

Scouts



Letchworth, Baldock &
Ashwell

January 2020

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Newsletter

Co-ORDINATOR

GANGSHOW 2020



**Letchworth and Baldock
District Scout Gang Show**

**Friday March 27th 2020 Curtain
up @ 19:30 Doors - 19:00**

**Saturday 28th March 2020
(matinee) Curtain up @ 14:00
Doors - 13:30**

**Saturday 28th March (evening
show) Curtain up @ 19:30
Doors - 19:00**

**Venue : St Francis College Theatre
Broadway - Letchworth Garden City**

Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell Scouts
Charity Number 279860

if's fun... it is!!!

TICKET OFFICE: WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/GANGSHOW
£8 PER TICKET - BUY 10 GET 2 FREE £80



Baldock Christmas Tree Festival

All three sections of 2nd Baldock Scout Group entered a tree into the festival which was at St Mary's Church. The Scouts made a pallet tree. They chopped and sawed a few pallets up into the shape of Christmas trees. They had five in the end and these were put round the font in the church to make a 3D tree and it had lots of very little lights around each pallet shape. The Cubs made decorations from buttons. They made snowmen, Santas and Christmas trees by running a thread through the buttons to join them together. The Beavers used air-drying clay to make their tree decorations of stars and snowmen. They decorated the clay using gems to make them sparkle. They were all very creative and looked incredible. We hope you visited the Church and saw all the trees in the festival.

By Christopher - 2nd Baldock Scout





Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre CHARGES JANUARY 2021

At the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Committee Meeting in November it was agreed NOT to increase the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Scout Centre charges for 2021

CENTRE

OVERNIGHT

DAY RATES

(Kitchen
activity room
and committee
room)

District Meetings

WITHIN DISTRICT		OUTSIDE DISTRICT		NON SCOUT/GUIDE	
EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM
£7.00	£175.00	£9.00	£225.00	£11.00	£275.00
Charges to be agreed with the booking secretary in advance				£35.00 or £10.00 per hour as appropriate	
Free		£10.00 per hour		£10.00 per hour	

“Minimum” - Less than 25 people in the house overnight

Membership Subscription 2020

Headquarters	£29.00
County	£13.50 (no increase)
District (includes	£ 6.50
International Levy £1.00)	
<u>Total £49.00</u>	

As is usual for prompt payment (by 10th March 2020) a discount of 50 pence per head can be deducted from your total payment.

8th Letchworth Scout Group



The Letchworth Free Church hosted a Christmas Tree Festival in aid of the Garden City Hospice.

Over 50 Christmas Trees, including one from 8th Letchworth Cubs were on display. The event raised £1385 for the Hospice.



Can we give a big thank you to all those Scouts and adults that were able to come along to support the 8th Letchworth bag pack at Morrisons. The final total for the evening was £580.80 which is a great amount of money for the group, and will be towards helping our young people experience new and exciting challenges next year.



Over twenty members of the Scout Active Support Unit enjoyed their Christmas meal at The Broadway Hotel. Every year the ASU hold a Secret Santa which is donated to a local charity. This year the Secret Santa raised £100 for the Howard Gardens Social Club.

The Countdown to May 2020 has begun

It's time to take action and start using the new brand. Now, the countdown is on to switch to the new brand by May 2020.

Why? Because showing we're all part of one movement will help us be seen by more people, and better understood.

Update your branding - Your update checklist

Everything you need can be ordered and downloaded at scouts.org.uk/brand

Update your website and social media with our skills for life message

Download and use your local logo

Order your new meeting place sign

Review language to make it more conversational

Update social media profile, icon and description

Update your banners

Update your vehicle livery

Create personalised clothing in the new brand

Update printed materials, such as letterheads and newsletters

Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts held a Christmas "sleep over" at the Hertfordshire Guide Centre in Cottered.



Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Sam Atkinson	1st Baldock (Knights)
Owen Dolby	1st Baldock (Knights)
Zac Gribble	1st Baldock (Knights)
Reuben Hobbs	7th Letchworth
Jonah Holm	1st Baldock (Knights)

The Executive Committee—Training

Date: 18 January 2020

Time: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm

Venue: Phasels Wood

This course is designed for all **MEMBERS** of the Executive Committee at Group, District or County level whether as a general member or on officer. Lunch will be provided free of charge.

Book online via the Hertfordshire Scouts Website.

BADGES BADGES BADGES BADGES

Please see below email that I have received from Scout Stores regarding an increase in badge prices from 2 January 2020.

Dear Badge Secretary,

As you know, we always try to keep our prices as reasonable as possible, and just recently, we were able to lower the price of all activity trousers and Sea Scout jerseys after negotiating lower costs with suppliers.

We have frozen badge prices for several years and subsidised the rising costs of production in China to avoid passing these on to our customers. However, hampered by the weakening exchange rate of sterling, the cost pressures have increased to a point where we need to make a small increase in the price of badges.

I understand that price rises will never be popular and I can assure you we have not taken this decision lightly. From 2 January 2020, badge prices will increase by an average of 5p. We have kept this increase as low as we possibly can.

We're committed to supporting District shops and this year we took the decision to no longer supply John Lewis, so customers could come back and shop with you. We're going to continue to find ways to support you and your District.

Thank you for everything you do for Scouts and your understanding.

Diary Dates 2020

January 2020

- 9 District Executive Meeting
- 11 ASU Pantomime Trip
- 13 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 14 Scout Shop Reopens
- 17 - 19 Fire and Ice @ Tolmers (Scouts & Explorers)
- 25 Chinese New Year
- 25 Burns Night
- 28 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting



February

- 9 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 22 County Beavers Builder Badge Day
- 22 Founder's Day
- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

March

- 1 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 7 - 8 County Chiltern Challenge
- 9 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 12 District Executive Meeting
- 14 - 15 Mid Herts Night Hike
- 22 Mother's Day
- 27 - 28 District Gang Show - St Francis Theatre



April

- 19 St George's Day Parade

May

- 1 - 3 County Cubs At Tolmers



TEAMWORK

The real way to gain happiness is to give to others

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