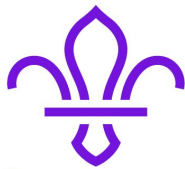


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Ashwell

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County Expedition to Swaziland

Once again a large contingent from Letchworth and Baldock District took part in the County expedition to Swaziland. We flew from Heathrow to Johannesburg and then drove in minibuses to Swaziland stopping for one night in Nelspruit on the way.

Arriving in Malibeni was so exciting. We had left the project site in 2016 with the youth centre walls built up to knee height. Bob the Builder and his team had worked wonders over the last few months and the building was up! Roof was on, windows in, doors in place. There was a 'long drop' toilet dug in the corner of the plot and our container that had been loaded at Phasels was on site and still secure.

Over the next few days we put glass in the windows, built a make shift kitchen from breeze blocks and pallets, built a very smart looking barbecue and emptied the container. Then we could service the many bikes, build the library, sort and distribute the clothes.

We had a big launch day when the building was officially handed over to the local community. This was attended by the Village Elders, school teachers and head teacher, the local Youth Council and all the village folk. There was singing, dancing, music and a large meal for everyone. The building has lots of equipment for everyone to use. Books, stationary, craft, musical instruments and will be a focal point for many in the community but especially the young people.

While we there we ran a soup kitchen for the local children. Each day we had more and more children come along. Many of them with big smiles and happy to play and chat to us. Some that came along had very little and did not have the confidence to engage with us so well. We fed them all and helped those in greater need as much as we could. We even took one lad to the local clinic to have his eye infection treated



Our last few days in Africa we spent at a game reserve and then a hotel. We went white water rafting and saw lots of animals in the safari park where we stayed. We went sight seeing in South Africa and ate at a traditional street brae.

This was a great trip for those that had been before and those that had not. So many new friends were made. Photos were taken and the life experience was shared. We were lucky to take part and made memories that will last a life time.

We learnt lots and understand far more than we did before. 'Skills for Life'

Clair Calver - ESL



8th Letchworth Scout Troop, The Milk Cartons won the Camp Cook title with a 123 points.

12 teams, including 4 teams from our District (2nd Baldock, 8th Letchworth and two teams from 5th Letchworth, showed off their camping skills at Lees Wood in search of the coveted titles of

- Best Patrol
- Camp Cook
- Skills and Success
- Born 2B
- Born 2B+

The final scores and results can be found on the Hertfordshire Scouts County Website.



Gang Show 2019. Cast registration opens on October 6th. Gang Show is open to all uniformed members of Letchworth and Baldock Scout District from 8 years old. Also open to Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell Girl Guide Association members from Brownies through to adults.
1.45 to 3.30 for Cubs and Brownies
3.15 to 5.00 for Guides, Scouts, Explorers, Rangers and adults.
Venue:- 1st Baldock Scout HQ, Park Close Baldock.

Registration is open for three weeks only.
Come and give it a try, no auditions, everyone welcome.
Ensure you bring a parent on the first visit to sign your permission form.
Cast must be available for the show week of 23rd to 30th March 2019

For further details [**gang.show@hotmail.co.uk**](mailto:gang.show@hotmail.co.uk)
Come and ride the crest of the wave.....

The District now has a My Donate Fundraising page which will allow people raising money for District and Explorers to make online donations and reclaim Gift Aid. For more info contact ed@lbdscoutsorg.uk



Beaver Scouts and Cubs Scouts



Tonight Ben presented a cheque for over £500 to Sean and his friend Sammy. Sean is blind and is a freelance BBC journalist based in London. He is also a volunteer worker for Guide Dogs. His friend Sammy was invested as a member of 8th Letchworth Scout Group when he visited our Cubs last year. In April the Beavers and Cubs had a sponsored Lego night to raise money for the Guide Dogs. The money raised will help sponsor 3 puppies. We get to choose which ones. Watch this space!

12th Letchworth Scout Group

12th Letchworth Scout Group was registered on 20 October 1981.

Happy 37th Anniversary.



Congratulations to Peter and Christine Frankland on celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary. Peter was a Scout Leader with 4th Letchworth and for a time Chairman at 2nd Baldock.

Chief Scout's Gold Award Celebration



In September the Chief Scout's Gold Awards presentations came around where everybody across County who had earned their Chief Scout's Gold Award throughout the year is invited.

There were five Young People from our District who attended the presentation. Three of these attended the full day of activities on offer.

