



‘A Great Team’

So said the County Commissioner, David Bramston, at the Annual General Meeting of Warwickshire Scout Council, held on 24th September and hosted in the grand surroundings of the Court House in Warwick.

Over 100 Scouters, young people and supporters gathered to hear the success of the preceding year.

Sid Russell, County Chairman, opened proceedings by thanking those who had supported him in his first six months in office and complementing the County on the wide range of events it had overseen and particularly the participation of young people in their management.

This theme continues in the County Commissioner's report when he invited Andy Shorter to the stand to talk about his role as young person's representative on the County Executive and the National Youth Forum. Andy spoke of the importance of understanding not just the generations of yesterday or even today but tomorrow, to ensure that Scouting remains relevant in the future.

After he premiered *Scouting 101 The Movie*, David invited more young people to join him. Explorer Scouts Cat, Jess and Michael from Units in Stratford and Leamington spoke about how they had benefited from Scouting.

They all agreed that their time in Scouting had given them personal confidence to meet new people and try new things and well as having fun and creating new friendships.

David concluded his report by reminding the meeting that the County's sole aim is to provide support and that team work is paramount to making this happen. He was extremely pleased at the level of team work demonstrated across Districts and County again this year, not least in last weekend's MOTIV8 camp for the Explorers. After the elections were passed Ross Maloney, Head of Activities and International Affairs at HQ gave a presentation. His theme was "Making things a little easier". Ross focused on the actions HQ, staff and volunteers are taking to ensure Scouting continues to be relevant to young people and to aid adults in delivering exciting quality programmes. His themes include:

- Youth involvement.
- The Movement in focused.
- Developing a sound Movement.
- Keeping things relevant &
- The diversity agenda.

The evening concluded with a presentation from five members of 1st/12th Leamington Scout Troop, Sophie, Aimee, Tristen, Daniel and Alex who showed and explained images from their expedition to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland this summer. This expedition had been supported by a grant from the County International Fund.

Hugh Disley from WCC Division for Young People commended Warwickshire Scouting on its work and thanked all adults across the County on behalf of both the Council and WCVYS. This was echoed by Anne Mellor, Mayor of Warwick as the meeting closed.

COUNTY OUTLOOK

We have not had great summer weather but despite this some fantastic activities have taken place...As we start a new term we have again had a bit of a shuffle around with the County staff. Kevin Perks has taken over the post of Programme Manager working with the ACC's Helen Heenan is concentrating on promoting the Queen Scout Award and Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and her efforts are already bearing fruit with more and more of our young people working on the scheme.

Pete Johnson is taking on the Network Commissioner's job. Andy Walker is being put forward at the AGM for the post of County Secretary and he has already recruited two new members to his team to help him.

Motive8 will have taken place by the time you read this and I am looking forward to seeing a large number of Explorers camping, playing in bands and enjoying the activities on offer.

Five of our District Commissioners are finishing off their induction process being run by the Scout Association's new Field Development Service, this process is proving to be a great asset to them and, in the long run, the Districts.

One last positive note is that our web site is getting more and more unique hits every month from people wanting to know what Scouting is about in Warwickshire, what a great resource! Log in yourselves **www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk** to find up to date information.

'Look Out' for the County road shows coming to a place near you in 2009. Thank you for all you are doing, we really are making a difference for our young people.

Dave Bramston County Commissioner.

CHAIRMANS CORNER

My first introduction to Scouting was as group chairman at 2nd Warwick Sea Scouts. I then went on to sit at District level as a parent representative then on to my present position as County Chairman.

It seems strange that all of these positions evolved from a question posed at a group AGM where I was asked to stand as Chair', basically because no one else had stepped forward.

Since taking on these various roles I have noticed a common thread running through the groups I have been involved with, or have visited, this is that the people involved at whatever level all, at some time, had been asked the same question, effectively, are you prepared to help! Luckily, most of them said yes. The commitment shown by the leader teams & helpers is astounding. Recently, Warwick Castle & Scouting101, two totally different types of events with different aims have shown how working together can achieve results for Scouting both in areas of development & recruiting. Even though we are only just starting to examine what we can do in 2008/9 the prospects are exciting with road shows and ideas for other events already being put forward for discussion.

All of the events mentioned and the events planned for the future all rely upon people becoming involved and playing a part, the only way this can happen is if people are asked the question, are you prepared to help? So let's ask the question more often and continue to grow and develop as a County. Thanks for all your enthusiasm and help

Sid Russell (County Chairman)

VACANCY - WISPA Editor

Do you fancy a change?

