

Co-ordinator

Remembrance Sunday



The first Poppy Day was held in Britain on 11 November 1921 and since then the Poppy Appeal has become a key annual appeal in the nation's calendar.

This year's Remembrance Day Service will take place on Sunday 9 November 2003 at the War Memorial.

Could all Groups who wish to attend please assemble in the Railway Station Car Park at 10.15 am.

The Act of Remembrance and Commitment Services and the laying of wreaths will be at the Memorial at 11.00 am.

Please ensure that all members of the Scout Movement are in full uniform and are neat and tidy.

The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once her flowers to love, her ways to roam
A body of England's breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the internal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England
given;
Her sights and sounds: dreams happy as her day:
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke

Changes for Adults in Scouting in 2004

Appointing Adults

The work of District Appointments sub-committees will change slightly, mainly due to the new provisional appointment. The Appointments sub-committee will remain a vital part of the appointment process, helping to ensure that the right people are asked to do the right jobs.

In outline, the new appointment process will mean that:

- People will have a period of provisional appointments before the full appointment is made.
- During the provisional appointment stage, the adult will complete some training modules (called Getting Started) that cover the basic information for their new role. As a result, every adult should feel much more confident before their full appointment is made.
- The Appointments sub-committee will be involved in the provisional and full appointment stages and will track the adults through both stages.
- The Appointments Sub-committee will need to share information with a Local Training Manager and the County/Area Training Manager to ensure that adults are supported during the provisional and full appointments stages.

Next month issue will focus on Adult Training.

Ramblings of a Scout Leader

I have been supporting Chris Lewis at 1st 3rd Scouts for a couple of months now and have enjoyed helping him organise a few special events, and have ended up holding a tiger by the tail! No.... 1st 3rd have not opened a zoo. Maybe sometimes has seemed like it. Chris was keen to take his Troop through the Community Badge. Police visit (I have a contact now who is happy to visit troops/packs; call me if you are interested), first aid, a local street hike, fire brigade... that sort of thing.

And a visit to Lister Hospital.

I phoned the Council for Voluntary Services at Lister and offered our help, asked what we could do for the Hospital or what they could do for us. They suggested a litter pick or a bit of painting. But I couldn't get excited by that. Then she mentioned Lister Radio. Wow!!

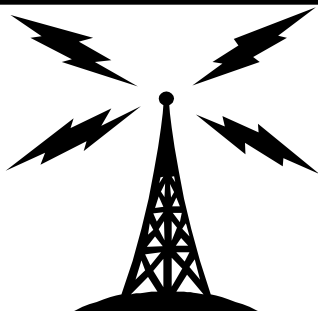
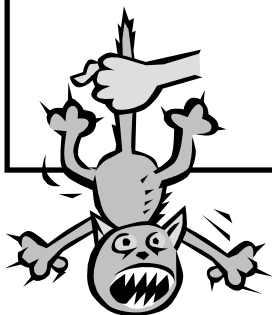
Since then lots of phone calls and lots of excitement. The Troop has been to visit the Radio station whilst it has been live on the air. The next step is for the Troop to visit the wards accompanied by an adult and to take requests from the patients for a special request hour. Then the Scouts would man the phones, then perhaps even do a bit of DJ'ing. The sky is the limit.

Lister Radio is very keen to raise its profile; to have some publicity. They are very keen to involve the community, very keen to have some ongoing feedback from the wards. And we are the perfect tool for them. And it could be so much fun!!

A Scouting special regular slot... it could involve the whole District... we could involve the press even local television.... we could have a Gang Show special... we could even take over the Radio station for a weekend.

A tiger by the tail. Anybody else in the District excited by the possibilities? Anybody else want to get involved? Ring me.

Dave Strong
Scout Leader
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1st 3rd Letchworth Scouts

Friday 17 October was a night to remember, 1st 3rd Letchworth Scouts walked from their HQ in Icknield Way to Edwin Nott house. There they were greeted by the Warden, Venetia Crowther, who was once the Cub Leader at 1st 3rd Letchworth. Once inside the Scouts were paired up with residents, they were then ready to play six games of bingo.

With three Scouts calling the numbers, and one certain Scout charming the residents with comments, mentioning no names - Wesley did you enjoy the evening. The mistakes that were made just added to the enjoyment of the evening.

The response from the residents as they left was pleasing as they enjoyed the evening just as much as the Scouts.

Chris Lewis
1st 3rd Letchworth
Assistant Scout Leader

An interesting fact

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Quote from a Scout at camp.

When visiting a camp during half term a Scout was heard to ask a Leader

"How do you break an egg?"

Answers to the editor. The most ingenious solution will win a prize.

