



St George's Day Event

Sunday 24th April

Meeting at 2pm on Norton Common on the bit of green behind the outdoor swimming pool.

The event will start approximately at 2.30pm finishing approximately 3.30pm

This year's collection will go to :-

The World Organisation of Scout Movement has launched its own Humanitarian Appeal with funding going directly to Ukraine Scouts to assist with local emergency response.



District Greenway Walk

Date: Sunday June 12 2022

Starting / finishing point is Standalone Farm

Starting time: between 8am and no later than 9am

Finish time: no later than 4pm

This is a sponsored walk with any money raised going to your group. This event is being supported by The Heritage Foundation and by the events manager at Standalone Farm.

Young people should have a responsible adult walking with them, Scouting ratios apply.

Leaders to make sure each group have a first aid kit. There will be one on the mini bus and at the start/finish.

There will be check points along the way with two refreshment bases. Money raised by these will be going towards the young people going to the Jamboree in 2023.

The minibus will be around for any that would like to drop out at a check point. I will need volunteers to help at the check points, to drive the minibus, to help sign in and out at the start/finish. Two people to act as sweepers on bikes to make sure no one is left on the course.

I would like to also set up a stand for recruiting new volunteers, any help with this would be appreciated too.

Wendy Tierney - District Commissioner

11th Letchworth Cubs

Safari Stu came to 11th Letchworth . The Cubs had a great evening when Safari Stu came to 11th Letchworth



8th Letchworth Beavers

8th Letchworth Beavers celebrated Pancake Day tonight. The evening started with some interesting facts and a fun quiz about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Then they had pancake flipping relay races. It's not as easy as it looks you know, trying to toss a pancake (or even a small wrap that we used instead)

The evening was rounded off by eating yummy pancakes with syrup, lemon and sugar.



Updated POR. The Scout Association has made a number of changes to POR.

To summarise:

- They've introduced rules to suspend members if mandatory training is not updated/completed
- They've introduced the new Retired Member role
- They've updated insurance information for abseiling and climbing activities
- The Development Policy's has been removed

Beavers In Space 2022

19 / 20 February

Prior to the pandemic, Hertfordshire's Beaver Scout Team had run Beavers in Tents (BiTs) in person at Well End annually in July, but with the arrival of the virus things had to change. First came Beavers in Dens, then Beavers in Burrows followed during Easter 2021. This year, it was the turn of the Beavers to head into Space!

Beavers in Space played host to around 1500 young people from across the world. We had participants from all over the UK, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and even Canada! Approximately 500 of them were from Hertfordshire and many were from Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell District. In fact, virtually all our District's Colonies were represented.

The Beavers (plus families and siblings) were treated to a jam-packed 24 hours. Activities were designed to give quiet sessions and more active ones, and even included the Beavers cooking their own evening meal. Saturday saw sessions in building Lego aliens and planets, drawing cartoon aliens, joining Imajica's Pirates on a space treasure search, linking up live to the National Space centre for a talk about the new James Webb telescope, cooking sweet and sour chicken with Shiny Kitchen and a campfire from our very own Wymondley Wood, before a bedtime story read by the author herself.



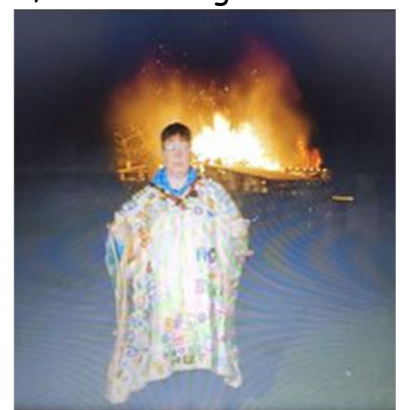
Sunday morning fired up after breakfast with a morning exercise class to warm everyone up before the Family Challenges ensued. These involved participants finding objects or creating things from items they had charged around their homes to find.

The event closed with a round up of all that had taken place and launch of the Badge voting (all designs were chosen by the County Beaver Team from the hundreds that they received overnight.) Feedback was very positive, and all the participants enjoyed the breadth of activities.

Such an amazing weekend, enjoyed by adults and children alike. Ffion especially enjoyed the cook along, the alien drawing and the campfire (mainly seeing Ocelot dodging sparks!). The family challenge was great fun but could have been more engaging with a live feed of the comments on the screen?! We loved every minute of it though! Thank you very much, I can't imagine the hours of organisation involved! (Parent of 5th Letchworth Beaver)

Thank you to all the Beavers (and their families) who joined the event and uploaded their photos and videos to show the Team their makes. Watch out for another Beavers in...??? event in February 2023!

Vicki Gage (ADC - Beaver Scouts and Hertfordshire County Beaver Scout Event co-ordinator)



4th Letchworth Cubs

#4thletchworth
#Fruitisgoodforyou

4th Letchworth Cubs do healthy eating with smoothies and juicing.