Do you know someone looking to support Scouting?

We are looking for a new editor for WISPA

WISPA is produced up to 5 times per year and we are looking for someone to look after its production.

The job involves the following:

- **Call for regular and seek adhoc contributions**
- **Edit and occasionally write copy, as appropriate**
- **Compile newsletter to set timescales (laptop available)**
- **Participate in communication team planning meeting**
- **In addition the person will need to liaise with the proof reader and printer**

The job requires some experience in using Word and Publisher software, however training is available Ability to write short articles and to work as part of a team would also be great.

For a no commitment chat and to find out more about the role please call Kerrie on 01926 428897, 07931 739076 to email mccannfamily22@talk.net

COUNTY CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Someone remarked to me the other day that when September comes and the children go back to school, it seems much more like new year than January does.

I well know what that person means, so much seems to close up during the long school summer holidays, our regular routine takes a back seat for a few weeks, many of us go on holiday and see different places and experience new things.

Then September comes and there is very much this sense of a new beginning. Hopefully, we set about our regular routine with new enthusiasm and new energy, ready to make the most of all those opportunities which lie ahead of us.

As I write, it is raining yet again, there's a general air of gloom around after the poor summer weather, but we should shake off any gloom and set out in confidence, confident that in the months to come we will all find some way of brightening up the world around us, and we can do this so easily, by tackling everything we do with enthusiasm and with a smile, and we suddenly realize how infectious such an approach is.

As our Scouting gets underway again at the beginning of this new school year, let's commit ourselves to making it an even better one than last year. And who knows? By January the rain may have stopped!

Rev. Paul Wilkinson (County Chaplain)

NKA 2008

10th to 12th October 2008

Broadwater Campsite & Activity Centre
Reports and photos gratefully received for publishing in the next issue of WISPA Let our young members see how Leaders camp!

WARWICKSHIRE HAS TALENT!

We know that the Scouts and Guides around Warwickshire are a talented lot!... There is now an opportunity for them to show their skills.

Do you have a budding rock band in your Group, or maybe a comedian, a talented musician, a juggler, do you do synchronised knot tying, or have a young magician, or..... If so we are looking for you.

The performers should be under 25, could be by themselves or in a group, could cross the sections, the only criteria is that they are active members of the Scout or Guide movement.

We will be holding auditions on Sunday 30th November at venue in the County. See the WAGS pages on www.warwickshirescouts.org.uk for more details of time and location.

Please put the enclosed poster up in your HQ and spread the word... we may all be amazed by the talent that we discover!

The prize will be performing to a nightly audience of about 700 people in Warwickshire Gang Show (WAGS), 2nd to 7th March at the Royal Spa Centre. We may choose just one act, or maybe a different one for each performance. It depends what we get! We look forward to being swamped by budding stars!

Nigel Hailey (WAGS Producer)

SPECIAL NEEDS

Hi! I'm Ann and I'm a Special Needs Teacher and Beaver Scout Leader... and, also now County Special Needs Adviser. I think I said, in a moment of madness, to Jo-ann Bramston, "So what does SNA involve?" I have these moments, that's why I'm at a Special School!

As I said, I work at a Special School and have experience in most needs, including educational, emotional, behavioural, hearing, ADHD, serious allergies and serious asthma, autism, etc.

Here to help and I'll do my best.

We've actually divorced the Child Protection aspect from Special Needs and Jo-ann is still protecting children.

By the way, have you seen the article on Watch your Language in Scouting Plus about children with speech and language difficulties? And Tell us your views, about the Deaf Friendly resources, in Issue 120? They're very good.

Fun and Friends

Ann Howe (County Special Needs Adviser)

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

11th November 2008

COUNTY SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

This last couple of months has been a little bit quieter, we don't normally meet in August, but this year we decided to have a working evening when we emptied all of the storage boxes in the museum, sorted them, and then put it all back again! Gordon wishes to thank all of the members who gave up their holiday around the world to help???. Well perhaps that is exaggerating a little bit, but it was a job well done.

We also had an evening of outdoor and indoor games, mini-croquet outdoors and oversize dominoes inside.

Every year in September we are guests of David and Linda for a Sunday BBQ, this year was the first time since 2005 that we have been able to hold it outside because of the weather. A good job really as 13 of us turned up for a very pleasant afternoon. Many thanks to both of you from all of us.

