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# BEAVERS BEAVERS

## District Beaver Scout Challenge

On a sunny Saturday 2 June 1st Ashwell hosted the 2018 Beaver Challenge.

There were 6 teams made up from 7 Beaver Colonies. (1st Ashwell, 1st Baldock (Tuesday), 1st Baldock (Wednesday), 2nd Baldock, 5th Letchworth, 8th Letchworth and 11th Letchworth) It was held at Hinxworth village hall and started with a leaf recognition sheet with the mixed team steaming ahead with full marks!

While we had all the Beavers sitting quietly we continued with another recognition round. This time it was Beaver badges and it proved harder than it looks for lots of Beavers!

The last indoor activity was a water tasting round and Beavers it seems have a good sense of taste and smell.

We all moved outside to the recreation ground where the Beavers attempted the assault course, over the hurdles, along the wobbly walkway, under the cargo net, in and out the tyres, through the hoop and finished with a tyre pull. It was exhausting just watching.

We then stopped for some well earned juice and biscuits.

After a quick refuel the Beavers tackled the tug of war, lots of close battles and the final was won by Baldock Wednesday Beavers.

The Beavers still had some energy to burn so we finished with a fun water game to cool everyone down and there was lots of laughter heard as all teams raced against each other to transfer as much water from one bucket to another bucket using only a leaky cup with lots of holes! Ashwell were victorious in this game and it was looking to be very close with the points for the day being added up by Liz Taplin our ADC.

To everyone's surprise and for the first time in Beaver challenge history there was a tie for first place! After much deliberation it was decided to ask the Beavers and they voted to have two winning teams instead of having a tiebreak question. So the mixed group (mainly Baldock Tuesday Beavers) and Baldock Wednesday Beavers were joint champions and much to the Ashwell Leaders delight the job of hosting next year goes to Baldock.

Well done to all Beavers involved and huge thanks to all the Leaders and parents who helped on the day and to Liz our scorer for all her help.



# EXPLORERS

## Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

On Monday 11th and 18th June Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts headed to The Blue Lagoon for some sailing at the North Herts East Beds Sailing Club. The first week we had a little wind but the evening was warm and sunny. Explorers sailed Pico boats which held 2 people. There was also a larger boat to try and this was skippered by the old sea dog Spike. Gently sailing around the lake for the evening was lovely.

On Monday 18th we had plenty of wind and it was still sunny and warm. Perfect. Explorers started with an experienced sailor and then moved on to independent sailing. The only swimmers were those that enjoyed capsize drill, which they demonstrated very well and very often.

Thanks very much to Paul Tyler and the team of Leaders from Hitchin for organising the evenings. We had great fun!

If anyone is interested in trying sailing, get in touch with NHEB Sailing club. They are very family friendly and you can go along and have a try.

**[www.nhebsc.org.uk](http://www.nhebsc.org.uk)**







## 1st Baldock Cub Pack (Templar's)

Cubs were given an end of half term treat and met at Fit4OCR which is a permanent obstacle arena with over 25 obstacles in Baldock. They spent a lot of time being guided up, over, under and through various obstacles and the organisers helped every individual achieve their best. Cubs told the Leaders they particularly enjoyed jumping over the hay bales, going through the tyres and coming down the fireman's pole. The highlight of the evening was being let loose on the muddy section and every single Cub thoroughly enjoyed that part!

### 1st Baldock Templar's Cub Pack.



Those of you with a keen eye will have noticed that the edition number jumped from 657 to 659 missing out 658. So to correct this mistake this edition is 660 and same at June's edition.

We are now back on track! Until the next time.

The Co-Ordinator was first published in 1959. Next year will be its 60th anniversary.







## District Beaver Scout Day Out - 9 June 18 Imperial War Museum, Duxford

54 Beavers from 4 Colonies went to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford for this year's District Day Out.

After a very noisy coach ride, we arrived. The first hanger housed the famous plane that they all wanted to see, Concorde ! After lots of warnings of "don't touch anything!" we were allowed to climb the stairs and enter. Even though this was just a test plane and never actually flew, it is still very impressive to see and walk through.

Toby from 8th Letchworth was very excited to find his namesake - a Lancaster Bomber (see photo)

When we went inside the Battle of Britain hanger, we wondered why there was a big empty space. We found out why when we went outside - it was flying !

For £2400 you can experience a 30 minute pleasure flight. Needless to say, none of us had brought enough spending money, so we couldn't have a go !

There are various other hangers housing different collections.

One of the biggest is the American one that has huge planes in it. There is also a section about 9/11 and a piece of steel from one of the World Trade Towers. It is quite moving to read the testimonies and see the actual air traffic control footage of the air space before and after the Towers were hit.

There were also lots of bi-planes flying for us to watch.

