

# Wargrave Woggle

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## **Forthcoming events – Note!!**

<i>17<sup>th</sup> October</i>	<i>Family Activity Day</i>
<i>7<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Annual Village Fireworks</i>
<i>8<sup>th</sup> November</i>	<i>Remembrance Parade</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> December</i>	<i>Scout Group Winter Show</i>
<i>December</i>	<i>Scout Christmas Post</i>

### **Family Activity Day - Saturday 17th October 2015 (11:30am until 7:30pm)**

All Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their families are invited to our Family Activity Day at Milestone Wood Activity Centre, Emmer Green, Reading.

The Leaders are busy organising activities based around traditional Scouting pursuits suitable for all which are likely to include: a short hike (suitable for all, including those being pushed in strollers) and craft activities. We may also be able to offer crate stacking and a small climbing wall too. We are working on those arrangements now. We also plan to join JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) which takes place every year and involves over 1.1 Million young people worldwide exchanging greetings using shortwave radios. After the hike we will have Afternoon Tea/Coffee/Squash and cake. The afternoon will finish with a Camp Fire and BBQ. We will be wrapping up by 7:30pm latest.

Please see Nige's email with the form to complete if you would like to join us and send it to Nige at [npboard@hurstdata.com](mailto:npboard@hurstdata.com) by 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct (this coming Friday).

### **Annual Village Fireworks –Saturday 7th November**



As is customary, the Scout Group will be organising the Annual Village Fireworks again this year. We need each family within Wargrave Scouting (beavers, cubs, scouts) to help in some way. There are many ways in which you can help us “pull off” this event, ranging from building the bonfire, helping man the BBQ and food tent and clearing up after the event.

In addition to this being a major community event (the bonfire and firework display), it is the Group's most important fundraiser too. All the profits (usually in the region of £600-800) from the refreshment tent go into our Group funds. Unlike many local scout groups, we do not have to run regular jumble sales, car washing and other smaller fundraising events. This is really our big event which

is why we need as much help as possible from all of you. Please watch out for a request for your help coming out shortly.

## Recent Events

### Wargrave Parade and Fete

1st Wargrave Scout Group made a superb entry to this year's parade as Mad Hatters. Richard, one of our cub leaders performed much magic as he travelled through the village, with many Cubs and Beavers following behind. Unfortunately we didn't manage to retain the cup this year, but maybe next time.....



**A Big Thank You** to everyone who helped out by baking cakes or serving in the tea tent during the afternoon. The cubs were fantastic waiters and washer uppers!! We made a fabulous profit of £486 which all goes into our Scout funds.

In addition, the Scouts also sold fruit (donated from Sheeplands Farm) and Nerf guns to raise money towards their Finland Camp trip next summer.

### International Jamboree (Summer 2015)

This Summer saw 36,000 Scouts and their leaders taking part in the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Kirara Hama, Yamaguchi Prefecture in Japan.

One of those participants was our very own Scout leader, Nige Board, who was Unit leader for the Kinryu Jamboree Unit. Each unit has 40 members and Kinryu included 27 Scouts from Berkshire and 9 from British Scouting Overseas including members from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands. Nige underwent a selection interview and camp in the summer of 2013 and assisted in running a selection camp for over 170 young people in November 2013, from which his 27 unit members from Berkshire were picked. Since the period he has been involved in organising training events, camps, fundraising, attending County events and National events all associated with the Jamboree.



The trip included 3 nights in Tokyo, then bullet train transfer to Yamaguchi for 11 nights at Jamboree. As if that was not enough there was then 2 nights of home hospitality with a family in Komatsu, Ishigawa Prefecture.

Asked what the highlights were Nige said it was almost impossible to choose, but surely amongst them was climbing Mount Suegatake, a 238m peak in 40 degree heat and 90% plus humidity,



There was also a community day working with local school children on some craft projects and a visit to the Peace Park and Museum at Hiroshima just a few days before the 70th anniversary of that most horrific bombing.

Nige has also commented that the people in Japan were a most welcoming nation, who were keen to talk with visitors and who seemed to be entirely committed to peace across the World.



The next World Jamboree will happen in 2019 in West Virginia and will be open to Scouts who are aged between 14 and 18 on the start date of the camp. All eligible members of the Group will be informed of the selection process when it starts, probably in Autumn 2017.

