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Beaver Scout 35th Anniversary

Beavers became officially part of The Scout Association and the World Scout Organisation on 1 April 1986.

The first mention of Beaver Scouts in our District was in October's 1987 edition of Co-Ordinator - **Watch this space BEAVERS are coming - 4th Letchworth, 5th Letchworth, 8th Letchworth, 12th Letchworth and 1st Baldock.**

In May 1988 the District held the first District Beaver Fun Day . Over 80 Beavers enjoyed an action packed afternoon at Norton Bury. The second Beaver Fun Day was also held at Norton Bury 6th May 1989. In September 1990 the District Beaver Scout Sports Day was held at the Grange School playing field.

The Beaver Scout Motto
Fun and Friends

Beaver Motto and
Promise as recorded
in Co-Ordinator
February 2002

The Beaver Scout Promise
I promise to do my best
To be kind and helpful
and to love God.

1st Baldock were the first colony in the District to invest girls as recorded in the Census Returns 2001

Beavers celebrated their 10th Anniversary on Saturday 6 June 1996 at Knebworth Park. They had use of the Fort, a magic show, a circus show and a wonderful sing song.

Beavers celebrated their 20th Anniversary at the 2006 Gilwell Park Funday
Saturday 17 June 2006

The District celebrated the Beavers 30th anniversary with a sleepover at St Nicholas School, Norton on 16 / 17 July 2016. Over 125 Beavers from ALL the Colonies in the District took part.



Colony	Year	Leader (s)
1st Ashwell	2002	Corrine Butterworth / Grietje Brenner
1st Baldock	1988	Sheila Staines / June Maddox
2nd Baldock	1992	Wendy Neath
1st 3rd Letchworth	2002	Paula Jordan
4th Letchworth	1986	Kathleen Williams
5th Letchworth	1993	Anne Martin
7th Letchworth	1998	Vicky Walters / Jo-Ann Wilding
8th Letchworth	1988	Alison Lusty
11th Letchworth	1995	Sue Merry / Michael Holt
12th Letchworth	1988	Monica Thomason

CENSUS Beaver Scouts

Year	Number
1987	54
1988	79
1989	95
1990	109
Jump forward to	
2000	115
2020	182

Assistant District Commissioner (Beavers)

1988 - 1988	Alison Wilson
1989 - 1998	Sheila Staines
1998 - 2001	Deb Dilley
2001 - 2004	Maggie Miller
2004 - 2013	Vicki Luker (Gage)
2013 - 2019	Liz Taplin
2019 - to present	Vicki Gage

In September 1990 it was agreed that the uniform for Beaver Scouts shall contain the option to wear the turquoise Beaver scarf or the Group scarf.

To the best of my knowledge the above information is correct and has been taken from various District publications, minutes and census records.



**1st 3rd Letchworth and 12th Letchworth Beavers -
The first group to use the new Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide centre.
15 - 16 March 2003**



1997 District Beaver Fund Raising

The District Beavers undertook some brilliant fund raising. They raised almost £575 to help set up a new Cub Pack in Mpumalanga, South Africa. The money was used to purchase sports and art equipment, Cub books and all the items needed to give the Pack a good start in its life. The items were taken out to Mpumalanga on Friday 18 July by the County Expedition African Skies.



November 2020 - 1st Phumlan Scout Group

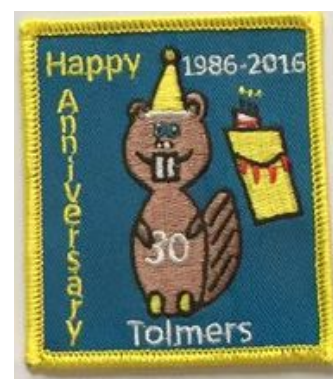


Day 1 of Beavers in Burrows has welcomed over 1,000 Beavers from all across the UK! It has been action packed and fun filled with Rhythm in Music, Magic Show, Drawing Workshop, Animal Talk, dinner with Shiny Kitchen, a humongous campfire and now a bedtime story with the Author! (as reported on facebook)

County Beaver 30th Anniversary Badge Winner



Robbie from 5th Letchworth Beaver Scout Colony designed @HertsScouts #Beavers30 badge. How cool is this?