By the time you read this issue you will have seen some of our members helping out at the County Beaver Day held at the Rugby Coton campsite, more about this next time.

In the very near future we will be starting on our next

projects, tidying up and rebuilding the chapel area and sorting out the Gnome Tree at Broadwater. Whoever said that Fellowships are just the 'Tea & Biscuit Brigade' certainly not the County Fellowship.

Geoff Russell (Warwickshire County Scout Fellowship)

WINDSOR 2009

St George's Day Parade

Next years St. George's Day Parade will take place in April (date to be confirmed)

If you hold or just finishing your Queen's Scout Award you are eligible to take part at Windsor, the ways in which a Queen's Scout can be involved is by taking part in the Colour Party, Reader or as a Section Leader. If you are interested log on to the Scouts webpage www.scouts.org.uk/windsor

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING

Camps Abroad

If you have just returned from a camp overseas, I hope that everyone had a fantastic time. This year, a record 205 Warwickshire members participated in International Scouting events overseas. Camps were held in France, Belgium, Poland, Ireland and Switzerland. Four separate groups visited the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, and a party from Stratford District attended the Scouting Ireland Jamboree in County Kildare.

Roverway 2009 - Iceland

Five hundred miles north of Scotland, lie the glacial fjords and mountainous tundra of Iceland; Europe's geothermal paradise. Next summer be there and join thousands of others at Roverway 2009. Roverway is a European Scouting and Guiding event for Scouts and Guides aged between 16 and 22. It will be the largest overseas event of the year and promises an extraordinary blend of the outlandish and modern.

If you would like to find out more, visit the Roverway website. <http://www.skatar.is/roverway2009/> If you are interested in taking part, please let me know.

International Opportunities

Now is the time to start planning for 2009, and why not choose an international camp in the UK or overseas.

The HQ - produced list of international camps can be found from the 'International' activity page on the County website. In the UK, Jamborees are being held in North Yorkshire, Glasgow, Windsor and Kent. Camps overseas are being held in Denmark, Norway, Russia, Belgium, Serbia, Uganda, Mexico and the Philippines. We really are spoilt for choice in 2009. If you require information or advice on organising an international trip then please contact me.

Graham Martin (ACC International)

A BIG THANK YOU

It is ten years since Wendy Buckley took on the mantle of producing WISPA and what a great job she has done! Right from the start she reminded, chased and cajoled various contributors to ensure that every issue has been produced on time and that a good variety of stories, photographs and issues are received.

Putting together WISPA has involved not only seeking out contributions from County and Districts but also finding those issues and stories nationally that are of interest to us all. Not only that but she has had to contend with those of us for whom spelling and grammar has never been a strength.

We asked Wendy what some of her favourite stories have been over the years, she said " Every issue of WISPA has been special, but the Chief Scouts visit to Warwickshire and the last Amikaro were unforgettable"

Wendy has now decided to hang up her keyboard and so we extend a very big and sincere 'thank you' to her for ten years of dedication and hard work.

COUNTY PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISER

We thought the year 2007 was a busy one with the World Scouting Centenary and all that came with it, but this year has proved equally as hectic.

Since my last report in WISPA, in the North of the County alone there as been two groups celebrating their 100 years in existence, 1st (Attleborough) Nuneaton and the 1st Atherstone Groups.

The Nuneaton Group celebrated with an open day at their HQ when several old members turned up, one came all the way from the Isle of Skye. They decided that they would join their friends in the Isle of Man for their annual group camp. To make sure they got lots of publicity of the event they invited my wife and I to join them on the Isle. How could I refuse as they also found us a very pleasant B&B nearby. We were only there for the last weekend of their camp, but we joined one party on a rail trip to the top of Snaefell, and it happened to be a glorious day, unlike the party who went up the day before - it was very misty. On the way down we called and viewed the huge Laxey Water Wheel, very impressive. Thank you Attleborough, we thoroughly enjoyed our holiday and break from Scouting. (?)

On the 20th September the 1st Atherstone also held an open day, but I will have to report on that in

the next WISPA. Another enjoyable day was the Broadwater Cub weekend which I was asked to cover. Little did I know that I would be 'conned' into going inside the Lazerquest tunnel to take photos in the complete darkness.

