



# Co-ordinator

## DC announces new ADC (Scouts).

Nick Farmer stepped down as ADC (Scouts) at the Lochearnhead Expedition. Nick joined the Letchworth and Baldock District in 1986 and in 1996 became GSL at 5th Letchworth and was appointed ADC (Scouts) in 2002. Most recently Nick played a major part in the successful Expedition to Lochearnhead. Nick has no intention of giving up Scouting and will still be a member of the Scout Fellowship.

I am pleased to announce that Mike Wheeler has accepted my invitation to become ADC (Scouts) for Letchworth and Baldock. Mike has been in Scouting since 1977 and joined 1st Baldock Scout Group as ASL in 2001.

I trust you will support him in this role to ensure the success of the Scout Section.

**Dave Hawkins**

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## French Cub Scouts and Scouts stay at Wymondley Wood

### L'EXPLO

Refrain:

Quatre petits éclés (bis), en Angleterre en Angleterre Partaient gaiement tous en explo, en Angleterre en Angleterre

Avec nos gros sacs (bis), en Angleterre en Angleterre Pesant trois tomes et des poussière, en Angleterre en Angleterre

REFRAIN

On est arrivé a la ferme (bis), en Angleterre en Angleterre On était tous vraiment a-eves, en Angleterre en Angleterre

REFRAIN

On est alle a un pub (his), en Angleterre en Angleterre On a bu un litre de coca, en Angleterre en Angleterre

REFRAIN

On a mange des pattes (bis), en Angleterre en Angleterre Puis on est allé se coucher (his), en Angleterre en Angleterre

REFRAIN

On s'est reveille (bis), en Angleterre en Angleterre

Les anglais nous on fait des crêpe, en Angleterre en Angleterre

REFRAIN

On est parti (his), en Angleterre en Angleterre

4 quatre heures de l'apres midi, en Angleterre en Angleterre

REFRAIN

On est arrivée (bis), en Angleterre en Angleterre

On n'était pas trop abImée, en Angleterre en Angleterre

MERCI DE NOUS AVOIR ACCUEILLIS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!

Les éclés

2005

Fabrice

Jonathan

Erwin

Nicolas

Last year Belgium Scouts booked Wymondley Wood. This year it was the turn of the French from Fontainebleau just south of Paris. Between 27 July and 12 August twenty Cubs together with their Leaders camped at Wymondley Wood. They were joined by twenty Scouts on the 11 August. The Scouts had been to EuroJam and joined the Cubs before making their journey home.

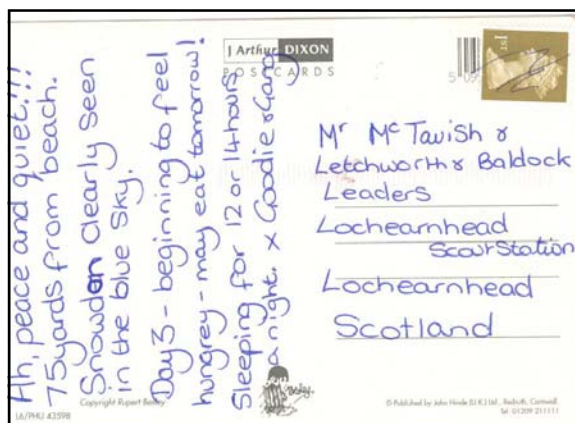
During their stay three PLs from 2nd Baldock Scouts Troop enjoyed a weekend camp at Wrayfield Farm, Stotfold with four of their Scouts. The French Scouts hiked to Wrayfield Farm to meet up with the Scouts from 2nd Baldock. Despite a few language problems they had a great time camping, cooking and walking together around the village finishing at the local pub where Deb and Mick Dille had arranged for them to use the climbing wall. A very successful joint venture and hopefully this will lead to more contact with the French Group in the future.

Deb Dille, ASL 2nd Baldock visited the Cubs and Scouts on several occasions and on her last visit the Cubs wrote and sang a song for her, (see opposite).

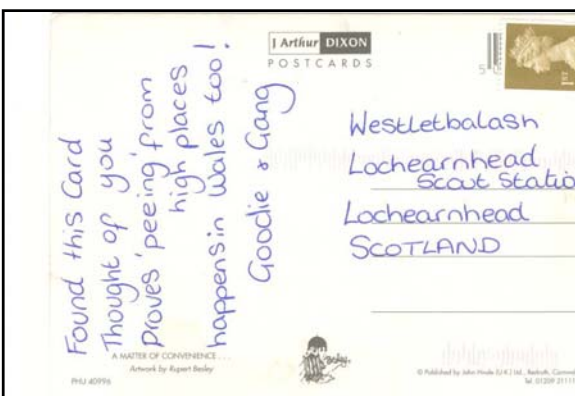
## District Expedition to Lochearnhead



Postcards sent from the Goodwin family - Simon, Apryl, Christopher and Katie after spending the first week at Lochearnhead



They went to Wales for their family holiday and a rest straight from the expedition to Lochearnhead



### Comments from the Scouts after their return from Lochearnhead.

"It was a great trip and one which I will remember for the rest of my life. I particularly enjoyed the sailing where we got to lean over the side to help balance the boat out. I also enjoyed the canoeing where I capsized twice and the two day hike where we did all our cooking on a primus stove and washed up with heather."