If you have any other quotes from your young people please let me know

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5th Letchworth Scout Group's

5th AUTUMN BAZAAR

30 November 11.00 am - 1.00 pm
at 5th Letchworth HQ, 35 Spring Road,
Letchworth

Admission 30p (includes raffle)
Games, Cake Stall, Christmas Cards,
White Elephant,
Tombola, Refreshments
(including Hot Bacon Butties!)
Plus Lots More!

Rehearsals have started for Gang Show 2004.

On 18 October and 25 October two hour introductory rehearsals were held at 8th Letchworth HQ in Sparhawke. Eighty two attended the first rehearsal and sixty five the second. We have a total so far, and it is very early days, of ninety three cast members. A very satisfactory start. Seven Groups are involved from our Scouting District and in all twenty five different colonies/packs/troops/units from Scouting and Guiding are represented.

Unfortunately we have no representatives from Ashwell, 5th Letchworth, 11th Letchworth or Weston

There is still time to join us. From 1 November rehearsals will be from 4.30 to 6 pm for Beavers, Cubs and Brownies and 6.30 to 8 pm for Scouts Guides and Leaders. All are welcome, just turn up.

Please tell your pack/unit, it would be wonderful to have the whole District involved.

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts and Letchworth Garden City Guides Race Night - Saturday 11 October 2003 8th Letchworth H.Q.

For one night the 8th Letchworth Headquarters turned into the Ascot of Letchworth and we all enjoyed an exciting night at the races. The night was enlivened by the commentary from our compere Dave Strong, who works in a bookmakers and shared interesting anecdotes of betting and horse-racing.

The races were exciting and encouraged an animated response as punters cheered on their favourite horse. The Tote was popular and although no fortunes were won or lost the evening raised over £600.

We are grateful to the sponsors of the races, Lloyds TSB, Norton Way Peugeot, Fred and Wayne Lovelock, Letchworth Car Care, The Orange Tree Inn, Garden City Press, Barron McCann Limited and Hawkins of Hitchin and all those who bought horses.

Our thanks to everyone who helped organise such a successful evening.



Home made mince pies made up to raw state then frozen for you to collect and put in your freezer until you want to take them out and cook them (kids can't eat them too soon).

Traditional, made with sweet pastry.

30p each Special 35p each

Ring Anne Martin to place orders before 7 December and to arrange collection.

You are also invited to a Mince Pie and Coffee afternoon

Date: Thursday 11 December
Time: 12 noon until 4 pm
Admission: £1.00

All proceeds from sale of pies and coffee afternoon go to 11th Letchworth Scouts.

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Arts & Craft Competition

Overall Winners

Beavers

1st	1st Baldock
2nd	2nd Baldock
3rd	12th Letchworth

Cubs Cogar Trophy

1st	4th Letchworth
2nd	7th Letchworth
3rd	1st Baldock

Scouts Watson Trophy

1st	2nd Baldock
2nd	1st Baldock
2nd	4th Letchworth
3rd	12th Letchworth

Network

1st	Nick Howell
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Adults Eaves Trophy

1st	Andrea Soulsby
2nd	Fiona Potts
3rd	Vicki Luker

Plinston Trophy

1st	1st Baldock
2nd	2nd Baldock
3rd	4th Letchworth
4th	12th Letchworth



The District Arts and Craft Competition took place on Saturday 18 October at Lannock School.

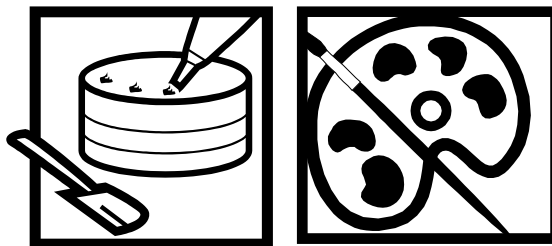
From the number of entries it was obvious that the Colonies, Packs, Troops and individuals have been working hard and produced some excellent exhibits.

The standard was high in all categories and this made the job of judging very difficult.

Thank you to all the Leaders, helpers and parents for all their efforts and in particular to the young people.

Thanks also to the Scout Section and Nick Farmer in particular for running and organising the event.

The next Arts and Craft Competition will be in October 2005.



Congratulations to 4th Letchworth Beavers for winning the District Beaver Sports Day.

The event took place on Saturday 27 September at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre.

The sun shone and Beavers, Leaders and parents enjoyed great afternoon activities including the three legged race, sprint, races involving water and, the last race of the afternoon, the parents race.

The result was in doubt until the very last race when 4th Letchworth Beavers just managed to squeeze ahead of 2nd Baldock Beavers to take the title.

