



## The Beginning - Unit 23 World Scout Jamboree Meeting

On the 29th of January we were invited to meet our unit for the first time at Tolmers Activity Centre. It was a bit nerve-wracking because there were lots of new people to meet, but after some ice-breaker activities we felt more at ease. We did a flag break and got introduced to our leaders in person. Sadly, Krishant had tested positive for covid, but he still managed to join us virtually, along with some members of our unit who also sadly couldn't make it.

We all received lanyards containing: our names, and various opportunities for groups with different numbers, letters and colours to get us mixing around - meeting our fellow unit members ready for the first activity we did. This was an amazing starter activity as it got us talking to each other to begin problem solving as a team. We had to try and fold a tarpaulin as small as possible while all standing on it. This led to some funny situations involving piggybacks and one-legged stands.

After that, we all came back inside and split into different groups to do some more activities. These involved slacklining, human pyramids and a scenario where we were stuck on a spaceship and had to order things we wanted to take with us. This was all great as we got more opportunities to talk to each other and get to know each other.

Once that was done, we did an activity outside. This was a slightly nerve-wracking experience, where we really had to trust each other because we did trust falls off of picnic benches. This was also good because we had to communicate and build trust with each other.

Starting the discussion of our unit branding included: the vast array of possible unit names with many honourable mentions, some weird, some wacky, although as of the first meeting no name has been decided yet. The design of badges was also involved in the meeting with unit badges shown from previous World Scout Jamborees to give possible ideas. Relating to this we had the experience of meeting a member of unit 15 who attended the WSJ hosted in West Virginia, USA.

This gave us the opportunity to ask the previous participant any questions we had about their experience and what - if anything - could they have done to make it even better. This was really useful because it taught us a bit about how to make the most of the amazing trip ahead of us.

From 4-5pm, we also had a presentation which was an opportunity to understand what was in store for us in the next few years. We covered meeting dates and also got chances to ask questions. Parents were invited to see what was in store for them as well as us.

After hearing so many positive things about the Jamboree and getting to know and make new friends, we all left the meeting feeling much more well-informed (and not to mention excited!) about the whole thing!

Molly George and Freddie Hartley





## 8th Letchworth Cubs

I enjoyed climbing and archery lots and found out many different things about climbing + archery. It is extremely cool and very fun to do. With the climbing I loved going down and with the archery I enjoyed pulling the bow and watching it fly across. I would recommend this to anybody who likes fun and adventure.

**Keira - 8th Letchworth Cub**



I loved climbing at Cubs because I managed to get to the top in my first attempt. This was one super hard wall that one of the leaders couldn't even get to the top of and I did it. 😊  
The wall that the Leader couldn't reach the top of started off going straight then went over the top of me. This was my favourite wall because I was really proud of myself when I got to the top'.

**Polly - 8th Letchworth Cub**



# Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts

Explorers have been to Chesfield Downs in Graveley for golf and Letchworth tennis centre for tennis. We had some coaching for both.

The Explorers really enjoyed the evenings and did very well. Golf was a new sport for many and they all tried hard. There were some great shots played. Tennis was busy, active and fun.

We would recommend both these venues for other groups

Clair Calver - ESL

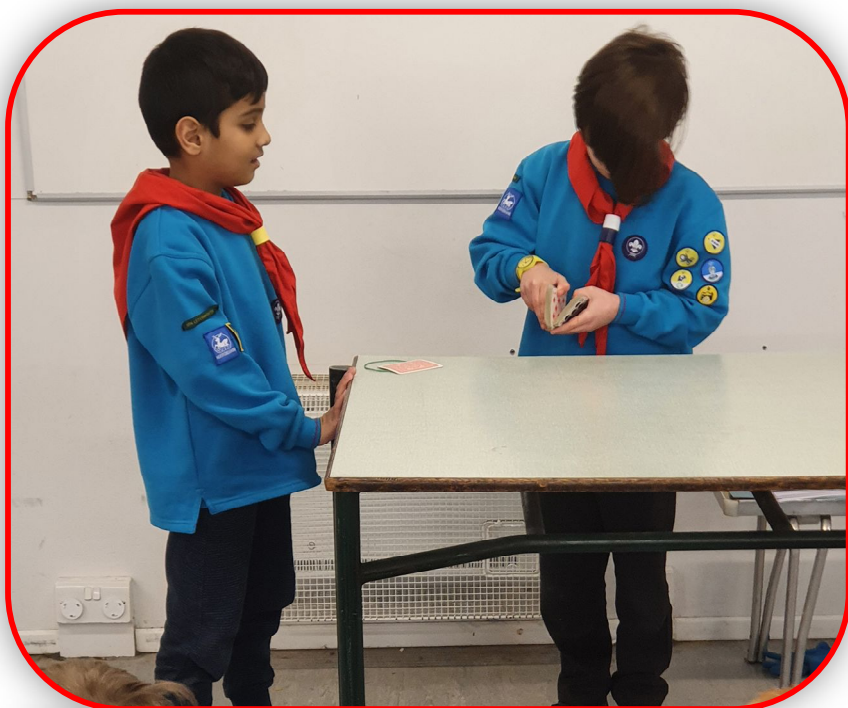




# 8th Letchworth Beavers

8th Letchworth Beavers decided to finish the half-term with a magic show. They had a couple of weeks to practice the trick that they were going to show everyone. We had card tricks, vanishing balls, appearing coins, stretchy coins and a mysterious red light from George !  
It was really great fun !

