



700 editions of Co-Ordinator

The sentiments below are still as relevant today as they were in 1959. Even in 2022 when we have many more ways of communicating through many different medium the Co-Ordinator is the constant and ,hopefully, will be for the next 700 editions.

"It gives me much pleasure to add a few words to the first issue of CO-ORDINATOR. It is hoped this will fill the gap in communications that so often exists, not only in our District but it seems in many parts of the County.

Scouters have many commitments and cannot always attend meetings, and we at District have not had a satisfactory method of circulating all the news, dates and reports. CO-ORDINATOR , I feel will be the answer. I trust you will all read it and save it for reference.

It is now up to you all to supply news, items and reports, or even this newsletter will dry up for lack of information Good luck to this venture . May it long continue".

Les Brown - District Commissioner (1955 - 1963)

Some key facts of Co-Ordinator

- ♦ First issue published in June 1959
- ♦ Produced in colour since 2000
- ♦ To date there have only been eight editors
- ♦ Available on the District website since 2008
- ♦ Has spanned the tenure of 12 District Commissioners
- ♦ Has seen 15 World Scout Jamborees
- ♦ The closure of Nortonbury Scout and Guide Activity Centre
- ♦ The opening of Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre
- ♦ The Centenary of Scouting 2007
- ♦ Letchworth Garden City Centenary in 2003
- ♦ Survived Covid-19 so far

Getting Started with the YouShape Award

It has been great to see a number of young people in the District complete the full set of YouShape Badges over the last couple of months. It really does show that Youth Shaped Scouting is already part of the programme.

If the new badge seems a little daunting and you are looking for somewhere to start, the central badge would be the best place.

The requirement for all ages to achieve this badge is the same:

Choose one thing you'd like to change, improve or deliver for young people in your troop or section, and make it happen.

This could be learning or teaching a new skill, developing your current talents or interests, or changing something about Scouts.

Once a young person has set their goal in conversation with a Leader, this central element of the YouShape Award can be presented to the young person.

There are many ways you can work with your section to set these goals.

A tried and tested method is to give each young person a post-it note and ask them to think of and write down their goal. Once they have completed this ask them all to stick their post-its to a wall. If any struggle to think of their goal they can look at the wall for inspiration.

Where possible keep these displayed in your meeting place as a reminder of young people's goals.

If there are any questions or you have any You Shape Awards you would like me to award please email: rob@lbdscouts.org.uk

Robert Coldrey
District Youth Commissioner

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Badge

On 6th February Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.

For the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** in 2022, the Scout Association has partnered with Girlguiding to create a special joint woven badge.

The badge design will be announced in March to all members of Girlguiding and Scouts.

It's an official occasional badge, and it can be worn on the uniform. The badge has the official Jubilee logo on it as well as the logos of both charities..

The District Executive has agreed to purchase the badge for all members of the District, including all adults.

Once the design is available it will be published in Co-Ordinator.

1st Baldock Cubs

Ice skating was available again this year at the outdoor pool in Letchworth.

The Leaders asked both First Baldock Packs who voted almost unanimously that they wanted to go. There was some discussion that it might be too difficult or that some of the Cubs might not enjoy it. Most of them had never skated before. We decided to give it a go.

Following the safety rules we had to have one adult present for every two under 12 year olds. We decided to invite all our parents and siblings and to book the entire rink. Come the day we had the exact number of people and had eliminated our waiting list, 90 people in all, very exciting. We all arrived and met in anticipation outside while we took the registers and did some warm up activities. Then we were into the area, boots on, onto the ice. The bears and penguins were available to help with getting started. It was a great evening. Lots of fun, learning, falling over, trying again, skating skills.

The Cubs told their Young Leader Isaac 'we enjoyed skating because we had a lot of fun and all learned a new skill even though we fell over many times (it hurt) we never gave up and we succeeded in the end. It was a fantastic experience. We would really like to do it again.'

