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Co-ordinator



Explorer Scouts - Young Leader Unit

What's it all about?

This new section within Explorer Scouts is now starting to roll out and already we have 5 young people working along side Adult Leaders at Beavers and Scout level.

The scheme is designed to enable them to:

- gain the knowledge, skills and confidence required to become an effective leader.
- further their own personal development.
- work towards awards such as Chief Scout and Duke of Edinburgh.
- start to acquire the skills that are needed for the Adult Training scheme.
- to have fun.

The young people remain members of the Explorer Scouts as well as being a member of the Young Leaders Unit and as such are still required to join in with the other Explorers in the balanced programme as and when they can to ensure that they get the most out of their Scouting whilst helping you, the District Leaders, with an extra pair of willing and enthusiastic hands.

Whilst they are helping out the District, it still remains my responsibility to ensure that they are being well guided and looked after, not becoming a burden and are undertaking the required training modules in order to gain their Young Leader's Certificate. To this end Sue King, District Explorer Scout Administrator, will keep in regular touch with the Young Leader and relevant Adult Leader to monitor performance and check that the requirement for their assistance is still valid.

How do you get a Young Leader?

Contact myself or Sue and we will do our best to fulfil your requirement.

Who will I get?

As a District we have only set one main policy on this topic. A Scout on leaving the Troop at the age of 14+ cannot go back to the same Troop as a Young Leader for a period of at least 6 months. This is to ensure that both the young person and the Troop have time apart, during which, we will endeavour to get the future Young Leader around other Troops in the District, to see the many and varied styles of Leadership and programme interpretation that exist within the movement. This enforced separation should enable the Young Leader to go back to his old Troop fresh and ready to help as a new face, not just the Senior PL who left last week, but didn't really. That feeling is not good either for the Young Person, the Scout Leader or the Troop.

Apart from this one policy you should be able to choose exactly who you would like to have to boost your team's resources.

If you would like to know more just contact myself or Sue.

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The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

Date: 18 October 2003
AGM
Venue: Guide H.Q.
Icknield Way, Letchworth
Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm



Date: 15 November 2003
Quiz
Venue: TBA
Cost: £5.00 per ticket



Date: 13 December 2003
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies
Venue: Clulow Room, St Georges
Church Letchworth



Date: 13 February 2004
A New Year Dinner
Venue: Broadway Hotel
Time: 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm



For further information please contact Sue Lovelock 01462 672043 or Margaret Durrant 01462 624731

What is The Scout Fellowship ?

It is a group of adults who have one thing in common - a wish to support Scouting. A Scout Fellowship welcomes men and women of all ages, interests and backgrounds. There is no need to have been involved in Scouting or Guiding before, all that is required is a willingness to give some of your time to Scouting. In return you will make friends and be able to join with others doing whatever you decide. A Scout Fellowship has its own social and activity programme.

The aim of the Scout Fellowship is "Providing Active Support", with the emphasis being very much on supporting the youth programme in an active manner, at all levels of the Association from the local Scout Group to National level.

So what do we mean by "Active Support"

Active Support encompasses the talents of the Scout Fellowship of all ages and abilities, whether it is physical, mental, geared to a particular technical skill or general support. It could be as a badge examiner, a mentor to new leaders, catering for courses, running pioneering courses, assisting with hill walking, rock climbing etc. We all have something to offer as far as supporting Scouting is concerned whatever our age or ability.

In fact, active support means just about anything!

The Scout Fellowship is a large part of the 'backbone' of the Scout Movement - supporting the young people and voluntary leaders wherever help is required. The key to our success is our flexibility - **we're here to help.**

**Please contact Dave Upson if you require active support for your Group.
01462 631047**

District Outing to Thorpe Park

On Sunday 21 September the Cubs and Scouts went on a District outing to Thorpe Park. The drive took about an hour and it was quite boring. But when we got there it was quite exciting.. The first ride I went on was detonator then on tidal wave. After that we had lunch and then we joined with some others and finished off the afternoon. Then we went back at 4.40 pm for the hours journey back.

Altogether we all had lots of fun.

