



Greenway District Walk - A Superhero Beaver from 5th Letchworth - Noah Wilderspin raised £150



Noah Wilderspin
5th Letchworth Beaver

Noah Wilderspin one of our Beavers at 5th Letchworth did the Greenway walk despite the late cancellation as he was super keen to complete the outdoor activity which is helping him overcome his fear about leaving the house. Noah is a very enthusiastic member of the colony at the 5th Letchworth but he does struggle with the fear of leaving his safe place being his sofa and TV at home and his journey with the Beavers is helping him overcome his fears.

Noah raised £150 for the 5th Letchworth which we think is an amazing achievement for a 6 year old!!!

Tony Burns - 5th Letchworth BSL

Summer Break

The end of another term is nearly here. During the break Leaders from Groups and Units will be finalizing details for their Summer camps. Leaders will be preparing programmes for the start of the new term in September, checking equipment etc. Administrators will be updating OSM, typing up minutes and catching up on filing. There is always something to do. However, have a lovely break try and put your feet up, enjoy family life and we will see you all in September.

BaLiN and 1st Baldock Cubs attend Trooping the Colour Review

On the 28th May two Network members went to join other Scouts and Guides from all over the country to witness the Colonel's Review, Trooping the Colour Review by the Duke of Cambridge. Held a week before Trooping the Colour, the Colonel's Review is the second of two rehearsals which take place. It was very exciting to be invited to attend and we were very proud to represent BaLiN.

We had an early start and took the train down to London and met other Scouts from Hertfordshire who were also attending the parade, including four Cubs from Baldock, at Charing Cross. We walked through Admiralty Arch and were escorted by police cadets along the Mall to the Youth Pen where we had a front-line space overlooking the square. We read our programmes, wondered who was going to be overseeing the parade, and eagerly anticipated the arrival of the Guard Regiments and their bands. This year the Irish Guards were Trooping their Colour and therefore Prince William lead the final review. The parade was very impressive, and more than 1,500 soldiers and 350 horses carried out complex drill manoeuvres. The Cubs were fascinated by the horses from the household cavalry and Seamus, an Irish Wolfhound, who is the Regimental Mascot of the Irish Guards.

At the end of the parade we were taken back through Admiralty Arch and walked past Trafalgar Square to the station.



**Beth Aird and
Ashley Clinch
BaLiN Network**



Cubs in Hertfordshire received an exciting invitation to attend the second Trooping the Colour which is reviewed by The Colonel of the Regiment. This meant His Royal Highness The Duke of Cambridge.

Trooping of the colour platinum Jubilee practice. Harrison and Phoenix went on 4 or 5 trains down to London with their parents. They met up at the station very early in the morning. There were two 1st Baldock Knights Cubs, two 1st Baldock Templars Cubs and a few others from Hertfordshire.

So when we first got there we walked to the area to meet up with the other Cubs. We had to march up to our fenced enclosure. Only Cubs and some Scouts and Brownies were allowed. We marched up the road with the police. There were lots and lots of people, it was really crowded. The first band was loud and there was only a few Guards. We saw Prince William on a horse and lots of troops. There were a lot of troops on horses. As the parade went on the music got louder and louder, there was a lot of moving and shouting of orders. Some of the Guards stood still for ages. The Guards had different uniforms, red and black, gold and black and red and gold. Then they all marched out, horses and canons and troops.

We had a snack and a packed lunch. It was a very long day and we got lost on the way back to the station. Note, make sure to bring a snack.

1st Baldock Cubs, Edward, Daniel, Harrison and Phoenix.



Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

Over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend 6 Explorer Scouts took part in their Platinum Award expedition. They met at DHQ and planned their route to Wymondley Wood. First stop was Letchworth train station where they took the train to Baldock. They joined the footpaths to Clothall village then on to Weston. Map reading skills were improving as they went.

The church in Weston had its flower festival where they stopped for a look and to fill water bottles. Then it was on to Gravelly and finally Wymondley Wood. It was a warm sunny day and an ice cream from Glenn along the way was very welcome.