1st Baldock Cubs



5th Letchworth Beavers

5th Letchworth Beavers restarted in the Autumn 2021 term with a large turnout of all new members. We especially welcomed "Tiger" (think cornflakes) Tony Burns to Team 5th, as our Beaver Leader.

A special evening in November saw most of our new Beavers, and Tiger all invested into Scouts

Tiger has been supported by 4th Letchworth Beaver Leaders Grizzly (Alan) and Ocelot (aka Vicki, Beaver Leader from 4th Letchworth and also our Assistant District Commissioner for Beaver Scouts), and everyone has had a very busy time this term.

5th Letchworth would like to say a massive "Thank you" to Grizzly, Ocelot, and Puffin for their help this term, and also to Redwood and her team of Leaders at 7th Letchworth who supported our Beavers through 2020 to the 2021 summer holidays. Fantastic teamwork within our District. Thank you all.

Helen
Group Scout Leader



5th Letchworth Beavers

Dear Anthony

Thank you and all the members of Fifth Letchworth Beavers so much for the £74 donation to Canine Partners raised from your Christmas fundraising activities. I hope you have enjoyed working towards your Disability Awareness badge.

In the words of one of our partners, Fiona: "I have always been stubbornly independent and I think that was why the darkness of my physical condition was so huge. Now my independence is back there are no barriers to what I want to do in life or in my career, whereas before I had Verlin I didn't think I'd be able to teach anymore." Once again, a massive, thank you to all your Colony for your support, as we all continue to work our way through these unusual and unprecedented times. It means so much to us.

Best wishes

Gemma

Gemma Tupper
Community Engagement Officer
Canine Partners



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big thank you!**

Fifth Letchworth Beavers
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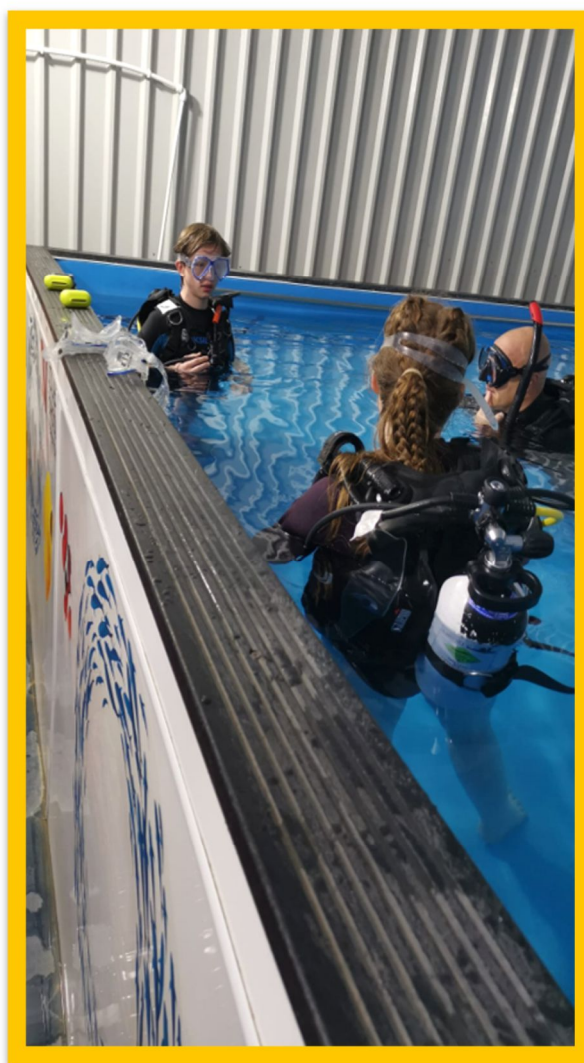
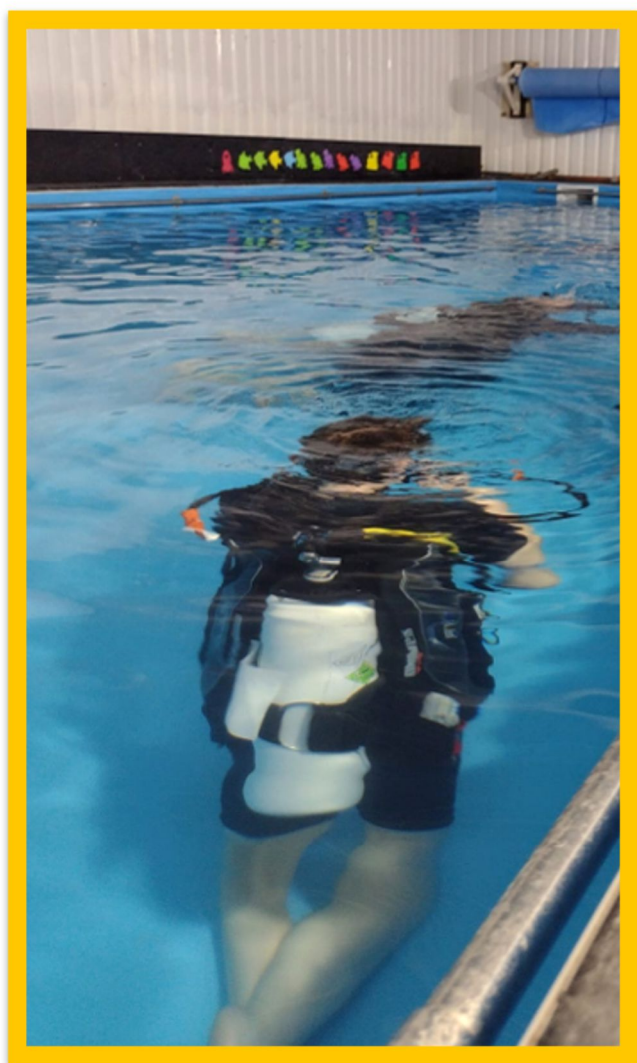
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2nd Baldock Scouts - Scuba Diving

