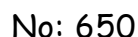


Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council



September 2017

District Beaver Scout Day Out

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Eighty Six Beavers from around the District enjoyed a fun filled day out to Gulliver's Land in Milton Keynes.

Sadly it started to rain when we got there but we were not going to let that spoil our day !

It soon stopped and the sun came out.

We met Gully Mouse, some Smurfs, Percy Pig and lots of pirates.

The park wasn't very busy and the longest queues were caused by the Beavers themselves!

Some of the rides we enjoyed were the Flying Carpet, jungle river Ride, Python Roller coaster, log flume, twist and joust, Buccaneer, jousting castles, tea cups, runaway

train, the
crazy
mouse, the
pony
express,
tree top
spin, jungle
falls and
drop tower.

It was a great day out, enjoyed by not just the Beavers, but all the adult helpers too!

Thank you everyone !



"I knew the Navigator badge would come in handy to read this park map"

I had a great time at Gulliver's Land on Saturday with 1st Baldock Beavers. My favourite rides were the Jungle River Ride and the Flying Carpet. Luckily I didn't get wet on the water ride! I liked eating my packed lunch in Lilliput Land Castle. Thank you for a fun day out.

Archie

1st Baldock Tuesdays

My Trip to Gulliver's Land

[illegible][illegible]

By Megan Govey
8th Letchworth Beavers



8th Letchworth Beavers
still smiling after a long
day !



Dragonfly 'enjoying' the Drop Tower!

Scout Active Support

Over twenty members of the Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Active Support Unit descended on Rod and Ann's garden one Sunday afternoon in August for a cream tea.

It was a pleasant afternoon in the sunshine with sandwiches and cakes followed by Rose's excellent scones and strawberries and cream.

Our two newest members Mick and Deb Dilley joined us and were warmly welcomed by Dave Upson, Manager and the rest of the unit.

5th Letchworth Scout Troop

In July, 5th Letchworth Scout Troop visited the Islamic Mosque in Stevenage. There was much excitement in the minibus on the way there. It was the first trip to a mosque for most of us and we were keen to learn more about Islam.



Arriving at the mosque, we all had to remove our shoes and the girls had to cover their heads with scarves. Inside, the mosque felt quiet and respectful, despite the building works going on just metres away. I felt humbled.

First, we watched a silent prayer in the Prayer Hall – Muslims pray five times a day: twice silently and three times out loud. The men and women pray in separate areas, all kneeling facing Mecca. Some were wearing everyday modern clothes, others wore traditional long robes and hats.

Then one of the Imams gave us a presentation on Islam. It covered a smorgasbord of topics such as the Five Pillars of Islam (Shahada: Faith, Salat: Prayer, Zakāt: Charity, Sawm: Fasting, Hajj: Pilgrimage to Mecca), Islamic Countries and Islamic History. We got to handle some prayer beads, which were beautifully decorated and Muslims use them to help concentrate on God. We looked at the Qu'ran, learning that each one is the same and must be treated very carefully. We were also treated to an example of a prayer reading by the other Imam, blessing their god, Allah.

After the eye-opening and thought-provoking talk, we were invited to have a look at the various signs which were posted around the hall. I attempted to read some of the Arabic on the Language Tab, but the script is completely different to English.

Overall, I felt that the trip was extremely interesting. I have come out of it with a greater understanding of a religion that while different to my own, also has many parallels. Thank you to Stevenage Mosque for such a good evening.

Toby Collins

5th Letchworth Scout



We were sorry to receive the sad news of the death of Lindsay Colquhoun. Long serving members will remember him as Cub Leader at 2nd Letchworth (St George's) Scout Group.



Mick & Deb Dilley - Cream Tea 2nd Baldock Scout Group

Popular Scout Leaders, Mick and Deb Dilley have decided to hand over the reins at the 2nd Baldock Scout Group after an amazing 75 years' service as warranted leaders.

