under the bivouac and Alex and I slept on top.....slightly fearful that the whole thing would collapse onto James. Thankfully James survived the night un-squashed ready to see another day....

On Wednesday, everyone went on a short 5km hike to the swimming pool, our second wash of the week. We all went into Lydney town afterwards but the lack of cheap shops lead most



of us into Tesco or the Co-op, where we stocked on various refreshments. We then all caught a steam train on the Dean Forest Railway back to Parkend and our campsite. We spent the evening making our own foil parcels and cooking on open fires.



The next day, in the morning my group went pony trekking which was fun for everyone. Unfortunately the fact that some had either already gone cycling or were about to go made some of us extremely saddle-sore! We were meant to go rifle shooting, but apparently it helps to have rifles and, as our leaders had never been told this, we spent the afternoon dismantling our bivouacs. We also used our cardboard ovens, which we had made and used earlier in the week, to cook our own dinners. We also were taught more survival skills and camp hygiene, which unfortunately didn't cover how to flush a toilet as they were often left full.

On Friday, my group went cycling which was really fun. Afterwards we had the traditional camp banquet and there were many great speeches, toasts and jokes shared.

We also played the usual camp games and finished off with our final camp fire.



We spent Saturday morning clearing up the camp and taking down tents (and burning unclaimed items e.g. somebody's boxers). We had hotdogs for lunch which was shortly followed by flag down and badges being awarded. We then all got on the mini-buses and left the camp expecting to be chatting and having fun on the way back. Unfortunately, in reality, most of us slept for the whole 3 hour journey; the leaders did their job! Thank you to all the leaders and young leaders who ran the camp, the fun activities we did (or didn't do) would not have been possible without you!

Charlotte Clark  
Patrol Leader  
Eagles

Rudy Farrell  
Asst Patrol Leader  
Otters

# EXPLORERS<sup>♣</sup>

## Summer Term 2016 in Explorers

Summer Term this year has not only been my first term as an Explorer but a great one too. During the Summer term we spend most weeks outside somewhere being active and having an amazing time. From Climbing to Sailing, High ropes to Adventure Golf, every week is a chance to try something new and have fun with friends.

This year my favourite activity was the Aero ball and Cresta run which took place at Phasels Wood. This was a night where we had an hour on each activity, starting with Cresta run which is fundamentally throwing yourself down a hill in little plastic sleds which are on wheels. To help with any parent's nerves, it is down set tracks and you crash into tyres at the end of the run, plus there are brakes on the sleds! But what's the point in brakes when you're racing to the end? We had a great time whizzing down the tracks for an hour as the sun set and then moved on to Aero Ball. This is where you bounce on trampolines which are in sets of four and each is cornered off with mesh, the aim is to throw foam balls into the goals above your opponents head whilst bouncing, which is easier said than done when it's dark! It was still brilliant fun and we enjoyed bouncing on the trampolines even if no points were scored. It was another amazing evening and thanks to Alison and Liam for organising it!

Later on in the term, when it was much warmer weather and it was still light at 9:30 in the evening we spent two of our meetings at Rickmansworth Aquadrome - one sailing and the other raft building. These were both great



and despite the considerable lack of stability of our rafts which resulted in almost everyone being soaked, if not almost swimming by the end of our race, we all had a great time and it meant much less raft disassembling at the end of the evening! I look forward to another term and rest of the year in Explorers and a massive thank you to all of our amazing leaders and everyone who makes our meetings possible!

**Ros Chase, Abbos ESU**

# *Polaris* network<sup>+</sup> *Abbo's Section*

With our Network section relatively new, we are still finding our feet, we have 15 Network members with some starting or returning to university and some remaining at home, so our section is split into two sections, Network and Uni Network. During term time Network members meet up on a Tuesday evening, but during the holiday's members of the Uni Network return home so we all meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, joining in activities with Active Support. We wish all the new university starters all the best in their new venture.

We've had an action packed summer term, participating in activities alongside the Explorers such as: Sailing, Climbing and lots lots more. We even had a kickboxing try out at the HQ with some guests from the 'Watford Kickboxing Club' showing us some basic skills.

If you are aged between 18-25 and have any interest in joining our 'Network' or 'Uni Network' section please get in contact with either Amaelia or Alison.

## Congratulations

### Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Ravi Kotecha  
Dean Millard  
Jamie Tearle  
Connor Hill

### Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award

Dean Millard  
James Cresswell  
Connor Hill  
Nicholas Smith  
Vehaan Bhandari

### Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award

Ravi Kotecha

## An Evening in the Company of William Shakespeare

It was the first Friday in the month (July) so the ALSAS – well, eleven of us, gathered in Abbots Langley for an evening's entertainment. This time it came in the form of an offering by the Abbots Langley Players. 'The Face of Shakespeare' the programme announced. 'The life of the Bard, including the juicy bits.'

Now, no one in his or her right mind could call me a Shakespearean expert. Oh no. My first and happily only stage appearance was in the school's version of Macbeth where I stunned the audience with my somewhat shaky appearance as Banquo's ghost. Shaky, because the wheels of the trolley made the ghostly glide a rather squeaky affair with the odd lurch to complete the effect. ( Since then WD40 has been invented.)

But that's enough with my brush with thespianism. The real entertainment came in the shape of an hour long (often irreverent) look at the life and works of the above mentioned bard. The cast were mostly in the senior age category but none-the-less gave a cracking performance. The age exception was a young lass who acted beautifully as Juliet – of Romeo and Juliet fame. The evening wound up with tea, biscuits and chat. Wonderful.

In the words of Mr. Shakespeare “More, more I beseech thee good fellow and yet more.”

