The Anglo Polish Society Bristol and the South West (APS) members and guests gathered for their Garden Party at Wiola and Tom Hola-Peyers house. Among the luxuriant vegetation of a garden overlooking mile upon mile of rolling Somerset countryside, we were bathed in July sunshine, with just the occasional sprinkling of rain to keep us on our toes. As is customary on these occasions Polish tea was served, consisting of many types of sausage, cakes and sundry sweet meats. The Grand Piano came into action indoors while outside the camp fire was lit in true Scouting style.

Many prizes were generously donated for the raffle, to the intense gratification of those present. Funds were raised towards the spectacular project to refurbish and renovate the Polish Scout House at St Briavels. We watched a DVD and had an opportunity to view an exhibition of the history, activities and future plans for the Scout House.

The Polish Scout movement were well represented not only by several of our members but by visiting Senior Scout Leaders in uniform. In true Scouting style, we dodged the showers and sat outside. The accordion was produced with a flourish, and guests of all backgrounds sang with great enthusiasm (and varying linguistic skills) Polish scouting and folksongs, and danced Polish folkdances of yesteryear.

APS Chairman Chris Ottewell said "The APS is proud to be associated with this imaginative and challenging project which will provide an outstanding and unique resource for Polish Scouting and other youth organisations. We look forward to visiting again when it reopens".

Thank you.