5th Letchworth Scout Group



5th Letchworth Scout Group



The fence has been put back, the lighting has been installed and their equipment has been stored away safely. All that is needed now is a quartermaster for when camping can resume. (not long now).

Thanks in the first instance must go to Geoff Smith who saw Tom Wonnacott's potential and appointed him with the titled of 'Project Manager'

Credit to all the Leaders, parents, friends of 5th Letchworth Scout Group for helping see the project to its completion. WELL DONE. Couldn't have done it without you.

Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

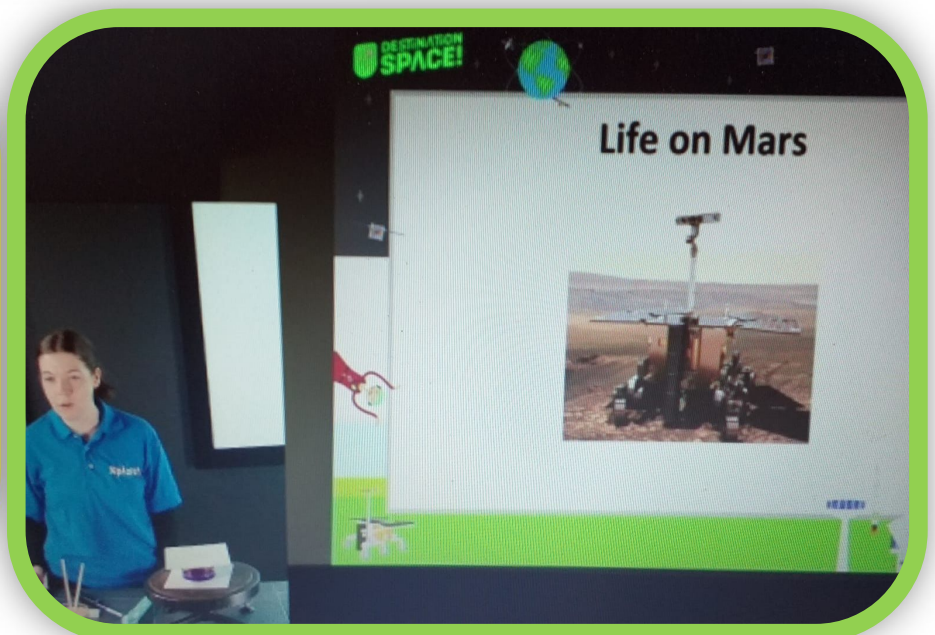
Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts were joined on Zoom on a evening in March by 5th Letchworth and 12th Letchworth for a science talk by Xplorer Science.

They talked about space travel and Mars. It was great fun and included some exciting experiments showing how rocket fuel works

We would recommend this company to anyone wanting an evening of educational fun.

<https://www.xplorescience.co.uk>

Xplore!



2nd Baldock Scouts

Quartermaster Activity Days

2nd Baldock Scouts ran 2 Quartermaster Activity Days at the end of March, which clashed with the best weather of the year. The objective of the day was to check out all the Scout Troop tents, Gas Stoves, Bell Tents, New Mess Tents, so they would be ready for when we can resume camping. Each day we had up to 10 Scouts and up to 5 Leaders/Young Leaders.

Scouts had a great time on each day catching up with each other, as well as the Scouts relearning how to put up several of the tents,

connect the stoves and build the new mess tent. They had chance to play several socially distanced games.

The day was a success and we identified tents which need work to be done, repaired some of the gas hoses and identified that most of our other gas hoses have expired in the last 18 months, so we will need to replace them all.

