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Co-ordinator

Chief Scout opens Wymondley Wood

The full potential of Wymondley Wood was seen at the weekend when nearly four hundred Scouts and Guides gathered to meet the Chief Scout and Chief Guide.

The Jamboree which was opened by Allan Patterson LGCHF celebrated the Centenary of Letchworth Garden City and the official opening of Wymondley Wood.

There were nearly 150 campers and a host of day visitors together with invited guests. All admired the facilities at our new Centre and the array of tents, marquees and activity bases made an impressive sight on the camping field against the back drop of a fantastic view.

The Jamboree started at the Spirella car park where a fleet of coaches brought the Scouts and Guides to Wymondley Wood. On Saturday there were bases for all sections ranging from an aerial runway, an inflatable assault course, archery and shooting to an assortment craft bases. Great excitement was generated by the challenge to build a sedan chair and the races which followed.

Highlight of the day was the official opening of the centre by the Chief Scout, George Purdy and the Chief Guide, Jenny Leach accompanied by Stuart Kenny, Director General of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation. Other distinguished guests included Keith Emsall Chairman of Hertfordshire County Council, David Barnard, Chairman of North Herts District Council, Rosemary Brenham, wife of the Chief Commissioner of England, Roger Sands, County Commissioner Scouts, Tricia Dundas, County Commissioner Guides, Joy Hall, Anglia Commissioner Guides.

All were treated to a hot lunch and a sumptuous afternoon tea .

For campers the day finished with a swimming session at the Letchworth Leisure Centre.

The following day saw the campers travelling by coach to Wyboston Watersports Centre where they had a fun packed day of activities including jet bikes, dragon boat racing, raft building, quad bikes, bungee run, jousting and human table top football.

In the evening the celebrations continued with a camp fire.

The Jamboree concluded with a Scout's Own Service led by the Rev'd Tony

Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to organise and run such a successful event. The following are quotes from our guests

"A momentous occasion."

"Congratulations on a very well organised special event."

"Everyone should be delighted with the new camp site and centre and everyone deserves congratulations".

"It was a pleasure to attend such an outstandingly successful event."

"What a wonderful place you have steered into creation for the generations to come."

And a very big thank you to George Purdy whose presence made it such a memorable occasion. Leaders and Scouts enjoyed the opportunity to meet and chat with him.

Cryptic Football Quiz

Answers to last month quiz. Congratulations to .

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Wild Dogs | Wolves | 18 Car outside Spanish house | Aston Villa |
| 2 Cowboys have them | Spurs | 19 To put under ground | Bury |
| 3 Professor on rollers | Doncaster | 20 Famous President | Lincoln |
| 4 Males meadow | Mansfield | 21 Animal United | Oxford United |
| 5 Dirty Water | Blackpool | 22 Latest fort | Newcastle |
| 6 Push Weight | Preston | 23 Famous jockey | Leicester City |
| 7 Males together | Manchester United | 24 Vital organs | Hearts |
| 8 Steel city day | Sheffield Wednesday | 25 Smashes things up | Wrexham |
| 9 Always one hundred | Everton | 26 Collection of arms | Arsenal FC |
| 10 Famous for their buns | Chelsea | 27 Organ on small lake | Liverpool |
| 11 Cash Service | Wimbledon | 28 Bottom of a ship | Hull City |
| 12 A prison clock | Celtic | 29 Not eastern beef | West Ham |
| 13 Famous football brothers | Charlton Athletic | 30 Greed pig | Fulham |
| 14 Lock the door | Bolton Wanderers | 31 Opposite of dull/off | Brighton and Hove Albion |
| 15 Fill the harbour | Stockport | 32 1 of 3 R's | Reading |
| 16 Ask about ill parent | Motherwell | 33 Harbour with a gorge | Port Vale |
| 17 Brick after cotton factory | Millwall | 34 A putrid pig | Oldham |

Congratulation to Eric Woodward "Skip" who will be receiving the football. No 11 caught everybody out - a bit of lateral thinking was required.



