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Letchworth & Baldock District Scout

District Cub Quiz

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The annual District Cub Quiz was held at 5th Letchworth HQ on the 17th November.

8 out of the 10 Cub packs attended.

A very good evening was had by all.

Barry Dickinson from 7th Letchworth set the questions as winners from last year thank you to him. A good selection of questions were asked challenging Leaders and the Cubs.

1st place 1st Baldock Knights
2nd place 2nd Baldock
3rd place 1st Baldock Templars



Well done to all the Cubs who took part and to the winning team.

1st Baldock Knights will set the questions for next year.

Thank you to 5th Letchworth for hosting the event and a thank you to all Leaders for attending and helping with the scoring.

Wendy Tierney
ADC Cubs



GREEN BERET CHALLENGE

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Teams from all over the county entered the Green Beret Challenge at Phasels Wood on the 18 November 2017.

The Green Beret Challenge is a full day's competition for teams of six. It runs from first light until 2300 hrs on Saturday. To achieve the Green Beret Challenge, teams compete in FOUR elements: Orienteering, Assault Course, Challenge Incidents (Daytime) and a Night Exercise. Letchworth and Baldock District entered 36 Scouts from 2nd Baldock, 4th Letchworth, 5th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth and 12th Letchworth, combining to make 6 teams.

The Challenge is designed to test a group of Scouts through a range of physical and intellectual activities and by the evening the Scouts were all looking like they had been well and truly challenged. The highlights included seeing who can get the most muddy on the Assault course, climb the van in the day bases and a huge variety of bases laid on including one by Goodie and Glenn Read. All the Scouts sleep well on Saturday night.

The weekend finished at 1100 hrs on Sunday with the presentation ceremony. Not all things run to plan and the winners of the Orienteering Trophy for the County (The 2nd Baldock and 4th Letchworth combined team) weren't able to find their way to stage to receive the Trophy during

the official ceremony and had to receive it at the end.



Four of the 2nd Baldock and 4th Letchworth Scouts combined team receiving their Orienteering Trophy.

Lochearnhead Expedition 2017

Our latest expedition to the wonderful activity base, Lochearnhead Scout Station situated in the Southern Highlands of Scotland has been another resounding success. Over the 2 weeks between 29 July and 12 August we had 100 Young people from our District attend this challenging week of activities. To ensure that each and everyone gets the most out of their time "on station" we run 2 separate weeks with 50 Young People attending each week. To support all this we had a fabulous team of 40 Leaders each week, around 30 of these did both weeks! This team of adults included Leaders from our District, Mid Herts District plus Surrey, Essex, Sheffield and Ayr County Leaders. We have friends everywhere in Scouting who love to come and join us in delivering exciting Scouting when the call goes out. In our number we had support from some wonderful parent helpers on each week who threw themselves into the activities with great energy and like the rest of us came home tired but really excited about what they had been part of.

What did our Scouts do you may ask. Over the 7 days they were there they took part in hikes in the mountains, sailed on the Loch, climbed on a local rock face, mountain bike rides on local tracks, white water rafting, paintballing plus numerous small activities during quiet times on the station. As you can see, not much time for sitting around!

The weather on the first week did its best to drown us with rain most of the time for the first 4 days but in true Scouting fashion we undertook the wet weather programme – WEAR YOUR WATERPROOFS – and continued to do everything as we had planned. The Scouts loved it. No complaints, no problems just great fun. To ensure the Young People got the most from their hikes we sent the oldest 10 Explorers out for 3 days, the majority of the Scouts for 2 days and the Youngest had 2 separate 1 day hikes, this way the Leader Teams could ensure that everyone achieved the best experience whilst out in the wilds. Fortunately the second week proved less challenging and we even had some sunshine, oh and midges of course!

We had our share of "challenges" while we were there (and before we even got there) but the team faced them in true spirit and delivered an absolutely brilliant time to all those attending.