Lightweight camping at Wymondley was great fun. Pasta and sauce for dinner made on Trangia's with cake and custard for pud. Marshmallows around the campfire in the evening.

Next morning they were up early for breakfast. Tents were put away and they were off again with rucksacks feeling a little lighter mostly due to less sweets on board.

A hike into Letchworth on the tracks and the greenway. Lots of practice on bearings along the way.

Very well done to those who took part. Three more Platinum Awards completed plus one gold finished for Scouts. Lots of fun and laughter along the way.

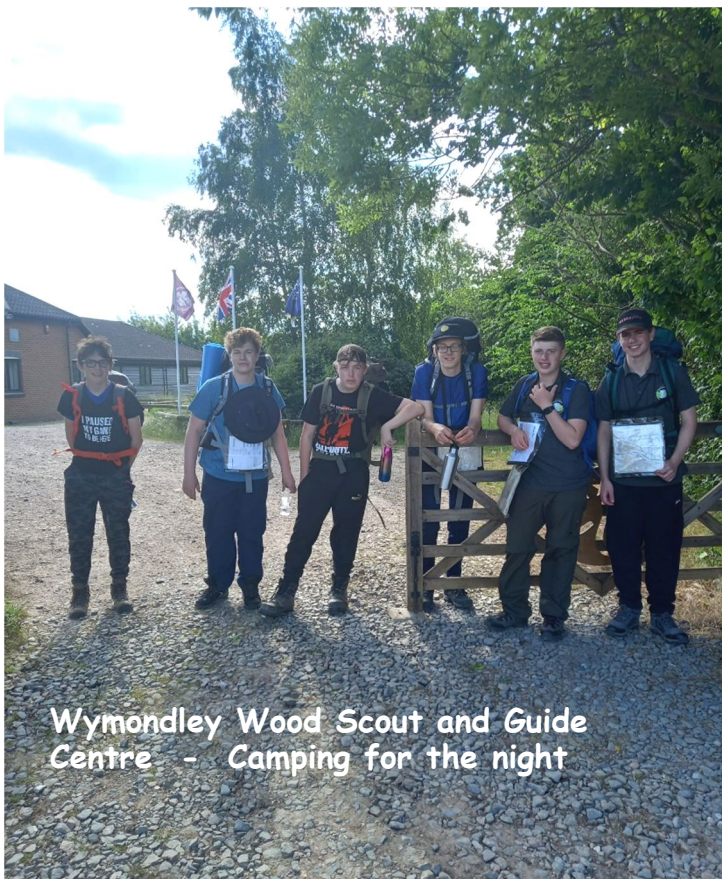
Clair Calver - ESL



Explorer Scouts met at District Headquarters



Frist stop Letchworth railway station



Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre - Camping for the night



8th Letchworth Scouts

8th Letchworth Scouts headed down to Phasel's Wood for a weekend in May to give greenfield camping a try. This meant the group could only use equipment and food that we had brought with them. On the way we stopped at a local Supermarket to let the Scouts go wild in the isles before moving onto the site to set up camp. Once the Scouts had built their shelters and or set up hammocks, we then had a chilled camp keeping the fire going, cooking over the fire, and playing wide games. Scouts learnt about camp hygiene as they got used to using chemical toilets and cooked and stored food during the weekend with minimal equipment.

A great time was had by all

Zeke- 8th Letchworth Leader



On the way to camp we bought all our food and the group I was in sorted dinner so we made pasta on the fire. Once we put up the hammocks and tents we chopped wood with axes to make a fire. We also played a new game called black hole and had loads of fun. The only thing we didn't enjoy was the tent toilets as we had never used one before coming to backwoods camp.