District Jamboree

Many, many thanks to all the Leaders who came to the District Jamboree at Wymondley Wood over the Bank Holiday weekend. Without all your enthusiasm, help and effort we could not have put on such a wonderful weekend for all the young people. I hope that everyone enjoyed themselves

We will be having a 'debrief' and social evening at Wymondley Wood on Monday 16 June at 8 pm, to which all adults who attended the Jamboree are welcome to come along to. We would like to hear all your comments/ thoughts about how the weekend went and also your initial comments about Wymondley Wood itself. This is the first big event at the Activity Centre, so I think we certainly tested out most, if not all, of its facilities. So we would definitely like to hear your views – good, bad and indifferent!

Andrea Soulsby
Chair – District Jamboree Committee

Beaver and Cub Fun Days **Gilwell Park 21/22 June.**



With only three weeks to go there are still spaces available if you would like to take part in this fun-filled action-packed day at Gilwell

Both days (21/22) June are open to all. To make your booking please contact

The Ticket Inspector
020 8498 5411



Full payment will be **cubs** requested at the time of booking so please have your Credit Card handy.

The St George's Day collection raised £143 for the Health Centre, Park Drive, Baldock.

The money will enable the Health Centre to purchase toys for the children's play area.

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously.

Meet the District Team and Administration Evening

Date: 17 September 2003

Venue: Wymondley Wood
Centre

Time: 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Cost: No Charge

Calling all Group Executive Committee Officers - yes that means you. Chairmen, Treasurers and Secretaries and anyone else, including Leaders, helpers and adults who wish to meet the District Team and District Executive Members.

Come and share your ideas, see how other Groups

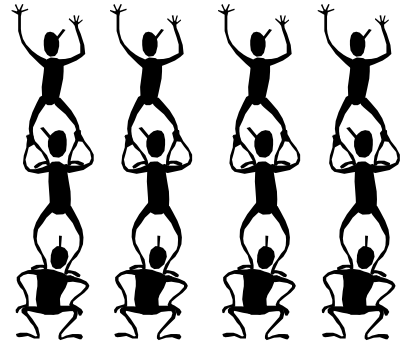
- * manage their accounts.
 - * fund raise
 - * tackle recruitment
 - * support their Leaders
- the list is endless....


If there is a particular topic you would like to discuss or you have an idea you would like to share, please let us know.

Bob Williams
District Development Officer



Find out about the resources that are available to you via the District, County and The Scout Headquarters at Gilwell.

Talk to the District Treasurer about CAF Cash and Gift Aid.





**Letchworth Garden City and Baldock District
Scouts and Letchworth Garden City Guides will be
holding a joint "Welcome to Wymondley Wood"
barbecue .**

Date: Thursday 10 July 2003

Venue: Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

Time: 7.00 pm - until late

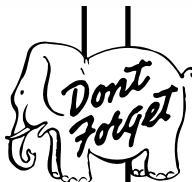
Cost: £2.50 per child (over five and under twelve)
£ 5.00 per adult
£12.00 per family ticket (Two adults + 2 children)
Under fives free

**Attention all Scout Groups
have you booked you place on
the new District Scout Event -
Day Incident Hike to be held in
the Barton Hill Area?**

Saturday 13 July 2003

Contact: Geoff Smith
01462 680006
Carfax@talk21.com
501 Broadway, Letchworth Garden City

SCOUTS



Born 2B Challenged

Date: 12 - 14 September
Venue: Well End
Cost £10.00

Register now phone 0208 236 0040
admin@herts-scouts.net

The County Scout Weekend is built around
the Outdoor Challenge.

Wyboston Watersports Centre

After the successful day at the Wyboston Watersports Centre for our Scouts and Guides a number of Leaders and adults have asked if the District could arrange a half day water activities just for them.