Mick joined the group as a Cub and went on to Scouts and then Senior Scouts. On his eighteen birthday in 1961 he was awarded his Leader's Warrant and he has been with the Group ever since achieving an incredible 56 years of adult service. After his marriage to Deb she also became a member of the Group and has held a warrant for the last 29 years.

They have devoted a lifetime of service to the 2nd Baldock Scout Group encouraged by the values of Scouting and their loyalty to Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity and St Augustine. They leave behind many happy memories and take great pride in the achievements of their Scouts who have gained the highest awards in Scouting such as the Queen's Scout Award and have represented the County at the 16th World Jamboree in Australia.

They provided outdoor adventures at their farm and highlights have included visits to Lochearnhead, a Hertfordshire County Scout Centre, and adventures abroad to the Lech Valley in Austria and the Georges du Tarn in France.

Mick and Deb took pride in the Group's involvement with the local community on occasions such as the Baldock Festival, Balstock and the annual Remembrance Day Service and Parade.

They were very proud to receive the Silver Acorn, one of Scouting's highest honours, awarded for specially distinguished service over a period of not less than twenty years.

Over a hundred past and present members of the 2nd Baldock Scout Group attended a strawberry cream tea in their honour and they will be remembered with gratitude and affection by many generations of Scouts.





8th Letchworth Scout Troop Expedition Challenge and Backwood Camp

This weekend we started to get our Expedition Badge. To do this we had to plan our route to our Backwoods Camp at Harmergreen Wood Campsite. We also had to plan our way back to 8th Letchworth Scout Hut.

We started at Letchworth Garden City train station and we got on the train to Stevenage. At this point we changed over train to Hertford. We got off the train and decided which way we were going to go.

Our walk started very uphill. Every ten minutes we stopped to check our maps. After a while we ventured into the woods. We were walking in the woods for about an hour and a half and then we came to open fields.

Every once in a while we stopped to change the person holding and looking at the map. We entered into Harmergreen but misplaced the campsite and spent a bit more time looking for it.

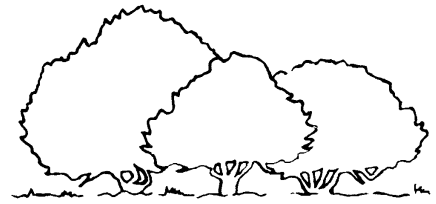
Eventually we got to the campsite and soon went to bed.

Next morning we had cereal and bacon sandwiches for breakfast. Later we made shelters which we would be sleeping in that night. We made them with tarpaulin and rope and a tree. We made them in pairs. Then after that we had lunch. We had hot dogs from the dutch oven with a side of crisps and soup.

After lunch we made fires and cooked cookies on the best fire. Then some people went over to the axing place and did a lot of axing. Peter and Zeke made a hammock which we all had fun swinging on.

We woke up early on a beautiful Sunday morning. My shelter mate (Eva) and I got our clothes and changed in the bathroom. We then walked back to the shelter and packed our stuff away making sure that our rubbish was packed away. After, we packed our shelter away.

After that we sat by the fire. For breakfast we had bacon sandwiches. When we had finished most of us played manhunt. After about an hour of playing manhunt we headed



H A R M E R G R E E N W O O D

back to the campsite. We collected everything and set off.

As soon as we set off we had to find our way back out of the forest which was a lot easier than finding our way to our camp.

We walked past the bog – fond memories, and started walking through the fields. We eventually got to Welwyn North and had a refreshing drink while waiting for our train

We finally got on the train and started seeing sights we are familiar with. We then got off the train and had to do more walking back to the scout hut. We eventually made it back and went home.

Report written by

**Eva, Ryan, Mary, Ben,
Millie, Will, Abbie,
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and Ginny**

Launching Soon



The current District website was created in June 2003 and launched in December 2003. Over the last few months work has been going on to create a more user friendly website.

The new website is nearly ready to meet the public - watch out for details coming to you soon.



What happens to a D C after he steps down?

