



Co-ordinator

Nights Away Permit and Notification

As you are aware the National Nights Away Permit Scheme came into operation on the 1st September 2004.

This means some new rules have to be observed before you can take young people away overnight.

The Leader planning to take young people away must hold the appropriate Nights Away Permit for the event they are intending to undertake.

There are three categories of permit

- Indoor
- Campsite
- Greenfield

all of which can have restrictions placed on them by the District Nights Away Advisors or the District Commissioner.

If you do not hold a permit then you can no longer be permitted to take young people away overnight, unless you are accompanied by a leader holding the appropriate permit.

Up until the end of September you can apply for a permit under the "Fast Track" system. You will need to complete the Nights Away Permit Application form and send it complete with written evidence of at least two years experience of either planning /leading or being part of the leadership team of events for the category of permit you are applying for.

This should be sent to the District Nights Away Advisors, Sheila and Edmond Tickner.

If you do not have the necessary experience then you will need to complete Module 16 Nights Away Dates of courses can be found on the County website www.herts-scouts.net and are booked via County Office. Please also inform Sheila, Edmond or myself when you book.

Once you have completed the course then your first camp or sleepover will be assessed and your permit issued.

When you book a campsite you will be asked for your permit number (within Hertfordshire) or a copy of your permit, both sides, (outside Hertfordshire) before your booking can be confirmed.

Not less than seven days before going away to a Scout run facility or not less than fourteen days to any other facility a completed Nights Away Notification form (NAN) must be sent to the District Commissioner

A copy of the form is available from Scoutbase, www.scoutbase.org.uk or from the District website www.lbdscouts.org.uk

**Dave Hawkins
District Commissioner**

The Countryside Code



**Be safe –
plan ahead
and follow
any signs**

**Leave
gates and
property
as you find
them**

**Protect
plants and
animals, and
take your
litter home**

**Consider
other
people**

**Keep dogs
under close
control**

For the full Countryside Code and information www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk or telephone 0845 100 3298

County Archive Exhibition

The exhibition will be held in the Haydn - Dimmock Building (The County Museum) at Well End. The theme will be Jamborees with emphasis on Hertfordshire Scouts' participation. Some of the exhibits have been loaned by Jamboree participants.

The Museum will open each Saturday and Sunday from 1200—1600 hrs for four weekends from 30th October - 21 November.

No need to book, just turn up. In addition the Museum has been reorganised and artefacts labelled. Many items now on view have not been seen previously.



The District Scout Fellowship members have been very busy over the summer break.

They held a cake stall at the Lions fete at the Paddling Pool on the 14 August 2004. They raised £125 for their funds.

On Sunday 22 August Sue Lovelock held a garden party. This was very well attended and raised £60 for their funds.

Laurie Cook also donated £100 from his annual plant stall to the Fellowship.

Future events include

19 September - River Trip with lunch

26 September - The Scout & Guide Sponsored Walk.

16 October -AGM, Guide HQ, Icknield Way, Letchworth

7 November - “Spirit of Broadway”
A production at the Gordon Craig Theatre with song and dance from Broadway musicals.

20 November - A stall in the town centre on a Victorian theme

11 December - Social evening

Why not visit the Letchworth & Baldock website and find out more about the District Scout Fellowship and how to join. .

www.lbdscouts.org.uk

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.

Wymondley Wood



Our second season at Wymondley Wood has been very successful. The Centre has been used to the full for camping and residential holidays. In addition to Scouts and Guides we have had visits from Sea Cadets, St John Ambulance, Duke of Edinburgh Award and church groups.

Many parents who have been at the Centre have been disappointed that they couldn't see inside because it was occupied so we have arranged an **OPEN DAY** on Sunday 7 November. You are welcome between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm to look around.



1st 3rd Letchworth Scouts Kingsley Jordan and Joshua James gaining their Chief Scout Silver Award presented by Reverend Richard whilst at CTT (Come to Tolmers)

Belgium Scouts Visit Wymondley Wood



The new Scout and Guide Centre at Wymondley Wood hosted its first overseas visitors when a party of thirty Belgium Scouts visited the District for a ten day camp.