Ed Hartley -
2nd Baldock Scout Leader



2nd Baldock Scouts

Weekend Zoom and Spring into Camp

Last weekend I took part as a new 2nd Baldock Scout in an amazing Weekend Zoom & Spring into Camp organised by my Pack for their Cubs and Scouts and their siblings. Our first zoom meeting was on Friday night and we had the famous British Mark Thompson speak to us. He is also a tv presenter on the BBC show Stargazing Live. His talk was fascinating and we all learnt a lot about space and astrology. He answered lots of our questions and the talk helped us to earn our astronomer badge. Later on in the evening we split up into smaller breakout rooms and enjoyed playing games together over zoom including Scribble io and Blooket. This was a great way to socialise with other Scouts and have fun. After this we all either slept in a tent outside or on a camp bed / den we had made for the night so that we could earn our camp@home badge.

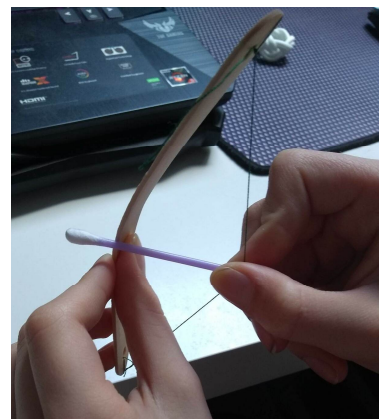
The next day we had lots of brilliant activities to try out split into different themes. To earn our camp badge we had to complete at least one activity from each theme. We met in the morning to discuss all the activities we could try. As part of the 'science' theme the first thing I did was build a cardboard rocket using a film canister ready to launch with everyone on another zoom call. Once we'd built it we put an Alka Seltzer tablet into the canister and waited for the rocket to pop and launch itself. It was really exciting to watch all of the rockets launch - some of them went really high!

After this we all made pizza in a mug following brilliant



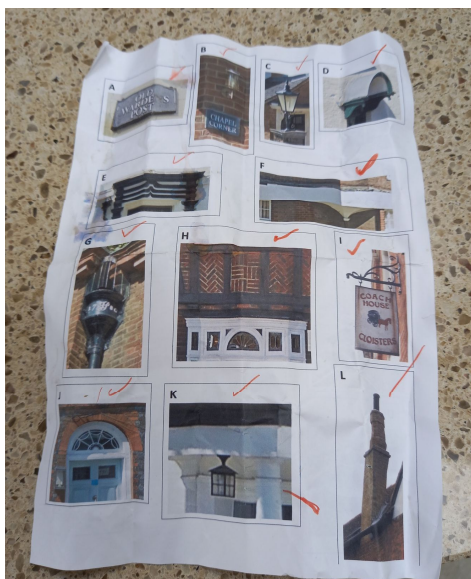
instructions from Rosalind Hartley for our 'cooking' theme. She taught us a really easy way to make it by putting pizza ingredients in a mug microwaving it. After lunch we all made balloon cars ready for a race with everyone on zoom later

that day. It was amazing to see how a little car made of wood and straws could go so far using the air in a balloon for power! We had a great time watching everyone's car and seeing how fast they all went!



2nd Baldock Scouts

Weekend Zoom and Spring into Camp



In the afternoon I did lots more activities with my family, these included a photo walk around Baldock for the 'outdoor' theme, where we had to find an A-Z of landmarks and mark them off on a map. For the 'creative' theme I had a go at Arokah - fitting different shapes together into templates. This was very hard! We also tried mini archery, making paracord crafts and marshmallow forks!



There are too many activities to mention but some of the others we enjoyed are making a glitter volcano, a hologram projector and a marble run and also using strawberry laces to learn how to tie different knots - the best part of this was eating them all afterwards!. On Saturday evening we all took part in a family quiz on zoom which was our 'teamwork' theme - this was really fun and great to see everyone.



One Sunday morning we all made one-eyed Egyptians for breakfast together which was fried bread with a hole cut out of it where the egg was then put in and fried. We spent the morning doing some more activities and then we all met together on zoom dressed in our uniforms for the special investiture of two new Scouts and a Scout Leader.

It was very sad when the camp had come to an end because I had really enjoyed it. I'd like to thank all of the 2nd Baldock Leaders and Young Leaders for

organising such an amazing virtual weekend camp and the camp packs with all the equipment for lots of the activities.

