



May 2004 No 504



# Co-ordinator

## St George's Day Parade and Service

Over 350 Scouts, Leaders, guests and parents filled St George's church to capacity for our annual service.

The parade was an impressive sight as it marched up Norton way with colours proudly displayed and was greeted by a large crowd of onlookers en route.

We are grateful to the Rev. John Luscombe for conducting an interesting service and dedicating the flag of the BALiN Scout Network.

The parade was attended by Chris Searle ACC (Land Activities) Alan Scouller, (Chairman Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation) and Councillor Ian Knighton together with their wives.

The Parade was dismissed on Norton Common by Chris Searle and a resounding chorus of Happy Birthday was sung in honour of Explorer Scout Leader, Edmond Tickner.

Afterwards Leaders and guests were entertained to afternoon tea by the Scout Fellowship

The collection of £148.71 has been donated to the Tiger Club at the Garden City Hospice.

Thanks to all who turned out to make it such a successful day, to the member of the 8th Letchworth Scout Group for organising the event and to the police who escorted the parade.

The annual Sixers and Seconders weekend took place at Wymondley Wood on 17 - 18 April.

After the arrival of the Cubs at 8.30am, they were allocated a group and spent the day on the pre-arranged activities, detailed below :

*Pioneering* – Using wooden broom handles, string, a bicycle inner tube and a flowerpot, the Cubs made a catapult and fired sponge balls.

*Fire Lighting* – Supplied with shredded paper, matches and marshmallows, the Cubs located their own kindling and lit their own fires under supervision.

*Altar Fire Cooking* – Starting in the dining hall, the Cubs made pastry twists and cooked them on a pre lit altar fire. There was also an opportunity to cook sausages and toast. This base was the messiest and needed a lot of adult help.

*Aerial Runway* – The runway was built by a team of Leaders the night before and was enjoyed by all who flew on her !!

*Tent Pitching* – Using tents from 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock, the Cubs had a chance to learn for themselves how hard or easy tent pitching could be.

*Axes and Saws* – This base was run by a Scout Leader and made it possible for the Cubs to use equipment under strict supervision.

All bases had a group of between eight and ten Cubs and at least two adults.

There were almost 60 Cubs at Sixers and Seconders weekend and most of them stayed overnight. The sleeping arrangements were a struggle but in the end the Cub packs were split in half. Some Packs slept indoors in the warm Wymondley Wood Activity Centre and some tried to sleep outdoors in 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth's new tents, with the wind howling and the rain pounding down.

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## 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. Everyone is welcome

Name: ..... Position: ..... D.o.B: .....

Group: ..... Tel No: ..... e-mail : .....

Address: .....

I am available to help during:

☐ 23 - 30 July

☐ 30 July – 6 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

The form is also down loadable from the District Website [www.lbdscouts.org.uk](http://www.lbdscouts.org.uk)

# District Cub Scouts

## Sixers and Seconders Weekend

Extract from an e-mail sent to Chris King DESC and Edmond Tickner ESL

Matt Gee and Adam Marsh joined the District Sixers and Seconders Camp this weekend at Wymondley Wood.

They were very helpful and capable during the whole weekend. At the start of the weekend they took responsibility for the car parking. They assisted at various bases during the day, sharing their skills and knowledge without hesitation and entertained the WHOLE camp for over an hour on Saturday evening.

Sunday's weather or washing up the breakfast pans didn't dampen their enthusiasm or cheerfulness and they continued to help with wet weather activities. Pictionary and Charades with fifty five Cub Scouts isn't easy.

They are a credit to the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit and the District.

Apryl Goodwin Brian Plater  
4th Letchworth 12th Letchworth

Joint Organisers

To Apryl and Brian

Now the weekend's over and you've had time to rest.

We would like to let you know you really passed the test.

I'm sure the Cubs will all agree that everything was fun.

From pitching tents to lighting fires all Saturday in the sun.