It was a long but very enjoyable day.

Thank you to the Leaders and parent helps for giving up their Saturday to make sure the Beavers had a good time.

Liz Taplin

ADC Beavers



**Madison:** My favourite part of the trip to Duxford was going inside the Concorde. I haven't yet had the chance to go on a plane so going inside and seeing how the controls worked and sitting on the seats, was great fun. It made me want to go on holiday.

On Saturday 9th June I went to Duxford on a bus. It was fun. I loved seeing the aeroplanes land and take off. I also liked seeing the aeroplanes hung up on the roof. Thank you for taking me.  
**Daisy**

# EXPLORERS

## Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

On Saturday 23rd June at the early hour of 8am, 16 eager Explorers and 4 even more excited Leaders met at DHQ in preparation for a sunny day at the seaside. Unfortunately we left the sun in Letchworth.... and the walk to the beach from the car park was longer than most people spent in the sea. Surprising myself and others, some of us spent the morning at the beach, in the sea, body boarding and attempting to surf (even Goodie struggled). The rest of the Explorers played beach cricket, paddled, moved the tents and towels slowly but surely further up the beach .... until there was very little beach left.

Next was free time. An hour and a half in the town. Time and money were spent in the chip shop, ice cream parlour and of course the arcade, despite the knowledge that the Leaders were buying us chips and ice cream when we met up again.

To finish our day at the seaside we played golf, some considerably better than others ( a score of 114!) but all in all it was a fun day spent by all and everyone left with a smile and half of Cromer beach in their shoes

**Maggie Read**

**Oak Eagle Explorer Scout**





## **Alan Wright**

**1938 - 2018**

We were sorry to hear the sad news of Alan's death and we send our deepest sympathy to his family.

Alan was a long serving stalwart of Scouting. Over a period of 40 years he supported the 8th Letchworth Scout Group, the Gang Show and our activity centres at Nortonbury and Wymondley Wood. In recognition of his service he was awarded the Chief Scout Commendation in 1997.

He was an expert electrician and for many years he was responsible for the lighting of the Gang Show.

He was a member of the management committee at Nortonbury and then at Wymondley Wood where he maintained the electrical system and took on responsibility for Health and Safety and Risk Assessments and, for a period he also compiled the District Directory.

It was a pleasure to be in his company. He was a friendly person who always had a pleasant smile and never said 'no' whatever the request.

He loved Scouting and the joy and training for life which it gives young people. He was never happier than when he was watching young people enjoying Scouting activities.

## **Peter Norton and Frederick (Fred) Eaves**

**June 2018**

It is with sadness that we have to report the deaths of two former District Commissioners of Letchworth and Baldock District.

**Fred Eaves** who had previously been Chairman of the local branch of the B-P Scout Guild was appointed DC. in 1967 and served until 1976 and was awarded the Medal of Merit for his services to Scouting. He died on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the great age of 98 years.

Fred was succeeded by **Peter Norton** who had been an enthusiastic member of the B-P Scout Guild and later District Secretary before taking up the role of DC. He served in this position until 1984 during which time he was responsible for the opening of the Norton Bury Scout And Guide Centre. Later he was an active member of the Norton Bury Management Committee and from 1991 to 1993 was District Chairman. Peter died on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Bishop's Castle in Shropshire at the age of 86.

We send our condolences to their families.



When you are next at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre check out the new pioneering poles.

They are lightweight and of various lengths.

Sent us photos of your pioneering skills and we will share them in Co-Ordinator and the website.

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# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Brooke Baker	5th Letchworth
George Hamilton	5th Letchworth
Marlowe Twine	5th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Platinum Award

David Waters	Oak Eagle ESU
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## Welcome to

Graham Holloway	5th Letchworth	ABSL
Patrick Tyler	5th Letchworth	ACSL
Lisa Wake	4th Letchworth	Pack Assistant



# Diary Dates 2018

## July

- 5 District Beavers Bangers and Bash - W Wood
- 6—8 Gilwell24
- 7 County Beaver Day - Gulliver's Land
- 7 World Chocolate Day
- 8 District Scout Barton Challenge
- 9 Cub Leaders' Meeting - 2nd Baldock
- 24 Scout & Guide Shop Closes for Summer Break
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 30 World Friendship Day

## August

- 1 Scout Scarf day
- 6 ASU Cream Tea

## September

- 6 Scout & Guide Shop Reopens
- 9 Chief Scout Gold Award Celebration
- 10 Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 11 Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 24 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 28 - 30 County Born2B Challenged - Scouts
- 30 County Beaver Family Fun Day - Paradise Wildlife Park
- 30 District Cub Day Out - RAF Hendon

## October

- 13 District Cub Night Hike
- 19 - 21 Peak Assault

## November

- 6 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 Cub Leaders' Meeting



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