

# Co-ordinator

## Scout Cooking Competition

1st Ashwell  
El Matadors 152 points

5th Letchworth  
Famous Five 149 points

7th Letchworth  
Magnificent Seven 146 points

2nd Baldock  
Gorge du Tarn Chefs 146 points

5th Letchworth  
Get back to you later 142 points

4th Letchworth  
Fourth Ferraris 138 points

7th Letchworth  
Jedi Masters 138 points

1st Ashwell  
European Budget Experience  
114 points

The winning team was  
Georgia SHELDRIK,  
Emma LARKING,  
Jack HUGGINS,  
Duncan MCGOLDRICK.

I feel I must say what a really lovely lot of Scouts they were. All were well behaved, polite and probably to some parent's surprise very keen and worked hard. Hope all the guests were ok today (haven't heard of any mass food poisoning). Good luck to Ashwell at the County competition on the 20 February,

**Lesley Gwilt ASL**



### Winning Menu

**Spanish Omelette**

**Prawn Paella**

**Apple and Pear Softy**

## Tsunami Appeal

The local Scouting community was touched by the suffering of the tsunami victims and responded quickly with help.

The 4th Letchworth Scout Group put up their marquee at the Pix Road Buddhist centre to help store the clothing which has been donated and Leaders helped sort and pack the clothes.

Donation have reached £400 and this will be sent through our ACC (International) to Scout organisations in Asia to rebuild Scouting and local community facilities used by children.

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*Gang Show*

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*Administrators Evening*

*Rotary Charity Walk*

## Gang Show 18 –19 March 2005

It has been a long time since my last Gang Show report. That is not a reflection of my enthusiasm level. Gang Show has now taken my life over. When I wake up in the morning, it is the first thing I think about. I create ever-changing lists of things I need to do, people I need to talk to. I plan my days off and spare time around Show stuff. When I am at work during the day if we are quiet out comes the folder and I am constantly thinking... and worrying.... sad?

Maybe.

I have been out three/four evenings a week recently doing Show stuff. And I do not say that to impress..... it just is.

We all had a moment on Saturday at rehearsals. Busy choreographing and explaining Money and Friends, just about to sing it yet again when one of the youngsters had pinched my remote control to the CD player and played us the wrong tune... immediately the whole cast started singing Tonight's the night.... without scripts, word perfect.... Even when I turned the CD off they continued.... With me hands on hips, lips pursed in a grin, patiently waiting for them to stop....it was so wonderful.

The rehearsals are (according to our present-for-the-rehearsal Guide leader) a bit chaotic (yeah, right!) but we are just beginning to get there, but only just beginning.

I have now completely cast the Show and have an expected cast of 80. That's a lot of youngsters and adults to keep interested. And to listen to me when I am talking and they want to talk. I stand on a chair a lot; it seems to work.

I've learned how to dance..... well, explain and sometimes even demonstrate movement anyway. That was always going to be a challenge for me this year.

We all seem to enjoy the rehearsals and it is a great credit to all the cast that they keep coming back regularly each week. Now we are rehearsing at 1st B it is a bit more difficult for them to get to the rehearsals, and the times have changed a lot with everybody attending the middle section. To date few are getting confused... well done the lot of you!!!!

## St George's Day Parade and Service

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 24 April at St Hugh's Church, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City .

5th Letchworth Scout Group has kindly agreed to host the event and will be planning the service and parade.

Watch for further details at your Section Leader Meetings, on the web and in next month's Co-ordinator.



### A History of Letchworth and Baldock Scout District

As a contribution to the centenary celebrations of Scouting in 2007 it is proposed to publish a history of the District.

The groundwork has already been undertaken by KJ in the excellent articles which he wrote for Co-ordinator a couple of years ago.

We would like to augment this with any other information you might have about your Group and it's activities especially pre 1970s.

If you have interesting stories about events, individuals and other highlights of the Group we would like to hear from you.

We are also interested in photographs, badges, certificates etc.

Nearer the time we hope we will be able to assemble Scouting memorabilia for an exhibition.