"I always wanted to give scuba diving a go so I jumped at the chance to do this. I have swam under the sea before but this was very different! The instructor told us how to use the breathing equipment and once we were all happy, we sat on the bottom of the swimming pool and played games - the lesson went so quickly! I can't wait to have another go!"

Lucy - 2nd Baldock Scout

Note: Scuba Diving took place in Stevenage and cost £15 per person for about 45 minutes in the water in groups of up to 6. If any other groups are interested feel free to contact **ed.hartley@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk** for more info.



4th Letchworth Beavers - Science Night

4th Letchworth Beavers completed the Experiment Badge with the help of a parent who happens to be a scientist!

- ◇ they used test tubes to discover who wrote a ransom note with water and pen ,
- ◇ tested the air in a conical flask with a match and bi carbonate soda,
- ◇ found out who put the poison in the lemonade to make Ocelot (Vicki Gage) fall asleep by using various things to decipher different liquids.

Well done 4th Letchworth everyone passed and had a lot of fun!

#parenthelpmakesadifference

#4thletchworth

Nikki Killick - 4th Letchworth Leader





4th Letchworth Cubs

16 Cubs, 4 Leaders
(Big thanks to Chill,
Patrick Tyler for
coming along to help)

Overnight at Boyd,
went for a hike, Cubs
cooked their own
breakfast using altar
fires. They all had a
really good time.

At the end of October we went to an amazing campsite called Boyd Field, in Henlow. Once we got there we were greeted by huge towering trees with multicoloured leaves. We put our camping gear on the wooden trollies and we could hear it crunching the leaves as it rolled. At our tents, we made comfy beds and excitedly got in a straight line to begin our hike! After a while of all of us talking and looking out to the never-ending meadows and farms with the scent of herbs blowing into our faces, we crossed over a wooden bridge and made our way back to camp. We had a good night's rest as the two-hour hike had made us all exhausted.



