



Co-ordinator

St George's Day Parade and Service

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 25 April 2004 at St George's Church, Norton Way North, Letchworth Garden City.

The parade will assemble at the Howard Hall car park (near the Paddling Pool) at 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm prompt start. The parade will march along Rushby Mead, turning into Birds Hill and then along Norton Way North to the Church.

After the service the parade will reform and march down Norton Way North turning onto Norton Common by the side MacFadyen Webb House. The parade will be dismissed on Norton Common between 3.45 pm and 4.00 pm when the young people can be collected.

There will be refreshments for Leaders and Guests in the Culow Room, church hall after the parade has been dismissed.

There will be a rehearsal for FULL COLOUR PARTIES WITH NECKERCHIEFS and readers on Thursday 22 April at 6.30 pm at 8th Letchworth HQ, Sparhawke.

On the Sunday the parade will assemble in the following order.

Union Flag, District Flag, St George's Flag

COLOUR PARTIES

Beavers 8th Letchworth
 11th Letchworth
 12th Letchworth
 1st Ashwell
 1st Baldock
 2nd Baldock
 1st 3rd Letchworth
 4th Letchworth
 5th Letchworth
 7th Letchworth

Cubs 8th Letchworth
 11th Letchworth
 12th Letchworth
 1st Ashwell
 2nd Weston
 1st Baldock
 2nd Baldock
 1st 3rd Letchworth
 4th Letchworth
 5th Letchworth
 7th Letchworth

Followed by Scouts in the same order, then Explorer Scouts - Oak Eagles, Scout Network - BALiNet and the Fellowship
After the colour parties the rest of the Beavers in Group order, Cubs in Group order, Scouts in Group order, Explorer Scouts, Scout Network and Fellowship.

After the service the parade will reform in the car park in the same order but in their Groups. e.g. 8th Letchworth Beaver Colour Party plus rest of 8th Letchworth Beaver followed by 8th Letchworth Cub Colour Party and rest of Cubs etc.....

This year's collection will be donated to the Garden City Hospice "Tiger Club".

Once the hymns have been decided they will be circulated to all Groups so that they can practise the words and music.

CENSUS 2004

Group	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998
1st Ashwell	47	42	33	33	16	39	19
1st Baldock	86	103	89	78	89	88	121
1st 3rd Letchworth	38	42	28	37	27	38	29
2nd Baldock	55	55	59	64	57	57	48
2nd Weston	21	22	20	21	24	35	35
4th Letchworth	68	61	76	72	72	78	76
5th Letchworth	53	61	78	83	64	58	62
7th Letchworth	72	65	70	58	54	48	45
8th Letchworth	65	45	34	45	44	68	63
11th Letchworth	21	24	22	32	41	51	50
12th Letchworth	51	47	59	55	46	42	30
Oak Eagles Explorer	31	17					
Beech Springs		19	24	23	32	26	16
Total	608	603	592	601	566	628	594
Fellowship	26	23	23				
District Team	9	10	9				
Grand Total	643	636	624				

Thank you to all the Groups for ensuring the District return was completed quickly. Thank you also to Ron Smith who once again co-ordinated the census returns.

It is pleasing to note that the District numbers have again increased over the year, but not by the numbers I had hoped. There is still spare capacity in many Groups, every effort must be made to recruit new members and reduce the waiting lists of young people within the District.

We will be continuing with the District quarterly census, so I would ask that these are completed promptly when asked for.

The dream of 700 members in the District by 2007 is still alive and I hope that next year we can go a long way to achieving this goal.

GROUP TREASURERS

Please do not forget that your Group subscription is due to Dave Hawkins or Bob Williams, who has kindly offered to oversee the District finances until the AGM in May, by Friday 5th March 2004 latest.

Cheques payable to Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council.



