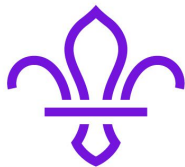


Scouts

Letchworth, Baldock &
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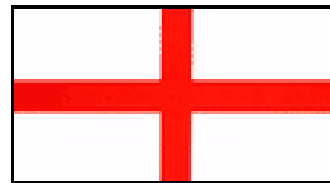
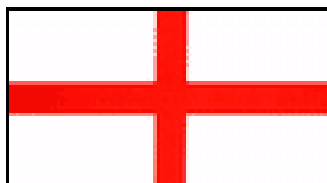
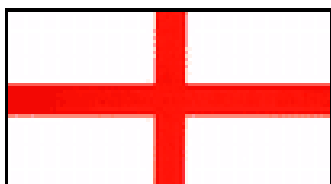


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St George's Day Parade and Service

Sunday 28 April 2019



Please assemble at the Howard Park (Paddling Pool), Norton Way South, Letchworth Garden City at 2.00 pm. The parade will be led by the District. The order of parade will be

7th Letchworth, 8th Letchworth, 11th Letchworth, 12th Letchworth, 1st Ashwell, 1st Baldock, 2nd Baldock, 4th Letchworth, 5th Letchworth, Explorer Scout Unit, Scout Network, Active Support Unit,.

The service will be held at St George's Church at 3.00 pm.

Please be aware that there will not be any room in the Church for parents and there is no parking in the Church car park.

Dismissal will be from the Church car park at approximately 4.15 pm. Poor weather may cause dismissal from within the Church.

After the service refreshments will be served from the Church hall.

This year the collection will be for the Herts Young Homeless.



hyh is a unique charity in Hertfordshire providing services to support vulnerable people.

Our focus is on preventing homelessness - from education in schools and family mediation through to supporting 16-24 year olds in their first homes or caring for adults of all ages who have mental health issues and housing needs.

Our FREE services empower young people to be able to deal with the difficult situations in their lives, give them the ability and confidence to 'do it themselves' and ultimately find stability.

8th Letchworth Scout Group Annual General Meeting

Thursday 21 March 2019

8th Letchworth Scout Group held the first AGM of the Letchworth and Baldock District. As always the meeting was well attended and the AGM pack was available to all. The Chair welcomed Mick Edwards, Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) and District representatives.

Each section report showed a fun packed, busy and activite year.

The Beavers started the year with a sleepover and ended the year with a Christmas party. In between they attended the District St George's Day Parade and Service. They entered a team in the District Beaver Challenge. and also took part in the Rotary Greenway Walk, raising vital funds for the Group. They enjoyed a brilliant District day out at Duxford air museum. Some Beavers attended the County Beaver Day at Paradise Wildlife Park . In November the Beavers attended the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

During their weekly meetings they went on a bus ride into town which ended with a bag of chips and a play in the park.. They visited the Baldock fire station and had a water fun evening at Wymondley Wood, A guide dog called Sam and his owner, Sean visited them. In November they had a space themed sleepover.

The Cubs have been to The Guide Centre at Cottered for a pack holiday. They have also been bowling, go karting, swimming, den building and played American Golf. The Cubs have also been practising their shooting and archery.

They have worked on their Athletics, Home Safety and Fire Safety Badges. They have learnt map reading skills and First Aid skills.

The Scouts They have been very busy, taking part in both District and County events. They took part in the following District events- Shooting and Archery Competition, District Walking Weekend in Derbyshire, District Barton Challenge, the St George's Day Parade and Service and Remembrance Sunday Parade.



Coetmor Mill Bunkhouse

Troops took part in the County Born 2B Challenge and Green Beret in very tough conditions.

They have been fire lighting, orienteering, packing rucksacks, learning how to use lamps and stoves.

They went to Wendover Woods orienteering in preparation for the Mid Hers Night Hike and travelled to Coetmor Mill where the Scouts went walking, and to "Go Below".

Full reports are available from 8th Letchworth Scout Group .

1st Baldock (Knights) Cubs Winter Camp at Cottered Guide Centre



On Friday we arrived at camp, unpacked our bags and played some games while we waited for everyone to arrive. We cooked flapjacks, made popcorn and peeled vegetables. Then we ate hotdogs and went outside to do some stargazing and played a wide game. When we got ready for bed, it was really late.

On Saturday we ate a big breakfast that some of us cooked. It was bacon, eggs, beans, hoops and hash brown.

Afterwards we had inspection. After that we went for a long walk to a windmill where we ate a snack before walking back and eating lunch. It was delicious. We really liked tasting all the differences between types of mango frozen, tinned, fresh and dried. We decided tinned was best.

In the afternoon we lit fires and built shelters. We cooked marshmallows on a stick over the fire. We made a cup of tea for Akela using cans on the fire. We then played a huge game of Frisbee on the field. This was one of our favourite parts of camp. In the evening we ate spaghetti bolognese for dinner and had a campfire. Then we went to bed.

On Sunday we had another big breakfast and went for a small walk to a playground. When we got back, we got to play in our shelters and some of us lit another fire. It was harder because it was windier, but we managed it. After that we had wraps for lunch, packed our stuff and played a few card games before leaving.

Written by all of Knights Cubs



8th Letchworth Scout Team who took part in the Mid Herts Night Hike.



Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City

Next Charity Walk

Sunday 19 May 2019

The annual Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City charity walk around the outskirts of Letchworth is the perfect opportunity for you to raise funds for a charity of your choice; donate to a local cause in North Herts or give to your own community organisation—such as a Scout Group or school.

