

## St George's Day Event

Thank you to everyone who attended St George's Day held on Norton Common. The event was supported by Sam and Kim from Imajica. Thank you for helping me put the event together. The afternoon's programme was of song, the story of St George and the dragon, awards and the renewal of promise. Four Explorers who are going to the World Jamboree helped with telling the story of St George, with three Cubs from 1<sup>st</sup> Ashwell taking the part of the dragon. Dan Nathan DCC was the princess. Thank you for all who took part.

Three top awards were presented. Queen's Scout Awards were presented to , George Muge, and Stiofen Doherty. Congratulations to Ruby Doherty on her Queen's Scout Award but she could not attend the afternoon. Also congratulations to Josh Hayward on his Queen's Scout Award who attended the celebration parade at Windsor.

Chris King was presented with the Bar to the Silver Acorn, congratulations and well deserved.



Thank you to everyone who helped on the day to make it run smoothly. The afternoon went very well, and was well attended, the weather was on our side too.

**Wendy Tierney - DC**





# 4th Letchworth Cubs

#4thletchworth

#skillsforlife

Skills night at  
4th Letchworth Cub Pack





# 1st Baldock Cubs

## 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Cubs reflect on their weekend.

"We had a camp at Leslie Sell campsite. Both Packs were invited and loads of Cubs went. We stayed in the new building which has heating under the floor and comfy bunk beds. One of the Leaders had not slept in a bunk since before the Cubs were born and she nearly fell out of the top bunk in the night.

We went to camp and completed lots of activities.

It sounded lots of fun to the Cubs who could not go. They really liked the sound of the bouldering.

Cubs were able to try the caving complex before the hatches were opened - crawl into a pitch black tunnel with a helmet on your head but no torch. - I tried my best in caving. -I tried my best to navigate through the darkness in the caving.

Orienteering was the best and the air rifle shooting

We had a campfire inside using our torches to make a fire. Some Cubs wrote their own campfire songs. We sang some of our favourites too like Cecil and Charlie and Alice and Joe.

Man hunt in the dark really late at night.

We did choreography and dance routines and sketches. Spike got the best of himself doing his moves.

We made flapjacks and gingerbread and decorating. We cooked loads, we ate new things too. It was the best.

The best bit was all of it.

Dear God

Thank you for Cub camps and special days with our friends

Amen"



### St George's Day Collection

The St George's Day collection raised £255. This money will go directly to Ukraine Scouts to assist with local emergency response through the World Organisation of Scout Movement.



# 1st Baldock / 2nd Baldock Scout Camp

## Boyd Field - Henlow

This camp was amazing, and the first after lockdown.

We came Friday evening. We put up tents, which was harder than I thought and then we played capture the flag. 2nd Baldock won but by the end, we were worn out and was starting to get cold. We got nice hot dogs and hot chocolate to warm us up.

Saturday was when the fun started. For breakfast we had sausages, bacon, eggs, beans and toast. Then the activity started. First, we had fire. I loved it but the smoke went into my face which made my eyes water. Then we had rafting. It was an amazing team building exercise, especially since ours was the best (but don't tell I said that!) I enjoyed splashing water on the 1st Baldock group. We had lunch after this which was a wrap, crisps and a Kit Kat. Delicious. Now it was the highlight for me. The outdoor climbing. It felt so rewarding to get to the top and press the button. Shooting was the final activity of the day. After climbing my arms were very shaky, and I missed all the targets. Sad times. We had some free time before cooking supper. We all cooked different dishes, before sharing it with the rest of the camp. My group cooked tikka masala. When I had to wash it, it was basically scraped empty! By now, it was dark so it was a perfect time for a campfire. Each group from the 1st and 2nd Baldock had to perform a campfire sketch. After that, we roasted marshmallows. I was absolutely exhausted after that and slipped quickly into sleep.



Sunday was the cool down day. We had the same breakfast as Saturday. We then had to take down the tents which was easier than putting them up. We gathered around the flag pole for the last time as we celebrated St George's day together. Finally, we were allowed to go home, no doubt excited to tell our family about our two days away.



In the article, I am going to explain what happened at my Scout camp that started on the 22nd April (Friday) to the 24th April (Sunday) beginning with Friday.



Friday was, in my opinion, the best day at camp. We arrived at 17:30 where everyone was laying down their camp bags on a huge sheet. This camp was not an indoor one so we needed to put up a tent. It is at this time that I learnt to put up a tent. It was fun making our personal and mess tents and now, I have a running gag with one of my patrol members. But the best part of the day was when it got dark, which was the exact reason torches were on the

kit list. In the dark, we played: Capture the Flag, Manhunt (basically Family It) and Lighthouse (basically Sly Fox). After the wide games, we all brushed our teeth and went to sleep.