Proposed date: Sunday 21 September

Time: 8.30 am - 1.30 pm

Cost: £45 per person

The proposed programme

Meet at Wymondley Wood at 8.30 am, arrive at Wyboston Watersports Centre by minibus 9.00 am. You will then be able to take part in

Jet Ski

Jet Bike

Aqua Sausage

Water Ski

If you are interested in coming along please contact Bob Williams telephone 01462 686727.

Please note that this is a non-Scouting event.

District Football Competition 11 May 2003

This year's District Cub Scout Football Competition took place for the first time for a number of years indoors.

Six Packs took part in some exciting matches Each team playing each other on a home and away basis. After some keenly fought games the league positions were very tight. The eventual winners were 4th Letchworth who will represent the District at the County Cub Football Competition, 7 June in Stevenage.

Congratulations and good luck on the 7 June

Simon Hrbek

Vaughan Lewis

Michael Johnson

Richard Barrett

Phillip McEvitt

Jordon Davis

Matthew Leach

Ben Price

2nd place went to

3rd

4th

5th

6th

7th Letchworth

1st Baldock

2nd Baldock

12th Letchworth

1st 3rd Letchworth

Thanks to the referee, team managers, Leaders and parents for making the day a success.

fellowship

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP NEWSLETTER

fellowship

Sue Lovelock has agreed to be our organiser for Fellowship events and has been busy looking for some entertaining things for us to do and also some much needed fund raising. The weekend of 27-29 of June there is a Fellowship Gathering at Moor House Adventure Centre, Houghton le Spring, Tyne & Wear. For more information you can visit the web site, www.durhamscouts.org.uk or contact Margaret Durrant 624731.

On 5 July we will be celebrating the centenary of the Garden City with a stall advertising the Fellowship and selling fresh produce, jams cakes etc and also a raffle in the Broadway Gardens. We will need lots of cakes, prizes etc and also helpers for the day if only for an hour or two each. Please ring Sue on the number below if you can help.

A trip to the Nature Reserve at St Neots is on 6 July and there will be an organised wild life tour. There is a picnic area, also an indoor area if the weather is not too good.

2 August (Saturday) is the British Legion Race Day at Newmarket. The gates open at 11.30 am and we can picnic in the enclosure before the first race at 2.20 pm. The price is £7.50 for the day and if we get 10 people going we get one free ticket. It really is a great day out. Also on 16 August there is the Lions fete at the Howard Park (by the paddling pool) and we are putting a stall in hoping to do some fund raising and advertising. If you can help on the day or provide any cakes etc it would be appreciated. The village of Datchworth is holding a flower show 23-25 August and it would be nice if we could get together and visit.

October 18 is the AGM at the Guide Headquarters and we are hoping to have a presentation by the Scouts who went to the Thailand Jamboree.

The Coln Valley Railway is running Santa Specials on 7 and 13 December and we are hoping to get a trip organised, which would be great for those members who have children or even grandchildren to bring.

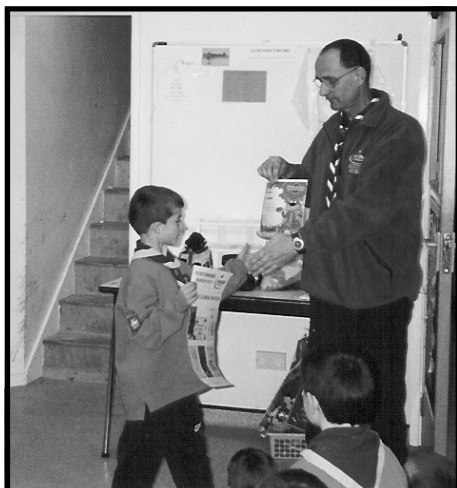
Please ring **Sue on 672043** for more information and book your places.

Happy Anniversary 11th Letchworth Scout Group

11th Letchworth Scout Group will be celebrating 25 years of Scouting on 26 June 2003.

The records show that Anne Lilley and Yvonne Porter were the CSL and ACSL with fourteen Cub Scouts in their Pack.

Congratulations on making 25 years and long may they continue.