**Please contact Bob Williams**

### Rotary Charity Walk

**The annual Garden City Charity Walk takes place on Sunday 15 May 2005. The route of the walk in around the borders of the Garden City (13.8 miles)**

**For an entry form please contact: Rod Whitworth, 9 Wilbury Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 4TJ Phone: 01462 630957 Email: rod.whitworth@ntlworld.com**

**Entry fee £1.00 per walker.**

**This is a good fund raising opportunity for your Group. Last year 12th Letchworth raised over £300 - DO NOT MISS OUT**

## Calling all Group Administrators

There will be a meeting at **8th Letchworth HQ**, Sparhawke **on 8 March 2005 from 8.00 pm** when members of Group Executive Committees can meet to discuss common problems relating to

- insurance
- membership subscription
- recruitment of Leaders
- regulations affecting Scouting
- annual census



Come and share your experiences at an informal evening. **We can all learn from each other**

## Happenings Around the District

<b>January 2005</b>	14 - 16	Wymondley Wood	25	8th Letchworth HQ
10	8th Letchworth HQ	1st Baldock Cubs (Templars)		Lochearnhead Parents' Evening
				Beaver Leaders' Meeting
10	Wymondley Wood	18	5th Letchworth HQ	
				District Scout Leaders' Meeting
11	8th Letchworth HQ	20	Wymondley Wood	
				Fund Raising Meeting
				Lochearnhead Meeting
13	Wymondley Wood	23	1st Baldock HQ	
				District Scout Cooking Competition



## The Big Kickabout - 22 May 2005



A day of football themed entertainment, promises to be an event to remember for young people of all ages in Scouting. Taking place on 22 May at the home of Queens Park Rangers. The fun will include mascot, celebrity and professional matches, live music and special guest stars.

Tickets for the event are on sale now. Ensure you don't miss out on the best seats, an early bird discount applies throughout February - save £1 on the £9.99 full ticket price.

To book your tickets call 0870 112 1967. For more information see the back page of February/March Scouting or go to [www.scouts.org.uk/bigkickabout](http://www.scouts.org.uk/bigkickabout)

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## Diary Dates

### February

5	Watford v Gillingham	Watford FC
5 - 6	Operation Ferret	
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11 - 13	7th Letchworth Cubs	Phasels
12 - 13	5th Letchworth Scouts	Boyd Field
17	District Fund Raising Meeting	Guide HQ
22	Lochearnhead Meeting	8th Letchworth
25 - 27	1st Baldock Scouts	Wymondley Wood
26 - 27	5th Letchworth Scouts	Wymondley Wood

### March

4	District Scout Quiz	7th Letchworth HQ
8	District Administrators' Evening	8th Letchworth HQ
9	Power Boat Course - theory	Wymondley Wood
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	Red Nose Day	
12 - 13	Power Boat Course - practical	
12	County Cub Swimming Gala	St Albans
16	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
18 - 19	District Gang Show	St Francis College

## Welcome to



Tim Stroud  
ASL - 5th Letchworth

## Explorers in the Peak District

A party of seventeen Explorer Scouts and Leaders have just returned from an adventurous weekend in the Peak District.

They took over the Youth Hostel at Dimmingsdale and from there they hiked 9 km to Frogall through wild and beautiful countryside. They visited Water World at Stoke on Trent where three new members were invested and they finished off the weekend with a strenuous bike ride.

## Help Wanted

• I need volunteers to be in the changing rooms with the youngsters for dress rehearsals and the Show. I want to create my usual rota of CRB checked parents and Scouting/Guiding Leaders. But I am short of people this year.

• I need the whole District to be supporting us. Please, get your Troop, your Unit, your Group to buy some tickets. They are only £4 each if you buy 10 or over. Please phone Peter Marsh on 01462 624894

• I want to spread the word. Both Hitchin and Stevenage Districts Leaders have had letters asking them to come and see our Show. Please tell people. Tell your friends. There will be 150 people involved and working towards putting on the Show this year. We want to be recognised as an important annual local Scouting and Guiding event.

• This year's Show is a gala one. Our 40th Show in 50 years. We are having an after Show party on the Saturday evening for invited guests who have over the years been involved in the Show. We need to create a list of who to invite. Suggestions please to Mike on 01462 620749

• I want the press to be there. I want TV coverage. If you have any contacts, please let me know.

**Dave Strong - Producer**