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Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council

District Scout



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ARCHERY



Competition

Six Scout Groups and the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit took part in the annual District Scout Shooting and Archery competition held at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. Even though there was a constant drizzle in the air this did not dampen the Scouts 'spirits and they all arrived raring to go. Thank you to Chris Lewis who organised the event. Lesley Gwilt, Joe Greener, Vicki Gage for helping with the shooting and Sue and Chris King for running the archery.

Well Done to 1stBaldock 'B' Team for being in first position with 121 points in the shooting element and 8th

Letchworth in first position with 209 points in the Archery.

Josh Haywood Explorer Scout was top gun with 26 points and Toby Collins, Explorer Scout was top archer with 57 points.

A full set of results will be in the next edition.

1st Ashwell

1st Baldock

2nd Baldock

4th Letchworth

8th Letchworth

12th Letchworth

Oak Eagle ESU



St George's Day Pa

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service was organised by 1st Baldock Scout Group. The Parade met at the back of Tesco's car park. The parade marched along Baldock High Street to St Mary's Church where over 350 young people and Leaders filled the Church along with parents. During the service the Scouts renewed their promise. The service was led by Rev. James Sawyer. The collection raised £252.48 which will be split between Baldock Food Bank which is run by St Mary's Church and Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group.



Parade and Service



First Baldock Knights Cubs overnight in the Secret Nuclear Bunker

We started by putting up a shelter and having our lunch. The rope course looked really scary. The high ropes were fun. There were lots of different challenges. Some were much harder than others. Ruby did them all. Willow tried the highest zip wire. Akela did her best, she needed a cup of tea afterwards. On the top level Owen fell several times but he recovered himself each time. He even had time for a nap on one of the highest sections.

The Nuclear bunker is built inside a wire mesh Faraday cage for protection. The walls are ten feet thick to protect from nuclear blast. The bunker is three stories beneath the ground. We found out about all the different areas including the sick bay. We tried on gas masks and different uniforms. We saw dummies dressed up to see what people would look like back then. The bunk beds in the dormitory were really hard. The Cubs all needed waking in the morning as there was no day light and no sound to disturb them. We always need bacon for breakfast. It was the best camp ever.

Report compiled from feedback from everyone .





Eric (SKIP) Woodward



Sadly, Eric Woodward, fondly known to most as 'Skip', passed away on 5th April 2018 at the age of 93.

As is often the case, his children, Stuart and Jamie got him involved in Scouting. In 1970 the Scout Master was having difficulty attending meetings regularly so, having a strong sense of duty, Skip offered to help out and two years later he was the Scout Master and continued in this role until 1989 when he took more of a backseat. He was a well known character, sporting a long handlebar moustache and was an inspiration to the children, a true Ambassador for what it means to be a Scout. He said, "*Scouting should be fun*" but believed in self-discipline; maintaining standards of behaviour and contribution. Few people can claim to have lived the

values inherent in the Scout Law and Promise better than he did.

He continued to support the other Scout Leaders helping to run Scout meetings, as a Group Trustee and an active member of the Scout Fellowship. He was happy to let others take the lead but was always progressive; pointing out Scouting is a movement which must accept new ideas (as he demonstrated in his 80's when he started using email and Facebook).

He preferred being active in the Group rather than attending committee meetings. He helped build the new hall and maintained the Scout Hut and the Group's kit for many years. He continued to help out well into his eighties doing a wide range of tasks and he was at camp to cook breakfast only two years ago.

Although Scouting was the primary pastime in his life, he contributed a lot to the community in other ways too. For a number of years he was an active fund raiser for the local Hospice, he delivered Meals-On-Wheels to the "old folk" of Baldock, (many younger than himself). Also, a war veteran, he was a member of the British Legion and he could be seen selling poppies in Tesco as recently as last November.

He will be sorely missed in Baldock Scouting circles.



At the 5th Letchworth AGM which was held in their newly decorated headquarters, painted in the 5th Letchworth colours, and attended by the newly appointed District Commissioner, Wendy Tierney, Chris King District Explorer Scout Commissioner and Liz Taplin, Assistant Commissioner (Beavers) a number of awards were presented including the Young Leader's Award to Ruby Doherty. Congratulation also to Thomas who was awarded the Beaver of the Year and Maddie the Cub of the year Awards.

Congratulations to Diana Cornell on receiving her Wood Beads which were presented by Wendy Tierney, District Commissioner at the 1st Baldock AGM in March 2018.



8th Letchworth Scout Troop

Back to Scouts tonight after the Easter break and patrol forums. As well as the usual planning, Scouts selected items from the Kimpton Blue Cross Amazon wish list to spend the money on that they raised baking and selling cakes. They chose a frisbee, a dog coat, a fleece lined collar, clickers and a boom box. Thanks to the Blue Cross from all of 8th Letchworth Scouts for coming to talk to us about dog safety last term.

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Rufus Bentley	12th Letchworth
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Chief Scout's Silver Award

Alice Ashelby	1st Baldock (Knights)
Honor Bentley	12th Letchworth
Spencer Butterfield	1st Baldock (Knights)
Lily Cotter	1st Baldock (Knights)
Jude Davies	4th Letchworth
Oscar Davies	4th Letchworth
Evelyn Eastwick	12th Letchworth
Levi Holmes	1st Baldock (Knights)
Jack Honour	1st Baldock (Knights)
Thomas Roberts	1st Baldock (Knights)
Harvey Toombs	1st Baldock (Knights)
Oscar Tuner Vincent	4th Letchworth
Elana Woodisse	12th Letchworth
Harvey Woodisse	12th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Luke Bungay	1st Baldock
Jamie Homewood	1st Baldock
Robyn Whinray - Edwards	1st Baldock



COME AND JOIN THE ANNUAL CHARITY WALK AROUND THE LETCHWORTH GREENWAY

Yes, we're now gearing up for the Rotary main fund-raising event of the year - the Annual Charity Walk around the Letchworth Greenway on **Sunday May 20th, 2018.**

Last year's event raised a staggering £8,500 for local charities, Scout and Guide groups, schools, the Garden House hospice and our Rotary funds. .

Diary Dates 2018

May

- 2 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 10 District AGM
- 11 - 13 District Scout / Explorer Walking Weekend
- 18 4th Letchworth AGM
- 19 Gang Show AGM
- 20 Rotary Greenway Walk
- 21 11th Letchworth AGM
- 24 1st Ashwell AGM
- 24 Scout & Guide Shop Closes for Half Term
- 26 - 2 June County Sailing Weekend

June

- 5 Scout & Guide Shop Reopens
- 9 District Beaver Day Out - Duxford
- 12 District Administration Evening
- 15 -17 County Bring a Leader
- 16 - 17 County Beavers in Tents
- 24 7th Letchworth AGM - Wymondley Wood

July

- 7 World Chocolate Day
- 8 District Barton Challenge
- 24 Scout & Guide Shop Closes for Summer Break

August

- 12 ASU Cream Tea

September

- 6 Scout & Guide Shop Reopens
- 11 Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 28 - 30 County Born2B Challenged—Scouts

October

- 19 - 21 Peak Assault

November

- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 16 - 18 County Scout Green Beret



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