Pheidippides, of course, was that ancient Greek, who ran all the 26 miles to Athens with the news of the victory at Marathon. But at least he only had to run. The Letchworth and Baldock Senior Scouts, who tackled "Operation Pheidippides" on a Sunday afternoon in October 1965 had tasks, puzzles and problems to solve at seven checkpoints in seven miles. They had transport problems too. The first stage from Ashwell to Claybush Hill, had to be done on bicycles; the next stage to Bygrave required roller skates - which many of the competitors had not worn for years. The next two miles to Baldock were footslogging, and then through the town a wheelbarrow or pram was required, changing over near the Astonia for soapbox trolleys, mostly borrowed from younger brothers in the Cubs! Boy Scouts from each group provided help as "pit crews" and had those bikes waiting in fine trim at Letchworth Gate for the last sprint to Willian Pond - but not quite the last stage. This was the dramatic climax, with each team hastily constructing some sort of raft and hoping to get across the water. Not all succeeded. Finally the "entry card" (written on a yard of wallpaper had to be handed in - un-torn and unfolded.)

As well as stamina and nerve a good deal of preparatory organization was a deciding factor in Operation Pheidippides. 1st Baldock Senior Scout troop proved themselves District champions by taking the first three places. Winners were Christopher Anderson and Robert Wilsher (508 points) followed by Michael Hoeg and Keiron Jones (503.5) and David Emery and Robert Hilditch (502).

5th Letchworth Senior Scouts Roger Cooper and Robert Wilson gained 405 points and Martien Lafferty and Colin McEwen earned 373 for Second Letchworth.

See the 500th Edition

Romanian Challenge Camp



Fylde District Scout Council Chairman David Kennington, and his wife Joyce (District Secretary) saw the Challenge Anneka programme Christmas 1990.

They were so moved by the plight of the children in Romanian Orphanages that they decided that we as a youth organisation should try to help in some way.

The next step was to investigate possibilities of actually going out to Romania and doing some work out there.

David and Joyce suggested that we take some of the children camping, as many do not know how to play, etc. The very limited staff in these Orphanages cannot cope beyond the basics of life, therefore, it was suggested that we could do more good by teaching games and giving them some support and perhaps purpose for the future.

They are looking for new recruits / volunteers to help. Those attending in 2005 have to raise £700 in sponsorship towards the cost of the camp.

If anyone is interested please contact:

Mr David Kennington M.B.E
Phone: 0845 345 7271 (UK local call rate)
Phone: 01253 826139
Fax 01253 850375
 david@romcamp.freemove.co.uk

Paul Jordan
1st 3rd Letchworth BSL

The Tippet Trophy

Does anyone know the whereabouts of the Tippet Trophy for Patrol Cooking?

It's a beautiful engraved copper pan mounted on an oak base, made by John Tippet, GSL of Fifth Letchworth, and the District seems to have lost it.

Any news on its whereabouts to the Editor

Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts

Lochearnhead 2005

For GSLs, Leaders, Assistants, Helpers and members of Network wishing to help as part of the Expedition Leader Team.

I wish to volunteer to help on the Letchworth, Baldock and District expedition to Lochearnhead in 2005.

Name: Position: D.o.B:

Group: Tel No: e-mail :

Address:

I am available to help during:

☐ 23rd - 30th July

☐ 30th July – 6th August

☐ both weeks

☐ I have no preference

Main Activities

Please tick the boxes for the activities that you feel able to assist with during your trip Lochearnhead. Please also identify any appropriate skills/qualifications you currently hold.

Role	Qualification/Skill	Expiry Date
<input type="checkbox"/> Station General Duties		
<input type="checkbox"/> Station Catering Team	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mini-bus Driver
<input type="checkbox"/> On-Station Activities	
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing
<input type="checkbox"/> Sailing
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Boat
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Walking
<input type="checkbox"/> Climbing & Abseiling
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking
<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify

Do you hold a current First Aid Qualification Yes ☐ No ☐ Expiry Date:

Please return completed forms to:

Chris King, 55 Westell Close, Baldock, Herts, SG7 6RY Tel: 01462 637901

By Friday 16 April 2004



Scout and Guide Shop



Please pass on the following information to all your parents/guardians.

