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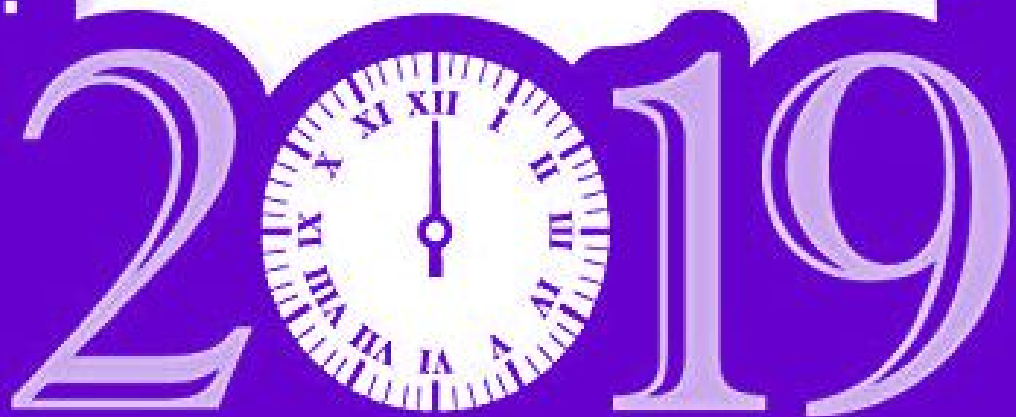
Happy New Year!



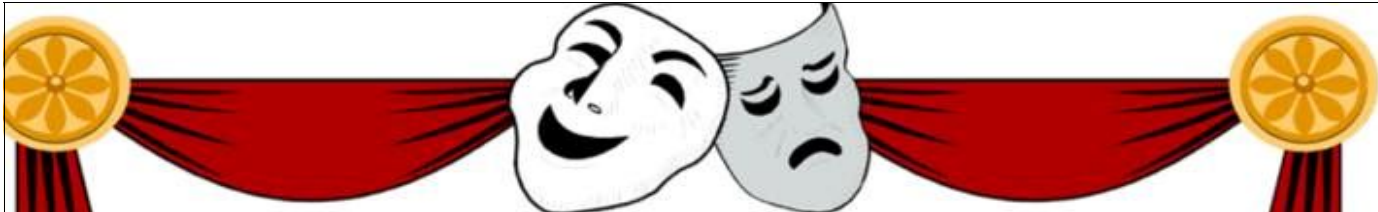
Happy New Year to all members of the Letchworth and Baldock District. This year sees five of our Scouts taking part in the 24th World Scout Jamboree which will be held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia from 22 July to 2 August 2019. The theme is Unlock a New World.

Also Letchworth and Baldock were at last united as one District in their own right. On 17 June 1944 the newly appointed County Commissioner Graham Wallis, came to meet a large assembly of Boy Scouts in the great meadow at Norton where he inspected the troops present.

1st Ashwell, 1st Baldock. 2nd Letchworth, 4th Letchworth 7th Letchworth and 1st 3rd / 6th Letchworth.

The Letchworth and Baldock District was registered with The Scout Association in 1945, making 2020 its 75th Anniversary. Watch out for details of District celebrations.





Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show 2019

Friday 29th March
doors open @ 19:00 for 19:30 start


Saturday (Matinee) 30th March
doors open - 13:30 for 14:00 start

Saturday eve 30th March
doors open- 19:00 for 19:30 start

Box office : ticketsource.co.uk/gangshow

Ticket Prices: Buy 10 get 2 free - £7 each / £70 for 12

Venue : St Francis Theatre (on the Broadway)





The Green Beret Challenge is a full day's competition for teams of six Scouts.

To achieve the Green Beret Challenge, teams compete in FOUR elements: Orienteering, Assault Course, Challenge Incidents (Daytime) and a Night Exercise. The Challenge is designed to test a Scouts through a range of physical and intellectual activities. It can also

prove to be a significant challenge to their Leadership and Teamwork skills.

No doubt about it, IT'S TOUGH!! However, you can survive, provided you are prepared for the weather and trained beforehand.

THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF GREEN BERET
THE ASSAULT COURSE
ORIENTEERING EXERCISE
DAY CHALLENGE INCIDENTS
NIGHT EXERCISE

The picture below shows 8th Letchworth Scouts at the County Green Beret Competition.
Turn over the page to see a report from Connor.