In addition to exploring the local area the Scouts went for a hike along the Norfolk Coast and a day in London.

Their ten days finished with a visit from their parents who joined in an activity day and camp fire with Scouts from the Letchworth and Baldock District. Their Leader Stijn Vermassen said "the facilities at Wymondley Wood were first class together with wonderful views of the Hertfordshire countryside".

New Chief Scout Named

Actor and TV action man Peter Duncan is set to take on a new challenge as Chief Scout.

Peter Duncan, a former Cub Scout said "Scouting is alive and well in twenty first century Britain, I can think of no better organisation to provide a creative and challenging frame work for the positive development of young men and women.



Peter takes up his five-year appointment from the 5th September. He follows in the steps of only eight others who have held the role of Chief Scout since Baden-Powell was declared the first Chief Scout.



They returned home tired, happy and full of wonderful memories to pass on to the rest of the Scouts in the Unit.

Their first taste of International Scouting has really wetted their appetites and they are already discussing plans and destinations for the next Expedition in 2006.

Explorer Scouts Czech it Out

Letchworth and Baldock based Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit have just returned from a 10-day expedition to the Czech Republic. This was the Unit's first major expedition since their formation in January 2003.

Twenty young people, aged between 14 and 16 years (6 girls and 14 boys) along with four Leaders were based in the small town of LETY, which is approximately 25km's south west of the capital city, Prague. During their time in the Republic they undertook many exciting activities including white water rafting, rock climbing, mountain biking, adventure trails and numerous trips to swim in the river Berounka close to their base.

Added to these challenging activities were a visit to the famous Karlstejn Castle and a day spent sightseeing and shopping in Prague. To add to their challenges most of the journeys were undertaken on the local trains so their resourcefulness was constantly tested to ensure they caught the right train in the right direction, a feat they managed to achieve without any hitches.

To emphasise the International nature of the Scout movement, the coach used to travel to the Czech Republic was shared with a Group of Irish Venture Scouts and while there they hosted an evening at their base for a Group of Dutch Scouts they met whilst swimming and to round off the expedition they spent an evening with a local Czech Scout troop playing games and cooking over an open fire.



Scout & Guide District's Barbecue

The District's Scout and Guide Barbecue held in July was well attended. Over 90 tickets were sold. It was a shame the weather was so dreadful but nevertheless we managed to have a good time despite the torrential rain.



Many thank to those who made salads, gave raffle prizes and attended. A special thank you Sue Lovelock and her team who cooked the food, Peter Dixon-Payne and David Northover for serving behind the bar.

We even managed to make £300 which was divided between the Scout and Guide Districts.

FAREWELL PARTY FOR 2ND WESTON SCOUT GROUP

On Tuesday 29 June a surprise farwell party was organised for Cub and Scout Leaders Wendy, Simon Tierney and Tony Foxton.

Wendy Tierney took over the pack in 1987 and Tony Foxton at that time was himself a boy Scout. Later with support and help from Wendy and Simon, Tony became a Scout Leader for 2nd Weston Scout Group.

Past and present boys with their families came along to wish them well and to show them their appreciation for running a fantastic Scout Group.

On behalf of 2nd Weston Scout Group Families. Simon Tierney and Tony Foxton were presented with a silver plated engraved tankers each and Wendy an engraved silver compact mirror.

We will all miss you and hope you enjoy the much needed break you all deserve.

Thank you again.

Annette Sissens

Chairman of 2nd Weston Scout Group



Simon and Wendy Tierney with Tony Foxton

Co-ordinator on the Web

Be one of the first to read the new issue each month.

An electronic version of Co-ordinator is now available on the District Website - www.lbdscouts.org.uk .

It can be down loaded as a PDF file from the down load section of the website. You will need to be a registered member to access this part of the site. Instructions on how to register are on the Home Page.





2nd Baldock Scout Group preparing to leave for their Summer Expedition to the Gorges du Tarn in southern France. During their stay they did canoeing, Go Ape, rock climbing and swimming in The Tarn.