**Emma Rafferty -8th
Letchworth Scout**



8th Letchworth Cub Camp Weekend Lesley Sell Activity Centre 17 - 19 June 2022

On a Friday evening mid June myself and 7 other Cubs of 8th Letchworth together with Zeke, Mike and another adult went to the Leslie Sell Activity Centre for a weekend of activities. We met at 8th Letchworth Scout Headquarters, packed the minibus and went on our way. When we arrived, we set up the tents and had a hot chocolate and some cake. It was a really warm summers night. We went to bed very late and woke up very early the next morning. Before breakfast we had the opportunity to explore the site. After breakfast we did some pedal carting on a track in the woods. This was a lot of fun and we were all very competitive. Afterwards we went on a walk through the woods. As the weather was not as nice as the previous day and the caving system was out of service, we did some mini crossbow shooting and some bouldering indoors. In the evening we went to

a campfire with the other Scout groups on the site and got caught up in a rain shower. Our pyjamas were wet and we had to sleep in our uniform. The next morning we packed up everything, had breakfast, got back on the minibus to Letchworth and were picked up by our parents from 8th Letchworth Scout Headquarters. It was an amazing weekend with lots of fun thanks to our Leaders.

**Amélie - 8th Letchworth
Cub**



8th Letchworth Cub Camp Weekend
Lesley Sell Activity Centre
17 - 19 June 2022

The camp was great fun!

On the coach it was funny when we all started singing 'The Wheels On The Bus' and driving the Leaders crazy! We even made up silly new words such as "The Cubs on the bus go Shout Shout Shout!"

We did lots of activities like crossbows and pedal karts which went really fast and made us all smile and laugh lots. We all had to run to the karts, then had lots of races and tried to go as fast as we could to win!

The bouldering on the climbing wall was amazing, I especially enjoyed the challenge of going around without falling off! I was really proud that I did it!



In the evening we sang songs with some other Cubs and made popcorn on the campfire even though it was chucking it down with rain and all the tents got a little flooded - but we still had an amazing time so thanks to all the Leaders!

**Harriet - 8th
Letchworth Cub**





Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

On Saturday 18th June a top team of Leaders and Explorers went to help at Letchworth Vintage and Classic Car Club picnic. One half of the team were running a tea tent serving burgers, bacon rolls, teas, coffee and fabulous home made cakes. The other half of the team were marshalling the car parking. The cars were lovely and from different eras and many different styles. All the owners are very proud of their cars and happy to chat about them. There was a local band called Fifth Wheel which were very entertaining and close enough to the tea tent for some dancing while serving. Although the weather was a bit chilly and wet, the atmosphere was lovely and we all had a good time.

We also attended Armed Forces Day with a stall of tombola's. The teddies were popular as ever plus the bottles and gifts made a busy stall. We sold plants as well and had a good day. There was a fly past by a Hurricane from the Battle of Britain memorial flight which was lovely to see. We also raised nearly £400.

Well done and thank you to those that helped at both events with baking, plants, teddies, bottles, gifts and their time. Both events were raising money for the young

people that are going to the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea next summer

Clair Calver - Oak Eagle ESL



Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On Saturday 4 June members of the Wymondley Wood Committee and Wardens joined together with members of the Scout Active Support Unit and the Trefoil Guild from Letchworth and Hitchin at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The afternoon began with a Royal Quiz, thanks to Sheila Tickner and was followed by sandwiches and cake. Thank you to Doug Kell who came bearing gifts of wine.

Guests brought along photos, memorabilia and exchanged their memories of the Queen's Coronation in 1952.



Welcome to



Aisha Centala	Sectional Assistant Cubs 2nd Baldock
Trisha Polezuk	Sectional Assistant Cubs 1st Baldock
Tanya Sterry	Sectional Assistant Beavers 2nd Baldock
Charles Wade	AESL - Oak Eagle ESU

Diary Dates 2022

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
- 14** District Executive Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 12** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 14** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 16** Activity Spectacular at Phasels (ASAP)
- 24** County - Cubs Activity Day - Tolmers
- 25** County - Cubs Activity Day - Tolmers

OCTOBER

- 2** District Cub Day Out - Duxford
- 9** County Cub Cyclo-Cross - Well End
- 12** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 14** JOTA / JOTI
- 14 - 16** County Peak Assault

NOVEMBER

- 9** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 14** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 18** Green Beret - Tolmers

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