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**Letchworth and Baldock Ex District Commissioner
Bob Williams**



The Daily Telegraph Tuesday 12 January 2021

"Nailing colours to the mask" - Robert Williams (Bob) 84, wears a Union flag mask as he receives a COVID-19 jab at Robertson House, in Stevenage, Herts, one of the seven mass vaccination centres.

Since the picture was published in The Telegraph Bob's photo has been published around the world including Australia, Scotland, Northern Ireland and many local newspapers in England.



1st Baldock Scout Group



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Scouts from 47 countries joined in with the fun of Wintercamp 2021. There were 686 teams in all including Baldock Scouts. The 2021 Wintercamp Challenge team Baldock was made up of Scouts, Cubs and Beavers with Young Leaders, Explorers and Leaders all involved as well as non Scouting family members. It really was an inclusive weekend.

Every hour as part of Wintercamp TV a number of challenges were presented. We had the following 60 minutes to upload evidence of us completing the challenge.

Popular challenges included; How many biscuits can you pile on your nose? Build a bridge with a cereal box – what's the heaviest thing it can hold? Camouflage yourself the best and, of course, anything to do with marshmallows and fires.



Many of the Cubs joined in with activities from the Wintercamp including :-

- Grow your own gummy bears
- Mentos Diet Coke Geyser
- Building and sleeping in a den.
- Create paper planes with our friends from the RAF.
- Build your own DIY football and step into the shoes of young people from around the world.

We had messages from parents;

"Richie tried using the instructions, for making popcorn, on the winter camp, but it didn't work. So he changed the cake cases for foil and made the can shorter and this time round he was successful".

"Finn took on many challenges which he is hoping to share with the other Cubs."

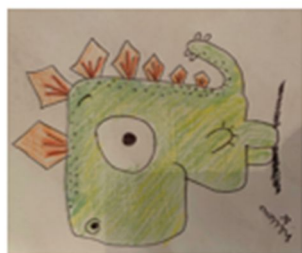
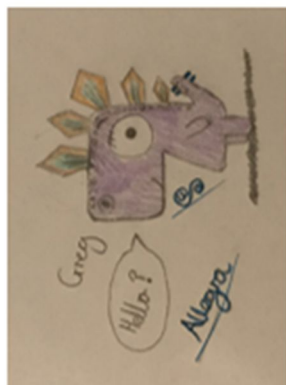
"Thomas did lots at the weekend - sleeping in a den, cooking on the camping stove and singing camp songs".

Congratulations to 1st Baldock Scout Group for coming 27th in the virtual Wintercamp 2021 with a score of 94. The top 50 teams with their scores are available online.
www.wintercamp.org.uk/challenge

A collage of pictures drawn on Zoom by 5th Letchworth and 7th Letchworth Beavers.

We had a draw along and using a pre recorded online tutorial by Rob Biddulph, we followed along, pausing after every piece to catch up our drawings— it was fantastic fun and the Beavers (and adults) had a brilliant time.

Hele Gray - 7th Letchworth BSL



5th & 7th Letchworth Beavers
Gregosaurus – Drawing with Rob 20/01/2021



8th Letchworth Cubs



Puppies and Guinea Pigs

Tonight was really fun at Cubs because we were working on our "Animal Carer" badge. I loved sharing and talking about my animals.

I was first to talk and I showed all the other Cubs my three and a half month old puppy called Lily. I told everyone that she likes eating dry kibbles. she sleeps in her crate at night time. She goes on two small walks a day. When she gets a bit older she will be able to go on longer walks.

I also showed my two guinea pigs called Pippa and Georgie. They are sisters and around three years old. They live in a hutch in the conservatory and love fresh vegetables. Their favourite food is spinach. They also have sawdust and hay in their hutch and they love eating the hay.

Amelia Biggs – 8th Letchworth

Animals We Look After (Hedgehogs)

At Monday's Cub meeting we talked about the animals we care for. We have a local charity called Hetties Helpers, they look after Hedgehogs. They look for local homes to help re home healthy hogs. We help when we can to take hedgehogs. We have a hoghouse in our back garden. We give them food and water. Never milk as it makes them poorly, we give them dry cat food as we have cats. He is hibernating as it's winter, he is one of two brothers. We got them both in the summer when they were a few months old. When they leave we will get another one to look after. We leave gaps under our fence for them to come and go.

Daisy Collen-- 8th Letchworth Cubs



5th Letchworth Scout Group

Over 60 years ago K.J. helped produce the first ever District Newsletter - Co-Ordinator. He also helped to move 5th Letchworth Scout Group from it's meeting place at Westbury School to their new home in Spring Road. They brought the wooden shed with them that they had been using as a store.

60 years on it was well past it prime. After a great team effort the shed was dismantled ready to be transported to Wymondley Wood to be burnt.



Over the next few issues of Co-Ordinator the teams progress from dismantling the wooden shed to installing the metal container will be followed with interest .

A positive outcome for 5th Letchworth Scout Group during this time of the coronavirus.



**KEEP CALM
AND
CARRY ON
SAFELY**

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Felix Howell	1st Baldock
William Patmore	1st Baldock
Rowan Potts	1st Baldock



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Thomas Chivers	1st Baldock (Templars)
Max Hill	1st Baldock (Knights)
Sam Holmes	1st Baldock (Templars)
Alex Scott	1st Baldock (Templars)
Niall Tilbury	1st Baldock (Knights)
Ilena Wong	1st Baldock (Knights)

1st Baldock Cub Packs

1st Baldock Cubs Pack weekly meetings have been fun. The Cubs are really enjoying the last few weeks. They have been trying their skills at cooking and have shown the Leaders banana loaf, cup cakes and meat balls.

They have also been successful in grown and show. The Cubs were challenged to use things that they had in the house or garden. So far there has been successful sprouting of parsnip and carrot tops, cress and red pepper seeds also snowdrops and crocus from the garden.

One of their Leaders is working in Sweden at the moment so they have an international feel at their meetings too.

Keep up the good work.

11th Letchworth Scouts

An interesting cooking session with 11th Letchworth Scouts last week. We did a **Scoutadelic** special pizza in a mug. Good results all round.

Achievements

Length of Service Awards



Rose Elmer
John Hicks

Active Support Member
Active Support Member



Ron Smith

Active Support Member



Rose De Roeck
Wendy Tierney

Active Support Member
District Commissioner



Anne Lilley

Active Support Member

Award for Merit



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

Phil George

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1st Ashwell



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