The aerial runway proved a winner.

And thank you Fellowship for our dinner.

Sunday dawned the tents all wet.

Undaunted indoor games were set.

Happy yawning Cubs went home to rest.

This camp proved to be one of the best.

I'm sure the Leaders all agree we really had a laugh.

But oh were we glad to get home for a bath.

So if another camp you decide to run.

Give us a call 'cos we want to come.

Val, Paul and Wesley Tierney  
1st 3rd Letchworth ACSLs and Scout

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After a traditional hearty breakfast on Sunday morning we had a superb 'Cubs Own' run by Stuart Wylie. The rain had continued to pound down all night and most of the morning so we proceeded to play games indoors with Charades, Pictionary and a quiz.

The Cubs stayed in the groups from the previous day and gained points for every correct answer.

It wasn't long before it was lunchtime, and we all had to pack up our things and be ready for 'Grand Howl'. All the Cubs were presented with a certificate showing their achievements over the weekend.

Apryl Goodwin CSL- 4th Letchworth

### It's never too early to think about Pantomimes.

This year's fabulous pantomime at the Gordon Craig Theatre, Stevenage is ALADDIN

Dates: 27 November 2004 to Sunday 6 February 2005

Tickets are on sale now.



Telephone their group sales hotline on 01438 242641 or the box office on 08700 131 030 to reserve your tickets.



Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts and Letchworth Garden City Guides will be holding a Barbecue at Wymondley Wood

Date: Thursday 8 July 2003

Venue: Wymondley Wood

Time: 7.00 pm - until late

Cost: TBA - special family rates

Tell your parents - this is an ideal opportunity for them to see what a fantastic centre the Scouts and Guides have.

# Calling all Scouts over thirteen, Explorer Scouts, Scout Network and Fellowship



It's time to bring out your walking boots and join us on the Hertfordshire Scouts 25 / 40 Mile Challenge Walk. The District once again will be providing the back up support for anybody entering via the District for this unique challenge

Event: 25 / 40 Mile Challenge Walk

Venue The Chiltern Way

Date: 26 - 27 June 2004

Cost: £25.00 - includes all entrance fees, camping fees, food and transport.

Forms are available on the District website, from your Scout Leader, Explorer Leaders or direct from Rita Hawkins 01462 643432 email [rita.hawkins@ntlworld.com](mailto:rita.hawkins@ntlworld.com)

## District Training Fund

It has been agreed by the District Executive that the District will set up a Training Fund to help towards the cost of Leaders' training for Adventurous Activities where the skills acquired are appropriate to District needs .

Each case will be assessed on its own merits. Applications should be made in writing to Geoff Smith, SL 5th Letchworth.

Carfax  
501 Broadway  
Letchworth Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
SG6 3PT

[Carfax@talk21.com](mailto:Carfax@talk21.com)

A simple to use application form will soon be down loadable from the District Website, together with the policy document.

This year's budget will initially be used to train leaders for the District Expedition to Lochearnhead in 2005.

## Congratulations to

Diane Turner 8th Letchworth ACSL

Chris Gee 1st 3rd Letchworth CSL

Emma Ward 1st Baldock CSL

All three have been awarded their 5 year Service Certificate.

## Congratulations to

Apryl Goodwin 4th Letchworth ACSL

Brian Plater 12th Letchworth ACSL

Who have been awarded their Wood Badge in the Cub Section .



### **BALiN Scout Network Members**

Three Members of the BALiN Scout Network, Nick Howell, Daniel Staines and Steven Woolmer completed their Queen's Scout Expedition over the Easter Holidays.

The expedition was to compare the ease of traditional route planning and navigation methods with more advanced technology that claims to do the same thing.

The route from Ambleside to Ravenglass, via Scafell Pike covered forty nine kilometres of ground and took four days of walking to complete.



