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DC's Letter

Well, what a year all of us have had in Scouting, who would have thought this time last year we would still be in a lockdown one year on with restrictions only being lifted for a short time. Scouting in the District has carried on but on Zoom, badges have still been gained, camps in the back garden or in the living room. Well done to all the young people that have taken part and a big thank you to all the Leaders for putting a programme together and delivering it on Zoom. Hopefully with some restrictions being lifted on the 29th of March some outdoor face to face meetings can take place. With risk assessments being completed and approved. Then all being well on 12th of April indoor meetings can take place too. With the Vaccine and the Vaccination programme under way there is a little light at the end of the tunnel. We should not be too complacent as we still need to keep to the guidance and keep everyone safe.

This year's census is now done and complete. Our numbers were down but with everything going on over the past year the District is not surprised. Over the next few months we need to try and get some more adult volunteers on board across all sections / Groups, so that when we do go back to face to face meetings, we have enough adult leaders in place. I think also when face to face meetings start there will be more interest from young people wishing to join too. It is disappointing for Leaders and young people alike that Lochearnhead has had to be cancelled for this year but rest assured plans are in place to visit in a few years' time. Thank you to all the organising team for all that you had done to try to make the expedition happen, all your hard work will not be in vain as we will put it to good use when we can organise to go again. We look forward to it.

We have had some more Service Awards and Awards. Congratulation to all that have received these and hopefully we can do something later in the year to celebrate all the achievements.

Again, this year there will be no St Georges Day Parade. Leaders and young people are encouraged to put on their uniforms and renew their promise. This can be done in one of your face-to-face meetings, (situation permitting) via zoom or by any other means. Take some pictures to show where you renewed your promise.

So, for now, carry on Scouting, take care, and stay safe.

Wendy Tierney
District Commissioner.



7th Letchworth Cubs

7th Cubs have been making Cress Caterpillars (Cressipillars). We built a caterpillar from half a toilet roll, card and pipe cleaners. Cubs decorated these and added googly eyes. Cubs have been looking after them and watching them grow for their science badge.



Caterpillar waiting to grow cress
Samuel Mott



Cress growing - George Dolman



Alivia Newman -
sprouting caterpillar

8th Letchworth Cubs

The Cubs recently made Surprise Cookies on our Zoom meeting. They were given a basic recipe and asked to add whatever they thought would be nice. Some of the ideas were:-
Peanut butter and choc chip
Choc chip and cinnamon
Strawberry
Almond and choc chip
Top marks went to the Cub who made oat, raisin and cinnamon. Asked why those.. reply was "it was what we had in the cupboard!" Cubs are resourceful.. Well done!



Photos from Flavio Vieira, Ben Powles and Daisy Collen. - 8th Letchworth Cubs



2nd Baldock Beavers

This term the Beavers have been very busy completing their Builder badge where they made some amazing robots.

They have also completed their Communicator badge, learning about the Phonetic alphabet and Morse Code, and using a parent's mobile to phone to text and call the Leaders!

They have made some Easter craft which will be on display in the St Mary's Church Easter Praise Festival over the Easter weekend and finally planted some seeds for their Gardening badge. There is some impressive growth already and it will be good to see the final results in a few months' time.



Luke



Ben



Ewan



Nathan



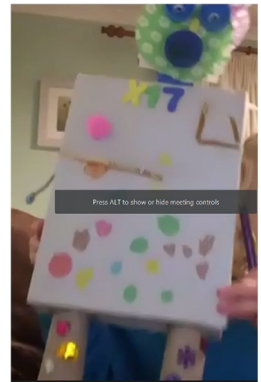
Henry



Theo



Noah



Evelyn



Elliot



5th Letchworth Scout Group



A bit of man handling was needed the next day and now it is “in” and waiting for the fence to be put back, the lighting to be installed and our equipment stored safely. Strangely it has been a stroke of good fortune that the constraints of Covid and Lockdowns have given us a window to rearrange our storage, but we all want to see the job finished now and kit going in and out for the ultimate activity- Camping !

**Geoff Smith - 5th Letchworth
ASL**

Next month will see the end of the project.



Booking Wymondley Wood



At the present time I am taking only two bookings for any Group/Unit.

This is because we can't overlap Groups (see our RA) and we still don't know when/whether residentials will be able to re-start.

As it stands if we have a School or Group in the house we can't also have a meeting going on in the grounds.

This will last until government advice changes and we alter our own Risk Assessment.

Please will Scout Leaders remember that Guides are booking as well and I am trying to be fair to all.

As soon as we can relax our restrictions we will, but at present please be patient and request only two evenings per Group/Unit.

Maureen Kell
Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre
Booking Secretary

Wymondley Wood Working Party

On Saturday 27 March a working party of Wymondley Wood Committee Member and Wardens arrived at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. A list of jobs were identified that needed to be done outside before Wymondley Wood could open. The traversing wall was jet washed, the ablution block toilets were given a deep clean, and the lean to was swept of leaves and

tidied up. Refreshments were provided by Maureen.

We all look forward to welcoming back the young people and their Leaders to Wymondley Wood for outside activities.



Achievements



Emma Hayward who was a Young Leader at 5th Letchworth Beavers has been awarded her Young Leader Belt.



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Nathan Dias	2nd Baldock
Keira Parkinson	7th Letchworth
Luke Riley	2nd Baldock



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Sofia Bardell	8th Letchworth
Elliott Branton	2nd Baldock
Caitlin Cook	8th Letchworth
Isabel Dunstan	1st Baldock (Templars)
Emma Rafferty	8th Letchworth



Wood Badge

Nikki Killick	5th Letchworth
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Length of Service Awards



Andrew Masson	10yrs District Exec Member
Ann Farmer	10yrs ASU
Rodney Farmer	10yrs ASU
Patricia Northover	10yrs ASU
Emma Hitchin-Reeves	10yrs 11 th Letchworth

Awards

Chief Scout's Commendation For Good Service



Awarded in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out. It should be regarded as the Chief Scout's recognition of the very real contribution made to the Scouts by the individual concerned

Alan Mann	ABSL	4 th	Letchworth
John Hayward	ABSL	5 th	Letchworth
Sarah Hayward	BSL	5 th	Letchworth
Robert Coldrey	ACSL	1 st	Baldock
Stephanie Marshall	ACSL	2 nd	Baldock

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)

Claire Greener	ADC Scouts
Dave Jordan	District Executive Member
Mick Balls	District supporter

The Queen's Scout Award is the top achievement for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members and comprises of a variety of activities to complete.



Well done to:-

Maggie Read BaLiN Network



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