

Co-ordinator

Hayley and Carla Hit Gold

Last Wednesday evening, Hayley Guilder and Carla Kelly of 5th Letchworth Scouts received their Chief Scout's Gold Awards from ADC Scouts Nick Farmer at a special ceremony at the end of 5th Letchworth's normal Scout meeting.

Hayley and Carla joined Scouts at the age of 11, having never been Cubs. Since that time they have taken a full part in all the activities offered to them through the programme as well as being part of the team that achieved second place in the regional finals of the Scout Cooking Competition in 2004.

To satisfy the requirements of the Gold Award, Scouts have to perform a personal challenge in addition to gaining the Outdoor Challenge and four other challenges. Part of the Personal Challenge is Adventure.

Both Hayley and Carla achieved this through their performances playing for Letchworth Rugby Club. They also organised 5th's representation at PAW and Matrix, the latter at very short notice, thus showing true Leadership.



Gareth Howell
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Bluebell Railway - turn to page three to find out what the Cubs thought!



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STOP PRESS

Congratulations to 7th Letchworth Cub Scouts who won the District Dragon Boating Competition held at Fairlands Lake, Stevenage on Sunday 3 July 2005. A full report will be in the next edition of Co-ordinator in September.

On the evening of Wednesday and Thursday 15/16 June members and Leaders from 4th Letchworth and 1st Baldock visited Lister Radio. The week was the hospital radio station's open week and they were broadcasting live 24 hours a day for a whole week on 88.7FM to all Stevenage and South Letchworth and to the rest of the world via their internet link on listerradio.com.

The Scouts and Leaders from 4th Letchworth visited four wards in the hospital and gathered dozens of requests from the patients and staff to be played throughout the night.

Robert from 1st Baldock was able to sit in the studio whilst Dave Strong (GSL 7th)was interviewed for 20 minutes by the DJ.

Both evenings were great fun and thoroughly enjoyed by the Scouts and further cement the relationship between Letchworth and Baldock Scouting and Lister Radio.

Phil Ross(Station Manager) and Gavin Sharp are the sound team for Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show.



County 25/40 Mile Walk - The John Bunyan Trail

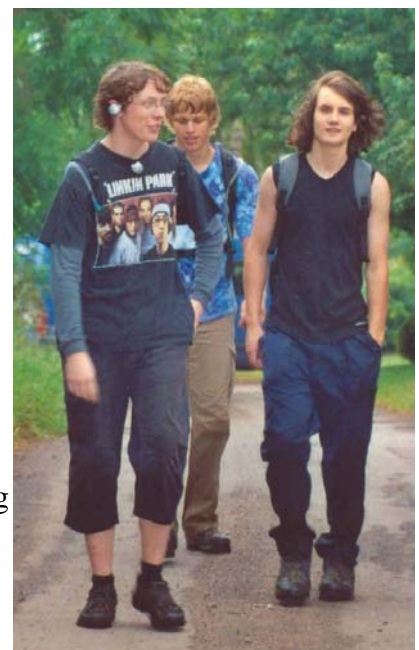
Six members of 5th Letchworth Scouts completed the 25 mile portion of the County's 25/40 Mile Hike, held yesterday (25th June). This is believed to be the largest contingent from 5th to complete the event. Tom Ayres, Sophie Betts, Hayley Guilder, Carla Kelly, Andrew Swift and Adam Taylor, walking with their leaders Gareth Howell and Geoff Smith, completed the course in just over 12 hours (including stops); having started at 4am!

Sophie's achievement was all the more remarkable as she started the walk with her ankle strapped up; having sprained it playing rounders at school on Thursday.

In addition to the Scouts the following Explorer Scouts from Oak Eagle Explorer Unit., James Bainbridge and Matthew Hart also completed 25 miles and Phil Brown and James Wiltshire completed the full 40 miles together with Chris King, DESC and Peter Woolmer. When Phil - Explorer Scout was asked how many times he has completed the walk he said "loads" In fact he has taken part, starting at the age of thirteen, in four walks without a break since 2002.

All were ably supported by a team of Leaders and helpers from the District.

The annual 25/40 Mile Walk is a County event and uses a different long distance walk each year. This year's event was over part of the John Bunyan Trail, starting at Barton-le-Clay and finishing at Amptill (25 Miles) or Bedford (40 Miles)



2nd Baldock 2005 Football successes!