Thanks to every single person who contributed in any way from the initial planning to the arrival back in Letchworth & Baldock.

Want to be there next time and experience the fun and challenge? Then put a note in your diaries, we are booked in for 2021 already!

Chris King - Station Master

Remembrance Sunday 2017



The District was out in force on 12 November for Remembrance Sunday. 4th Letchworth Scout Group went to St Paul's church for a Remembrance Church Service.

1st Ashwell Scout Group met at the War Memorial in the village at 14:15 hrs.



1st and 2nd Baldock Scout Groups met at the Baldock Town War Memorial in the High Street. 5th, 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th Letchworth Scout Group together with the Explorer Scouts, Scout Network and ASU met at the War Memorial in Station Road, Letchworth Garden City.

Below is a selection of photos taken at the Baldock and Letchworth Service of Remembrance.







TRAINING DATES



January '18					
Sun	14th		M10	First Response	Hemel Hempstead
Thurs	18th		M12b	Programme planning	Hitchin
Sat	27th			Safeguarding	Hitchin

February '18					
Sat	3rd	13	M12a	Delivering a quality programme	Phasels
			M12b	Programme planning	
			M14	Supporting young people	
		11	M15	Promoting positive behaviour	
			M17	Running safe activities	
		9	M19	International	

Sun	4th	14	M5	Fundamentals of Scouting	Phasels
			M6	Changes in Scouting	
			M7	Scouting for all	
			M8	Skills of Leadership	
		12	M9	Working with Adults	
			M16	Introduction to residential experiences	
			M11	Administration	
		10	M13	Growing the section	

Wed	7th		M8	Skills of Leadership	Hitchin
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Sat	10th			Safeguarding	Hertford
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Sat	10th			Safeguarding	Potters Bar
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Sun	11th			Safeguarding	West Herts
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Sat	24th		M12a	Delivering a quality programme	Thorley
			M12b	Programme planning	

March '18					
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Sat	3rd			Safeguarding	Ware
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Tues	6th		M13	Growing the section	Hitchin
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Tues	6th		M10	First Response (1st of 3 evenings)	Watford
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Sat	10th		REC 2 Outdoor First Aid		
Sun	11th				

Phasels

Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Adam Bungay	1st Baldock (Knights)
Oliver Nunn	1st Baldock (Knights)
Oscar Redfern	1st Baldock (Knights)

8th Letchworth Scout Group

The Group held a bag2school collection and approximately 60 bags of clothes etc was donated by the parents / Leaders which weighed 300kgs and raised £120 for the group.

The Group also held a Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November which with the help of Leaders, Committee Members, young people and parents raised £1,087.64 which will go towards subsidising activities and camps



Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre

CHARGES

JANUARY 2019

At the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Committee Meeting in October it was unanimously agreed not to increase the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Scout Centre charges for 2019



Diary Dates 2017 / 2018

December

- 9 ASU Christmas Dinner
- 10 District Website launch and Awards
- 12 Scout & Guide Shop Closed
- 12 County Explorers Christmas Bash
- 14 District Executive Meeting
- 19 County Network Christmas Dinner

January 2018

- 9 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 9 County Network Quiz
- 29 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

February

- 4 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 8 District Executive Meeting
- 20 District Administration Evening
- 25 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 26 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

March

- 3 - 4 District Chiltern Challenge
- 8 8th Letchworth AGM
- 10 - 11 Mid Herts Night Hike
- 16 - 17 Gang Show
- 25 District Scout Icknield Shield
- 30 Good Friday

April

- 2 Easter Monday
- 14 - 15 Sixers & Seconders Weekend
- 19 District Executive Meeting
- 22 St George's Day Parade and Service
- 24 Wymondley Wood AGM

May

- 10 District AGM
- 11 - 13 District Scout / Explorer Walking Weekend



This year's brand new
Official Christmas badge
featuring Fleur the
Penguin!

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