Green Beret -

16 - 18 November 2018

Tolmers

On Friday it took just over a hour to get to the camp site and when I got there it was jam packed (it nearly took the same amount of time for me to actually get to the camp site as my parents and I got so lost walking about in the dark). At first we started to set up the tents but I had to help put up Ben and Cameron's tent as Rory was late. Finally Rory arrived and with a bit of help we put up our tent and we were supposed to go to bed but instead Rory and I just chatted all night as we couldn't go to bed as it was so freezing cold I thought my toes where going to fall off. Saturday we woke up at around 7:30am and had amazing porridge then bacon sandwiches (Mmmm bacon!).



After breakfast we started the obstacle course (trust me it was muddy) and the first obstacle was running across a very (and when I say very I mean VERY) wet bridge across a river. Secondly we did a rope swing thingy but Cameron took his time (which kinnda wasted all our time). Next we did climbing up a muddy hill with a rope. I was the first one up as I am good at this type of stuff then Cameron then Ben (Rory, Maddie and Matilda didn't quite get up).



Then we went back to camp and had a ten minute break. After our rest we did some random activities. Some of my favourites were looking at car engines, pulling a land rover and fire lighting (I burnt three of my ten fingers in the process!). Next, we did orienteering which Rory and I just used sticks to walk around and point at check marks which oddly looked like pokiballs.



After, we did night activities such as pancakes, a Harry Potter quiz and made hot chocolate which apparently smelt like a church and tasted like an ironing board. At the pancake stand poor Matilda spilt her pot noodles (only 8th Letchworth Scouts will understand). Later on we went back to camp and had amazing spaghetti with mince for dinner and went to bed. Rory and I didn't talk as much as I had to be well rested for Karting on Sunday.



In the end the camp was very enjoyable.

By Connor - 8th Letchworth Scout



Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre CHARGES JANUARY 2020

At the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Committee Meeting in November it was unanimously agreed not to increase the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Scout Centre charges for 2020



At the Scout Active Support Unit Christmas dinner the Secret Santa raised £115 for equipment and reordered books for the Vision Loss Group.

The ASU would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation for their continuing support for providing a grant towards the cost of the meal.

We wish Sheila and Edmond Tickner all the best for their new life in Gosport. I am sure that we will see them at various Scouting events during the year.

Personal General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) training. The deadline for all current adult members to complete the Scouts GDPR training module was Monday 31 December 2018.

All new joining adult members (who did not have a full role by Tuesday 25 September 2018) must complete the GDPR training module within five months from the date of appointment.

GDPR Training is a mandatory module for all appointments. It covers the basic information that individual's need to know in relation to the General Data Protection Regulations, what this means for their role and for Scouting and how to effectively align with it. Topics covered:

- **Personal Data**
- **Individuals' rights**
- **Consent**
- **Accountability and Governance**

Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Elliot Chatterton | 5th Letchworth |
| Antek Gwiazdt | 5th Letchworth |
| Kenai Hart | 12th Letchworth |
| Evie Heather | 1st Baldock (Knights) |
| Alejandro Hutton | 5th Letchworth |
| Hugo McFarlane-Cushing | 7th Letchworth |
| Samuel Murphy | 2nd Baldock |
| James Murr | 2nd Baldock |
| Logan Quinlan | 7th Letchworth |



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

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| Freya Boor | 2nd Baldock |
| Elliott Branton | 2nd Baldock |
| Alessandro D'Onofrio | 2nd Baldock |



Welcome to

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| Jules Hobbs | 7th Letchworth | ASL |
| Phil Hobbs | 7th Letchworth | SL |
| Nichola Killick | 4th Letchworth | ABSL |
| Laura Roberts | 4th Letchworth | Colony Assistant |

Diary Dates 2019

January 2019

- 10 District Executive Meeting
- 10 Scout and Guide shop reopens.
- 11 - 13 County Scout Winter Camp - Gilwell
- 14 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 15 National Quiet Day
- 15 - 18 Great British Beach Clean
- 18- 20 Fire and Ice - Tolmers
- 25 Burns' Night
- 28 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

February

- 2 8th Letchworth Race Night
- 3 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 4 World Cancer Day
- 5 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 5 Save Internet Day
- 5 Chinese New Year
- 14 District Executive Meeting
- 22 Founder's Day / World Thinking Day
- 24 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

March

- 11 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 14 District Executive Meeting
- 16 County Bush Craft (Cubs)
- 21 International Day of Forests/Poetry Day
- 23 Harmergreen Scout Camp - reopening of the site
- 24 County Scout Triathlon
- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting



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