

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stanstead Abbotts & St Margaret's Scout Group



**STANSTEAD ABBOTTS**

Everyone in the Scout Group are delighted that our Jaguar Cub Pack has found 2 new adult volunteers to join their Leader Team. Scott and Sarah have now been officially invested with Scott taking on the team leader



role of 'Akela' and so securing the future of the Pack. With more and more children wanting to join the Scout Group at every age group between 6 and 14, it is fantastic news that we can continue to offer Scouting to the children in our local community – with 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and the Scout Troop.



In October many of the Group saw Chief Scout Bear Grylls helicopter into Hertfordshire to join in this year's celebrations that there now over 16, 648 people in the County actively enjoying Scouting every week! Even the rain didn't stop the excitement of the 3,500 strong crowd during the activity day at Phasel's Wood.



Back at HQ the Beavers have been working towards their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards, having lots of fun and interesting evenings as they complete all the Challenges. They cooked Rocky Road Cakes, had an Experiment Night, a 'Doing your best week', made 'Guys' a Fairtrade evening and even composed some Prayers. By the end of the Knot Tying Night the Leaders were delighted to announce that everyone had learnt to 'tie their own shoelaces'! Hopefully a really useful life skill they will never forget.

Our Scout Troop have had some great evenings back at HQ, including a 'Senses Evening', a 'Knotty' Evening, a 'Show & Tell Hobbies Night' and then a trip to Aquasplash and a sleepover at the Secret Nuclear Bunker!

The Cubs have been working on their Teamwork and pioneering skills with a with challenges such as making spaghetti and marshmallows towers, miniature lollipop rafts that float and of course some seasonal Pumpkin carving.

Over 130 children and adults from the Scout Group were on Parade at St Andrew's Church on Remembrance Sunday to take part in this very important annual community event. Smartly dressed in their uniforms and led by Flag bearers, everyone was very complimentary about our presence at the service the children's behaviour.