Countywise the big event of the year that I attended was Scouting 101 at Ragley Hall, I never did get round all of the events, but still managed to take almost 100 photographs! It was also very good to see so many of the County Mayor's turn up, they all remarked very favourably on the day.

The one downside of the year, I think, was the passing of the Earl of Aylesford. I, together with my wife and several of our County Fellowship colleagues were very honoured to be invited to the Memorial Service at Packington.

What does the future hold? Well by the time you read this I will have been to the Beaver Day at Coton and all being well, the Frank Latchem Trophy at Kineton.

Geoff Russell (County Public Relations Adviser)

WARWICKSHIRE GANG SHOW

By the time you read this, rehearsals will have started for next years WAGS. It may not be too late for Scouts, Explorers Scouts or Network Scouts to join the Gang but they will need to contact asap!

Auditions and first rehearsal for Cub Scouts will be on Sunday 2nd November, 2-3p.m. at Dale Street Methodist Church, Leamington Spa. They will then start full rehearsals the following week. Details can be found on the WAGS pages of the County website. Tickets for WAGS are also now on sale, the show is from 2nd to 7th March 2009 at the Royal Spa Centre, Leamington Spa. The best seats sell out fast so make sure that you get your bookings in early. Prices and booking form can be found on the County website, details from Pauline on 01564 776489 or by e-mailing jpbroadbridge@tiscali.co.uk.

Nigel Hailey (WAGS Producer)

HOW FAR DOES WISPA TRAVEL?

In August I received a letter from France, nothing unusual in that! But I do not know anyone living in France. On opening the letter I could not read it! Written in French, but I did know who my letter was from Mr A Morley President of the French Scout HQ. My first thought was, can Kerrie speak French the answer came back, no sorry try Dave he goes to France. The outcome of my letter was that the French Scouts were sending congratulations to all Warwickshire Scouts on the Jamboree issues of WISPA. I knew that WISPA travelled to the far reaching places of the UK but with the wide web did not consider that Scouts from all over the World are now downloading WISPA.

Mr Morley also sent a copy of their news sheet which gave a report of their Centenary edition also the story of the wartime French spy who was also a Scout Michel Hollard. Michel's life story started in 1898 born of a middle-class French Protestant family, he fought in WWI at the age of 17. In WWII Michel set up his own spy network 'The Agir Network' it consisted of amateurs in strategic locations across France, especially railway workers. Michel himself who arguably changed the course of WWII in 1943, when he uncovered preparations to built more than 100 V-1 rocket launchers in Northern France, all aimed at London. The on slaughter was averted thanks to rough sketches obtained by Michel from an agent he had recruited, he smuggled the sketches to the British embassy in Berne. If the British warplanes had not been able to find and destroy the launch pads, up to 300 flying bombs a day would have rained down on London and South England.

Michel died in 1993 but was awarded both the French Legion d'Honneur and British Distinguished Service Order Medal, his name appears on a TGV Eurostar train. A book 'The man who saved London' was published in 1960. I am putting it on my Christmas list!

Wendy (WISPA Editor)

'WISPA'
NEEDS
SPONSORSHIP
Phone Kerrie McCann
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CONTINGENT LEADERS SEARCH

13th World Scout Moot, Kenya 2010
22nd World Scout Jamboree, Sweden 2011

You will be aware that there are two major world Scouting events due to take place in the next three years.

The 13th World Scout Moot will take place in Kenya during July/August 2010 and the 22nd World Scout Jamboree will take place in Sweden during July/August 2011.

As in previous years, the UK will participate in both events, sending a contingent of young people and adults to each. Planning and preparations will begin for our participation in both events in the coming months. The first stage is to appoint two Contingent Leaders to lead each of the contingents.

The process to recruit the two Contingent Leaders will start immediately. All applications received will be considered by the search group and short-listed candidates will be invited to attend a selection meeting on Saturday 1st November at Gilwell park. The search group has been formed and is composed of:

- **Nigel Hailey - International Commissioner;**
- **Callum Kaye - District Explorer Scout Commissioner, International Service Team member at the 21st World Scout Jamboree, participant at the 12th World Scout Moot; and**
- **Kirsten Rawson - Explorer Scout Leader, Unit Leader at the 21st World Scout Jamboree.**

The search group will be supported by:

- **Ross Maloney - Head of Activities and International Affairs.**

The search group is looking to cast its net as widely as possible in seeking applications for these appointments.

