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Remembrance Sunday - 14 November 2021 Letchworth Garden City



This year it has been decided that there will be no parade of Group/District colours. However, Groups can attend if the Leaders are happy to do so.

Leaders will need to do a risk assessment if they are to attend and let me have a copy.

At time of going to press I have not heard what the arrangements will be for Baldock or Ashwell.

Sixers and Seconders Weekend at Wymondley Wood 9 - 10 October 2021

The District held their annual Sixers & Seconders weekend at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Activity Centre a few months later than normal but it was great to be back with the young people outside having fun. We were very lucky with the weather even though there was a heavy dew,



sun was shining during the day and the temperature wasn't too cold over night. We were lucky enough to be able to eat outside for all of our meals on the patio.

During the weekend we held five bases, Cubs spent an hour on each base learning new Scouting skills. The bases were:

Fire lighting, pioneering, bottle rockets, blind fold rope trail and rope making. Saturday evening the Cubs played a wide game and held a camp fire.

On Sunday breakfast was eaten on the patio, then bags pack.

The Cubs had some fun learning street dancing !! and Cubs Own. A lovely weekend was had by everyone.

I would like to take this opportunity say a very big thank you to

all the Leaders for giving up their time to make this a very enjoyable weekend for everyone.

Amanda Woolmer
ADC Cubs



8th Letchworth Beavers - Photography Badge

8th Letchworth Beavers completed their photography badge last night by making collages of photos they have been taking of themselves since September.

They worked in their Lodges to decide which photos to use, and how to display them. We think they did a great job !



2nd Baldock Scouts - Expedition Camp, Tolmers



Making popcorn

It was the first camp I had attended for a long time due to lockdown and I was looking forward to spending time with my friends. I was working towards my Gold Badge and wanted to complete as many of my incomplete tasks as possible. On the Friday I arrived at Tolmers with my friend Christopher whose mum gave us a lift and we set up our tent and had a fire.

Over the weekend I helped with cooking, and we had a plan to do our own washing up although in the end I did a lot of the kitchen washing up as well!

On both Saturday and Sunday, we went on walks to work on our leadership and navigation skills. We worked as a team (Lily, Ollie, James, Michael,

Christopher, and I) with the Leaders supervising from a distance to make sure we didn't get too lost. On the first day we took the minibus to our destination and walked back to Tolmers, on the second day we walked from Tolmers to Hertford. On both days we worked as a team to plan our route, and on the second day I tried to be the leader, allocating tasks. I enjoyed the walking and spending time with my friends and crashed when I got home as I was exhausted!

George, 2nd Baldock Scouts



5th Letchworth Scout Camp

Bromham Camp 2021

In September, 5th Letchworth Scout Group went on an Autumn Revival Camp in Bromham, Bedfordshire. The Scouts enjoyed a variety of activities over the course of the weekend and put the skills they have learnt this half term into practice. On the first night, the Scouts demonstrated their ability of fast, effective tent pitching and shared some quality bonding time around the bonfire while of course enjoying a slice of cake. The first full day of camp started with a camp essential; a two course breakfast starting with porridge, ending with sausage and bacon butties. Stiofan (leader) taught the Scouts how to safely carry out fire wood preparation using the saws and axes. George, Kyron, Oliver and Guille (Scouts) especially enjoyed this activity.



Nick and Samuel (Leaders) then ran a cooking masterclass where the Scouts cooked their own 4 course lunch. Beef and vegetable soup to start, followed by fire cooked mackerel, cinnamon swiss wraps and last but not least, cake. The afternoon saw the Scouts building their own dens in the woods using purely the materials around them. Using the knowledge and skills learnt in the build up to the camp, each Scout was able to individually, or as part of a team, independently and successfully light their own fire. Ilaria (Scout) in particular set herself the challenge of creating her own fire and absolutely smashed it. We also officially invested our newest leader Ella who was previously a Scout at 5th Letchworth and thoroughly enjoyed her first camp back with the Group. Woods based games continued while the Leaders cooked up a classic, spaghetti bolognese with fire baked garlic bread followed by...you guessed it...more cake! The evening drew in and one group of Scouts spent the night in their *luxury 5 wood rated* den that they had dedicated the day to making. The final morning of camp consisted of; breakfast, even more cake, the deconstruction of dens and packing up the trailer.