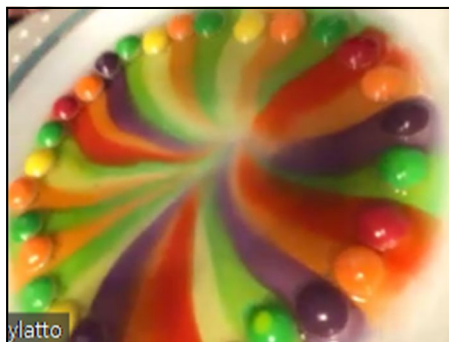
**Eleanor Roberts -
2nd Baldock Scouts**



2nd Baldock Cubs

For 2 ½ weeks in March science was the subject for the Cubs and they did experiments over Zoom which was an interesting experience. Here are pictures of some of the experiments

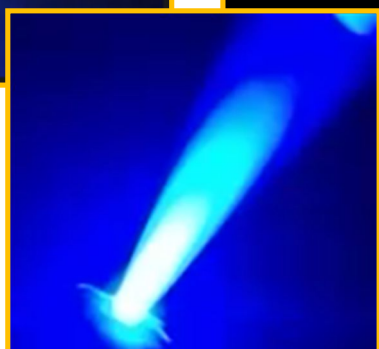
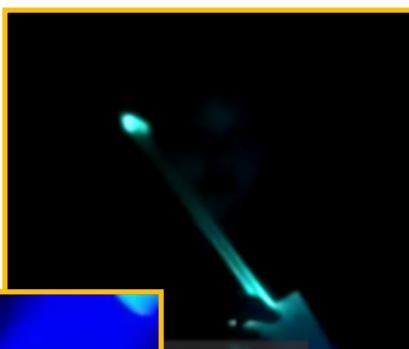
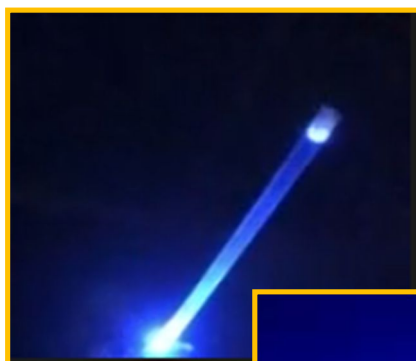
Rainbow skittles



Lava lamps



Light sabers



Crystal growing



Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Joe Bennett	8th Letchworth
Amelie Boulstridge	8th Letchworth
Amy Figeon	8th Letchworth
Gwen Griffiths	8th Letchworth
Callum McDermott	8th Letchworth
William Noble	5th Letchworth
Matthew Rafferty	8th Letchworth
Emmie-Leigh Stapleton	8th Letchworth
Tabitha Wandless	8th Letchworth



Welcome to

Carrie Burton	2nd Baldock Sectional Assistant Beavers
Katy Matthews	2nd Baldock Beaver Scout Leader

St George's Day - Renewal of Promise

Groups and Sections over the weekend renewed their Scout Promise. 4th Letchworth Cubs renewed theirs at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre at their Pack meeting on Friday 23 April. Some of the District Team renewed their promise on Saturday again at Wymondley Wood. This year's charity is Feed Up Warm Up.



Feed Up Warm Up provide drop-in centres once a week in both Hitchin and Stevenage where those in need can get food, clothing, care and support. We have a dedicated team of volunteers but can only do what we do with continued support of our donors, people just like you.

We also go out into the community at all hours to help those in need and provide care on the spot across the county.

Diary Dates 2021

MAY

- 12 1st Ashwell AGM on Zoom 8.00pm
- 12 5th Letchworth AGM (remote)
- 13 District AGM (remote)
- 14 2nd Baldock AGM (remote)
- 28 4th Letchworth AGM (virtual)
- 29 7th Letchworth AGM (remote)

JUNE

- 13 County Cub Water Activity Day - EESA, Waltham Abbey
- 26 County AGM

JULY

- 4 District Scout Shooting and Archery Competition
- 6 District Beaver Leader's meeting (virtual @ 8.00 pm)



HM the Queen's 95th Birthday

Celebrate Her Majesty's Birthday with this commemorative badge.

Sew it on your uniform and display it for the rest of the year.

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