Happenings Around The District July - August 2004

2 - 4 July - Boyd Field, Henlow

1st Ashwell Cub Scouts Camp

2-4 July - Harmer Green

2nd Baldock Cub Scouts Camp

3 July 'Summer on Broadway'

7th Letchworth Scout Group Barbecue

12th Letchworth Scout Group Tombola

5 July County AGM

Members of the District Team attended

6 July Wymondley Wood

District Beavers Bangers and Bash

8 July Wymondley Wood

Scout and Guide District Barbecue

9 July Wymondley Wood

4th Letchworth Scouts

1st Baldock Scouts

Explorer Scouts - Oak Eagle

11 July 2nd Baldock Scout Group

Car Wash and Cake Stall

9 - 18 July Belgium Scouts

visit to Wymondley Wood by

Belgium Scouts

16 July A.G.M and Barbecue

2nd Baldock Scout Group

16 July End of Term Barbecue

8th Letchworth Scout Group

16 - 18 July Boydfield, Henlow

4th Letchworth Family Camp

16 - 18 County HEAT - Tolmers

Oak Eagle ESU

16 - 19 July Bromham Scout Centre

1st Baldock Scout Group Camp

17 July - Newmarket Racing

District Fellowship

24 - 31 July - CCT - Tolmers

1st 3rd Letchworth Scouts

26 July - 5 August - Czech Republic

Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

28 July - 6 August - France - Gorges Du

Tarn - 2nd Baldock Scout Troop

14 August - Lions Day Fete - Paddling Pool

Fellowship - Cake Stall

22 August - Garden Tea Party

Fellowship

District Training Fund

The District has 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 .

The level of funding available is based on the following criteria.

Cost of training £100 or more - pay 50%

Cost of training £50 - £99.99 - pay 33%

Cost of training £20 - £49.99 - pay 24%

Cost of training £19.99 or less - 0%

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

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



Details, entry forms and sponsor forms for The Scout and Guide District Greenway Walk, starting at Standalone Farm on Sunday 26 September have / or will be shortly distributed to all Groups. Walk as far (13.5 miles) or as little as you want. Make money for your Group.

Forms are also available on the District website www.lbdscouts.org.uk.

Welcome to



Joan Huggins - 1st Ashwell, Helper

Congratulations to

Long Service Decoration - 15 years

Julie Speltinckx - BSL - 8th Letchworth

5 year Service Certificate

Paula Dilley - CSL - 8th Letchworth

Local District Training Manager

Are you interested in helping new Leaders progress through their training programme? Then why not become the local training manager for the District?

As well as overseeing the training needs within the District you will need to maintain the District training records. This can be a non uniform position. Therefore it is open to anyone with the necessary administrative skills and enthusiasm wishing to take on this important role.

For more details please contact
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A New Age for Scouting

Removing the age barriers for adults in Scouting

The key message from this policy are that:

- individuals who are doing a good job in their Scouting role can continue if they want to
- appointments are made on the basis of skills, ability and suitability for the role
- all appointments are subject to formal review
- appointments sub-Committees play a key role in the appointment and review of adult roles.

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SEPTEMBER

2	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
3 - 5	Annual County Scout Network Gathering	Tolmers
7	Scout Shop Re-opens	Icknield Way
7	District Fund Raising Meeting	Wymondley Wood
10 - 12	District Commissioners' Conference	Warwick
12	District Cub Scout Sports Day	8th Letchworth HQ
14	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ
17- 19	Born 2B Challenged—Scouts	Well End - County Event
18	County Cub Night Hike	Hemel Hempstead
20	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	8th Letchworth HQ
21	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
25 -26	Scout Survival Skills Week-end	Hitchwood Camp Site
26	Scout & Guide Sponsored Walk	Letchworth Garden City Greenway Walk
27	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

OCTOBER

2	District Beaver Sports Day	Wymondley Wood
3	District Cub Day Out	Duxford
3	County Patrol Leader's Forum	
10	County Cub Cyclo Cross	Well End
13	District Scout & Guide Shop AGM	Wymondley Wood
14	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
15 - 17	County Peak Assault Competition	Unknown
16	District Fellowship AGM	Guide HQ, Icknield Way
16—17	District Night Jar Competition	Cottered Guide
19	Lochearnhead Meeting	8th Letchworth HQ
30	Race Night	8th Letchworth Q

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