The activities we did were crossbows, crate stacking, rock climbing, abseiling and rifle shooting.

All of the activities were really fun thanks to the volunteers and Watford District Explorers who helped run them.

During the presentation we heard about all of the opportunities we could do after getting our Chief Scout's Gold Award and we each received a certificate and a small gift.

The day was great fun.

Rosalind Hartley, 4th Letchworth



In June Rosalind, Sophie and James came together to walk The Kingfisher Way to raise money for attending the World Scout Jamboree. The Kingfisher Way is a 21 mile walk from Roxton to Baldock along the River Ivel.

The walk started just after 7am with everybody in high spirits. The first five miles were very hard as nobody had walked the paths in a long time and there were two metre high stinging nettles with no viable path. (Bad day for me to choose to wear shorts!)

The rest of the walk was much nicer viewing the countryside. It started to get very tiring as we left Stotfold but we all made it to the source of the River Ivel in Baldock, including the two parents who walked with us.

So we all had a fun and very tiring day and raised a significant amount of money via My Donate for the long trek of the Kingfisher way.

Rosalind Hartley, Letchworth and Baldock District WSJ Participant

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**CALLING ALL
BRIGHT SPARKS.**

Date: Saturday 10 November
Venue: 8th Letchworth HQ
Cost : £3.00 per person
Time: 19:30

Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

Get your team together and come and join 8th Letchworth Scout Group for an evening of fun at their quiz night.



EXPLORERS

Early September, Oak Eagles ESU had a great weekend backwoods camping at Harmer Green. The weather was warm and sunny and the midges were plentiful.

We slept in hammocks in the air or in bivvis on the ground. We experimented in making dakota fire pits for cooking. Nick Howell bought along his metal bin/oven and we made pizza for lunch. Foil parcels cooked our dinner and some were very tasty.



It a great start to the term and the hammocks were a great success. Thanks to all our visitors for showing their support.

Clair Claver - ESL



Welcome to

Rachel Warren	ACSL	8th Letchworth
Carole Brewer	ABSL	8th Letchworth



**Wymondley Wood
Scout & Guide Centre
Barbecue**



On the ninth of September Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre held it's first barbecue social for the wardens, committee members, friends and their family. Over 25 members and their family attended. Ian Buck cooked us burgers and sausages and Rita and Maureen made the salads. Everybody agreed that it was a success

and that it should be an annual event.



Chief Scout's Length of Service Award



Katherine Chennells	1st Ashwell Cubs
Kelly Grant	2nd Baldock Beavers
Alex Hunt	District Supporter
Stuart Kendrick	1st Ashwell Chairman
Alan Mann	11th Letchworth Scouts
Samantha Martin	District Supporter
John Robertshaw	1st Ashwell Treasurer
James Tiplady	1st Baldock Beavers
Michelle Wisdom	1st Baldock Beavers



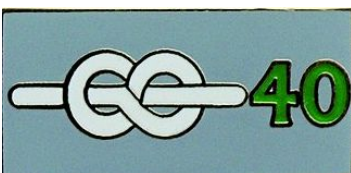
Phil Scoot	Explorers
Liz Taplin	8th Letchworth Beavers / ADC
Jacob Tyler	4th Letchworth Cubs



Stuart Wylie	ASU / Gang Show
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Simon Goodwin	District Scout Leader
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Michael Durrant	ASU
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UK headquarters membership fee 2019.

The UK headquarters membership fee for 2019 is £28 and payable for all members under the age of 18 -

The £1 increase has been kept as low as possible through fundraising, corporate partnerships and our commercial activities.

Please do not forget there will be additional membership fees levied by County and the District .

Diary Dates 2018

October

- 6 Gang Show 2019 registration opens
- 7 County Cub Cyclocross
- 11 District Executive Meeting
- 13 District Cub Night Hike
- 13 ASU - General Meeting Annually
- 19 - 21 Peak Assault
- 29 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 30 Scout & Guide Shop closed for Half Term

November

- 6 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 6 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 8 District Executive Finance Meeting
- 10 8th Letchworth Quiz
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 13 - 17 Anti-Bullying Week
- 16 - 18 County Scout Green Beret
- 24 County Monopoly Run - Explorers / Network
- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

December

- 8 ASU - Christmas Dinner
- 11 County Christmas Dinner - Explorer's
- 18 County Christmas Dinner - Network

January

- 10 District Executive Meeting

February

- 24 County Scout Cooking Competition



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