When we got up bright and early the next morning, the beautiful sunrise was silhouetting the trees. All the Cubs worked together to light blazing fires in the barbeques, and we got the food going. Breakfast was sausages, bacon and toast, and it all went on the grills. When that was eaten, we had cake and marshmallows for Tabaqui's birthday. I can't wait to do it all again.

Eoin
4th Letchworth Cub

4th Letchworth - Cub Sleepover at Boyd Field

I was really excited to go to my first sleepover in a tent. I packed my stuff I needed to use. I went to Boyd Camp and found out where my tent was. I unpacked all my stuff and then went on a long hike. On the hike we had some jelly beans and some jelly babies which were very yummy! When we got back from the hike we went and got our chairs to sit on. When everybody sat down we told some stories, we told one part each. After we all had a few goes we had a really long hotdog in bread. Once I had eaten it we told more stories then we all got a hot chocolate. Then after we had a hot chocolate we got ready for bed. When we were ready I went to bed. I woke up and we changed into our Cub clothes. Then we were put into groups to make our breakfast. My group went to get wood (sticks) and once we got the wood we made a fire and cooked our sausages and bacon. I also cooked some toast. I ate all the food except for the bacon which was too burnt as we cooked it to much. The we helped put some tents into the car and took them back to St Paul's Church. .

The Cubs Boyd camp sleepover was so much fun. I can't wait for the next one.

Amy Larke - 4th Letchworth Cub



4th Letchworth - Cub Sleepover at Boyd Field

I will start this report by saying I had a good time.

When the camp started, I was a bit nervous about being in a tent all night and how I was going to get to sleep. But as I started playing with my friends and started the first activity I felt much better. When we got there the tents were already made but we had to get our sleeping bags in the tent and when we were all ready we could play for a while.

The first activity was a hike, and I was quite tired when it started as it was already quite late and dark. I walked half the way when I started to feel more tired, but with some encouragement from the Leaders we managed to get back to camp.

When I got back to camp I was so tired that I was lying on a trolley. I was the first

person to get a hotdog, but after eating most of it I went to my tent and got some sleep. Meanwhile the other people were sitting on their chairs and telling funny/creepy stories having their hotdogs and hot chocolate.

When I woke up all my friends were already up and talking to each other so we all talked for a while and then came out of our tents for breakfast.

After we had our breakfast we went and got wood to keep the barbeque a light to cook more food for another breakfast!

After the barbeque it wasn't long before our parents came to collect us and we went home to have a lovely lunch.

**James Hitchcock - 4th Letchworth
Cubs**

DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS

During the lockdown there was little demand for the DHQ but it is slowly coming back to life with the resumption of activities by Oak Eagle Explorers and other community groups.

However, the lockdown was not wasted as it gave the opportunity to improve the drainage to reduce the risk of flooding and Wi-Fi has been installed - log in details are displayed inside the building.

Outside new gates have been installed to the rear garden and trees have been reduced in height.

Grants were obtained for much of this work. The minibus is kept at the HQ but during the lockdown it was taken off the road and stored elsewhere. It is now back in action and bookings are trickling in.

Please keep the 12 June available. The District is organising a sponsored walk along the Greenway. The money raised will be for the Groups taking part. Also design a badge competition to do with

the Greenway walk - more details to follow later

BALDOCK ROTARY

The Baldock Rotary, as a result of the generous response to its Father Christmas and Sleigh collection, has been able to make a number of donations to deserving causes in both the local community and further afield. Locally a number of community groups assisted Baldock Rotary with the Sleigh around the streets and as a result donations have been made to:-

