



# Co-ordinator

## Census

Group	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
1st Ashwell	44	47	42	33	33	16	39
1st Baldock	107	86	103	89	78	89	88
1st 3rd Letchworth	16	38	42	28	37	27	38
2nd Baldock	44	55	55	59	64	57	57
2nd Weston	0	21	22	20	21	24	35
4th Letchworth	57	68	61	76	72	72	78
5th Letchworth	56	53	61	78	83	64	58
7th Letchworth	74	72	65	70	58	54	48
8th Letchworth	40	65	45	34	45	44	68
11th Letchworth	19	21	24	22	32	41	51
12th Letchworth	53	51	47	59	55	46	42
Oak Eagles Explorer	29	31	17				
Beech Springs		19	24	23	32	26	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>628</b>
Fellowship	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>			
District Team	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>624</b>			

Thank you to Ron Smith for once again co-ordinating the census return for the District. Thank you also to all the Groups for ensuring that the District return was completed on time. It is disappointing to see our numbers drop significantly and we will need to work hard over the next two years if we are going to realise our goal of having 700 members in the year 2007. Efforts will be made to reopen the 2nd Weston Scout Group as I feel it is important that Scouting is available in Weston and the surrounding villages.

**DC - Dave Hawkins**

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Awards



## St George's Day Parade and Service

The parade will assemble at the

Howard Hall Car Park (near the Paddling Pool) at 2.15pm for a 2.30 pm prompt start. The parade will march to St Hugh's Church for the Service starting at 3.00 pm. After the service the parade will be dismissed on Broadway Gardens 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 Church Hall after the parade has been dismissed.

On Sunday the parade will assemble in the following order.

Union Flag, District Flag St George's Flag. COLOUR PARTIES, starting with Beavers, 5th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth, 8th Letchworth, 11th Letchworth, 12th Letchworth, 1st Ashwell, 1st Baldock, 2nd Baldock, 1st 3rd Letchworth and 4th Letchworth. Followed by the Cubs then Scouts in the same order, then Explorer Scouts - Oak Eagle, Scout Network - BALiN and the Fellowship.

After the Colour parties the rest of the Beavers in Group Order, Cubs in Group Order etc..... After the service the parade will reform in the same order but in their Groups e.g. 5th Letchworth Beaver Colour Party plus the rest of 5th Letchworth Beavers followed by 5th Letchworth Cub Colour Party and rest of Cubs etc .....



## Gang Show 18 -19 March 2005

Our first full weekend rehearsal. Going through first half on Saturday and second half on Sunday. And I was so pleased that on the Saturday we only had eight cast members missing. And this week is half term. My thanks to all the parents who cajole, organise and encourage. We had seventy at rehearsal and that is our biggest turnout since well before Christmas and we managed, well, nearly managed to get through the whole of the first half in two hours ten minutes.

Now don't scream!!

If we do that on Friday in four weeks then the Show will finish at nearly one in the morning.

But we did hand out all white trousers (no horrid white shorts for the Cubs this year) all the white and red skirts for the Opening and Anniversary, coloured waistcoats for everyone (they are abominable apparently but will provide a bright opening) and lots of war uniforms, jackets, trousers, gospel robes and so on and on...

They managed the opening without falling over each other. And the youngsters remembered the movement and where to go, and when to line up without too much prompting... ish....and it was pleasing to see so many singing without scripts. Even some adults!!!

There is a familiar buzz at rehearsals now; friendships are forming, everybody is beginning to feel comfortable; all the youngsters know the adults; they know what to expect from rehearsals each week. And it is fun.

**Dave Strong**

**Producer**



### District Fellowship

Eight Members of the District Fellowship in two cars, motored up the A1(M) to 1st Hatfield headquarters for the County Quiz. There was a very good turnout with twelve teams competing.

We managed to maintain 2nd place for the first four rounds and then had a break for a fish and chip supper. Unfortunately the fish did not give us better brain power and during the next six rounds we went gradually downhill and ended the evening in 8th place. At least we didn't get the wooden spoon. It was a very lively evening and did not finish until 11.30 pm. Hertford District won the quiz.

The Fellowship will again be at front of house for the District Gang Show, so look forward to seeing everyone there.

Margaret Durrant

### 7th Letchworth Cub Pack Weekend - Phasels Wood

First of all we got up at 7am to have breakfast. We got changed and went outside. Akela split us into groups and I was with Cameron.

We went to the pot holing course first. In the tunnels it was dark and scary but very muddy. There were 2 tunnels, the first one was alright, but the second one was the most deepest, darkest, muddiest tunnel.

After that we went go karting. They were good. We went round for a practise run and then we had races.

I preferred the pot holing.

**By Matthew Hare Age 9**

**7th Letchworth Cubs**

Dear God

Thank you for the days we have enjoying ourselves. For every hour and every minute in our lives. We thank you for the sun, the clouds and the features, because every time we are happy we can thank you for that.