"I would like to thank you for giving my son such a great time at Lochearnhead. He came back really full of all his adventures. They were never short of food or drink and it was all delicious."

"My favourite activity at Lochearnhead was the kayaking. I also enjoyed the orienteering as it enabled us to explore the area of Lochearnhead Station. I hope that Week 2 Scouts enjoyed their experience as much as I did. I will remember Lochearnhead 2005 for a very long time."

"Sailing rocked, it was the best activity. I got to hold the jib and lean over board and stick my head in the water. All in all I would give it a 10/10 it was an amazing week. "

I've heard the stories of Lochearn Station  
Ghost trains go through there racin',  
Eerie bells that loudly toll  
Even before the mornin' call,  
Haggis furred and haggis feathered  
Chased lochadiles in fine weather,  
Gummy beavers at our knees  
Quality entertainment sure to please,  
Where thought forgot to pack my coat  
Daily jaunts and sailing boat soaks,  
Walking paths both up and around  
Going up even when trekking down,  
Fun was had by one and all  
Even though the stories were tall  
Would I go and do again?  
OH YES!  
And I'd do it in the rain!

Nick Farmer



## District Expedition to Lochearnhead

Over two weeks of the summer holiday ninety Scouts and Explorer Scouts from the District spent a week at the Hertfordshire Scout Centre in Scotland. They were joined over the fortnight by forty eight adults.

Lochearnhead is a disused railway station, well situated for adventurous activities with hills and water within easy reach. The station still maintains some of its original features, including the platform and various buildings.

During the week the Scouts took part in hill walking, overnight camps, climbing, mountain biking, canoeing and swimming as well as evening activities which included archery, shooting, fancy dress evening, and a talk from the local forestry commission.

The Scouts and Adults were well fed and watered by the catering team. Three three course meals a day, yes your sons and daughters do eat vegetables. Well at least they did in Scotland.

On the last Friday of each week there was a special evening meal which included Scotch Broth, Haggis with neaps and tatties. The Haggis was piped in by a local piper and was addressed in traditional Scottish style – by Eric who joined us from a local Scout Group in Ayrshire. After the meal the Scouts provided the entertainment in Fancy dress, why do Explorer Scouts boys like to dress as girls and vice versa?

During our stay parents were kept up to date on the events at Lochearnhead by the daily newsletter – The Emergency Paper – posted on the District website ([www.lbdscouts.co.uk](http://www.lbdscouts.co.uk)) They are still on there if you have not read them, they make interesting reading. Especially the activities of the Lochadiles and the gummy beavers, not forgetting the wild haggis.

On our last evening we welcomed our County Commissioner, Ivor Thomas and his wife Jean, who were making their first visit to the Station. We were pleased that they joined us for the evening meal and entertainment.

A troop of six German Scouts, who were walking the Rob Roy trail, asked if they could camp at the Station over night. In the morning they joined us for flag break and breakfast before continuing on their way.

I would like to thank all the adults, who in most cases gave up their holidays, the Leaders and adults who joined us from outside the District. A special thank you to all the young people whose behaviour and good manners were a credit to themselves, the District and to Scouting. This made all the hard work and planning worth while.

Thank you to all the Scouts who have

e-mailed Chris King, Nick Farmer and myself letting us know of their experiences and the enjoyment that they gained from the expedition.

Lochearnhead neckerchiefs can be worn at District events and Troop evenings until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005.

**Dave Hawkins**



**Week two participants  
plus the piper**

## Exhibition - The Mobilisation of Scouts on the Home Front of WW1 & 2

In case you have not heard or have not seen HSG recently, you might not know about the Exhibition which I have planned for later this year, to be held at the County Scout Museum at the County HQ, Well End - OS 166 204985.

Aimed at all ages, this will be an ideal opportunity to view artefacts and memorabilia showing the considerable role of Hertfordshire Scouts who were operational on the Home Front prior to call up to Active Service.

This is not an Exhibition about conflict although the names of over 70 known Hertfordshire Scouts who lost their lives are recorded. This may possibly include people from your own Group or

District. All the displays have educational content and are ideally suited to young people although it is unlikely that Scouts and Guides under 11 would be appreciative of the content.

I hope you will make an effort to come. Bring your Sixers and parents, PLs and parents. Treat the explorers or the Fellowship to a mystery night out. The Exhibition starts on 12 November and lasts until 18 December. It is open to all comers 1200 - 1600 hrs each Saturday and Sunday. By appointment at any other time. Give me a call.