I was woken up at 4am on Saturday by my patrol. We were talking about things boys talked about when Ben, a valuable member of our patrol, started to tell us he was hungry. As you probably did not know, we were not allowed out of our tents before 7am which is when we would get our breakfast. We shared the food we had in our bags with each other. Ben wanted the buns that Raf had. He said the buns were for everyone after James (our Patrol Leader) woke up,. Coincidentally, after Raf said that, James immediately woke up! We all burst out laughing.

Saturday was the busiest day. It started with us building a raft and then rowing it across a lake. I jumped into the lake near the end and, unsurprisingly, became absolutely drenched. After a drying off and a new change of clothes, we were ready to pioneer. We did not get much done. Me and Harry tried to tie sticks together and failed. Our patrol, for the most part, pretended to sword fight with the sticks. Then we did rock-climbing. I completed a climbing challenge but it tired out my hands and I did not like it very much. After that we had lunch. Then we did shooting (with air rifles, mind you) and I did it twice. I also got a bullseye! As night drew over us, we crowded around the campfire. We sang songs, acted and most importantly toasted marshmallows. Yum. Finally, we brushed our teeth and went to sleep.

I woke up tired on the dawn of Sunday morning meaning only one thing: the last day. Knowing this was the last day of camp I changed and packed everything away. We ate breakfast which was an accidentally burnt, possibly contaminated, fry up. It gave me a stomach ache afterwards. After washing up, we took down both our tents. We renewed the Scout Promise and left the campsite.

**WYMONDLEY WOOD SCOUT AND GUIDE CENTRE****Charity No. 277746****CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

This was another difficult and disappointing year for the Centre due to Covid restrictions. For a large part of the year the grounds and house were empty and missing the joy of young peoples' voices enjoying the excitement and adventure of Scout and Guiding activities. For the first three months the Centre was closed and it was not until 12 April 2021 that we opened up for outdoor and indoor (non-residential) activities. The opening for residential activities was delayed until 19 June 2021.

There was an immediate demand for outdoor activities but the opening up for residential visits came too late for schools which had booked for June so they changed to day visits instead. Also, many Scout and Guide groups were cautious about returning to residential activities so, although the Centre was fully booked for the rest of the year, many Groups dropped out at short notice.

All this had a serious negative impact on our income but we were fortunate enough to obtain some generous government support grants which went some way to offset this.

Due to lockdown restrictions, we were unable to hold an Annual General Meeting and we only held one face-to-face committee meeting.

Although the Centre was closed it was still necessary to keep up our programme of maintenance and repairs. We had successful working parties to undertake work both inside and outside. I would like to thank committee members and wardens who helped on these occasions.

Other maintenance and repairs included: -

- \* removing mould from the Plant Room walls and redecorating the room
- \* replacing a faulty gasket in the water boiler
- \* painting the outside of the main building and ablution block and replacing any faulty timber
- \* new double doors leading from the activity room to the patio

On a brighter note, new flag poles were installed at the front entrance and it was good to see flags flying from them throughout the summer.

I would like to thank all wardens for helping to keep an eye on the Centre during lockdown and their flexibility in undertaking their duties in uncertain times.

Final words of praise must go to members of the committee who ensured that all the routine tasks involved in the running of the Centre were carried out as well as the additional measures to ensure it was Covid safe. Extra vigilance was required but all the work was carried out in good spirit and ensured that the Centre reacted to changing Covid regulations with flexibility.

I would also like to acknowledge the co-operation we received from all the Scout and Guide visitors using the centre.

*Bob Williams*

Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Chairman

# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Leo Andrews	1st Baldock
Bradley Bowyer Clarke	1st Baldock
James Hill	1st Baldock
Harry Horne	1st Baldock
Tomek Kazbek	1st Baldock
Barnaby Reid	1st Baldock



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Amelia Biggs	8th Letchworth
Thomas Bradshaw	1st Baldock (Templars)
Martha Davis-Dear	8th Letchworth
Oscar Lynham	1st Baldock (Knights)



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

George Hardy	8th Letchworth
Connor Thomas	8th Letchworth

## YouShape Award - Cubs



James Borthwick	4th Letchworth
Cameron Chivers	1st Baldock
Richie Hawkins	1st Baldock
Oscar Lynham	1st Baldock
Samuel MacArthur	1st Baldock
Thomas Norfolk	4th Letchworth
William Patmore	1st Baldock
Sam Perkins	1st Baldock
Eoin Shields	4th Letchworth
Martha Wiltshire	1st Baldock

# Diary Dates 2022

## 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
- 25** 7th Letchworth AGM

## JUNE

- 2** Scout and Guide Shop closed for half term
- 4** Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee (Wymondley Wood)
- 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

## SEPTEMBER

- 12** District Cub Leaders' Meeting

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Wholesale Scout Shops are still experiencing supply chain issues with China. This is impacting on the stock of uniforms / neckerchiefs available at the Scout and Guide Shop and also with supply of badges. If you order badges that are not in stock please rest assured these will be ordered as soon as stock becomes available. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

**Dave Hawkins - Badge Secretary**