I would, therefore, like to ask you to help, by sharing this information with those who you think may be suited to these roles.

The closing date for receipt of application forms is Friday 24th October 2008.

Full details of the roles and application forms can be found at www.scouts.org.uk/ukcontingents

Nigel Hailey International Commissioner

MOTIV8

The weather made this weekend fantastic.
Battle of the bands was kicking.
A thoroughly well organised weekend.
Wish there was more events like this.
Without the Leaders this weekend would
not have taken place. Thanks a million to
ALL involved.

When is the next MOTIV8?

ANDY LOOKS COOL IN PINK!

LASER QUEST
CRAZY GOLF

RAFTING
ZORBING
ARCHERY
CRATE

CLIMBING
KAYAKING
KNEE BOARDING

AND MORE!!

All adds up to a great
MOTIV8
Thank you to all

MOTIV8

After a Saturday evening of music and socialising, Sunday saw a Scouts Own ceremony including a Queen's Scout presentation to William McGhee from Rugby.

MOTIV8 was created to acknowledge the support the section had given during 2007 and at Scouting101 when Explorers featured strongly in the various events as well as acting as young spokespeople or provided young leadership support. Well done Explorers

MOTIV8

We had a good time doing the activities and the disco was really fun. Laser quest was awesome.
The challenges on the last day were random but fun, although Luke got wet after they pushed him in the lake!!
*A good range of activities for all to take part in. Luckily we did not loose a grass sledge into the pond!!!!
(not like Wood End).*

Thanks to Warwick Explorers and Kerrie McCann for the words printed regarding MOTIV8.

MODERN DAY CAMPING!!

Explorers Leaders went camping at Scouting 101, above is the only picture printed which shows the way they all kept out of the cold! We all know that the Explorers are a new section within Scouting, but would the old Venture Unit Leaders have camped this way!

Queen's Scout Award

WILLIAM MCGHEE

OSB Unit, Rugby District

William received his Queen's Scout Award at MOTIV8.

Wood Beads

CLIVE DUNN

District Commissioner

Rugby District

Clive received his Wood Beads at Warwickshire County AGM.

GOLD DUKE of EDINBURGH'S AWARD

JOE SCURRAH

Asst. Scout Leader 2nd Warwick
Warwick District

WARWICKSHIRE SCOUT COUNCIL

Send congratulations to all
Award holders

Out and About in the Summertime

KANDERSTEG 2008

Wow! I couldn't believe my ears, we were going to Kandersteg again. One year and many fundraising events later, I was standing at Birmingham airport wearing my 1st/12th Leamington knecker with pride. Around me stood 15 Scouts and 12 Leaders, all eager, as for many of them it was their first camp abroad.

We arrived in Zurich on Saturday afternoon and then took one of the most spectacular coach journeys in our ascent to Kandersteg. On arrival at the centre our tents were already set up by three of our leaders, who had set off by road two days earlier.

On Sunday, we did our international service project which involved helping with jobs around the centre, followed by activities towards our Eco badge in the evening.

Monday, we took a chairlift to a summer sledge run near Oeschinensee. This was a great laugh although some of the Scouts became quite competitive! We then walked up to the alpine lake, and whilst there we swam in its ice cold waters to help gain our High Adventure Award.

The next couple of days involved sailing and dragon boating on Lake Thun and a hike up to Gemmipass,

a whole 7,700 ft high! In the evenings there was an international BBQ, which saw approximately 300 Scouts all coming together and presenting a history of their Troops.

Thursday and Friday saw a day at the centre doing zip wire and crate stacking, and the best of all a trip to the highest railway station in Europe at Jungfrau-joch (11,782ft). This gave us awesome views of the glacier and the snow capped Jungfrau, Mönch and Eiger.

The final evening included a poolside BBQ and international disco which took place in Kandersteg village. However, the best night was left until last when nearly 1,000 Scouts came together at the international campfire.

Our Troop performed the Penguin song, it was a great success!

Sadly, we had to return home on the Saturday after one of the best camps ever.

Sophie,

(Senior Patrol Leader 1st/12th Leamington Trinity)

Thank you, Sophie for sending in this report.

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CUB LETTERS FROM SCOUTING 101

It was good because will had an arena
Runway which was run by naill/Darren (100)
Dave/Barry and Clive!

by

Matthew
1st Blington

Age 10

It was brilliant and went on the superman
and we had great fun on the ED
mazes. Matthew

1st Blington

Dylan age 10 - 1st Blington (Cub Scout 2016)
good: I think enjoying the good especially
the bouncy castle.
bad: cleaning Hall was bit of trash.
Very good The playground was very good + I met
my head teacher on the playground.