Ella Adams

Here are a few quotes from some of the Scouts who came on camp:

"Bromham camp 2021 was an amazing experience for all of us! We did many different things and learnt many new skills. Some of these were: cooking various meals on the fire like fish, soup, pasta, garlic bread and more! We also built forts in the forest, and some people even managed to sleep in them on the last night. Best of all, we all had so much cake!" - **Ilaria**

"When I went to camp I found it really fun. We were allowed to make our own fire and make a den in the woods. I found it different from Cub camp because we were allowed to run around the woods playing games and doing lots of activities." - **Charlie**

"When I went to the Scout camp, I really enjoyed it! We did fun activities, made our own meals and much more! On the second day we built up a fire and made egg toast with sausages. We placed a saucepan over our main fire and cooked our food on it. After that, we were allowed to explore the woods, start making our den and practice with the axes" - **Daisy**



Chief Scout Awards (Blue Cards)

To make it easier for Leaders to record their young people's achievement in gaining their Chief Scout Award at District and County level I will accept emails with all the relevant information taken from the blue card. The information is not shared outside of the Scouting Movement.

The information is recorded at District Level (award, name and Group) in Co-Ordinator. At County level they require the award, date achieved, name, address, group and District. County uses this information to send the young person a card from the County Commissioner recognising their achievement. Please ensure that you use my District email.

Dave Hawkins
Badge Secretary

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Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

The Oak Eagles Explorer Scout Unit members helped at St Nicholas Church in Norton on Saturday morning.

They have been tidying up the Church yard by removing ivy from the walls, trimming the grass along the path ways, sweeping the entrance area and tidying the graves.

It was lovely sunny morning and they got lots of work done, helped along by lots of cake. The churchyard looked great and the members of the Church were very happy with their help.



Welcome to

Tony Burns
Andrew Cox
Jenny Dorman

BSL 1st Baldock
AESL Oak Eagle ESU
BSL 1st Baldock

Achievements



Chief Scout' Silver Award

Daniel Ardley 12th Letchworth
Sebastian Jagger 12th Letchworth



The Queen's Scout Award is the top achievement for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members .

Robert Coldrey Scout Network / 1st Baldock
(Knights) Cubs

Chief Scout's Commendation For Good Service



Benjamin Constable 1st Ashwell CSL
Ann Hodge 12th Letchworth ACSL
Cheryl Woolmer 7th Letchworth Cubs



Congratulations on receiving your Wood Beads

Emma Hitchin-Reeves 11th Letchworth CSL



5 year Service Award

Tracy Clements 11th Letchworth
Committee
Robert Coldrey 1st Baldock Knights
George Muge 7th Letchworth Cubs

Diary Dates 2021 / 2022

NOVEMBER

- 4** Scout and Guide Shop reopens
- 6** WSJ Selection
- 8** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 10** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 11** District Executive Meeting
- 14** Remembrance Sunday
- 19** District Cub Quiz
- 20** ASU get together District HQ 14:00 hrs - 16.00hrs
- 21** First Aid Course District HQ
- 30** District Team Meeting

DECEMBER

- 4** ASU Festive Dinner - The Wilbury
- 7** District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 8** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 9** District Executive Meeting
- 11** Oak Eagle ESU fund raising event - swimming pool party
- 16** Scout and Guide Shop closes for Christmas at 8.00 pm

JANUARY 2022

- 10** District Cub Leaders' Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 6** District Scout Cooking Competition
- 27** County Scout Cooking Competition

MARCH

- 14** District Cub Leaders' Meeting

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