If anybody needs a uniform for St George's Day Parade and Service - Sunday 25 April 2004 it is best to visit the shop before it closes for the Easter break.

The Scout and Guide Shop closes for the Easter Break on Tuesday 30 March 2004 and does not reopen until Thursday 22 April 2004.

DISTRICT BARBECUE

As thoughts turn to Spring don't forget to put a note in your diary to remind you of our popular annual barbecue.

Date: 8 July 2004

Venue: Wymondley Wood



County Beaver Scout Fun Day Phasels Wood 12 June 2004

A reminder to all Beaver Leaders whose Colonies will be attending the County Beaver Scout Fun Day. Please let Dave Hawkins have the numbers and deposit no later than Monday 22 March 2004.

Cheques should be made payable to Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council.

The deposit is £5.00 per Beaver and is non refundable. The total cost is £10.00 which includes entrance fee and transport.

DISTRICT BEAVER EVENTS

It has been decided that all District Beaver events will cost £7.50 per Colony to ensure the section covers all its costs.



Girlguiding
Hertfordshire

Garden City Greenway Walk

Sunday 26 September 2004



After the success of the sponsored walk in 2002 it has been decided to hold another one but this year it will provide the opportunity to raise money for your own Group.

The start is at Standalone Farm and the course approximately 11.5 miles. You do not have to complete the whole distance as transport will be available from the various checkpoints to take you back to Standalone.

Walkers under 15 years of age, either individually or in a group, must be accompanied by an adult.

A registration fee of £1.00 per walker helps with administration and refreshment costs.

Further details in May's edition of Co-Ordinator



Gang Show

Producer's notes:

We have been rehearsing for four months now. The Show is beginning to come together. So scary. Such hard work.

We have a cast of eighty six. A costume group of eight parents, a scenery group of seven, committee of seventeen and a twenty two strong parent help rota.

The Gang looks forward to entertaining you so why not bring your group, troop pack, colony or unit to see us. We have a bright colourful fun Show. We have sections on monsters, toys, pirates and wizardry.

Tickets are available from Peter Marsh
44 Bedford Road
Letchworth Garden City
SG6 3DR
01462 624894

or

Base Camp One
Leys Avenue
Letchworth Garden City

Show dates Friday 26 March 7.30 pm
 Saturday 27 March 2.30 pm
 Saturday 27 March 7.30 pm

Tickets prices are £4.50 for children and Senior Citizens and £5.50 for adults.

**Dave Strong
Producer**

2nd Baldock Scout Group

As part of the Group Faith Badge 2nd Baldock Beavers held a sponsored 30 minutes silence (Deb that must have been heaven).

The Scouts held a 24 hour famine from Friday night to Saturday night. To take their mind off food they all went to Stapletons in Letchworth to clean their fleet of vans on the Saturday morning. Afterwards they were given a tour of the warehouse.

The money from both activities will be donated to 'Children in Ghana'.

They have also had a talk from John Street about the Salvation Army.



These boots are made for walking



The annual Garden City Charity walk takes place on Sunday 16 May 2004.

The walk takes place around the borders of the Garden City (13.8 miles).

For an entry form please contact

Peter Jackson
32 South View, LGC SG6 3JJ

Phone: 01462 484413
Fax: 01462 641258
Email: peterjackson@btinternet.com

Entry Fee £1.00 per walker.

This is a good fund raising opportunity for your Group. **Do Not Miss Out.**

County Scout Cooking Competition

Adam Taylor, Will Dollman, Hayley Guilder, Carla Kelly from 5th Letchworth Scouts represented the District on Sunday 29 February at 1st Chorley Wood Scout Headquarters and did us proud.

Their menu was based on the Chinese New Year.

Velvet Sweetcorn Soup

A delicious soup made with sweetcorn, spring onion and ham.