A big thank you to all the Cubs who sent letters and drawing to WISPA, regarding Scouting 101 they are great! Thank you all Wendy (Editor)

★ Ragley Hall ★

Ragley Hall was the best cubs day that I have had at cubs I was fun and exciting. I really liked the art and craft centre, I also enjoyed the go-karts and the bouncy castle. In Art and craft centre I made a hammer head and a woggle.

by Jonathan
7th Warwick
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P.S. It was very windy.



Georgia 7th Warwick cubs
Ragley hall

Ragley hall was the best day of my life. It was lovely to go and do stuff like craft and all the other bits and bobs and the best thing was going on the go karts and doing craft. I really enjoyed that day.

P.S. I want to come again.




Around the sections

BEAVERS

Reflections from Kenilworth Beavers

I asked the four Beavers who will be leaving our Colony this term to reflect on their time in Beavers and to tell me what Beavers and Scouts means to them, as they are preparing to take the big step up to Cubs. It was immediately apparent after speaking to them that they enjoyed Beavers but were really looking forward to the new experiences and challenges of Cubs. Some of them were even counting down the days! Max said "I really want to begin Cubs and see my friends who moved up last term". Luke was a little more apprehensive, "Akela's really strict and she shouts". Edward said "I like Beavers because we can run about, make a mess and get excited without being shouted at, unlike school". Connor liked having different friends at Beavers than at school and also loved the trips he went on. All the Beavers enjoyed visits to Rough Close, the Centenary Camp and also the local fire station. Max said "Beavers is great, it is something fun to look forward to on Mondays because going back to school is rubbish". They also said they were interested in learning about other countries, and liked the way that in Beavers we made crafts from different cultures. I'd like to thank the Beavers for their comments and wish them a great start in Cubs.

Steve Ellis (ABSL 1st Kenilworth Maple Beavers) with help from Connor, Max, Luke and Edward.

CUB SCOUTS

I trust that you have all had a good break and that you have returned to your packs full of enthusiasm for the programmes organized for the next few weeks.

Over the past weeks I have been fortunate enough to visit a number of Cub Camps and I am impressed by the dedication of the people who give up their time to make these events so enjoyable. Please accept my sincere thanks for the work you do.

Judging by the comments I have received all the cubs who attended Scouting101 considered it was a great success.

Frank Latchum Trophy which was held on Saturday 27th September at Kineton High School. Almost every District took part and there were some very interesting bases. More in the next WISPA.

The County Cub Competitions have been decided for the next 12 months more details in the next issue of WISPA.

Tony Frearson (ADC Cubs)

SCOUTS

ADC Scout Meeting will be held on 15th October at Mancetter Scout HQ, Mill Lane, Mancetter, time 20.00 This will be about Bear Trek and 2009 events

An Aztec Adventure for Warton Beavers

On 11th June 11 Warton Beavers embarked on a sleepover at Broadwater. For many this was the first time away from their parents.

The boys soon settled down and, with help and guidance from Gail and Mike Clarke, they were soon embroiled in activities that took their mind off home.

In the afternoon we travelled to Cadbury's World and the boys became ever more excited with the prospect of seeing how chocolate was made and, more importantly what it tasted like. Time in the shop was used wisely with the boys buying gifts for their brothers, sisters and parents. It was good to see they didn't only think of themselves.

Back at camp the boys only had a short while to get cleaned up, and have their tea, before they congregated around the campfire with other groups who were there.

Various people took it in turn to perform, including some of Warton Beavers, who were brave enough to get up and sing.

Undaunted the boys were still not tired and continued to attack the assault course, have rides on the karts and run around kicking a football.

Supper time arrived when the boys enjoyed a chocolate fountain and a quiz to settle them down.

Night time came and with various noises coming

from bedrooms, the last boy finally went to sleep at around 2.00a.m.

No rest though, John woke everyone at 7.00a.m. so that breakfast could be had and rooms tidied, before parents picked them up.

Warton Beavers would like to thank Ellie (Explorer from Polesworth) and Mike and Gail Clarke (ADC Beavers) for their help in making it a wonderful experience for everyone.

John and Sandra Gunn (Beaver Leaders Warton)