Also during the Easter Holidays a fourth member, Joel Miller with a Canadian friend from University, did a bike ride from Neerpelt in the South of the Netherlands to Arnhem in the north. The route followed that taken by the XXX Armoured Corps, in Operation Market Garden in the Second World War.

The route covered nearly 128 kilometres and took in the following bridges

The SonBridge over the River Dommel / Canal Wilhelma

The Veghel Bridge over the Zuid Willen Vaart canal

The Grave Bridge over the river Mass

The Waal Bridge in Nijmegen and

The Needer Rijn at Arnhem

Congratulations to all four members of the Scout Network.

We look forward to hearing about these experiences at their presentations and the awarding of their Queen's Scout Awards.

**Dave Hawkins**  
DC

### **Confirmation of venue for First Response Course.**

The venue is confirmed as 1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive, Baldock.

There are still places available on the course. To book contact Dave Hawkins

Date Saturday 5 June 2004

Time: 1.00 pm - 5.15 pm

Cost: £15.00 per candidate



### **Scout Leaders' Meetings**

It was agreed at the last Scout Leaders' meeting that future meetings will be held on the second and tenth Tuesday of every term at 5th Letchworth HQ, starting at 8.15 pm unless advised otherwise.

Meeting dates for the rest of the year are

22 June 2004

14 September 2004

9 November 2004



**Nick Farmer**  
ADC (Scouts)

### **12th Letchworth Beaver Scouts return to Wymondley Wood**

Just over a year ago 12th Letchworth Beavers along with 1st 3rd Beavers were the first residents of the new Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre.

This year they returned to Wymondley Wood with 1st Ashwell Beavers.

The centre turned into the Good Ship Wymondley Wood and became a focus for pirate activities. They were joined on board by the ACC (Beavers), Phil Atkins and DC Dave Hawkins.

## **Roger Sands Farewell Surprise**

With two hundred Hertfordshire Leaders, friends, family and former Scouts and Guides including fourteen members representing Letchworth and Baldock Scouts Roger Sands Surprise Farewell was a huge success.

On arriving at the venue in Harpenden and in good Scouting tradition we were given a name badge (Sticker) to place on our person. We were then invited to write a few words and sign the visitors book.

The hall was decorated with gold and purple balloons, the tables were decorated with flowers and the PRI banners were on display.

Roger had been told that he was attending an event to raise funds for the Ghana expedition. It was a total surprise for him, but not for his wife Janet, who knew all about the subterfuge. Just for a few seconds Roger was lost for words. (This does not happen often)

The Harpenden Explorer Unit entertained us with some old time musical songs.

There was a beautiful buffet prepared by Mrs Balaam and her team. Well done, they did Scouting proud.

Richard Harrington - Harpenden DC read out an ode that he wrote. It always amazes me how talented members of the Scouting Movement are.

Roger and Janet were presented with a Queen Anne Chair, a marble sundial with Janet and Roger carved down the pedestal, a one of a kind collage of Roger's time as County Commissioner - done by Mr Smale and last but not least some vouchers to spend at Aylott Garden Centre.

All in all a fantastic day to celebrate an outstanding County Commissioner.

## **Happenings Around The District April 2004**

### **7th Letchworth Cub Scouts**

31 March Bring and Buy Sale

### **Scout Network - BALiNet x 3**

2 - 7 April Queen's Scout Expedition

### **7th Letchworth Cub Scouts**

2 - 4 April Mad Scientist Weekend  
Well End

### **Gang Show Cast**

3 April Gang Show Cast Party

### **5th Letchworth Scouts**

4 April Regional Cooking Competition

### **7th Letchworth Scouts**

8 April Bag Pack - Sainsbury's

### **Scout Network**

10 - 15 April Queen's Scout Expedition

### **12th Letchworth Beaver Scouts**

14 - 15 April Beaver Sleepover

### **District Cub Scouts**

17 - 18 April Sixers and Seconders  
Weekend

### **Letchworth and Baldock District**

23 April District Campfire

### **Letchworth and Baldock District**

25 April St George's Day Parade and  
Service.

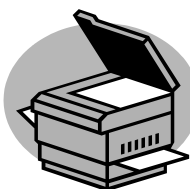
### **District - Cub Scouts**

29 April Cub Scouts Football Trials

Let the Editor know what your Group is doing or has done either a fund raising event or a special colony / pack / troop evening and you never know it might be mentioned in the Co-ordinator

### **Calling all Leaders**

Do not forget to send your programme to your ADC and copy the DC. If you do not let them know then it makes it difficult to visit your meeting.