**Daniel Plumb
1st Baldock (Knights)**

Tidal Wave

Aptly named after one of the most feared natural disasters of them all, Tidal Wave - one of Europe's highest water drop rides.

Riders, waiting to be evacuated from the disaster scene, 'live through' the experience of a mega wave strike that plunge them a heart-pumping and buttock clenching, 85 ft through the water.

And this is one ride from where there is no escape... the phenomenal impact of the ride and its 'real life' setting ensure that spectators share in the thrill.

On the 25 July we went to Phasels Wood for Cub Camp. It was pouring with rain and we had to put our tents up eventually and then we had to put all our stuff in the tents. I had lots of stuff. Then we had dinner and we went to bed. The next day 12th Letchworth Cubs went abseiling and Daniel was the first one to abseil down the wall and then Tommy did it. Then at three o'clock we went potholing and Alex, Robert and Thomas completed the course. Then we had dinner and went to bed. Then the next day we went go-karting.

Daniel Gray - Cub

12th Letchworth Cubs Weekend Camp Phasels Wood

We have been to camp at Phasels. We did abseiling, go karts, scavenger hunt. Adventure trail and potholing.

The providore was always stocked up and the staff plus warden were very friendly.

We also did a night hike with Chil, Akela and Baghera.

Thomas Plater - Cub

At Cub camp we did potholing. There was a test hole and Robert, Alex and Thomas went through the hole. When they came out they were muddy and wet.

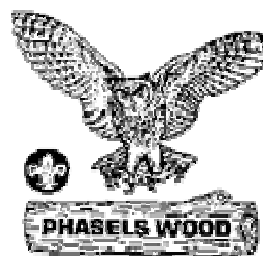
Then we went abseiling. Me and Daniel went down the fastest.

Tommy Lloyd - Cub

On the start day of Camp I got stuck in traffic so we ended up one hour late. So the tents were already up! On the second day we did potholing and abseiling. I did the first part of potholing, but I didn't do the abseiling. We had a midnight feast and we stayed up to 12.19 am and then fell asleep. On the third day we put down the tents, played games of cricket and did stunts. I am a Sixer and Dan is the Seconder.

Mark Hobbs - Cub

On the 25 July we came to Cub Camp at Phasels Wood. On the 26 July we did abseiling down a tower with wood at the side. After that we did potholing in a tunnel. Alex, Robert and Thomas managed to do all of it, even the hardest bit. Next day we went go-karting, Daniel, Tommy and me won.



Jonathan Ritchie - Cub



News

1st Baldock Sleepover

Kingfisher and Swallow took us on an exploration of the campsite.

We did archery. I got a bull's-eye. It was great fun.

We had tea with the Cubs.

We had a wide-game with the Cubs and Scouts. We had to find the right coloured shapes that our captain told us.

We slept in a Scout Hut near a road. Kingfisher read a story and then we went to sleep.

We had breakfast with the Cubs. Then we did shooting. I won first place. We did squirting with water guns.

We did radio with Baloo. We learned the phonetic alphabet. We went off in a group and I had to pretend I was injured. We had to radio for help. They came to rescue us.

We packed up and my mummy and daddy and Tegan came to get me.

Robert Soulsby - Beaver

When we arrived on Saturday, mum and dad and Katie went to meet the Beaver Leaders in the hut. Mum, Dad and Katie went home and I was invested and made my promise. We all unpacked our rucksacks and placed our sleeping bags.

We went for a walk around the camp site and it was time for archer. I came 3rd, I was pleased because I hadn't done it before.

Then we all went bug hunting. I found a grass hopper and a frog and spider. Then onto the assault course with a bell. We had to try and go around without letting it ring.

We went pond dipping with s nets and then wide games with Cubs and Scouts which was collecting codes around the forest area..

Tea was pasta and sauce, the pasta tasted a bit different, but I ate it all because I was hungry, then chocolate roll with custard - yummy.

We played with Cubs then went to the camp fire and done sketching.

Tea and cake for supper, washed and had a story and went to sleep.