2nd Baldock took part in the Letchworth & Baldock District Cubs football tournament. The team consisted of George and William Budd, Thomas Foot, Elliot Neale, Alexander van Loggerenberg, William Sach and James Westley. Undefeated, 2nd Baldock Cubs stormed through to the County tournament to represent the District.

Due to other commitments the team changed slightly and George Budd, Toby Martin, Elliot Neale, Alexander van Loggerenberg, William Sach, James Westley and Andrew Wild played for us at the County competition. This competition was much stiffer as the teams comprised tournament winners from all over Hertfordshire. After a run of narrow defeats, with only a brilliant goal from George Budd to show, the boys fought out a 1-1 draw with the eventual tournament runners-up with a goal from James Westley. That seemed to give the team a boost and they went on to win their last match (against Stevenage) a whopping 5-0! All 5 goals courtesy of William Sach!

The 2nd Baldock team secured Letchworth & Baldock 7th place and an excellent effort was put in by all the players.

Alexandra Westley (sister of James)

Aged 13



Giant Sleepover

CubJam 2005

At our camp at Wymondley Wood we did lots of exciting things. We cooked our own breakfast which consisted of a dough twist, a sausage and some bacon. My sausage got a bit burnt! The hardest bit was starting the fire to cook them on. Everybody enjoyed the washing up (not!) On our last day we did archery. It's hard than it looks! I improved a lot, but my favourite thing was the water fight. We all got soaked to the skin. I would definitely go again

James Dougal - Cub Scout
1st Baldock (Knights)

On the 17 June 1st Baldock Knights went to Wymondley Wood for two nights of camping. We did archery, we did tie-die and we did cooking, then we had a water fight. We made a dry stack of wooden canes. I enjoyed the giant sleepover, it was great fun!

Rhys McEvoy - Cub Scout
1st Baldock (Knights)

We went to Cubjam last week. Thank you to all the people that organised it. My best part was the Bluebell railway. My sister's best part was swimming. Our food was great. We had really sticky porridge. We liked marching to Amarillo and crazy frog played on Cubjam FM. We all got little radios to listen to Cubjam FM. We had a Scoubie School on the coach on the way home

Alex and Rebecca

I enjoyed the abseiling because it was fun. I enjoyed the Amberley Museum because you got to go on an old fashioned bus. I enjoyed the Bluebell railway because I got to ride on a steam train. I also enjoyed the carnival and making boat hats.

Christopher Gray 12th Letchworth

Cubjam was exciting. I really liked Cubjam FM, the music was good especially the crazy frog. The Its-a-knockout was good especially when we went in the foam pit. It was fun to camp with my friends. The best thing I did was archery, I got a bullseye.

Thank you to all the helpers

Alex Woodham 12th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Andrew Wilkins from 12th Letchworth has gained his Chief Scout's Bronze Award. He did his Outdoor Challenge and Friendship Badge. For his personal challenge he learnt to play Tempo di minuetto in C Hassler, which he learnt from scratch and played for an audience at the Group barbecue.



The motto of the Order is 'For God and the Empire'.

Brian Robinson an ex 7th Letchworth Queen's Scout has been awarded the Order of the British Empire for Service to Education in this year's Queen's Honours list.

District Camping Competition

At a Scout Leaders' meeting Nick asked me to have a go at organising the camping competition. With my new found enthusiasm for Scouting after changing groups I said I would have a go.

I approached all Leaders early enough with a set deadline for entries but I had a little panic; would there be enough teams come forward to make this work?

Eventually 7th Letchworth and 2nd Baldock took part. In terms of team work both teams were committed to the task of setting up the sites considering the ground was a bit soggy underfoot and they did well.

On Saturday morning I was woken by the sound of what seemed like pots and pans clanging around. Being curious I went to investigate. During the night one of the teams dining shelters got blown over.

Both teams were keen to construct gadgets that could be used around a camp site. 2nd Baldock constructed an excellent wash stand, capable of holding two wash bowls.

I think the organisation of the competition went very well, the whole weekend seemed to flow with no glitches. The campfire went down well and we were joined by Brownies from Bishop's Stortford who were staying in the house.

I enjoyed organising the competition and I'm sure the teams had good fun as well.

The result was

1st 7th Letchworth 250 points
2nd 2nd Baldock 237 points

It had been a competition where the lead had changed quite regularly over the weekend. The teams' behaviour was excellent throughout the weekend, and they were a big credit to their Groups.