Thank you to ALL the leaders who helped to run such a successful afternoon. Thanks also to the District Fellowship who provided refreshments and ran a raffle, which contributed £120 to the District Beaver Account.



**District Beaver Day Out
Saturday 25 October 2003
Woburn Safari Park**

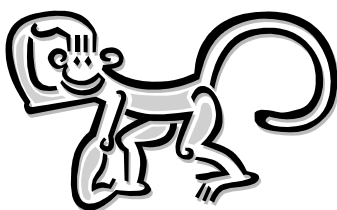
Our beaver day out was to Woburn safari park. It was a long journey. I was on coach one.

We saw lots of lovely animals. My Favourite animals are the monkeys and I liked the elephants. You get to stroke them. Everyone had a packed lunch.

We saw snakes, birds and lots more. We saw penguins under water they are good swimmers. We also saw sea lions. They made brilliant jumpers?

At the end in the shop I bought playing cards, a stick of rock and a puzzle you have to paint. I enjoyed my day.

**Katie Goodwin
4th Letchworth Beavers**



**Operation Ferret
Saturday 27 - Sunday 28
September 2003.**

Our champion ferrets were at it again - no matter how strange or rare an object is the 4th Letchworth will find it! If they don't possess it themselves they know someone who does! This year they were able to report to 1st Baldock HQ with items as diverse as a live snake, a book written in Greek, Jersey £1 note, fresh mistletoe and Weston Way 50th Birthday badge.

Congratulations must also go to Beech Springs VSU together with 12th Letchworth who were almost equally ingenious and gave them a close race to finish in second place.

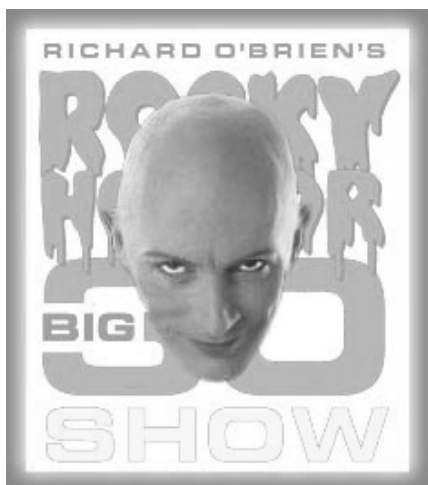
The competition makes for a fun packed weekend in which all members of the Group and parents can participate so it would good to see more entries next year.

Thanks to 1st Baldock for organising the event and good luck to 4th Letchworth who will run it next year.

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**Beech Springs VSU are arranging a
trip to:-**

Show: The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Date: 19 November 2003
Venue: Milton Keynes
Cost: £22.00 plus transport



Please contact Rachel Anderson on Rachie.a@ntlworld.com for further details.

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Gamma = Γ γ	Delta = Δ δ
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Next Lochearnhead meeting

Venue: 8th Letchworth HQ
Date: Monday 1 December 2003
Time: 8.15 pm

Scout Fellowship AGM

The Scout Fellowship reported on a successful year both in supporting Scouting and on the social side.

The Scout Fellowship made a major contribution to the financing of the new activity centre at Wymondley Wood, gave grants to our Jamboree participants and helped Oak Eagle Explorer Unit purchase their new flag as well as many other grants to Groups in the District.

Members were active at front of house at the Gang Show and helped at events such as the official opening of Wymondley Wood, the District Barbecue and the Beavers Sports Day.

They were present at events such as the Lions Fun Day and Big Noise Day to raise funds.

Social activities varied from a visit to Newmarket Races to a ramble around Paxton nature reserve.

Dave Upson was confirmed as Chairperson with Arthur Scott (Treasurer) and Margaret Durrant / Sue Lovelock (secretary and social activities).

After refreshments the evening concluded with a entertaining talk on their experiences at the World Jamboree by Venture Scouts Nick Howell and Stephen Woolmer. Their video presentation, memorabilia and witty presentation kept everyone amused and we will all remember ADC Roger Comley dressed in the Japanese Scout uniform.

SEE YOU AT THE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
13th DECEMBER
CLULOW ROOM, ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

SCOUTS OUT AND ABOUT

2nd Baldock Scouts	- Wrayfield Farm
5th Letchworth Scouts	- Harmer Green
7th Letchworth	- Boyd Field, Henlow
District Day Hike	- Barton Hills

The above all took place over the half term weekend 25 - 26 October 2003.

8th Letchworth Scout Night Hike Saturday 4 October 2003

It seemed like a good idea at the time. I asked the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit to organise a Night Hike for the 8th Letchworth I bribed them with a promise of breakfast and they agreed.

