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Awarded for not less than  
20 years of specially  
distinguished service



While attending this year's County AGM on the 15th June @ Tolmers Activity Centre I was presented with my Silver Acorn award by the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire Robert Voss CBE (the new County President), Matt Hyde, the CEO of the Scout Association and Liz Walker, County Commissioner Hertfordshire Scouts.

This was a complete surprise as I knew nothing of this but was very pleased to receive the award.

Thank you Rose for taking the photo

**Wendy Tierney - District Commissioner**

## Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts Rifle and Archery Results 2019

### Scout Section

#### Archery Individual

			<u>Points</u>
1st	Murphy	1st Ashwell 'A'	55
2nd	George	8th Letchworth	53
3rd	Toby	12th Letchworth	52

#### Archery Team

1st	2nd Baldock	206
2nd	8th Letchworth	181
3rd	1st Ashwell 'A'	172

#### Air Rifle Individual (the closest scores that I can remember)

1st	J Delderfiedl	1st Ashwell 'B'	41
	M Harper	8th Letchworth	41
2nd	Jasmine Bagenal	12th Letchworth	37
	M Covington	1st Ashwell 'A'	37
3rd	C Ince	2nd Baldock	36
	E Fish	1st Ashwell 'A'	36
4th	Daisy Checkley	12th Letchworth	35
	Thomas Mills	1st Ashwell 'B'	35
5th	Matthew Kendrick	1st Ashwell 'A'	33

#### Air Rifle Team

1st	1st Ashwell 'A'	158
2nd	2nd Baldock	150
3rd	1st Ashwell 'B'	133

#### Leader's Trophy

1st	G Price	2nd Baldock	45
	A Mann	11th Letchworth	45
2nd	C Hartshorne	4th Letchworth	43
3rd	E Hartley	2nd Baldock	40

#### Explorer Scout Trophy Winners

Air Rifle	Toby Collins	42
Archery	Toby Collins	56



**Chris Lewis presenting  
Toby Collins with his  
winner trophy**



# Message from the D.C.

As we approach the summer break there is still some very good Scouting going on in the District with lots of camps too. All the AGMs have taken place and it was nice to visit them all to find out what the groups have been doing. Lots of badges were presented to the Young People as well as awards to Leaders.

There are still some Leader awards to be presented so I will be in touch with those Leaders to find the best place and time to present them. At the District AGM Allan Patterson and Ron Smith stood down from their roles on the District Executive. We thank them for all that they have done for this District. I would like to welcome our new District Chairperson Ken Osborne and look forward to working with him. Also welcome to all new Leaders in the District and we hope to welcome more in the new term.

Last month saw the 60th Birthday of Co-Ordinator. Thank you to Rita for editing the newsletter for the last 19 years. I would ask that if your group does anything interesting, goes on camps etc or ADC's with District events, please send something in to Rita to put in Co-Ordinator. It is always good for everyone to see what is going on in the District.

Over the summer break groups are going on camps and the Explorers and Network are going to Switzerland. I hope you all have a great, fun packed time.

We wish Lucy, Ellie, Sophie, Rosaline and James well on their expedition to the World Scout Jamboree and we look forward to hearing all about it and seeing the photos on their return. Hope you all have fun and make lots of new friends.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the District for their time and dedication to delivering good Scouting in our District. Wishing you all a good summer break.

Wendy Tierney - District Commissioner



The Jamboree will take place on 22nd July - 2nd August 2019 at The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia, USA.







# District Beaver Day Out

On Saturday we went to Herrings Green Activity Farm and we saw lots of different animals and types of birds. We got to stroke lots of different animals. The fluffiest one and the one that was my favourite was the skunk. After that I held an owl and a kestrel and we met the only owls that say twit twoo which was the tawny owl. We played in the park, flew a barn owl called Peanut by then it was the end of the day and we all went home.

**Ben Powles**





My favourite thing was holding the owl with the glove on and the big bird show at the end. I liked the dinosaurs and the park.

**From Harriet**

I couldn't go as I have hurt my back. I was gutted - even more so seeing all the fab photos of all the smiley Beavers

**Liz Taplin - BSL 8th Letchworth**



My favourite bit was when I got to hold the owls. I also enjoyed the bus ride, with all the flashing lights. I was really pleased with myself, and didn't feel nervous about holding the birds. I loved playing "eye spy" with Bumble Bee, on the bus.

**Lucy**



# 8th Letchworth Beavers



On the Thursday before half-term, 8th Letchworth Beavers put on a variety show for the residents of Langleigh assisted living complex. Their acts included joke telling, poem reciting, ukulele playing, football skills and magic tricks. They also sang some of their most popular camp fire songs including Alice the camel and the Banana song. Afterwards they had juice and biscuits and chatted with the residents. A lovely time was had by all.

If there is a complex like this near your meeting place we thoroughly recommend you make a link with them.

## A year with the 2nd Baldock Scout Group as presented at their AGM

### SCOUTS

We started 2018 with 17 Scouts and finished the year with 30 Scouts. We presented 237 Badges, including 46 Challenge Award and 5 Scouts achieved the highest award in Scouts, the Chief Scout's Gold Award. In total we offered 8 camps totalling 20 nights away.