Rhys McEvoy - Beaver

District Beaver Scout Sports Day 27 September 2003

Results

Points

25	7th Letchworth
34	8th Letchworth
45	1st Baldock
51	5th / 12th / 1st 3rd Letchworth
54	2nd Baldock
61	4th Letchworth

Thank you to everyone who helped organise and ran such a successful event.



District Camp Fire

Date: Friday 7 November 2003
Venue: Wymondley Wood
Time: 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm

ALL WELCOME

**For further information please contact
Chris Gee 01462 625167**



District News



New ADC (Cubs)

I am pleased to announce that Amanda Woolmer has accepted my invitation to take on the vacant role of Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs) for the Letchworth and Baldock District.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing her every success in her new role.

Amanda's appointment completes the District Team.

I would like to thank the Cub Scout Leaders for their support while the role was vacant and I am sure you will continue to support Amanda.

Dave Hawkins DC

Correction to the Arts and Craft Competition - age range.

Please read Cub Scout age 8 to 10.5 years.

The countdown has started—Venture Scouts finish on 31 December 2003 - and the young people in the Units can join the Explorer Scouts or Scout Network depending on their age.

We hope that all Leaders warranted with the Venture Scout Section will want to change to another role - please discuss with your GSL, ADC or DC as appropriate.

Dress Code

On my various outings around the District, I have noted that the dress code is not up to an acceptable standard.

I would like to remind all Leaders of the following

- Uniform shirts / blouses should be tucked in.
- Neckerchiefs when worn should be worn correctly.
- Full uniform or activity uniform, including neckerchiefs / ties should be worn when attending District / County events.
- Uniforms or activity uniform should be worn when travelling to and from events / outings.

By now all Leaders should be wearing the new style uniform.

I expect all Leaders to set the appropriate example to their young people.

Dave Hawkins - DC



County - Born 2B Challenged

Four patrols from 2nd Baldock, 5th Letchworth and 7th Letchworth attended the new revised County Camping Competition - Born 2B Challenged.

Points were awarded for the following

Regular inspection of camp site	
Patrol Project	Sketch
Cooking	Scout's Own
Gadgets	Behaviour
First Aid	Kit inspection

Even though all four were novice teams and did not take part in the actual competition they all did very well with 2nd Baldock coming the highest out of the four.

Well done. I am sure that they enjoyed the experience and will enter the competition next year.

FIRST AID Training

Would you like to undertake a standard Adult First Aid course?

Well, we are running one at 1st Baldock Scout HQ on Thursday evenings starting in January. The course lasts for 10 weeks and you must be able to attend all the sessions. The certificate you will receive upon successful completion of the course is valid for three years.

The details are :-

Venue – 1st Baldock Scout HQ
Start Date – Thursday 8 January 2004
Duration – 10 weeks
Time – 7:30 pm until 9:30 pm
Cost – £50 per head



To book a place please send a cheque (payable to “Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council”) for £50 to Andrea Soulsby – 32 The Rowans, Baldock, Herts. SG7 6HL

Hertfordshire Training Dates

- The last Phase 5 course is due to start on 7 October and complete over the weekend of 22/23 November.
(We have 9 leaders currently booked on this course and another 1 on the waiting list)
- Phase 4 (Scouts) is due to complete over the weekend of 11/12 October
(We have 2 leaders undertaking this course)
- Phase 3 is due to complete on Saturday 1 November
(We have 3 leaders undertaking this course)
- Phase 4 (Beavers) is due to complete on Sunday 2 November
(We have 4 leaders undertaking this course)
- **BEAVER SLEEPOVER MODULE** – Sunday 2 November – 5 pm until 7 pm at Well End – any Leaders who would like to do this module (NB: You cannot run a Sleepover unless you have done this training module) then please let me know as there are places available.

If you would like to undertake any of the GSL/Commissioner training units then Unit 5 – “Working with People” is being run on 11 October at Well End. Any leader can take part in this training unit, the cost is £3.50. Please let me know if you would like a place booked.

Details of the new Adult Training Scheme, due to start in January 2004, will be available very shortly.

If you would like more details about the above training opportunities then please contact Andrea Soulsby – ADC (Adult Training) – YES, I’m still here, you haven’t got rid of me yet!!!!



