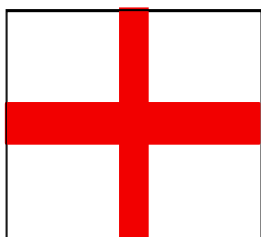
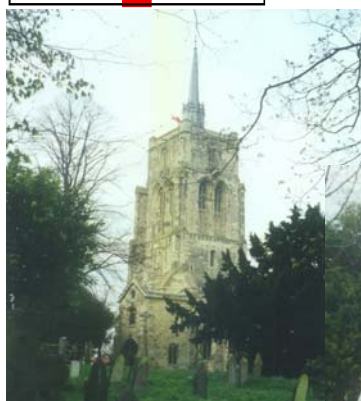


Co-ordinator



St George's Day Parade and Service Sunday 22nd April 2001 St Mary's Church - Ashwell



Thank you to all those who gave so generously to the St George's Day Service Collection which raised £179.64 which has been donated to Childline.

Thank you to the Revd Patrick Forbes for a very entertaining and enjoyable service



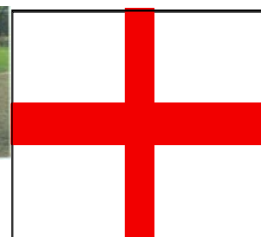
Bob Williams with his three grandsons who are all members of the 5th Letchworth Scout Group.



Thank you to the 1st Ashwell Scout Group for organising this year's event.



Thank you to Wendy Tierney, GSL 2nd Weston and her team for providing the excellent refreshments.



Match No	Points	Team	Goals	V	Goals	Team	Points
1	0	2nd Weston	0	V	2	5th Let	3
2	3	2nd Bal	1	V	0	1st 3rd Let (B)	0
3	3	1st Bal	1	V	0	1st 3rd Let(A)	0
4	0	7th Let	0	V	1	12th Let	3
5	3	4th Let (A)	1	V	0	8th Let	0
6	1	2nd Weston	0	V	0	1st Bal	1
7	1	4th Let (B)	0	V	0	2nd Bal	1
8	1	5th Let	0	V	0	1st Bal	1
9	1	1st 3rd Let (B)	0	V	0	7th Let	1
10	0	1st 3rd Let (A)	0	V	2	4th Let (A)	3
11	3	12th Let	1	V	0	2nd Bal	0
12	0	8th Let	0	V	2	1st Bal	3
13	0	1st 3rd Let (B)	0	V	1	4th Let (B)	3
14	0	1st 3rd Let (A)	0	V	2	5th Let	3
15	1	2nd Bal	0	V	0	7th Let	1
16	1	8th Let	0	V	0	2nd Weston	1
17	0	1st Bal	0	V	2	4th Let (A)	3
18	1	12th Let	0	V	0	4th Let (B)	1
19	0	8th Let	0	V	1	5th Let	3
20	1	1st 3rd Let (B)	0	V	0	12th Let	1
21	0	2nd Weston	0	V	1	4th Let (A)	3
22	1	1st 3rd Let (A)	0	V	0	8th Let	1
23	0	4th Let (B)	0	V	1	7th Let	3
24	1	5th Let	0	V	0	4th Let (A)	1
25	1	2nd Weston	0	V	0	1st 3rd Let (A)	1
26		Winner Group 1 12th Letchworth	2	V on penalties	0	Runner Up Group 2 5th Letchworth	
27		Winner Group 2 4th Letchworth (A)	1	V	0	Runner Up Group 1 7th Letchworth	
28		Winner Match 26 12th Letchworth	1	V	0	Winner Match 27 4th Letchworth (A)	

Gang Show 2001

Congratulations to everyone who took part in Gang Show 2001, both onstage and behind the scenes. You all helped to make this another successful show. Many thanks to everyone who came to see the show, hope you enjoyed it and that you will come back and support us again next year. So please put these dates into your diary - 14 - 16 March 2002 at Plinston Hall.

In a couple of years (2005 to be precise) we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Letchworth & Baldock District Gang Show (it will also be the 40th Show—so we will be doing the Ruby show in the Golden Year!). Anyway, I would be interested to hear from anyone with their memories of the Gang Show - what sketches/songs particularly stick in your mind. So please put your thinking caps on and over the next couple of years please pass your thoughts and memories onto myself or Mike Miles.