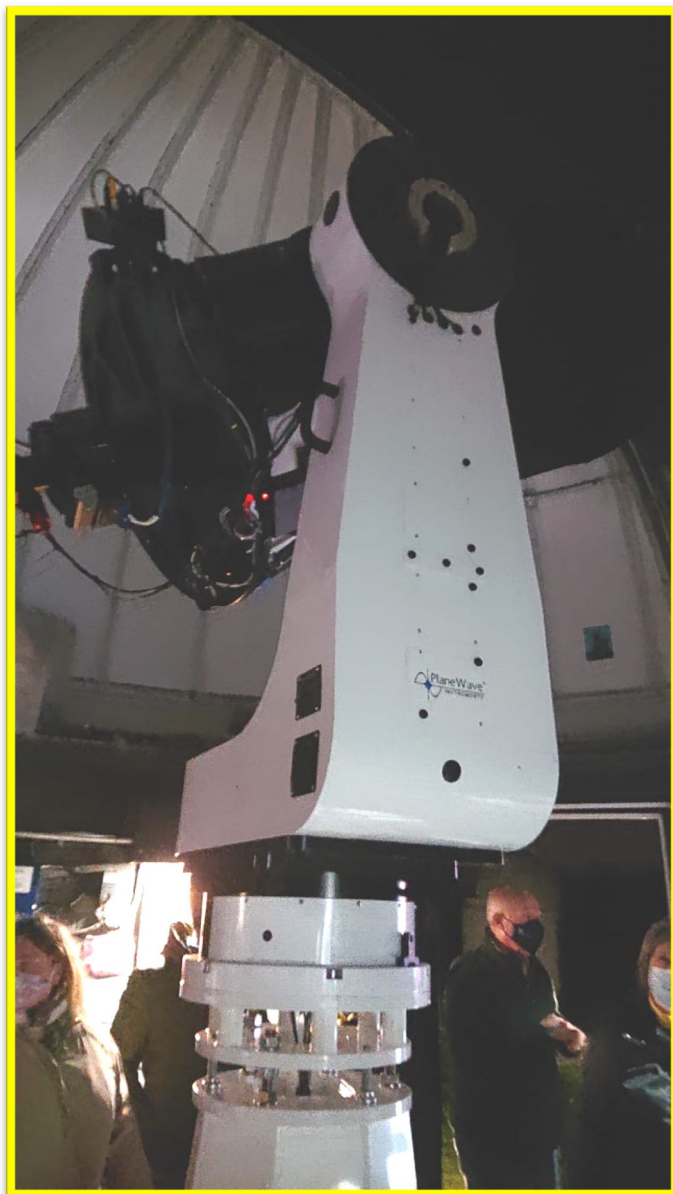
1st Ashwell Scout Group
1st Baldock Scout Group and
2nd Baldock Scout Group

If you or your community activity has a project that would benefit from support from Baldock Rotary, please let us know by sending an email to our Community Services Chairman, John

11th Letchworth Scouts

On the 20 January 11th Letchworth Scouts went up to Bayfordbury Observatory. It was a lovely night seeing the different constellations and learning about satellites. The Scouts were fascinated by the dome where it showed you the sun and planets and their different sizes and got to see the new telescope that costs over a million pounds.

Lisa Tassell - 11th Letchworth ASL



Bayfordbury Observatory is the University of Hertfordshire's astronomical and atmospheric physics remote sensing observatory, and one of the largest teaching observatories in the UK. It is located in the relatively dark countryside of Bayfordbury, Hertfordshire, 6 miles from the main university campus in Hatfield

The University of Hertfordshire Observatory at Bayfordbury is happy to invite intrepid young astronomers to come along with their Brown Owl or Scout Leader to demonstrate their skills and knowledge to earn their respective badges in the field.

7th Letchworth Beavers

We learnt all about Chinese New Year and its original origins, what the different animals represent, looked at some currency and red envelopes from China that are given at New Year. The Beavers really enjoyed decorating their animal masks and wearing them for some traditional games - especially chase the dragons tail!

Helen Gray - 7th Letchworth BSL



Queen's Scout Presentation

On Monday 10 January I attended a Queen's Scout Presentation at DHQ. The presentation was given by Stiofan Doherty, (5th Letchworth Leader). This was the last piece he had to do to get his QSA. Also present were the Explorers, Leaders, Matt from County and members of Stiofan's family.