### One of our Young Leaders, Henry Best attended and here is his account.....

I was a cub scout at 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave, then a Scout at 1<sup>st</sup> Hurst and now I am in the Loddon District Explorer unit based at Paddicks Patch and I help as a Young Leader at the Wildcats cubs. I was very lucky to be chosen to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Japan. A once in a lifetime experience, I joined a unit of 36 scouts from Berks, Kent, Hampshire and Bucks. We were unit 75 the last and best and we called the unit BeKeHaBu.(see photo).



We had several weekend camps in the year prior to the Jamboree to prepare and get to know one another and then at the end of July we all flew off with all our British contingent luggage to Tokyo for some time sight- seeing before the Jamboree camp which was held on a massive purpose built camp site at Kirara-Hama in Yamaguchi prefecture. We were told it would be hot but it was so hot at one point the camp thermometer registered 50 degrees in the sun, we didn't mind, we stayed under cover and we took paddling pools which we filled up and sat round chatting with scouts from all round the world with our toes in the water. I was very honoured to be chosen from the 2700 scouts in

the British contingent to raise the Union Jack on International day (see photo).

After the Jamboree camp I stayed with a scouting family in Hiroshima, they made me very welcome and a large parcel of sweets and gifts has just arrived from Japan which I shall bring in to show the cubs.

I am very grateful to the 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave scout group where I started my adventures in scouting and to the group for assisting me with the costs of travelling to the Jamboree. If you ever get the opportunity to go to a world Jamboree, go for it! You won't regret it!

Henry Best





## Subscriptions

We are going to collect subs directly by using the Online Scout Manager system to automatically deduct the £30 termly directly. Please ensure that you have followed the email giving you instructions on how to set up the account. Payment will be deducted on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> May each year.

## Uniform

Uniform is available from the 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley Scout hut ([Shop@LoddonDistrict.org.uk](mailto:Shop@LoddonDistrict.org.uk)), however you may want to check with Pennie Withers on 940 6037 if there is any second hand available before you buy new. If anyone has any old uniform they would like to donate for selling for Scout funds please leave it in the Wargrave Scout hut in a bag labelled for the attention of Pennie with your name and phone number.

The dark green “1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave” polo shirts are uniform for Beavers and Cubs and optional for Scouts. They are available from our scout hut for £11, please pay your leader.

## Hire of hut

The Scout Hut is available to be hired out to people in the village, eg for birthday parties, at £10/hour (2 hour min). The hut has a fully equipped kitchen, trestle tables, chairs, etc. Contact Sarah Ayels on 940 6918, for more information ([Email: firebirdsac@yahoo.com](mailto:firebirdsac@yahoo.com))

## Exec. Committee

Chair	Helen Vonka	940 1139
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Cub Scout Leader - Wildcats (Thurs)	Simon Smith	940 6110
Beaver Scout Leader - Lumberjacks	Neil Cooper	07920 115022

We would really welcome some new blood to join our Exec, specifically we are looking for someone to take on a Publicity Officer role. A number of us will be stepping down next summer after several years on the Exec and so we would welcome volunteers to join us now so that we can ensure a smooth transition next summer. Our primary purpose is to enable the Leaders to concentrate on providing a fabulous Scouting experience, by aiding in the organisation of various events and very importantly accomplishing the fundraising. So contact me ([Email: hvonka@yahoo.com](mailto:hvonka@yahoo.com)) if you can please give some time.



## Honesty Bookstore

You may have seen that there has been an honesty bookstore, situated in the lobby of the Hut. Please do make use of this. Richard Best (Wildcats ACL) is keeping tabs.

## Leaders Update

As many of you will be aware we have now amalgamated our two Beaver Colonies to one larger section meeting on Wednesday nights. Neil Cooper (Bear) has now stepped forward to lead the section with the continued support of Ken Burke (Puffin). Jennie is continuing to support for a few sessions this term, but will step down from Beavers at Christmas.

As with all sections we welcome and need parent help and involvement as the continuing evolution of the group means we always have places for new leaders, assistant leaders, section assistants and occasional helpers. Most sections will be running with a parent rota and we would ask that you please help out on your allotted evening and if you find you can't make it on that particular night please arrange your own swaps/replacement.

## Photos

Finally as you know, and can see from the photos above, there are occasions when photographs of the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers participating in scouting activities and events may be published in scouting literature, on our scouting website or in the press. We will assume that you give your permission for your son/daughter's photograph to be published for these or similar purposes, unless you write to Pete Fry, the Group Scout Leader to indicate otherwise.

## Helen Vonka

On behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave Scout Executive committee