Chicken and Cashew Nuts in a Sweet and Sour Sauce

Stir fried chicken, cashew nuts and assorted vegetables in a traditional sweet and sour sauce.

Lychees in a cream lemon sauce

Lychees and cherries with a tangy lemon and fromage frais sauce

Mandarin's cake

Called after the old name for Chinese Emperors, this is an orange sponge cake with chocolate topping and filling decorated with half chocolate coated mandarins—the perfect combination.

The competition was very tough and there were only twenty two points between the ten teams. The winners and runners-up go on to represent the County at the Regional Cooking Competition in April to held in Gloucestershire.

4th North Watford / 1st Bricket Wood were the winners with 155 points and 5th Letchworth with 153 points were runners-up .

**GOOD LUCK TO 5th LETCHWORTH
ON 4 APRIL 2004 AT THE
REGIONAL COMPETITION**

District Scout Quiz - 27 February

Twelve teams took part in the District Quiz held at 7th Letchworth H.Q.

The competition was very closely fought with one point difference between the winners and runners-up.

Thank you to 2nd Baldock Leaders for preparing the questions and to 7th Letchworth for providing the venue.

The results of the competition are as follows: -
Points

1	7th Letchworth - Tellytubbies	62
2	2nd Baldock - TTFN	61
3	1st Ashwell - AC/DC	56.5
4	4th Letchworth Cool.com	
5	2nd Baldock Fosters don't lose your head	
6	5th Letchworth Famous Five	
7	8th Letchworth Mad Hatters - Aka Boffin Boys	
8	4th Letchworth Guinness beer 2004	
9	7th Letchworth The Com is on	
9	7th Letchworth Can't think won't think	
11	4th Letchworth I'm a Scout, get me out of here	
12	7th Letchworth The Panthers	



Tellytubbies

Well done



Extract from a letter from Andreas Soulsby

Dear Dave and Rita

Well I can't believe that its almost a month since we left Baldock, so before I regale you with life in Wales please could you pass on my sincere thanks to everyone in the District for the lovely engraved vase and all the good wishes we received on our departure. I thoroughly enjoyed my Scouting with you all and thank you for all the opportunities I had.

I have met with the Area (County) Commissioner, Ken Hinton, and apparently he had already had a chat with Roger, so knew a fair bit about me already.

In the Caerphilly District (equates to an area equivalent to Baldock, Letchworth and Hitchin) there are only four Scout groups! Caerphilly is part of Mid Glamorgan Area (County), which is made up of eight Districts, across which there are only fifty one Scout Groups.

There is some restructuring planned with the County/Area over the next 3-6 months, so in the short term I have been given an appointment of "County Scouter" and will be working as part of the Area's training team. I will be meeting with the Area Training Manager within the next week or so. They are not as far advance with the new Adult Scheme as Hertfordshire, so should be an interesting to see how they intend transferring over to the new scheme. I am also hoping to rejoin the Fellowship, but in the whole of Mid Glamorgan there is only one Scout Fellowship.

Andrea

If anyone wants to get in touch with Andrea her telephone number is **029 2088 5054**.

Extract from a letter from Raymond Andrews

Congratulations on the 500th edition of Co-ordinator. I can remember the first edition back in 1959.

I was in 3rd Letchworth then and my father was an Assistant Cub Master with 4th Letchworth. Little did I know that when the 4th Letchworth Rover Crew became the nucleus to revitalise the Letchworth District Rover Crew in 1965 that I would be apart of the team that produced Co-ordinator on the first Sunday of each month. Apart from addressing envelopes, it was my job to take the envelopes to the Post Office in the Broadway on my way home, even then we still delivered some by hand.

I remember many of the District events mentioned, Bank Holiday weekends spent on Norton common, I was a member of the first District expedition to Lochearnhead lead by Jeff Robson in 1964 and also the opening of Norton Bury.