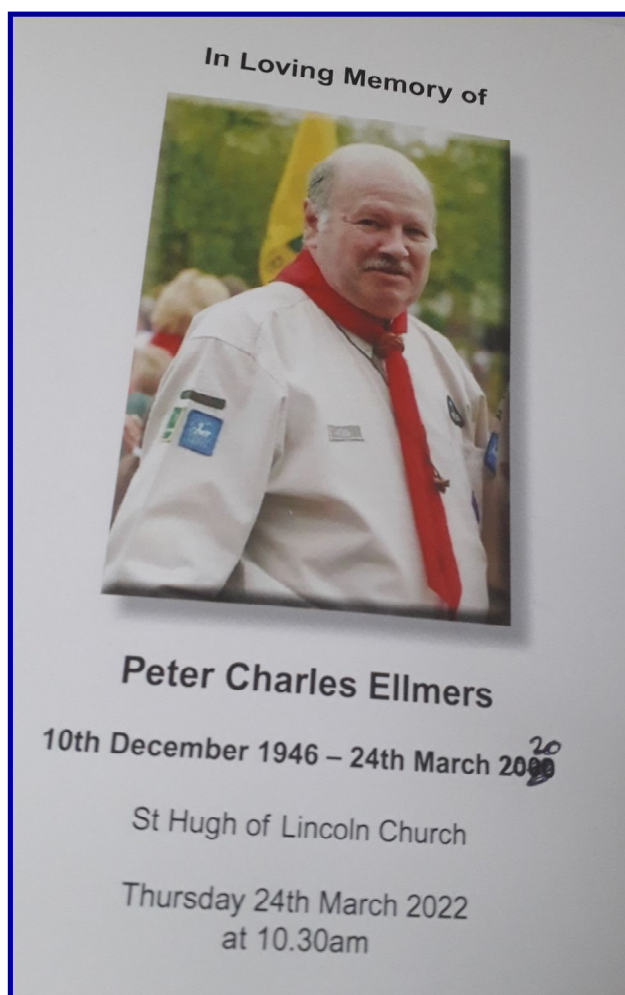


Wholesale Scouts Shops Ltd are experiencing supply issues. This is now affecting delivery of badges with lead times for some badges up to 45 days. Please bear this in mind when ordering your badges.

I place an order once a week on a Sunday, so please e-mail me with your requirements before Sunday each week so if I do not have them in stock, they can be ordered that week.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Dave Hawkins - Badge Secretary



Today (24th March) myself, Apryl Goodwin, Glenn Read, Clair Calver and other Scouters of the District attended Peter Ellmers memorial service at St Hugh's Church.

Peter went home on the 24th March 2020 which was the beginning of lock down and at that time only close family could attend his funeral.

The memorial service today was to remember and celebrate the life of Peter and for everyone present to reflect on what Peter meant to them.

Peter was a Scout Leader at 1st/3rd and at his passing was the GSL at 8th Letchworth, Peter liked nothing more than helping the young people and Leaders alike. He always had time to listen, explain and show you how things were done or put together. A large piece of his handywork is the Gate up at Wymondley Wood which he designed and project managed to get it built. He was a very kind and gentle man and is very much missed by his Scouting family.

Thank you to Peter's wife Ann and their sons for inviting the Scouting District to this very moving service. Rest in Peace Peter.

Wendy Tierney DC

11th Letchworth Scouts



THANKS FOR YOUR DONATION

Hi Lisa,

We just wanted to say that we've received your donation of £82.36 to our Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

Your gift will allow us to keep supporting people caught up in this crisis, and help those affected get food, clean water, shelter, medicines and basic medical supplies.

Situations like this are extremely challenging. But support like this, from you, is a reminder of the kindness and generosity that there is in the world.

Thank you again.

We at 11th Letchworth Scouts did a fundraiser for the Ukraine crisis so we held a bake sale at the end of our Scout night on 24th March. We had some amazing cakes made by our Scouts.

As a Scout Group we raised £82.36 I'm so impressed at how this can help change the future of people who are living with nothing at this present time.

Lisa Tassell -

ASL 11th Letchworth

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Fintan Bickerdyke	7th Letchworth
Henry Bland	7th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Barney Briant	1st Baldock
Calum Boor	1st Baldock
Oliver Nunn	1st Baldock



Long Service Award to
Patrick Tyler - 5th Letchworth ACSL

Eyecare - for the Kit list?

A recent eye test yielded interesting information - Thank you Noor, Specsavers, Letchworth

We all know about the harmful effects of sunlight to the skin, and the need for ultraviolet (UV) skin protection, and we actively encourage the use of sunscreen and UV protective lip salve. But what about eye protection?

80% of the damage to our eyes via UV exposure from the sun occurs by 18 years of age (WHO)

Children have larger pupils than adults so much more UV light reaches the back of the retina. Those harmful UV rays may be directly from the sun in the sky but can also be reflected from surfaces. This reflected UV exposure can be almost as damaging as direct UV. The sun is at its peak and the UV exposure at its highest between 10am-3pm. Children are especially vulnerable to eye damage from UV radiation and the use of protective lenses is recommended whenever they are exposed to the sun.

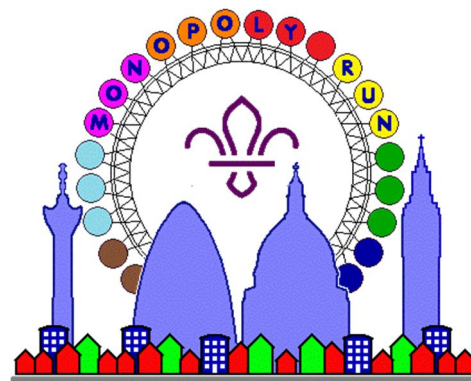
We should encourage children to wear 'good quality' sunglasses, those that have the European Standard CE mark or the British Standard BSEN 1836:2005 to ensure that the sunglasses offer a safe level of UV protection.

The sunglasses should fit the child well and feel comfortable - this will encourage them to be worn.

Diary Dates 2022

APRIL

- 9** Monopoly Run, London
- 21** Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 24** St George's Day Event
- 26** District Beaver Leaders' Meeting
- 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** 1st Ashwell AGM - Ashwell Village Hall
- 9** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 12** District AGM
- 18** District Scout Leaders' meeting
- 20** District Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 20** 4th Letchworth AGM

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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 the latest census.