

Annual General Meetings - A.G.M.

Three Scouts Groups have held their remote AGMs. Below are extracts from their AGM packs.

1st Ashwell: - Beavers - going for walks around the village, singing in Wolverley House, celebrating Chinese New Year, visited Pets at Home and completed lots of badges.

Cubs - camp under canvas, activities including circus skills, building bug hotels, pancake cooking, Groups activity day at Grafham Water.

Scouts - Fires, walks and pioneering, debates and talent shows, go karts, helping Santa go round the village, carol concert and much more.

1st Baldock - Beavers - sleep in tents, day trip to Shepreth Wild Animal Park, Badges completed Cyclist, Experiment, Faith and Disability Awareness badges.

Cubs - Crazy golf, artist, afternoon tea and raised over £172 for the air ambulance. Dragon Boating, climbing and abseiling, Local Knowledge and Safety badge.

Scouts - Ice Skating, High Ropes, Aqua Park, A total of 351 badges were awarded.

5th Letchworth - Beavers - Hikes through Weston Hills and Nortonbury, tried haggis on Burns night and had fun doing experiments.

Cubs - have been hiking, baking, reading, star-gazing, filming, editing, building and had a wet and windy summer camp and a lovely winter camp.

Scouts - Camping - Harmergreen and Green Beret, tent pitching, team games, fire lighting, carol singing at Garden House Hospice. Burns Night with country dancing and haggis, Japanese culture during Karate night.



2nd Baldock Scouts

On the 23rd April Sixteen 2nd Baldock Scouts took part in the UK Scouts initiative Hike to the Moon (www.scouts.org.uk/hiketothemoon), which has raised over £300,000 for the Big Night in Appeal, here are some of the Photos of Scouts walking a mile as part of their daily essential exercise, either round their garden or in the fields around Baldock.



Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit



Glenn, 12th Letchworth BSL, made bread pudding on our Zoom meeting last week. This was part of our evening about VE day. It was great to see everyone cooking away in their kitchens. The pudding was delicious too. Terry made the one in the picture and gave some to Wendy Tierney, District Commissioner, who was delighted to sample the cooking.

Clair Calver, Oak Eagle ESU

1st Baldock Cubs (Knights)

On the 30th April 1st Baldock Knights Cubs took part in #CampatHome. We camped virtually with over 95,000 participants, from 67 countries and helped to break a World Record.

Some of the activities on the evening included cooking on a fire, roasting marshmallows on a candle, preparing the family dinner and singing campfire songs."

Robert Coldrey - ACSL 1st Baldock Cubs (Knights)



1st Ashwell - Virtual Scouts

Although we cannot meet in person because of coronavirus, we have been having virtual Scout meetings by Zoom on Monday nights at 7:30 pm. On the first week we did a scavenger hunt where we had to find lots of different things that we could find in our house or in our garden. On the second week we did a lightsabre competition where we could earn points for our patrol by making our very own lightsabre, the weapon the Jedis and Siths use in Star Wars because it was the 4th of May ('May the fourth be with you') and we learned how to pack for camp.

On the third week we thought up ideas for a time capsule where we will put coronavirus things in a freezer bag and into the ground for us to find again in 50 years. This week we are doing a talent show where Scouts will be performing a skill that they have practised over the week. It is also a great time to earn badges: my older brothers completed their Chief Scout's gold award during lockdown.

Edward Kendrick
1st Ashwell Scout



Scout voting for talent show entries in one of 1st Ashwell virtual Scout meetings.

Ashwell Scouts and Guides joined VE Day commemorations.



Scout camp was postponed so made the most of garden camping



1st Baldock Cubs (Knights)

Scouting at home



Being stuck at home during the lockdown has been really boring and not seeing my friends has been tough, but I've been keeping busy doing lots of Scouting. I've been trying to get as many Cub badges as I can, I've tried out loads of new things, learnt lots and had fun too!