Andrea Soulsby
Producer—Letchworth & Baldock District Gang Show



District Cub 6-a-side Football Competition

The bi-annual Cub Football Competition took place at Lannock School on the 1st April 2001. Eleven teams took part and played some very entertaining and exciting football. The first part of the competition was played on a league basis with the winners and runners up playing in the semi-finals. The winners of Group one, 12th Letchworth played the runners up of Group two, 5th Letchworth. This was a very close game with the match being decided on penalties after extra time. 12th Letchworth eventually winning 2—0. In the second semi final, 4th Letchworth (A) beat 7th Letchworth 1—0. The final again was a very close game with both teams playing some excellent football. A last minute goal scored by 12th Letchworth was enough to see them through to take the trophy.

12th Letchworth will now represent the District at the County Competition in May. We wish them the best of luck.

12th Letchworth— The Winning Team

Jack Spary	Tom Carter
Daryl Ackerman	Robert Wright
Sam Brooks	Paul Batty

Thank you to all the Cubs, Leaders, Parents and Helpers for attending and giving some very vocal support. Special thank you to Anthony who despite a very late night on the Saturday !!! did a magnificent job refereeing the matches, to Deb Dilley ADC (Beavers) and Bob (the Builder) Williams for keeping score and to Lannock School for the use of their facilities.

Once again we wish 12th Letchworth good luck in the County 6-a-side football competition on May 12th which is being held at Lannock School so if you would like to come along and support them you are more than welcome.



Dave Hawkins ADC (Cubs)

Gang Show Gang Show

Shock, horror ! It looked as though I would miss the Gang Show this year. Bad planning on my part meant that I was 300 miles away in Ukogbani on both nights. However, kind consideration on their part allowed me to watch the dress rehearsal on Thursday night, will all the backstage thrill spilling out into the auditorium.

So this can't be a proper review of the show, as lots of allowances had to be made; but honestly, I remember dress rehearsals long ago, far more chaotic than this. Of course there were gaps, unexplained silences and inexplicable noises, but the quality showed through and obviously it was going to be All Right On The Night.

Grumpy jottings in my notebook read "can't hear the words", "nose scratching", "lost the punchline" and so on, and I wanted to remind the people in the sketches (not all of them, but most) that on stage without a mike it is essential to speak more slowly and IN CAPITAL LETTERS, so that old fogeys like me can hear the words !

In contrast, I was again left breathless simply be seeing the dancing—or more like synchronized athletics. The creativity shown in "Streetdance" should be the envy of any show anywhere. We wouldn't expect everyone in the cast to be a Fred Astaire or a Jamie Bell, but obviously it helps if your name is Adam.

Then, when Beech Springs sprang the surprise of their "Clog Dance", all was well with the world. We should have seen more of them. For example, "Grease" was so well done by the younger Scouts who looked great and moved just right; but songs like "Summer Nights" were surely designed to include deep Venturing voices.

But I'm being fussy again. When I got home from my travels, I was delighted to hear that Saturday's show was a wow. I was sure it would be.

K.J.

The best thing I've ever done in Cubs was going to the Gang Show. It was FABULOUS !!!

Their were enjoyable song's, dances, jokes and many, many more.

At the break in the middle you were allowed lots of delicious food. I am so surprised everyone didn't go.

**Stevie Lorient
1st Baldock (Knights)**



Training



Congratulations to the following leaders who have undertaken training recently:-

Phase 1 / 2 Vicki Luker - 12th Letchworth Beavers

Phase 3 Chris Lewis - 1st/3rd Letchworth Scouts

Phase 5 Fiona Potts - 1st Baldock Cubs

GCA Unit 3 Wendy Tierney - 2nd Weston GSL



Welcome to:

Michael Wheeler - 1st Baldock ASL

Christine Hart - 12th Letchworth
ABSL

Membership Subscription 2002

Last year about this time details were given in advance about the level of the next year's subscription (i.e. that for 2001). The Scout Association undertook to try to follow this pattern in future years, notwithstanding the difficulties in forecasting numbers, expenditure, and the external financial climate more than a year ahead.