January - 2 Nights camping at Winter Camp

March - 1 Night camping at Boyd Field, Henlow

May - 2 Nights indoors at District Walking Weekend

June - 2 Nights camping at Bromham

July - 8 Nights, a week camp at Come to Tolmers 2019

September - 2 Nights camping at Born 2B Challenged

October - 1 Night camping at Boyd field, Henlow

November - 2 Nights camping at Green Beret







# Adventure Fun Friendship

## BEAVERS

The Beavers completed their Safety Badge and Emergency Aid Stage 1 and had fun building newspaper towers and making junk models. They also did themselves proud with their Mother's Day gift. The Summer term was all about being outside. The Beavers made bug hotels as part of their Outdoor Challenge and this was followed by an outing to the ski slope at the Gosling Sports Centre. They did a walk around Radwell Meadows area and were introduced to the delights of Geocaching and also visited Ashwell Springs where they sailed paper boats, got extremely muddy at FitOCR and finished the term with a very wet water fight. The summer term also saw the first Beaver outdoor camp in tents for a long time. They spent 24 hours camping at the Leslie Sell Activity Centre at Broham and did many activities including a blind trail, the traversing wall, learning knots. Making a mini catapult and cooking marshmallows over the camp fire with the Scouts.

During the Autumn term the Beavers visited the fire station, made decorations for the Christmas tree festival and had Halloween and Christmas fun.

## CUBS

The Spring Term was jam packed as usual! The main badge was the Science badge. We also did a walk in the dark, enjoyed the fun rings at Stanborough Park, had Easter fun, produced Mother's Day presents and visited the Coptic Church for the World Faith badge. For the Teamwork Challenge badge the Cubs had to solve a 50 piece jigsaw without the box picture. Easier said than done, but all managed it.

The Summer Term — main badges this term were the Fire Safety and Athletics badge with many activities also going towards the Outdoor Challenge and Adventure Challenge badge. The Cubs had a martial arts demonstration in Taekwondo where they tried out lots of different moves.

The Autumn Term - Main badges this term were the Swimming, Personal Safety and Digital Maker Level 2 badge. We had a visit from a group called Transition Town whose aim it is to educate people to the benefits of greener living and easy ways in which it can be achieved. <http://www.trransitionletchworth.org/>

# Scout Active Support

Boarding our boat at Broxbourne in sunny weather fourteen members of the ASU enjoyed a round trip on the River Lea which included passing through a lock (twice !)

We had a lovely cream tea on board and lots of conversation during the 1hr 45 minute cruise - we were fortunate to observe lots of wildlife and especially birds with their young - including goslings, cygnets, mallard, cormorant.

The waterway was really busy and we saw many folk navigating the river in canal boats, electric pleasure craft, rowing, canoeing - all in all a very pleasant way to spend an afternoon !





## 4th Letchworth Beaver Scouts

This term has been a very active one for our Beavers. We have been out of the Church hall quite a bit with tent pitching and fire lighting, the Rotary Walk, archery, Group camp and, the Beavers' favourite, den building on Norton Common.

Despite a rather wet evening, the Beavers demonstrated great teamwork and construction skills to build two fantastic dens from scratch.

With Beavers in Tents, Beavers' Bangers and Bash, a visit to Baldock Library and a boat trip at Bedford, we still have a lot to look forward to, to round off the end of term.



# Awards



Well done to Josh Gooch who was awarded his Young Leader belt on 26/02/18 and to Lucy Cook-Allen they are members of the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit.



**Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service is given in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out.**

Mark Brewis	12th Letchworth	ASL
Sarah Cook	7th Letchworth	ABSL



Mark Brewis	12th Letchworth	ASL
Carla Mitchell	11th Letchworth	Chairman
Darragh Lane	7th Letchworth	ABSL
Russell Wake	4th Letchworth	ACSL
Ros Wing	2nd Baldock	ACSL



Congratulations to Glenn Read, 12th Letchworth BSL on being awarded is Wood Badge .



# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

Toby Loe  
Fraser Mitchell  
Oliver Peacock

5th Letchworth  
5th Letchworth  
5th Letchworth



Photos of Alex Hawkins, who attended the St George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle, after achieving his Queen's Scout Award earlier in the year.

A very special day where The Duke of Kent and Bear Grylls met with them



# Diary Dates 2019

## July

- 6 - 7 BiTs (Beavers in Tents)
- 7 District Scout Barton Challenge
- 9 District Beavers Bangers and Bash
- 15 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 16 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 18 Scout & Guide Shop closes 8.00 pm  
for the summer
- 22—2 Aug 24th World Scout Jamboree USA

## August

- 11 ASU Cream Tea

## September

- 5 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 9 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 24 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 27 - 29 County Scout Born 2B Challenged

## October

- 6 County Cub Cyclo cross
- 26 ASU General Meeting Annually - District HQ

## November

- 5 ASU Guy Fawkes BBQ - Wymondley Wood
- 11 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 15 - 17 County Scout Green Beret

## December

- 3 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 7 ASU Christmas Meal - Broadway

## January 2020

- 11 ASU Pantomime Trip



Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts  
practising their navigation skills



Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts  
practising their BBQ skills making  
kebabs

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