We have been going on bikes rides and roller skating for our daily exercise which has helped towards my cyclists and skater badges. There has been plenty of time to read which has helped me to get my books reader badge. I made spaghetti Bolognese and ice cream cookie sandwiches for my family and got my chef's badge!

We've been growing vegetables and spending lots of time in the garden. I've learnt about all the trees and butterflies in our garden and we've had a great time camping at home once a week. One of my favourite things was building a fire and cooking our dinner on it. We had a feast of sausages, beans and vegetables parcels just like Akela had taught us at camp and then sang our favourite



campfire songs.

The next badges I want to do are Digital Maker and the Pioneer badge. My mum is going to teach me how to tie knots



Being at home is still a bit boring but I'm so happy that I have Cubs to help me through the hard times.

Alice Ekers

1st Baldock (Knights) Cub

1st Baldock Cubs (Templars)

The # Camp At Home was a great success with 19 Cubs (and parents/siblings) taking part. We had to organise a challenge for the 1st of May to get them back in their beds! Six Cubs actually completed the whole 30 nights - well done to James Boar, Thomas Bradshaw, Hannah & Oliver Cooke, Izzy Dunstan and Alex Scott (pictured in his blanket den)

Alex says: "I made a huge blanket fort in my bedroom for this challenge. We used all our blankets in the house, and it was so big I couldn't get to my bed! It looked so awesome that my younger brother joined in and made a sleeping area alongside mine. We slept there for the full 30 nights, and we did not want to come out. We only came out because of the awesome Akela's Back in Your Own Bed Challenge, which was to get 17 things on my bed!"

We also challenged the Cubs to make a cup of tea to drink at 4pm on V E Day and to design a flag for the occasion. 15 Cubs took part in this - we loved the picture of Daniel Whiffen making his Dad a cuppa!

We have now started Zoom meetings and are looking forward to doing more challenges.

**Ted Cornell, Akela CSL
1st Baldock Templars Cubs**



Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Abigail Gage

1st Baldock (Knights)



The following Leaders have gained their Wood Beads

Catherine Ashelby	ABSL	1st Baldock
Ben Constable	CSL	1st Ashwell
John Hayward	ABSL	5th Letchworth
Sarah Hayward	BSL	5th Letchworth
Helen Howard	GSL	5th Letchworth
Nick Howell	ASL	5th Letchworth
Jo Marsden	ASL	1st Ashwell
Christine Tyler	ASL	4th Letchworth
Ros Wing	ACSL	2nd Baldock

The following have achieved their 5 years service award



Venetia Bentley	ABSL	12th Letchworth
Ed Hartley	SL	2nd Baldock
Sharon Hodge	ACSL	1st Baldock
Mike Hodge	ACSL	1st Baldock

The following have achieved their 10 years service award



Matthew Brown	Beavers	4th Letchworth
Sarah Cook	ABSL	7th Letchworth
Susannah Goward	Beavers	1st Baldock
Heather Waters	CSL	12th Letchworth
Tom Wonnacott	ASL	5th Letchworth

The following have achieved their 20 years service award



Fiona Potts	CSL	1st Baldock
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Achievements

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



Christopher Bennett	Treasurer	1st Baldock
Jeremy Croxford	Executive Member	District
Carla Del Greco	Chair	11th Letchworth
Helen Gray	BSL	7th Letchworth
Ed Hartley	SL	2nd Baldock
Zeke Hill	ASL	8th Letchworth
Gill Palmer	ACSL / Training	8th Letchworth / District
Glenn Read	ABSL	12th Letchworth
Phil Scoot	AESL	Oak Eagle ESU
Deb Simpson	SL	1st Baldock
Jacob Tyler	CSL	4th Letchworth
Paul Tyler	SL	4th Letchworth



The Award for Merit is given for outstanding service. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period, of at least 12 years duration (exceptionally 10)

Nora Hitcham	Scout Shop	District
John Moys	Honorary Vice-President	District
Mike Myner	Treasurer	8th Letchworth

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