OAK EAGLE E.S.U

Provisional dates and meeting venues for Autumn Term

Date	Day	Time	Venue/ Activity
4 October	Saturday	Night Hike	8 th Letchworth
8 October	Wednesday	1900-2030	1 st Baldock
17 October	Friday	1930-2130	8 th Letchworth
22 October	Wednesday	1900-2030	1 st Baldock
31 October	Friday	1930-2130	8 th Letchworth
5 November	Wednesday	1900-2030	1 st Baldock
15 November	Saturday	All Day	Green Beret
19 November	Wednesday	1900-2030	1 st Baldock
28/30 November	Weekend	Youth Hostel Weekend	
3 December	Wednesday	1900-2030	1 st Baldock
12 December	Friday	1930-2130	8 th Letchworth
19 th December	Friday	1930-2130	8 th Letchworth

Any changes to the above dates will be notified at the previous week's meeting

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Changes for adults in Scouting in 2004

The year 2004 will see some interesting changes for adults in the Scout Movement.

- A new Adult Training Scheme will be introduced around the UK, including new training roles and a single scheme from which adults choose areas of learning that suit them and their roles.
- The process for appointing adults will introduce a provisional appointment stage so those adults can feel properly supported and prepared for a role before taking on the full responsibility.
- The publications and other materials that support adults in implementing the Adults in Scouting model will be replaced during the year to ensure that they are easier to use.
- The Nights Away scheme will have been introduced across the UK by the autumn of 2004, to assist people in taking youngsters away on residential experiences. The launch of the scheme will be accompanied by a themed issue of Scouting Magazine in January 2004. The current Form PC will disappear and a new, simpler camp permit will take its place.
- The Scout Fellowship support material is being revised to help Fellowships find even more ways to provide active support to the Movement. Indeed, the other changes outlined above provide plenty of opportunities for Scout Fellowship to be involved.

(Scouting Magazine October 2003)

Young Leaders' Training

We had a fabulous weekend at Wymondley Wood in August. Although numbers were low (only 7 young leaders were able to come along) we managed to undertake all the training modules and activities that we had planned.

The Young Leaders all had a go at playing games (they'll not forget the fire engine or sheep games in a hurry!). We looked at aspects of Programme Planning and following the balanced programme, not just in short term plans but also in the longer term (ie: over 3 months). We looked at the various challenge badges and activity badges available to each section, as well as the moving on awards, participation/joining in awards and Chief Scout's Awards. The final area we looked at was the various styles of leadership and what skills would make a good and a bad leader. We got them all thinking about their own experiences through Scouting and with the sections they help with currently!

Intermingled with all this brain work, we had an excellent session doing outdoor cooking and most of what was cooked was actually edible! The Young Leaders also enjoyed an Archery session.

Congratulations to Daniel Staines (1st Baldock), Alan Thorpe (1st/3rd Letchworth), Cheryl Woolmer (7th Letchworth), Graham Parkes (7th Letchworth), Jon Townsend (Hitchin), Ben Matthews (Hitchin) and Mark Barton (Rickmansworth & Chorleywood) on completing Modules A, B, E, G, H & J of the new Young Leader Scheme.

Many thanks to Chris Gee (1st/3rd Letchworth Cubs), Amanda Woolmer (7th Letchworth Cubs), Chris King (Letchworth & Baldock DESC), Vicki Luker (12th Letchworth Beavers), Neil Broughton (Hitchin DESC) and Stephen King – without their help this training weekend would not have happened.

Andrea Soulsby ADC (AT)

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have completed Training:-

Phase 1 & 2

Stuart Bruce – 7th Letchworth Beavers

GCA Training

Unit 7 – Training Responsibility

Chris King – DESC

One-day First Aid Course

Steven Woolmer – ACSL, 7th Letchworth

Cheryl Woolmer	– Oak Eagle Explorer Unit
Rachel Anderson	– Beech Springs VSU
Tom Anderson	– Beech Springs VSU
Lisa Partington	– Beech Springs VSU
Brian Rosendale	– VSL, Beech Springs
Colin Haigh	– AVSL, Bacchus VSU
Simon Goodwin	– ASL, 4 th Letchwor
Apryl Goodwin	– ACSL, 4 th Letchworth
Tony Freeman	– ASL, 4 th Letchworth
Chris Lewis	– ASL, 1 st /3 rd Letchworth
Andrea Soulsby	– ADC (AT)

Gang Show

Rehearsals start at 8th Letchworth Sparhawke on 18 October; the first two weeks are '**Welcome to the Gang Show**' introductory rehearsals and are 5 pm to 7 pm.

