

1st Stanstead Abbotts & St Margaret's Scout Group



STANSTEAD ABBOTTS

As the Summer term started, 96 beavers, cubs and scouts from the Group joined the 1000 strong St George's Day Parade through Ware, complete with marching band.

During the ceremony at Ware Priory it was announced that our Scout Group had won the 'Peter Geer Trophy' from the District; our members having participated the most in various District run events during the last year. A huge achievement and a great reflection on just how much all the beavers, cubs and scouts had joined in so many District events over the year.



The day before the Parade our Panther Pack Cubs made a trip to the Royal Gunpowder Mills enjoying the many exhibits, mad science shows and even having a go on their shooting range with bows and arrows and 'nerf' guns. The air raid shelters, in particular, made a big impact.

Having spent a great weekend in some local woods learning all sorts of camping, fire-lighting, backwoods cooking and bush craft skills, the Scouts were next spotted up at St James' Church, clearing up the graveyard as part of their Community Challenge Award. Helping and volunteering to weed, dig and clear up paths and graves, the 22 scouts, 10 parents, 5 leaders, the Group Treasurer and her dog – Alfie – not only had a great time all working together but helped maintain this local beautiful 12th century parish church in Stansteadbury.



Our Jaguar Cubs have been enjoying learning some tracking, navigating and fire-lighting skills at HQ which, of course, always has to end with cooking something sweet and sticky - like Bananas with chocolate! Our Forest Beavers meanwhile went on a 'Village Quest' ending up with 2 new beavers being invested at the top of the village playground climbing frame.

All 130+ members of the Scout Group will be out and about enjoying some indoor and outdoor activities in the next few weeks, so please see our **Website** or **Facebook** page for all our news and how to join in all the fun and adventure! www.stansteadabbottsscouts.org.uk