Reading the names in the District Honours brought to mind even more memories of folk who had helped me through my Scouting career. Chris Flemming, Lawrence Sapsed and Jonathan Savage who was in 3rd Letchworth with Gerard Yates who became my Assistant Scout Leader 4th Letchworth. Leslie Brown and his wife who kept Cubs a float in the mid-1950's. And getting my father involved Peter Norton while he was District Commissioner while smoking his pipe passing on his advice so freely and whose son was a member of my Scout Troop.

All that is left for me to say is thank you for rekindling the memories of my time spent in your District which stemmed from 1954 to 1977.

Raymond J Andrews.

Welcome to



Rachel
- ABSL
Letchworth

Anderson
12th

Maralyn Duxbury - ABSL 7th Letchworth

Nick Howell - ASL 5th Letchworth



Wardens at Wymondley Wood

March

2	Jane Thorn	01462 635745
9	Mark Hill	01462 483422
16	Amanda Woolmer	01462 637718
23	Peter Moules	01462 435103
30	Pauline Gimson	01462 677993

April

6	Shelley Wilsher	01462 642026
13	Dave Hawkins	01462 643432
20	Ruth and Peter Baker	01462 682752
27	Val Barlett	01462 730817

May

4	Ann Howard	01462 452500
11	Nora Hitcham	01462 627905
18	Sue Lovelock	01462 672043
25	Maureen Kell	01462 684665

June

1	David and Sheila Daws	01462 621699
8	Jeff Robson	01462 684954
15	Elaine Wigglesworth	01462 626218
22	Mick Balls	01462 893855
29	Mark Hill	01462 483422

Wrigglies at the 1st 3rd Letchworth

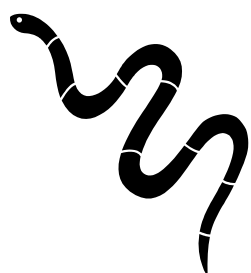
Wrigglies are a husband and wife team who look after snakes, tree frogs, spiders and many other things.

On arrival the visitors set up and began to talk about what they had brought with them - dead spider shells of the tarantula kind, two snakes, one of which had not eaten for eight months as it was in the broody stage of life, tree frogs of the venomous kind and not so venomous kind, but either way both quite dangerous.

The response was full of mixed emotions. Some Scouts being squeamish and dashing to the back of the hall when the skins of the snakes and spiders were passed around and even more squeamish when the live snakes came out.

I was quite impressed how calm and collected some were when given the chance to hold the snakes, allowing them to either slip through their fingers or round their legs and arms.

**Chris Lewis - SL
1st 3rd Letchworth**



Happy Birthday this month to

**Allan Patterson
Geoff Smith
Roger Comley**

**Who will all be celebrating a special
birthday**



2004



March

3	Scout Network - BALiNet AGM	Three Horse Shoes
5	Deadline for payment of Membership Subscriptions	
8	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	8th Letchworth HQ
10	District Administration Evening	Wymondley Wood 8.00 pm
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13	District Barn Dance	Highfield School
18	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
20	County Cub Swimming Competition	St Albans
26 - 27	Gang Show	St Francis College
24 - 28	County H.E.N. Network Scouts/Leaders Dublin Fellowship	
30	Scout Shop Closes	



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April

3	County Explorer/Network Football Competition	
4	District Scout Day Out	Alton Towers
7	District Shop Meeting Scouts & Guides	Wymondley Wood
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
9	Good Friday	
16 - 18	Sixers & Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
18	District Letchworth Meeting	8th Letchworth HQ
22	Rehearsal - St George's Service	8th Letchworth HQ
22	Scout Shop Reopens	6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
23	12th Letchworth Campfire	Wymondley Wood
25	St George's Day Parade and Service	St George's Church
26	Fellowship Outing	Gordon Craig Theatre Oklahoma
26	District GSLs' Meeting	TBA
28	Wymondley Wood AGM	Wymondley Wood 8.00 pm

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May

30 April - 3 May	P.A.W.	Tolmers
8	District Beaver Challenge	12th Letchworth

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