

## Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council



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### St George's Day Parade and Service

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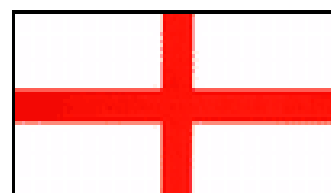
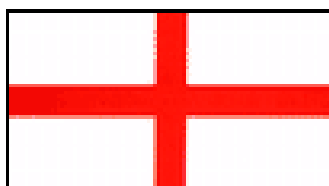
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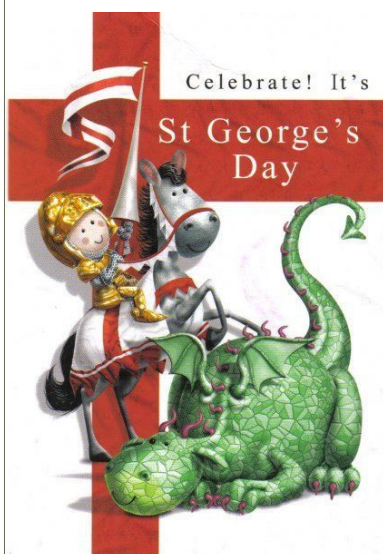


Meet in Tesco's rear car park from 2.00 pm for a 2.30 pm Parade start.

The Parade to march along Baldock High Street turning left into Hitchin Street to St Mary's Church. There will be a service at St Marys' Church from 3.00 pm.

The collection this year will be split between Baldock food bank which is run by St Mary's Church and Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group ([www.cclg.org.uk](http://www.cclg.org.uk)).

The dismissal will take place inside the Church. Refreshments will be available in the Church hall after the dismissal.



**In 'Scouting for Boys', Baden-Powell referred to the Knights of the Round Table in the Arthurian Legend, and to St George who was their Patron Saint.**

**He then went on: 'He is also the Patron Saint of Scouts everywhere. Therefore all Scouts should know his story. St George was typical of what a Scout should be.'**

**'When he was faced by a difficulty or danger, however great it appeared, even in the shape of a dragon - he did not avoid it or fear it but went at it with all the power he could... That is exactly the way a Scout should face a difficulty or danger no matter how great or how terrifying it may appear. They should go at it boldly and confidently, using every power that they can to try and overcome it, and the probability is that they will succeed.'**

## **Volunteers in North Herts who go the extra mile were recognised at a special awards ceremony on Friday.**



***North Herts District Council chairman Alan Millard (centre) with volunteer awards winners (left to right) Graham Haycroft, Maggie Read, Rachel Campbell, Vicky Pooley, Joshua Izzard and Majorie McCarley, whose award was shared with her late husband Alan. Picture: Nic Cooper***

Winners of the North Herts District Council Chairman's Volunteer Achievement Awards were revealed in a celebratory reception at Little Wymondley's Priory Barn in honour of those who make a real difference in their community.

The NHDC-organised awards – sponsored by Letchworth and Hitchin-based construction firm Willmott Dixon and backed by the Comet – saw six volunteers take to the stage to collect an engraved glass trophy, bouquet of flowers and gift vouchers to acknowledge their achievements.

The winners, all nominated by members of the public, were chosen by the judging panel consisting of NHDC's chairman Alan Millard and communities team member Claire Morgan, Anne Taylor from the North Herts Centre for Voluntary Service, Jack Wells and Steven Roberts of Willmott Dixon, and Comet editor Nick Gill.

Maggie Read, is a Young Leader with the Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts, received the Young Star Award for her volunteer work with the Scouts, Beavers, Air Cadets and tutoring at school.

# 1st Baldock (Knights) Cub Pack

## Visit to Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January we went to the Baldock Arts and Heritage Centre. This used to be the Baldock Town Hall. We Really enjoyed visiting and learnt a lot about the history of Baldock. We learnt that in 1897 Thomas Pryor wanted to give back to the people of Baldock so arranged for the building to be constructed. While we were there we were given a tour of the building. We got to see stage which is now used for concerts and theatre plays and art exhibitions. While we were there we were asked to make posters to help promote the centre.

Written  
by 1<sup>st</sup>  
Baldock  
(Knights)  
Cub Pack





# District Scout Cooking Competition

Five teams competed for the Tippet Trophy 1st and 2nd Baldock, 1st Ashwell, 4th Letchworth and 7th Letchworth. The theme was Brexit which coincides with the county competition on the 25th February. Each team embraced the theme following the brief of 3 courses from 3 different countries currently in the EU, or from one country.