Luke Parker, 1st Baldock Beaver Colony receiving his 'Goody Bag' from Phil Atkinson ACC (Beaver) "Carrot"

Luke was one of the winners of the County Poster Competition.

Beavers from all over the County were asked to design a poster aimed at recruiting new Leaders.

Gang Show Party

At one point there were about twenty of us, sitting on the floor in two lines arms waving about and moving backwards and forwards to some ridiculous tune. Call it dancing if you want. We were like some drunken university boat race. And we were laughing so much.

Carrots Roadshow had come along to entertain us at the after show party of Gang Show 2003. I had wanted a karaoke but unfortunately he hadn't brought that along. Shame!! maybe.

We staggered the evening with Cubs, Brownies and Beavers coming to the first session, Scouts, Guides at the second session and us adults going on until 11 pm.

Mr Carrot was so good; got all the kids dancing by offering spot prizes. Cunning. Bribery... and it worked. We put on a buffet for the kids and we ate what was left over. And managed to consume what was left over and unreturnable from the bar run by BaliNetwork at the Gang Show.

At the first session I roughly counted nearly fifty children running around making noise; in all there must have been over eighty at the party. Their enthusiasm for the Show still so evident.

Gang Show 2003 was such a success. There were 190 people involved in the Show. 130 on stage and 60 leaders and parent helpers behind the scenes. This year we had costumes and scenery departments, a regular backstage crew, a rota of helpers at rehearsals and at the Show in the changing rooms. And a new venue.

We all have our own special Show moments to remember. And stories to tell. These really were the good old times.

**Dave Strong 7th Letchworth
Scout Leader and a member of the Gang
Show cast**

Wymondley Wood 2004 Bookings

If you intend to make use of the District's new Centre at Wymondley Wood in 2004 for a Cub Pack holiday or Beaver Sleepover then please book early. Weekends and School Holiday times are very popular and bookings are already being taken for 2004.

Please contact Barbara Crombie 01462 671062 or bcrombie16@aol.com

Book Early To Avoid Disappointment



Jamboree Camp – Wymondley Wood – May 2003

FOR
SALE

CRAFT SALE

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OPEN PACKS or PART-USED STUFF

1 bag of coloured feathers

1 bag of Refillable PVA Glue Pens (6 in each bag)

4 bags of small balloons (approx 150 in each bag)

2 bags of medium balloons (approx 150 in each bag)

1 bag of long balloons (approx 150 in bag)



NEW / UNOPENED STUFF

2 x 5 Litre containers of PVA Glue - £7.99 each **£7.00** each

1 Glue Pump (fits 5 Litre Glue container) - £6.99 **£6.00**

2 x packs of “Curly Hair” Pipe-cleaners – 12” (50 in pack) - £6.95 **£6.00** each pack

2 x packs of “glittery/fluffy” Pipe-cleaners – 12” (50 in pack) - £3.95 **£3.00** each pack

3 x packs of “plain/fluffy” Pipe-cleaners – 12” (50 in pack) - £3.95 **£3.00** each pack

9 x bags of Coloured Feathers - £1.99 **£1.00** each bag

2 x bags of assorted ribbons (approx 36m in total in each bag) - £3.99 **£3.00** each bag

7 x bags of refillable PVA Glue Pens (3 in each bag) - £2.25 **£1.50** each bag

2 x packs of Colour-in Insect Gliders (6 in each pack) - £1.56 **£1.00** each pack

8 x packs of dolly pegs and stands (10 in each pack) – £2.40 **£1.50** each pack

24 x packs of empty matchboxes (10 in each pack) – 99p **50p** each pack

Please contact Andrea Soulsby who will be only to happy to see to your craft needs.

Telephone: 01462 643992 E-mail: a.soulsby@ntlworld.com

Booking Hitchwood

John Street is not well at present and therefore bookings for the use of Hitchwood should be made through Rose De Roeck, telephone 02462 432949 - keys will also be dealt with by Rose.