Chris Lewis
1st Baldock ASL



The Fellowship had a good turnout for the County Trophy Challenge against Hertford. The quiz was excellent and Fred Lovelock certainly got their brains working with the questions. The beetle drive was fast and furious and in the end they were narrowly beaten and the trophy stayed with Hertford. Sue and Lesley provided them with a lovely supper and a good time was had by all.

The Fellowship will be holding a stall at the Lion's Fun Day on the 13 August 2005 at the Paddling Pool and would like cakes, tombola prizes, garden produce, preserves.

Contact Margaret Durrant
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Forthcoming Social Events

Trip to the Brewery
A Saturday in September
(TBA)
Cost: £5.00 - £10.00

Trip to the races at Newmarket
(British Legion Day)
27 August 2005
Tickets £7.50

For further information please contact:

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It is now time for you to put the dates of Frank Brittain's next Exhibition in your diary. This officially starts on 12 November and will be open every Saturday and Sunday until 18 December 2005, 1200 : 1600 hrs each day. Held at Well End County HQ this is an educational Exhibition on the Role of Scouts during WW1 and WW2.

It will be possible to make mid week appointments to meet special circumstances. Why not use "History" as a themed programme idea perhaps the week before and then visit a week later.

If you would like to know more about what is on view at the Exhibition, please give Frank a call on 01727 860086 or visit the County Website or e-mail archivist@herts-scouts.net

Adults Have Fun Too

The District held it's Adult Fun Day at Wymondley Wood on Sunday 12 June. A number of attractions were on offer including Archery, Rifle Shooting, Pioneering, a mountain bike obstacle course and any other Scouting Activities.

Also on site was a display of medieval cooking, arrow making and craft. There was a chance to try on armour and to watch a short display of medieval combat.

A barbecue and refreshments were provided by District and served by the Scout Fellowship.

Thank you to Chris King and his team for organising this enjoyable event and to the Oak Eagle ESU and the Fellowship for helping on the day. A special thank you to Sue King and her band of Merry Men and Women for Ye Olden Times.

**Next year's Adult Fun Day will take place at
Wymondley Wood,
Sunday 11 June 2006.**

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Diary Dates

July

- 1 - 3 H.E.A.T - Phasels Wood - Explorer Scouts
- 3 District Cub Scout Dragon Boating Competition
- 5 County AGM - Castle Hall, Hertford
- 8 - 10 County Peak Practice - Orchard Farm (Scouts)
- 10 District Barbecue - Wymondley Wood
- 12 District Beaver Bangers and Bash - Wymondley Wood
- 22 2nd Baldock AGM
- 23 District Expedition to Lochearnhead

August

- 27 July - 12 French Cub Scouts at Wymondley Wood
- 13 Lion's Fun Day - Paddling Pool

Have a
lovely
summer



**Wardens at
Wymondley Wood**

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

JULY

- 5 - 12 Sue Lovelock
- 12 - 19 Sheila & David Daws
- 19 - 26 Susan & Chris George
- 26 - 2 August

AUGUST

- 2 - 9
- 9 - 16 Ann Martin
- 16 - 23 Shelly Wilsher
- 23 - 30 Ann Howard

SEPTEMBER

- 30 Aug - 6 Shirley Rossall
- 6 - 13 Mark Hill
- 13 - 20 Maureen Kell

Happenings Around The District

- 29 May - 3 June CubJam - Blacklands
- 3 - 5 District Scout Camping Competition
- 10 - 11 7th Letchworth Scouts - Hike and one night camp
- 12 Adult Fun Day - Wymondley Wood
- 17 - 19 1st Baldock Cub Scouts - Wymondley Wood - Giant Sleepover
- 17 - 19 1st Baldock Scouts - Harmer Green
- 17 - 19 7th Letchworth Scouts - Harmer Green
- 17 - 19 8th Letchworth Scouts - Harmer Green
- 17 - 19 2nd Baldock Cubs - Phasels Wood
- 17 - 19 2nd Baldock Scouts - Matrix - Well End
- 17 - 19 5th Letchworth Scouts - Matrix - Well End
- 24 - 26 1st Ashwell Cubs - Boyd Field, Henlow
- 25 - 26 County 25/40 Mile- 5th Letchworth Scouts and Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit - the John Bunyan Trail
- 26 District Beaver Scout Day Outing - Greenwich