From 1 November they are split into two different times, 4.30 pm to 6 pm for the Cubs and Brownies and 6.30 pm to 8 pm for Scouts, Guides and older ones.

Gang Show

Congratulations

I am delighted to advise that the Chief Scout has awarded **Bar to the Medal of Merit**, in recognition of their further outstanding services to the Scout Movement to

Andrea Soulsby ADC (AT)

Eric (Skip) Woodward 1st Baldock



Wardens at Wymondley Wood

7 Oct	Sheila & David Daws	621699
14 Oct	David Hawkins	643432
21 Oct	Val Bartlett	730817
28 Oct	Nora Hitcham	627905
4 Nov	Elaine Wigglesworth	626218
11 Nov	Peter Moules	435103
18 Nov	Peter & Ruth Baker	682752
25 Nov	Chris King	637901
2 Dec	Ann Martin	627439
9 Dec	Mark Hill	483422

Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre



**Telephone Number:
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Congratulations to

Bar to the Long Service Decoration - 25 years

Sue Lovelock	Fellowship
Wendy Tierney	GSL 2nd Weston

Long Service Decoration - 15 years

Ian Hunt	SL 12th Letchworth
David Strong	SL 7th Letchworth
Michael Wheeler	ASL 1st Baldock
Monica Thomason	Fellowship

10 year Service Certificate

Amanda Woolmer	CSL 7th Letchworth
Anne Gutteridge	CSL 4th Letchworth

5 Year Service Certificate

Clair Calver	ACSL 12th Letchworth
Christine Hart	ABSL 12th Letchworth
Carolyn Nunnington	ABSL 7th Letchworth

Welcome to



Vicki Ellison ACSL 1st Baldock

School Term Date 2003 - 2004

Autumn 2003	1 Sept - 24 Oct	3 Nov - 19 Dec
Spring 2004	5 Jan - 13 Feb	23 Feb - 2 Apr
Summer 2004	19 April - 28 May	6 Jun - 25 July

School Term Date for 2004 - 2005

Autumn 2004	1 Sept - Oct 22	1 Nov - 17 Dec
Spring 2005	4 Jan - 11 Feb	21 Feb - 24 Mar
Summer 2004	11 Apr - 27 Mar	6 Jun - 25 Jul

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October

9	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Rita Hawkins 01462 643432
11	Race Night	8th Letchworth HQ	Bob Williams 01462 686727
15	Scout & Guide Shop AGM	Wymondley Wood	Peter Dixon-Payne 01763 288401
18	District Arts & Craft Competition	Lannock School	Nick Farmer 01462 627673
18	District Fellowship AGM	Guide HQ, Icknield Way	Dave Upson 01462 631047
18	County Archive Day	Well End	Frank Brittain 01727 860086
20	Fund Raising Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Rita Hawkins 01462 64342
25	District Beaver Day Out	Woburn Safari Park	Maggie Miller 01462 632163
26	District Scout Day Hike	Barton Hill	Dave Strong 01462 624309

November

7	District Camp Fire All Sections welcomed	Wymondley Wood	Chris Gee 01462 625167
10	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Amanda Woolmer 01462 637718
13	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Rita Hawkins 01462 643432
14 - 16	County Green Beret	Phasels Wood	Nick Farmer 01462 6276734
14	District Cub Quiz	5th Letchworth HQ	Diana Marshall 01462 673956
15	District Fellowship Quiz	TBA	Sue Lovelock 01462 672043

December

11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Rita Hawkins 01452 643432
13	District Fellowship Xmas get together	Clulow Room, St George's Church	Margaret Durrant 01462 624731
16	District Team Meeting	The Orange Tree Baldock	Dave Hawkins 01462 643432

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