The presentation was very informative and funny in part. Stiofan had to overcome many challenges on the way including Covid to complete his award.

Congratulations on finally finishing your QSA.

On the same evening I presented some awards. Two of these were for Stiofan, his Wood Badge for completing his training, and a Chief Scout's Good Service Award. Congratulation on both of these.

Helen Howard GSL at 5th Letchworth was presented with her 10 year service award.

Two other awards were presented to Ellie Hill an Explorer, her Bronze D of E Award and her Young Leader Belt, Congratulations Ellie.

Congratulations to all that have received awards over the past months.

Wendy Tierney DC

Awards Service Awards



Martha Clampitt	5th Letchworth Cubs
Heidi James	2nd Baldock
Shaun Warren	8th Letchworth Cubs

Stephen Brenton	Explorer Scout Leader
Ann Hodge	12th Letchworth Cubs
Helen Howard	5th Letchworth GSL

Irene Coldrey	1st Baldock Executive Member
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Monica Thomason	ASU Member
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Rob Hemmings	1st Baldock
Christopher King	District Training Manager

Mick Dilley	ASU Member
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Wood Badge

Stiofan Doherty	5th Letchworth Scouts
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Chief Scout's Commendation For Good Service

Stiofan Doherty	5th Letchworth Scouts
James Tiplady	1st Baldock Beavers

Achievements



YouShape Award - Cubs

Olly Brewster	1st Baldock
Isaac Brown	1st Baldock
Phoenix Perrott	1st Baldock
Rowan Potts	1st Baldock



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Elliot Janes	2nd Baldock
Rex Willett	2nd Baldock



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Lily Cotter	2nd Baldock
George Thompson	2nd Baldock
Christopher Wing	2nd Baldock



Queen Scout's Award

George Muge	CSL 7th Letchworth
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A plea from the editor - please check that you are using the correct email address when sending articles / photos etc for inclusion in Co-Ordinator. It has come to my attention that articles have been sent to an incorrect / old email address and therefore the articles were not published when expected.

co-ordinator@lbdscouts.org.uk

Diary Dates 2022

FEBRUARY

- 6** District Scout Cooking Competition
- 9** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 10** District Executive Meeting
- 17** Scout & Guide Shop Closed for half term
- 19 - 20** County Beavers in Space - Online
- 24** Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 27** County Scout Cooking Competition

MARCH

- 12** County Cub Bushcraft Day - Lees Wood
- 14** District Cub Leaders' Meeting

APRIL

- 2** County Beaver Builder Badge Day
- 7** Scout & Guide Shop Closed
- 9** Monopoly Run, London
- 29 - 2 May** ITTH (introduction To The Hills) - Peak District

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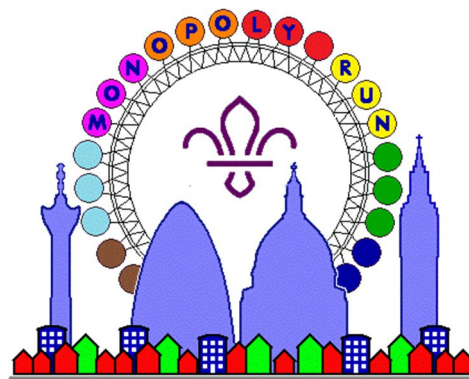
- 9** District Cub Leaders' Meeting

JUNE

- 12** Greenway Walk - All in the District can take part
- 12** County Cub Water Activity Day - ESSA
- 18** County AGM - Phasels Wood
- 25 - 26** County Beavers in Tents (Bits) - Well End

JULY

- 2 - 3** County Beavers in Tents (Bits) - Well End
- 3** District Archery and Shooting Competition
- 9 - 10** County Beavers in Tents (Bits) - Wymondley Wood
- 3** District Scout/Explorer Archery and Shooting Competition
- 11** District Cub Leaders' Meeting



Monopoly Run 9 April 2022

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