

# Abakan 2010

**28 July 2010**

Scouts from Eccleshall and Yarnfield set off on their visit to Abakan in Russia. They will be hosted by the Abakan Scouts.

They left for Heathrow Airport at 5.30am from the Scout Head Quarters in Eccleshall

**14 August 2010**

It's clearly been difficult for the scouts to get email access but I have received some information from Tom Mason via Doug. I'm not sure when this was sent:

We have been out to see a traditional Russian village. It took about 1½ hours to get there. The roads are not as good as in England so we are only travelling at 60km an hour. This was the village that Lenin escaped to when he was banished to Siberia for his attempt to introduce socialism into Russia.

We went to see a massive hydro electric power station. It was 250 meters deep and 2km long. We were not allowed on the tour though.

All the Scouts are coping very well with the change in diet and culture. It was a real shock to us all for the first day. There is a big difference.

They couldn't have made us more welcome. We are off to camp tomorrow so this will be the last email until Saturday I would think.

The daily trip down the yard to use the toilet has made some of the Scouts think twice but most families have got a sauna in their house. They call this the "Banya" (wash house) so each day I am getting washed in there.

Fantastic.

They'll all be on their way back very soon. Hopefully they'll have loads of stuff for the web site when they return

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