A photocopier which requires a service is available to any interested parties.

Please contact Alan Wright

01462 685768

or e-mail a.wright913@virgin.net for more information.

Also there are two stainless steel tables – please contact Peter Dixon- Payne on 01462 755777 during the day for further information.

And there's more - Sue Lovelock can put her hands on eight tall slim lockers. For further information contact Sue on 01462 672043



#### 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

### Reminder

#### Nights Away

All Leaders wishing to take young people away as from 1 September 2004 will require a Camp Permit. The County is operating a 'fast track' assessment for experienced Leaders. To take advantage of this please contact Sheila Tickner or Edmond Tickner, District Nights Away Advisers on 01462 483738 or email sheila.edmond@tiscali.co.uk well in advance of your proposed sleepover / camp.

#### Criminal Record Check

All parents / helpers helping in your Group at sleepovers and or camps must be CRB prior to the event. Please ensure that you contact Ron Smith in advance and **at least 10 weeks** prior to your event. 01462 682900 or email r.j.smith@bigfoot.com

**Dave Hawkins  
DC**

### CREDIT WHERE CREDIT'S DUE .....

As editor of the District's Gang Show, I should like to apologies for the exclusion of Chris Gee's name from the list of acknowledgments in this year's show programme.

Chris's contribution to the creation of scenery and props, and back-stage preparation for this year's Gang Show was, as it has been every year, enormous. I should like to extend my personal thanks for Chris's personal help this year in the section I directed.

In the pre-printing rush, your name was overlooked and it was a serious mistake.

Sorry Chris

Mike Miles  
Scout Fellowship

# 2004



30 April - 3 May P.A.W.

30 April - 3 May Introduction to the Hills

- 6 Cub Football Trials
- 8 District Beaver Challenge
- 9 District Cubs Dragon Boat Race
- 10 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 12 8th Letchworth AGM
- 13 District AGM 7.30 for 8.00 pm
- 15 Cub Football Training
- 16 District Scout Sedan Chair Rally
- 17 District Beaver Leaders' Meeting
- 18 11th Letchworth AGM

21 - 22 District Scout Night Jar Competition

22 County Cub Football Competition

25 12th Letchworth AGM

26 1st Ashwell AGM

26 7th Letchworth AGM  
6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

- 5 First Response 1 day course
- 9 5th Letchworth AGM
- 10 District Executive Meeting
- 12 /13 Lochearnhead Training
- 12 County Beavers' Fun day
- 15 District Team Meeting
- 18 1st 3rd Letchworth AGM

## May

Tolmers

Orchard Farm - Guides and Scouts (County)

Pixmore School 6.30 - 8.00 pm

12th Letchworth

Fairlands

2nd Baldock HQ

8th Letchworth HQ  
Sparhawke

Wymondley Wood

Pixmore School 10.00 - 11.30 pm

TBA Nick Farmer  
01462

8th Letchworth HQ

11th Letchworth HQ

12th Letchworth HQ  
BBQ 6.30 pm AGM 7.00 pm

Ashwell Village Hall 7.30 p,m Joan Huggins  
01462 742454

Wilbury Hall, Sharon Moir  
Bedford Road 01462 675924

## June

1st Baldock HQ 1.00 pm - 5.30 pm

5th Letchworth HQ

Wymondley Wood

Lightweight Camp

Phasels

Wymondley Wood

1st 3rd HQ

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