We were not too sure how many would come along but with seventeen Explorer Scouts and fifteen Scouts it exceeded our expectations.

It was not the warmest of nights, but the small hike ended up 11.5 miles with 2 check points around Letchworth. We finished at the Headquarters at 2.30 (ish) in the morning, for hot chocolate. However, it was not long enough to encourage sleep with thirty two Scouts in the hut the word 'sleepover' was incorrect.

Thanks to Glen Mealing for the help on the night and again in the morning.

Thanks to Chris, Edmond and the Explorer Scouts from the 8th Scouts for a great activity.

Sheila Tickner
GSL - 8th Letchworth

District Web – Site Demonstration



As you may be aware the District are in the process of developing a web-site.

An open invitation is extended to any interested parties to see the demonstration of the web-site. Your comments and suggestions are more than welcomed to help develop and improve the site.

Venue:	Barron McCann Limited Fifth Avenue, Letchworth
Date:	18 November 2003
Time:	8.00 pm

If you attend to come along, please contact Rita Hawkins 01462 - 643432 / rita.hawkins@ntlworld.com or Gareth Howell 01462 - 677090 / gareth@howell.uk.com

District Scout Barton Shield

At 10 am on a beautiful Autumn morning on Sunday 26 October five District Scout teams met in a quiet car park near Hexton for an 11 mile day hike competition around Barton Hills.

The hike was to cover Deacon Hill, Lilley, Warden Hill, Galley Hill and into Barton. There were bases including cooking, map reading, codebreaking, first aid and David and Maggie Miller from 4th Letchworth had the Scouts handling nuclear power rods..... no problem for this lot.

Their problem, of course, was map reading. But a friendly farmer helped four out of the five teams out with a lift in his land rover when they got lost team by team...

1st 3rd ended up on the fifth green of a golf course.... but then that's par for the course....

It was an excellent day, and the Scouts thoroughly enjoy themselves. In the end we could not split them and decided to award joint first place. The trophy will be shared.

Joint 1 st	Can't Hike	Won't Hike	7 th Letchworth
Joint 1 st	Dawdlers		4 th Letchworth
3 rd	Winning Team		1 st Baldock
4 th	Weirdo's		1 st Baldock
5 th	Zotan		1/3 rd Letchworth



Wardens at Wymondley Wood

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



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The Stuarts and the Civil War

The Gunpowder Plot 1605

Responding to papal denunciations and pressure from radical Protestants, Queen Elizabeth's government severely penalised practising Catholics. Catholics hoped for greater toleration from James, whose Queen was herself a Catholic. Instead, James reconfirmed Elizabeth's anti-Catholic legislation; he also ended England's war with Spain, removing any hope of imposing Catholicism by force.

In 1604 a group of English Catholics began planning a coup. The day Parliament convened, the House of Lords would be blown up, killing the King. Guido Fawkes, who had fought for Spain as a mercenary, would set the fuse and flee to Spain; meanwhile Robert Catesby, the leader of the plot, would raise a rebellion among northern Catholics.

In October 1605, the plan was betrayed. The storeroom below the House of Lords which the plotters had rented was searched on November the 4th - the night before Parliament returned - revealing Fawkes and large quantities of gunpowder. Catesby failed to incite a rebellion in the north, but died in the attempt. In January 1606 Fawkes and the other surviving plotters were executed as traitors. The main result of the plot was greatly intensified repression of Catholicism.

The Firework Code, and bonfire night safety

Buy Fireworks marked BS-7114

- Keep Fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light all fireworks at arms length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks
- Keep pets indoors
- **Sparklers** "Warning: not to be given to children under 5 years of age".

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November

7	District Camp Fire All Sections welcome	Wymondley Wood	Chris Gee 01462 625167
9	Remembrance Sunday Parade	Letchworth Station	David Hawkins 01462 643432
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 627673
14	District Cub Quiz	5th Letchworth HQ	Diana Marshall 01462 673956
15	District Fellowship Quiz	8th Letchworth HQ	Sue Lovelock 01462 672043
18	District Web-Site Demonstration	Barron McCann Ltd	Rita Hawkins 01462 643432
28 - 30	Weekend Expedition - Explorer Scouts	Great Yarmouth	Chris King DESC 01462 637901
30	5th Letchworth Xmas Bazaar	5th Letchworth HQ Spring Road 11.00 am - 1.00 pm	

December

1	Lochearnhead Meeting	8th Letchworth HQ	Nick Farmer 01462 627673
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood	Rita Hawkins 01452 643432
12	11th Letchworth Coffee and Mince Pies	38 Chiltern View	Ann Martin 01462 627439
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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