At its meeting, the Committee of the Council considered a detailed report on the Association's finances, including the budget for the financial year just about to start. It also received a parallel report on the initial returns from this year's census - which, to their regret appear to indicate a further decline in recorded numbers. In the light of all the information available, the Committee has decided that the **Headquarters'** membership subscription for **2002** will be **£15.30**, with a rebate of 35p for prompt payment.

I hope that you and your Groups will welcome this early notification, and that it will help your budgeting arrangements.

Extract from a letter sent to all members of Council, County, Area and District Commissioners
From John Bevan - Chairman, Committee of the Council

A reminder to all those who have not completed their training, the following courses will be run at Well End in the near future: -

Phase 3/39	20 May plus 24 June
Phase 4/10 (Beavers)	19 May plus 14/15 July
Phase 4/11 (Cubs)	11-13 May plus 7-9 September
Phase 4/8 (Scouts)	16/17 June plus 15 September plus 12-14 October
First Response (First Aid)	23 June
GCA Unit 9 (Communicating with the Public)	15 May
GCA Unit 5 (Working with People)	10 May
GCA Unit 2 (Supporting Leaders)	24 June

Forms and further information can be obtained from Andrea Soulsby (Tel: 01462 643992) or John Chapman (Tel: 01462 686772)

Ray Andrews

I should like to appeal to readers of Co-ordinator for help into my research into uniforms of Letchworth and Baldock which has become a side line to the on going history of my old Scout Group 4th Letchworth.

Can anyone tell me what colour jersey each cub pack wore prior to 1967/68. I know there were 3 main colours Blue, Grey and Green with Khaki also being available.

Also I should like to know the neckerchief colours for Eleventh and Twelfth Letchworth and various Venture Scout Units in the District, also did Champion Hill VSU ever get round to wearing a neckerchief before they became inactive.

My reason for asking for this information is that I am hoping to paint a series of miniature figures depicting each group in the District from when it was formed.

Raymond J Andrews
Keepers Rest
11 Tower Close
Over, Cambridgeshire
CB4 5PH

Royal Visit at Gilwell opens new Scout National HQ Duke of Kent switches on Scout Association Corporate Website

HRH The Duke of Kent declared Gilwell House, The Scout Association's new Headquarters building in Chingford, officially opened—Friday 27th April.

During the high profile visit he unveiled a plaque to commemorate the occasion and was then invited to launch The Scout Association new corporate website on www.scouts.org.uk The new site is specifically aimed at non-Scouting audiences looking for information about the modern Scout Movement and its work with young people.

Gilwell Park Fun Days for Cub Scouts and Beaver Scouts

Gilwell Park Fun Days offer a whole day of activities to suit the entire Pack or Colony. From the moment you arrive, everyone will be occupied until you go home again. The fun starts at 10 am and finishes at 4 pm. The theme this year is 'On Safari'. Dates 23 and 24 June.

Phone 020 8498 5410

[Www.scoutbase.org.uk/gilwellpark/funday/](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/gilwellpark/funday/)

Enter David's Bookshop's Poetry Competition

Open to children & adults

Group 1 - Children under 11 years

Group 2 - Children from 11 to 16

Group 3 - Adults

Entries

Entries are limited to three poems per person and each poem is limited to 35 lines. Poems may be on any subject.

An entry form must be attached to each poem submitted. Please do not write your name or any other means of identification on the poem - use the entry form only.

Poems may not be submitted in the adult category if they have previously been published or have won any prize. Entries will be adjudicated by Anne Cunningham, Ruth Nichol and John Wells-Deamer.

Date of Entry

All entries must reach David's Bookshop, 14 Eastcheap, Letchworth SG6 3DE by 1 August 2001. No entries will be accepted after that date.

Prizes

Prizes of David's Bookshop tokens will be awarded to the three poems considered best in each group. The prizes will be presented on the evening of National Poetry Day, 4 October 2001, in David's Bookshop. The winning entries will be read with the permission of the authors.