**By Chelsea Foster Age 9**

**7th Letchworth Cubs**



## Operation Ferret 5 - 6 February 2005

The list of obscure items was collected from a car park at 1.15 pm Saturday and a frantic 24hr search began in lofts and garages for the items to be presented to the judges at lunchtime Sunday. GSL Brian and ABSL Ray sped across the county on the back of a motorbike. ABSL Christine came up with a full size Porsche and many other items that should have been carbooted many years ago !

Chil manned Ferret HQ and produced amongst many other ridiculous items, a plaster cast of a leg from her loft - Mmmmm ! Germaine (Mrs Scout Leader) knocked up six mince pies in the nick of time which generated a lot of interest on the Sunday lunchtime as they were still hot, Goodie the judge managed to snaffle one! Robin wore all pink and we mean ALL pink and dragged his sister along wearing all blue and with a live guinea pig under her arm.

Top points to Mrs Hall for driving all the way to Welwyn to retrieve a Charles and Diana wedding glass. Mr Wood saved the day with a flying hot air balloon , a Betamax cassette and a gyroscope. Mr Starkey owned up to still having his collection of Toyah 45's and Craig produced an excellent Welsh Rarebit. Our Chairman produced a Blue Peter badge which her Father had received for cycling his penny farthing around the Blue Peter studio - "I remember that", I hear you all shout! Thanks also to Baloo, the Boakes and Grays for taking part.

Our vicar was a no show but hey it was a Sunday so he may have had other things on his mind !

Thanks to Akela for pointing out at the 11th hour that a wooden cigarette lighter was a match (the rest of us were a bit brain dead by this point) and for stealing one of his wife's firemen (don't ask)-

A great time was had by all ! We have to set the list next year and as Goodie suggested we could add the Ferret trophy to the list and then somebody might be able to find it !!!

Thanks to Goodie and Apryl for all their hard work . Now where did I put that Ostrich egg and the 5 elephants in a pea pod ?

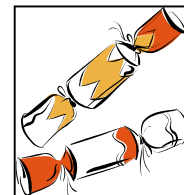
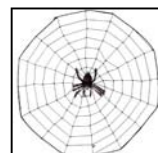
### Chil 12th Letchworth Scout Group

#### Total points achievable 1446

1st place 12th Letchworth Scout Group

2nd Place 4th Letchworth Scout Group  
5th Letchworth Scout Group  
2nd Baldock Scout Group

5th Place 7th Letchworth Scout Group



## Happenings Around the District

## AGM

### February

- 4 - 6 Explorer Scouts Weekend Camp - Dimmingsdale
- 5 4th Letchworth Scout Group Watford V Gillingham
- 11 - 13 7th Letchworth Cubs Phasels Wood - Pack weekend
- 22 District Lochearnhead Meeting
- 25 - 27 1st Baldock Scouts Wymondley Wood Centre



### Gang Show cast make an appearance on TV

The Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show "gang" made an appearance on the Anglia Television news on Sunday 27 February 2005. They were filmed at the St Francis College Theatre rehearsing for the show later this month. A number of the cast were interviewed about their involvement in the show.

Please make a note in your diary.

The Letchworth and Baldock District Scout AGM is to be held on

Date: Thursday 12 May

Venue: Wymondley Wood

Time: 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Please let the DC know the date of your Group AGM as he would like to attend as many as possible.

Dates will be published on the District website to avoid clashes.

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## Diary Dates

### 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	
14	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
16	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
18 - 19	District Gang Show	St Francis College
19	County Cub Swimming Gala	St Albans
25	Good Friday	
28	Easter Monday	

### April

1 - 3	Sixers & Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
2 - 3	Climbing Wall Course	Phasels Wood
6	Scout and Guide Shop Meeting	Guide HQ



### Welcome to

Gavin Conder  
12th Letchworth ASL  
Karen O' Shaughnessy  
2nd Baldock BSL

### Service Certificate

5 Years      Apryl Goodwin  
4th Letchworth ACSL

### Medal of Merit for Outstanding Service

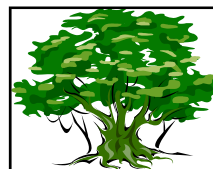
Congratulations to Mike Durrant,  
Fellowship Member and Sue Lovelock,  
District Executive Committee Member, ex  
Cub Scout Leader with 5th Letchworth

### Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Congratulations to Anne Gutteridge, 4th  
Letchworth CSL and Amanda Woolmer  
ADC (Cubs) for being awarded the Chief  
Scout's Commendation for Good  
Services.

### Wardens at Wymondley Wood

*To contact the warden, in the first  
instances please get in touch with  
the Booking Secretary - Barbara  
Crombie*



Feb 22- Mar 1	Chris King
March 1 - 8	Jane Thorn
March 8 - 15	Shirley Rossall
March 15 - 22	Susan Ellison and Chris George
March 29 April - Apr 5	Amanda Woolmer
April 5 - 12	Ann Howard
April 12 - 19	Ann Chapman
April 19 - 26	Julia Pollard
April 26 - May 3	Chris King
May 3 - 10	Peter Moules
May 10 - 17	Pauline Gimson