**Peter Marett**



# ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT



It's not all about jumble sales, carnival or running camps in Scout Active Support.

NO - There's a reason we're called the SAS and we like to get out and about - and up high as well!

An intrepid group recently visited the MacGillycuddy Reeks,

County Kerry in Ireland on the August Bank holiday weekend. We were blessed with beautiful weather and views as we climbed Carruntoohil, the highest peak of the national park at 1092m. It's always a great achievement to be up amongst the clouds, and this was quite a technical climb.

## **Would you like to join us for the next adventure?**

Parents, Leaders, Young Leaders, and Network - basically anyone over 18!

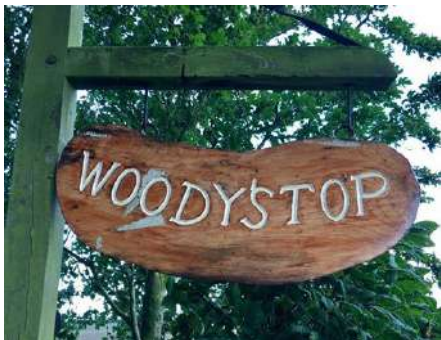
## **Is there a hill you'd like to climb?**

Where should we go next in 2017. Possibly Snowdonia? Into climbing or kayaking, or want to just get out there?

If you are interested and want to be in the planning loop, please email Pauline at [1st.abbos@gmail.com](mailto:1st.abbos@gmail.com)



## ABBOTS LANGLEY SCOUT ACTIVE SUPPORT



The annual Active Support weekend was held on 1st/2nd October at Woody's Top YHA in the Lincolnshire Wolds.

There was walking and plenty of talking, some good food and refreshment along the way. Some went to Lincoln Cathedral, some for coffee and cake, others continued walking, whilst others ventured to the sea, and to see the seal centre.

Brilliantly co-ordinated by Tony and Pauline as usual, who also did all the food shopping and menus. Thanks to Rachel for booking—where to next year?

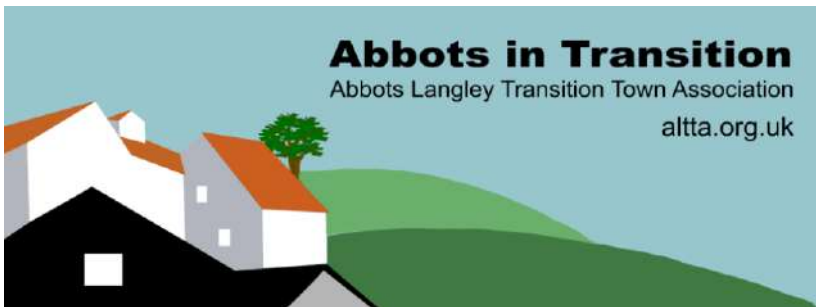


Sunday breakfast in full swing.

Thanks to Tracy Reeve and Sue Jarman for the photos.

The theme of the Flower Festival held in the church was the Commonwealth. Lin Lythaby, Val Rogan Nikki and Holli Goodman all helped to display the Scout Groups contribution in two windows representing Australia and Singapore.





**The next AppleFest is to be held on**

**Sunday 16 October 2016**

**School Mead WD5 OLA**

**11.00am to 3.30pm**

**<http://altta.org.uk/applefest/>**

A fun family day out showcasing local food and the opportunity to learn more about apples and take home a fruit tree. You can order yours for £20 by emailing [farmshop@sunnysideruraltrust.org.uk](mailto:farmshop@sunnysideruraltrust.org.uk).

Please come and support our Scout stall where we will be providing hot beef or vegetarian chilli and nachos!

Also available:

- A Falconry display
- Bike rides to and from the event, further details from Watford Cycle Hub and “Doctor bike” for minor repairs and assault course on the day
- Petting zoo
- Drumming sessions
- Children Centre making Apple Crumble
- Live music
- Food and craft stalls

# Group Camp 2017

1<sup>st</sup> Abbots Langley  
Scout Group



## Group Family Camp

Phasels Wood

Friday 30th June

to Sunday 2nd July 2017

**Save the date now !**

Activities will include abseiling, shooting, archery, crate stacking, wide game, campfire, games, and much more

It's a weekend you don't want to miss!

[1st.abbos@gmail.com](mailto:1st.abbos@gmail.com)

# DIARY DATES

## October

12 & 15	Double Jumble Sale	All
16	Applefest—11 –3.30 School Mead	All
18	Quiz — 2.00pm	Ladies Guild

## November

4	Fireworks and Film Night—HQ	Active Support
5	Assault course building—Lees Wood	Active Support
13	Remembrance Day Parade 10.30	All
19	Green Beret—Lees Wood	Scouts/AS
21	Executive Meeting — 8.15pm—HQ	Exec Committee
22	Meeting— 2.00pm	Ladies Guild
26	10 am Xmas Market	Ladies Guild/All

## December

3	Christmas Meal	Active Support
4	Making Christingle Candles - 3 pm HQ	All welcome
5	Christingle - 7pm St Lawrence Church	All
13	Christmas Party — 2.00pm	Ladies Guild
16	District Cub Promise Lees Wood	Cubs
26	10.15 Love Lane - Boxing Day Walk	All welcome

## Jan

6	Race Night	Active Support
16	Executive Meeting — 8.15pm—HQ	Exec Committee

## Feb

3	AGM - cheese and wine	Active Support
21	Meeting— 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild

## March

3	Beer Festival - Cricket Club	Active Support
20	Executive Meeting — 8.15pm—HQ	Exec Committee
20	Meeting— 2.00 pm	Ladies Guild

## 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 7.30 - 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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