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Lockdown Memories'

During lockdown I enjoyed spending lots of time with my family. I asked a younger Cub from my pack, Emilie Ball, to describe some of the things she enjoyed during lockdown too. Here is what she had to say:

"I enjoyed going to a hill and flying our kite and growing plants such as runner beans, peas, potatoes, strawberries, raspberries and tomatoes. We also made a den and slept there for two weeks. I had a water fight with our neighbours, baked lots of things like scones, a cake, chocolate rice krispies, cakes and more. I also helped my dad paint the shed and we painted my mum's bedside table".

Like Emilie, there were lots of things I loved about lockdown too. I went on family bike rides every day and baked cakes, biscuits, pastry and pizza. I bought an archery set and practised my target shooting and also grew lots of vegetables and sunflowers. I also enjoyed playing my saxophone.



As I couldn't go on holiday to Greece, my brother and I created a Greek-themed night at home where we opened a restaurant and cooked Greek food on the BBQ, made mocktails and had our food and drink by our big paddling pool which we pretended was the sea.



I really enjoyed seeing my friends on zoom calls. I usually train twice a week for gymnastics so my club provided lots of zoom sessions instead. I entered a virtual gymnastics competition with my acrobatics club and managed to get a silver medal for which I practised really hard.



I loved the Cub zoom meetings which were really fun, especially the scavenger hunts and the online quizzes! I worked towards Cub badges by doing lots of things at home like camping in my garden and building dens.



In Cubs during lockdown I learnt more about the charity 'Scouts against Malaria' and decided I wanted to do something to raise money for this important cause. As I love sport, I chose to run a half marathon in 5 days and set up a GoFundMe page which can be seen here if anyone would like to sponsor me for this very important charity,

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/scouts-against-malaria>

I have now managed to complete my run although it was hard work and at the moment I have raised over £300. I am very grateful to everyone who has sponsored me so far.



Emilie and I have both made so many memories during lockdown which we will remember and treasure forever!

Eleanor Roberts
1st Baldock Cubs (Knights)

Extract taken from email sent to the editor by Eleanor's mum " Eleanor enjoyed writing the piece and it will enable her to achieve her teamwork challenge badge which is the last thing she is needing to gain her Chief Scout Silver Award. Her article looks back on her and a younger Cub's fond memories of lockdown".

**Well done Eleanor what an inspiration you have been in these difficult times.
Congratulations on achieving your Chief Scout Silver Award**

8th Letchworth Scouts

8th Letchworth Scouts first night back of the Autumn term.

We played this grid game where you had to move everyone around in a grid and you had to get the designated people to their placed spots on the grid. But you could only move people to empty spaces which made it far more complicated and was in my opinion a great way to develop teamwork skills.

The other game we played was rounders but without a bat or ball but with a football. Also, to add to the excitement of the game it was almost pitch black. When it was only dark but not dark enough you couldn't see your hand in front of your face we added lights to the stumps so you could see them but barely. Then when it was pitch black Zeke turned his car headlights on so we could see a little bit better and that was how the game continued.

Joseph Gribben - 8th Letchworth Scouts



Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts



**7th September
2020**

We're back! This week we had groups walking near Baldock and cooking at Wymondley Wood. More of the same next week for the other half of the unit.



1st Ashwell Beavers

We took our Beavers on a conker walk (actually 3 separate conker walks) in their groups at yesterday's Beaver session. They all really enjoyed looking for the horse chestnut trees and collecting as many conkers as they could carry using their pockets, jumpers and hands (no bags allowed).

Once we had collected the conkers all the groups headed back to the rec for some fun games.

We played "conker and spoon races" (each Beaver had their own spoon) and then "which team can throw the most conkers into their bucket" in two

minutes (there were definitely more conkers out of the buckets than in them).

We all had a fun evening and the Beavers took home the conkers they had collected - one Beaver had to hold his trousers up all the way home as his pockets were bulging!.

We had lots of fun, love from the 1st Ashwell Beavers.





Training



As you're all aware we are still not permitted to return to Face to Face training so we have arranged for the following modular training to take place on line

M10 - First Response - Theory

8th 15th 22nd October 7.15 - 9.30pm

3rd 10th 17th November 7.15 - 9.30pm

5th 12th 19th December 9.15 - 11.30am

You must attend the three sessions within the month

M7 - Scouting for All

22nd October 7.30 - 9.30pm

M12A - Delivering a Quality Programme

15th October 7.30 - 9.30pm

M12B - Programme Planning

19th November 7.30 - 9.30pm

M15 - Promoting Positive Behaviour

18th January 2021 7.30 - 9.30pm

M16 - Intro to Residential Experience

16th November - 7.30 - 9.30pm

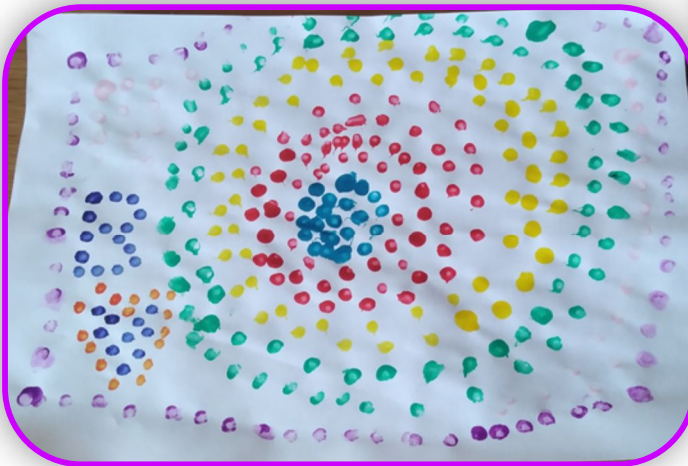
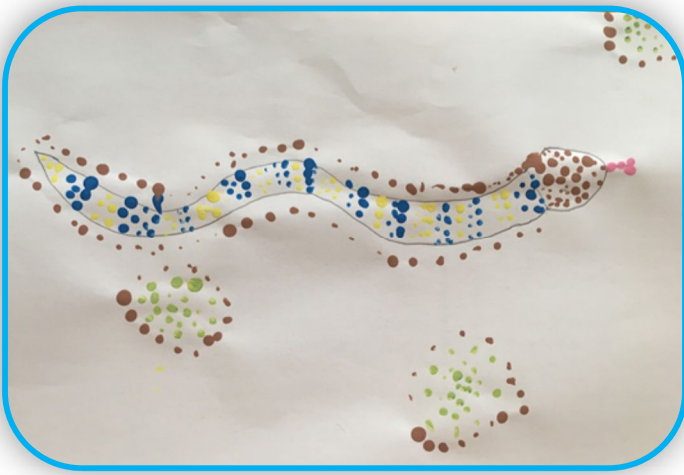
M18 - Practical Skills

25th November 7.30 - 9.30pm

To book a place please visit: -

<https://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/adult-support/training>

2nd Baldock Beavers



2nd Baldock Beavers did some Aboriginal Art for their World Challenge Badge over the Summer.

Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Alfie Lawrence 7th Letchworth
Hannah MacArthur 1st Baldock (Knights)



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Oliver Geene 2nd Baldock



Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Jonathan Wind Oak Eagle ESU



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