Two ex DC's have finally found their true vocations in life.

Pass Hartley the tea towel.

Patrols C & D managed to find a dry moment with a touch of blue sky before having to play dodge the shower while climbing.



THE SCOUTS

Lochearnhead



LBD Scouts were very proud to welcome to Lochearnhead station a group of thirty Scouts and Guides from Luxembourg led by Leader in charge, Sebastian. They were seeking shelter from Scotland's changeable weather during their two week trek along both the West Highland Way and Rob Roy Way. For many of the group it was their first time in sunny(?) Scotland but Sebastian actually only lives just down the road in Glasgow.

This years trek started in Milngavie and will terminate in Pitlochry and follows many previous walks Sebastian has done all across Europe.

Thanks for dropping in





TSMAN

Expedition 2017



Chief Scout's Gold Award



Eiva Bagenal	12th Letchworth
Miles Brewis	12th Letchworth
Toby Collins	5th Letchworth
Lewis Charles	5th Letchworth
Alastair McGregor	5th Letchworth
Joseph Price	2nd Baldock
Ronan Hunt	12th Letchworth

A warm welcome to



Sean Burke	ACSL	7th Letchworth
Lewis Ryall	ACSL	8th Letchworth
Deborah Simpson	ABSL	1st Baldock

Dear LGCHF,
Thank you so much
for your grant
towards the
'Letchworth & Baldock
District Scouts summer
expedition to
Locheamhead Scotland
It has helped
ensure our 100
Young People can enjoy
hiking, Mountain biking,

Sailing, Rock climbing
and White Water
Rafting.
from
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Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Samuel Biggs	8th Letchworth
Oliver Burgess	2nd Baldock
Stanley Cooper	7th Letchworth
Thomas Dyer	8th Letchworth
Henry Gillan-Barton	5th Letchworth
Robbie Gilroy	5th Letchworth
Megan Govey	8th Letchworth
Rhys Gregory	5th Letchworth
Daisy Griffiths	5th Letchworth
Wilbur Griffiths	5th Letchworth
Antek Gwiazdzinski	5th Letchworth
Nathan Hartshorne	4th Letchworth
Chloe Major	8th Letchworth
Alfie Pitt	8th Letchworth
James Pykerman	4th Letchworth
Spencer Quenault	8th Letchworth
Oscar Rasmussen	8th Letchworth
Oliver Tomlin	8th Letchworth
Rowan Winchester	12th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award



Seb Allen	7th Letchworth
Alex Cairncross	5th Letchworth
Miguel Duarte	2nd Baldock
John Elliot	5th Letchworth
Ashden Gregory	5th Letchworth
Daniel Mills	2nd Baldock
Edward Ogilvie	5th Letchworth
Jamie Parkhouse	7th Letchworth
Freya Maddams Wilkinson	7th Letchworth
Anya Pawar	5th Letchworth
Amy Stanton	7th Letchworth



Diary Dates 2017

September

- 3 Beaver Day @ Paradise Park
- 5 Scout and Guide Shop reopens
- 9 ASU visit to Standalone Farm
- 10 County Chief Scout Presentation Day
- 16 District Beaver Sports Day
- 17 District First Response Course
- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 29 - 1 Oct County Scout Born2B Challenged



October

- 1 District Cub Day Out
- 1 County Sailing Regatta - Scouts
- 8 County Cub Cyclocross - Well End
- 13 - 15 County Peak Assault
- 14 ASU General Meeting Annually
- 20 - 22 JOTA / JOTI
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting



2nd Baldock Scout and Cubs camping weekend in June at the Leslie Sell Activity Centre,

November

- 17 - 19 County Green Beret Challenge - Scouts
- 25 County Monopoly Challenge - Scout Network
- 27 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

December

- 12 County Explorers Christmas Bash
- 19 County Network Christmas Dinner

January 2018

- 9 County Network Quiz

February

- 4 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 25 County Scout Cooking Competition

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