Welcome to



Steven Woolmer - ACSL 7th Letchworth

E-mail: crazyman2212@boltblue.com

Hertfordshire Training Dates coming up

Phase 4 (Scouts)	14/15 June plus 28 Sept plus 11/12 October 2003
Phase 4 (Beavers)	13+14 Sept plus 2 November 2003
Phase 3/45	27 Sept plus 1 November 2003
Phase 5/33	7 October plus 22/23 November 2003

I would urge all leaders who have started their training under the current scheme to make every effort to try and complete it by the end of 2003.

If you would like an application form or more details about the above training opportunities then please contact Andrea Soulsby – ADC(Adult Training)

Young Leaders' Training

Do you have any Young People between the ages of 14 and 18 years of age helping at your Beaver Colony, Cub Pack or Scout Troop? If so, I would like to hear from you.

A new training scheme has been launched recently specifically for young leaders between 14 and 18 years of age. There are 11 modules that should enable them to work alongside all your warranted leaders effectively. These modules can be run over separate evenings, days or weekends.

Thus we are planning a Young Leaders' Training Weekend at Wymondley Wood from 15 to 17 August. The aim will be to cover about half of the training modules required for young leaders as well as having some fun! The cost for the weekend will be approximately £20 per person inclusive of food and activities and training materials.

**For further details or to book a place, please contact Andrea Soulsby - ADC (Adult Training)
01462 643992
A.soulsby@ntlworld.com**



Wardens at Wymondley Wood

3 June	Mick Balls	893855
10 June	Pauline Gimson	677993
17 June	Mark Hill	483422
24 June	Jane Thorn	635745
1 July	TBA	
8 July	Chris King	637901
15 July	Peter Moules	435103
22 July	Ann Howard	452500
29 July	Shelley Wilsher	642026
5 August	Shirley & David Rossall	431884
12 August	TBA	
19 August	TBA	
26 August	TBA	
2 Sept	Ann Chapman	686772
9 Sept	Jane Thorn	635745

**Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide
Centre Telephone Number:
01462 677926**



Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Congratulations to Allan Patterson - Chairman Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council for being awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.

Allan has been District Chairman for nine years and is a well known figure in the local community. His promotion of Scouting at this level has enhanced our reputation and promoted goodwill amongst local businesses and voluntary organisations.

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June

4	5th Letchworth AGM	5th Letchworth H.Q	Graham Dollman 01462 683769
7	County Cub Football Competition	Stevenage	Dave Hawkins 01462 643432
10	1st Baldock AGM	1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive	Rob Hemmings 01462 895366
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Dave Hawkins 01462 643432
16	District Jamboree Debrief	Wymondley Wood	Andrea Soulsby 01462 643992
17	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Rita Hawkins 01462 643432
18	Scout & Guide Fund Raising Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Rita Hawkins 01462 643432
19	8th Letchworth AGM	8th Letchworth HQ	Sheila Tickner sheila.edmond@tiscali.co.uk
20	4th Letchworth AGM	St Paul's Church Hall	Ruth Lewis 01462 679004
21/22	Gilwell Cub and Beaver Fun Day	Gilwell Park	Ticket Inspector 020 8498 5411
28/29	25/40 Mile Walk	Greensand Ridge Walk	Bob Williams 01462 686727

July

4	District Cub Swimming Gala	Letchworth Outdoor Pool	Anne Gutteridge 01462 620486
5 - 6	County Scout Matrix Weekend	Well End Scout Activity Centre	Rose De Roeck 020 8236 0040
7	County AGM	Hertford County Hall	Colin McIntyre 01920 467291
10	District Barbecue	Wymondley Wood	Sue Lovelock 01462 672043
13	District Scout Day Hike	Barton Hills	Geoff Smith 01462 680006
15	District Beavers Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood	Maggie Miller 01462 632163
17	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Dave Hawkins 01462 643432

August

15 - 17	Young Leaders' Training Weekend	Wymondley Wood	Andrea Soulsby 01462 643992
29 - 31	Adults Weekend	Orchard Farm	Nick Farmer 01462 627673

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