Pick up an entry form from David's Bookshop, 14 Eastcheap, Letchworth
01462 684631 email info@davids-bookshop.co.uk

Norton Bury - Wardens



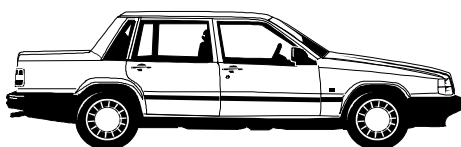
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1	Carol Emsall	01462 674543
8	Ann Martin	01462 627439
15	Jeff Robson	01462 684954
22	Michael Wright	01462 790359
29	Dave Hawkins	01462 643432

District AGM's

1st Baldock	TBA
2nd Baldock	20 June
2nd Weston	TBA
1st Ashwell	2 May
1st 3rd Letchworth	27 April
4th Letchworth	18 May
5th Letchworth	15 May
7th Letchworth	23 May
8th Letchworth	16 May
11th Letchworth	TBA
12th Letchworth	16 May
Gang Show	29 April
Norton Bury	3 May

4th Letchworth Scouts Car Wash



12th May 10.00 am - 2.00 pm

St Paul's Church Car Park, Letchworth

£2.00 per car

see you all at the District AGM
10 May
1st Baldock HQ

District Scout Fishing Competition

Saturday 2 June 2001

Please return your entry forms to
Peter Frankland SL 4th Letchworth,
01462 490597 as soon as possible.



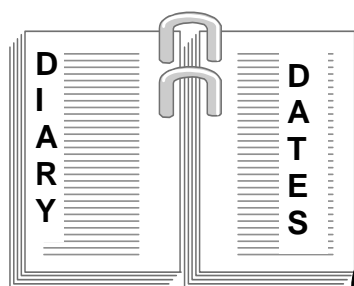
I have been assured
that there will be fish
available (an order
has been placed
with Iceland just to
make sure).

District BBQ

Saturday 7 July

Norton Bury

Come and join us for a fun day for all
the family. This year our popular bar-
becue as been extended to cover an af-
ternoon and evening and is being held
at the weekend to allow more young
people to attend. This will also be an
opportunity to say farewell to Bob as
District Commissioner. Book the date
in your diary. More details will be avail-
able next month.



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MAY

2	1st Ashwell AGM	1st Ashwell HQ	
3	Norton Bury AGM	Norton Bury	
10	District AGM	1st Baldock HQ	8.00 pm
12	County Cub Football Competition	Lannock School	All day
14	Cub Leaders Meeting	2nd Baldock HQ	8.15 pm
15	5th Letchworth AGM	5th H.Q.	8.00 pm
16	12th Letchworth AGM	12th H.Q.	8.00 pm
16	8th Letchworth AGM	8th H.Q.	
18	4th Letchworth AGM	St Paul's Church	
18/19	District Scout Camping Competition	Norton Bury	
19	11th Letchworth Table Top Sale		
23	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
23	7th Letchworth AGM	Wilbury Hall, Bedford Rd	7.30 pm
31	Lochearnhead Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm

JUNE

2	Scout Fishing Competition		
4	Beaver Leader Meeting	2nd Baldock	8.00 pm
8/10	District Cub Camp	Boyd Field—Henlow	Weekend
9/10	PL & APL's Weekend	Hitchwood	Weekend
10	County Scout Football Competition	TBA	
14	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
16	County Beaver Day	Tolmers	All day
18	GSL Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00pm
20	2nd Baldock AGM	Catholic Church Hall	6.30 pm
28	Scout Leaders Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
29/1 July	25/40 Mile Walk	TBA	Weekend

JULY

2	County AGM	County Hall	
4	Lochearnhead Kit Check	Norton Bury	7 pm - 9 pm
5	Lochearnhead Kit Check	Norton Bury	7 pm - 9 pm
7	District BBQ	Norton Bury	
7/8	Kon Tiki Competition	Henlow	
12	District Executive	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
17	Beavers Bangers & Bash		
18	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm

AUGUST

4 - 18	District Expedition to Lochearnhead	
6 - 10	Region 3 Space Cub Camp 2001	Tolmers

Some events may have to be cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak controls. Please check with your ADC.