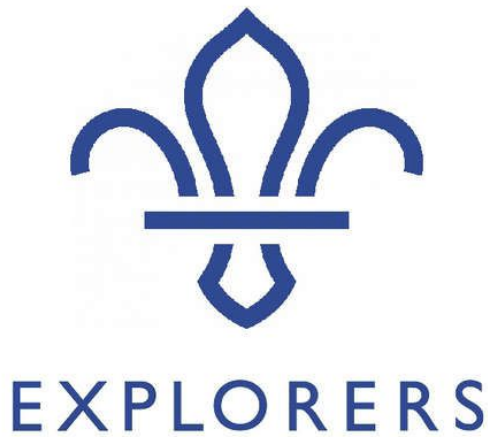
We run it (not literally) while you walk it! 80% of all you raise via sponsorship, goes to the charity of your choice. Our Rotary Club gifts the remaining 20% to our community projects during the following 12 months.

The Letchworth Greenway is approximately 14 miles in total. But don't panic! You CAN walk it ALL if you wish. But anyone opting for a shorter distance may finish at any of our 5 checkpoints along the route. And we'll give you a lift to The Highfield School back where you started.

Apart from enjoying the fresh air and countryside, there are a couple of rest and relaxation stops along the way with food and drinks available.

Letchworth Garden City Rotary Club is proud to have helped raise well over £380,000 since launching our Annual Charity Walk 35 years ago in 1983.





The Explorer Scouts have made some bird nesting boxes over the past few weeks. They were made to the RSPB plans. The Explorers used skills of sawing, drilling, putting in screws and painting to build them. #Skills for Life

Twelve of them were delivered to The Friends of Norton Common who were delighted and will be putting them up next week. Look out for them on the Common.

Oak Eagle ESU

Clair Claver - ESL



Take part in the Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City - The Garden City Charity Walk is an excellent way to raise funds for your Group. Over the years Groups from the District have taken part and have raised thousands to help young people have an opportunity to take part in many adventurous activities. . The walk is an ideal opportunity to get the parents / carers involved as well. For more information and to register please go to -
<https://www.lgcrotary.org.uk/annual-walk-info>

ADC (Beavers)

Vicki Gage, 4th Letchworth BSL has taken on the role of Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers) from Liz Taplin. Liz will continue with her role has BSL at 8th Letchworth.

Our thanks to Liz for all her hard work and a warm welcome back to Vicki Gage.

Chiltern Challenge



Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

On Saturday 2nd March 2019 members of Oak Eagle Explorer Unit went to Phasels Wood Activity Centre to take part in the Chiltern Challenge. For most of the people who went it was their first time, however, it was my 3rd time. When we arrived, we signed in where we were given our timetable of fun activities to follow and then we went to setup our tents. After that we had flag break which was the leader team welcoming us to this fantastic event. Shortly after we started our activities with the team building bases. We scored most points on every base except the base with semaphore. The bases we did quickest and best were the base where we had a pile of jigsaw pieces which we had to sort out and assemble and the base where we had to play music (mainly nursery rhymes) on a xylophone. After this we had an hour break for lunch which we chose to spend doing our quiz and socialising with the other groups. Some who I have met before and others who I had met for the first time. After lunch we then took part in the obstacle course. We had to run around Phasels Wood in a big circle and take part in small bases along the way. They consisted of walking over a tyre pile which wasn't as easy as it looked, getting every member of the team to the top of a wall to press a button but it was wet and slippery, a spiders web collection, managing to crawl through a tunnel full of woodland blindfolded whilst it was turning and crawling under a cargo net. At this point we were very wet and muddy, but we had orienteering next which we took a map and compass around Phasels to collect clippers which we had to do some problem solving to find out the right one. Later, we had dinner which was pasta Bolognese and apple pie for pudding. Shortly after this we had a kit check to make sure we had the right equipment for our night hike which most of us did. We then planned our route quickly and headed out into town. We really enjoyed our night hike (especially making monuments out of our team members) although my team didn't get to as many bases as we wanted to and came in 20 minutes late. But despite our mess ups both Explorer teams did well. My team was placed 7th which is the best I have ever placed in the event and the other team were 16th.

Josh Hayward - Oak Eagle Explorer Scout



Achievements



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Mary Colbon

8th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

James Hazzard

8th Letchworth

Sean Richards

8th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Megan Richards

1st Ashwell

Stanley Simons

1st Ashwell



Unveiling of a blue plaque on Escourt Road, Watford to celebrate Alan Emery. He was the first Boy Scout in Hertfordshire to make his promise, on this day , 1st March, in 1908.

Diary Dates 2019

April

- 4 Scout & Guide Shop closed
- 6 - 7 Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 9 Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre AGM
- 11 District Executive Meeting
- 25 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 28 District St George's Day Parade and Service
- 30 Wymondley Wood Meeting

May

- 8 5th Letchworth AGM
- 9 District A.G.M.
- 10 4th Letchworth AGM
- 13 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 19 Rotary Greenway Walk
- 20 1st Ashwell AGM
- 21 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 28 Wymondley Wood Meeting

June

- 9 District Scout Shooting and Archery Competition
- 9 County Cub Water Activity Day
- 14 - 16 County Patrol Leader (PL) Training
- 25 Wymondley Wood Meeting

July

- 7 District Scout Barton Challenge
- 15 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 30 Wymondley Wood Meeting



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