Liz Taplin - BSL



**St Georges Day is being planned for Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
2pm to 4pm on Norton Common (behind the Swimming  
pool and MacFadyen Webb House)**

**As it's the Queens Platinum Jubilee, as a craft activity  
you might like to make some Union Flags to bring with  
you.**

**If you have any ideas of what we can include please let  
me know.**

**More details later.**

**Wendy Tierney DC**






## 1st Baldock

First Baldock Cubs went to the Leslie Sell activity centre in Bromham. A great time was had by all. One of the highlights was to join in with the site's plan to plant trees for the jubilee year. This was created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, by inviting people to plant a tree. Most of which had been done, so this was the final day. In the morning the Cubs planted 70 trees to mark the jubilee year. We planted a variety of trees. The trees we planted behind were hawthorn and blackthorn, all these species were chosen for the jubilee year. They create. The cubs did a great job and kept cheerful even though it was hard work. The final 22 trees were planted by the Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire. The Cubs had a visit from the bagpipe player who later went on to play for the district. We also had to find out about some of the activities that we were doing.



# ock Cubs



ne was had by all.  
bilee. The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique, UK-wide tree planting initiative  
"Plant a Tree for the Jubilee." At the site they were planting 2022 trees,  
d beech and cornus in a long line at the front of the area. The trees that  
sen as native trees that support a wide range of insects in the habitats that  
ard work and it was cold and raining.  
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gnitaries. After the final trees were planted the Mayor came to visit the Cubs



# Census Return 2022

**Letchworth Baldock and Ashwell Scouts**  
**Census Return 2022**

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# 4th Letchworth Beavers / Cubs



4th Letchworth Cubs held a cards against maturity night.

#gamesnight

#readingisfun

4th Letchworth Beavers having a go at map reading skills in Howard Park following the plaques with a map.

#beaversonthehunt



4th Letchworth new Young Leader Rikki spent the night making swans with the Cubs

#origamisfun

#4thletchworth

## District Cub Quiz - 25 February 2022

We have just held the Cub Quiz which was postponed from November 2021 due to Covid!

There were 6 teams in total this year out of 10 Packs. We held the quiz Face 2 Face at 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock HQ which was good after having so long where we were unable to do so.

The questions were set by the team that won in 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock. The Cubs really enjoy the quiz of lots of General Knowledge and some Scouting questions. We had the traditional picture round and some riddles as well.

The **winning** team with 64 Points was 1st Baldock Knights! Well done to the 3 Cubs in the team.

Traditionally the winning team set the questions for next year's quiz.

The scores are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Baldock Knights 64 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Baldock Templars 59 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Letchworth 55 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup> Letchworth 54 points
5 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Letchworth 53 points
6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baldock 51 Points

The scores were very close, well done everyone for taking part. A very big thank you to the leaders for giving up another evening so the Cubs to have a good time.

**Amanda Woolmer**  
**ADC Cubs**



Winning Team - 1st Baldock (Knights) with Amanda Woolmer (ADC- Cubs) and Robert Coldrey (District Youth Commissioner)



# Achievements

## YouShape Award - Cubs



4th Letchworth Cubs -  
Three 4th Letchworth  
Cubs being presented with  
their YouShape Award by  
Robert Coldrey (District  
Youth Commissioner)



## 4th Letchworth Cubs



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Hannah Cooke

1st Baldock (Templars)

# Welcome to



Elizabeth (Beth) Aird  
Amanda Dickinson  
Thomas (Tom) Kemp  
And a change of appointment for  
Fern Boughton

5th Letchworth ABSL  
11th Letchworth ASL  
1st Ashwell ABSL  
1st Baldock ACSL

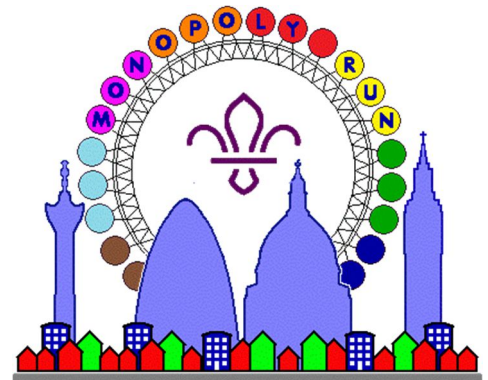
# Diary Dates 2022

## MARCH

- 8** District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 12** County Cub Bushcraft Day - Lees Wood
- 14** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 15** 5th Letchworth AGM
- 18** Red Nose Day
- 24** 1st Baldock AGM

## APRIL

- 2** County Beaver Builder Badge Day
- 7** Scout & Guide Shop Closed
- 9** Monopoly Run, London
- 24** St George's Day Parade and Service
- 27** Wymondley Wood AGM
- 29 - 2 May** ITTH (Introduction To The Hills) -  
Peak District



Monopoly Run 9 April 2022

Scout Park Haringey, London

## MAY

- 9** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 12** District AGM
- 20** District Sixers and Seconders Weekend

## JUNE

- 5** Thank You Day (part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend)
- 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 (Scouts/Explorers)
- 9 - 10** County Beavers in Tents (Bits) - Wymondley Wood
- 11** District Cub Leaders' Meeting

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