Every year each team seems to up their game, which made this year's judging task a lot harder than previous years. So a big thank you to Wendy Tierney and Jeremy Croxford for judging again. Down to the important bit, due

to the nature of how close the 5 teams were, the decision was made to announce the strongest out of the 5 teams. The District representatives to the County event will be 1st Baldock.

Thanks to all teams and their Leaders for the time and planning put in to get competition ready, you are a credit to your Scout group.

**Chris Lewis - Organiser**

**1st Baldock ASL**

It was a pleasure to judge again Chris.

As you have said there has been a year on year improvement and I am sure that the team put forward will do a great job on the day.

All the teams were a pleasure to talk to and were very motivated.

Glad to have been involved. Thanks for asking me.

**Jeremy Croxford**

**Winners - 1st Baldock Scouts with Chris Lewis - Organiser and Wendy Teirney- Judge and District Commissioner**



The Tippet Trophy





## 8th Letchworth Scout Group

8th Letchworth Scout Group helped the Friends of Norton Common with their conservation work. After a brief Health & Safety talk in using the tools they set to work helping to clear dead branches. They had a bonfire going to burn all the scrub.

There were Cubs, Scouts, parents and Leaders all enjoying themselves and were rewarded with hot drinks and biscuits.





## 4th Letchworth Scout Group Ribbon of Poppies



Scouts and Guides the length and breadth of the UK have pledged to plant a ribbon of the red flowers in time for the centenary of the end of World War I.

To mark 100 years since the end of the First World War, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation teamed up with Scouts, Guides and cadets from around Letchworth to take part in poppy planting on the Greenway. The planting took place as part of a national Ribbon of Poppies event marking the anniversary, which will hopefully see the poppies come to life in the spring.



**Happy 15th  
Anniversary to  
BaLiNetwork -  
Scout Network.**

**BaLiNetwork was  
formed in March  
2003.**



**BALiNetwork**



Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre now has its own dedicated website.

On it you will find information about The Centre, current charges and an enquiry form.

Check it out on

<http://wymondleywood-scoutandguide-centre.org.uk/>



## Maurice Baker

Maurice Baker who passed away recently will be well known and remembered by many of you, I am sure, as the man responsible for running and maintaining the Scout Station at Lochearnhead.

He was, on first meeting, a bit reluctant to share information and could be seen as a little grumpy but once you got to know him and he got to know us the relationship became much friendlier. He was dedicated to Scouting and there was very little he did not know about the area, the people and facilities. He had a remarkable memory for names and faces and must, over his years as Warden, seen 10's of thousands of us through the Station but even though we have only been there every 4 years since 2000 and he recognised us and remembered names from the start.

Maurice had been involved with Lochearnhead from the very beginning and once he retired from his day job he moved up there to live just off the end of the platform from where he could keep a good eye on the Station and the comings and going of all its many visitors. He will be sadly missed by all the regular visitors and we hope and believe that his service will be recognised by County Scouting in a fitting way. He will be a difficult act to follow as it always seemed he was the only one who knew where everything was and which secret cupboard things were squirrelled away in, no doubt someone will step into the gap he leaves.

# Diary Dates 2018

## March

- 3 - 4 County Chiltern Challenge 40th Ann.
- 8 8th Letchworth AGM
- 10 - 11 Mid Herts Night Hike
- 11 County Scout Triathlon
- 16 - 17 District Gang Show
- 17 County Cub Bush Craft day
- 27 District Scout & Guide Shop Closes
- 28 1st Baldock AGM
- 30 Good Friday

## April

- 2 Easter Monday
- 14 - 15 Sixers & Seconders Weekend
- 17 District Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 17 5th Letchworth AGM
- 19 District Executive Meeting
- 22 St George's Day Parade and Service
- 24 Wymondley Wood AGM
- 28 Guide Quiz
- 29 District Scout Shooting and Archery Competition

## May

- 1 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 10 District AGM
- 11 - 13 District Scout / Explorer Walking Weekend
- 18 4th Letchworth AGM
- 20 Rotary Greenway Walk
- 26 - 2 June County Sailing Weekend

## June

- 9 District Beaver Day Out - Duxford
- 15 - 17 County Bring a Leader
- 16 - 17 County Beavers in Tents
- 24 7th Letchworth AGM - Wymondley Wood

Correction to last month's edition of Co-Ordinator 655 (February 2018)

Unfortunately the year was wrongly recorded in the edition. K.J. went home in December 2017 and not 2018.

I am sure that K.J. would have had his red pen out to highlight the mistake and letting the editor know in his own affable way.

## Happy Easter



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