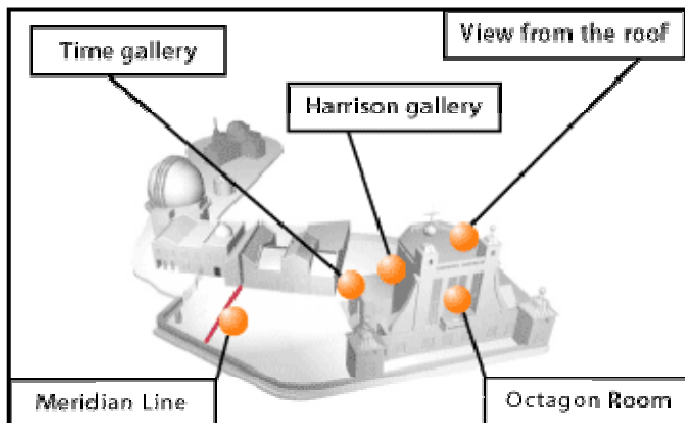
**Frank Brittain - County Archivist**  
[archivist@herts-scouts.net](mailto:archivist@herts-scouts.net)

## Beavers trip to the National Maritime Museum

## 1st 3rd Letchworth HQ

The Beaver trip was to the National Maritime Museum in London. My favourite thing was the octagon room because I liked the telescope which had Pluto the dog at the end of it. On the Beaver Trip we learnt about a man that kept on going back to his workshop to make clocks that would work at sea for a money reward.

**Matthew Priestley**  
**11th Letchworth Beavers**



### CRB's - Criminal Record Bureau

Calling all Groups - If you want parents, helpers or potential leaders CRB checked then you must think ahead. The CRB process take up to 3 - 4 months to complete. So if you want parental help at events next year you should start the ball rolling by the end of 2005.

**Please contact Ron Smith for further information or advice**  
**01462 682900**

**The District Team have been in discussion with the 1st 3rd Scout Group Committee and Leaders. After extensive talks it has been mutually agreed that the District will take over the running, maintenance and upkeep of the 1st 3rd Letchworth HQ in Icknield Way.**

**The intention of the District is to modernise the building and to fully realise its potential. In the future the building will be used both as a District HQ and as a meeting place for 1st 3rd Letchworth Scout Group. It is also intended that the hall will be used by the local community.**

**An architect has been approached to provide plans for submission to the Council and the LGCHF. A local builder provided the District with an estimate of the costs.**

**All efforts of the fund raising committee will be focused on raising the required money for both this project and the refurbishment of 11th Letchworth.**

## Scout Network

**The County Scout Network will be having an evening at**

Activity World in Hatfield

Friday 11 November

8.15 pm - 9.45 pm

£5.00 per ticket

Everybody aged between 18 - 25 years are welcome.

All tickets must be pre booked with Matt Cannon  
[csnc@herts-scouts.net](mailto:csnc@herts-scouts.net)

## Guide and Scout Day 5

**Watford FC v Cardiff City**

**25 February 2006**

The annual Guide and Scout Football Day will be on Saturday 25 February 2006. The match will be at Vicarage Road against Cardiff City kicking off at 3.00 pm. Full details for tickets and applications will be available in due course via HSG and the website. In the meantime put the date in your diary.



**District Race Night  
Saturday 29 October 2005  
7.30 pm until late  
8th Letchworth HQ**



**AN EXCITING EVENING  
WITH ALL THE THRILLS  
AND SPILLS OF THE  
TURF - TICKETS £6.00**

**Supper is  
included  
in the  
price**

**Licensed  
Bar**

**For your tickets please contact**

**Sue Lovelock**

**01462 672043**

**E-mail address [fredlovelock@msn.com](mailto:fredlovelock@msn.com)**

**or speak to your child's Scout Leader**

**All monies raised will go towards the District Building fund to help 11th Letchworth HQ and to modernise the District HQ in Icknield Way**

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### Wardens at Wymondley Wood

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

#### SEPTEMBER

30 Aug - 6	Shirley Rossall
6 - 13	Mark Hill
13 - 20	Maureen Kell
20 - 27	Val Bartlett
27 - 4 Oct	Jeff Robson
4 - 11	Julia Pollard
11 - 18	Elaine Wigglesworth
18 - 25	Sheila & David Daws
25 - 1 Nov	Nora Hitcham
1 - 8	Vicki Luker
8 - 15	Sue Lovelock
15 - 22	Ann Chapman
22 - 29	Pauline Gimson

## Diary Dates

### September

- 2 - 4 4th Letchworth Scout Group Family Camp - Boyd Field
- 5 District Beaver Leaders' Meeting - 11th Letchworth HQ 7.15 pm
- 7 District Fund Raising Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 8 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 8 Scout and Guide Shop reopens after summer break
- 13 District Scout Meeting
- 16 - 18 8th Letchworth Scout Camp - Boyd Field
- 17 - 18 County Night Hike - Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School
- 23 Lochearnhead Scout Reunion
- 24 District Beaver Sports Day - Wymondley Wood
- 26 Wymondley Wood Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 29 District Team Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 30—2 Oct County Born 2B Challenged - Well End

### October

- 9 County Cyclo Cross - Well End
- 12 Scout & Guide Shop AGM - Wymondley Wood
- 13 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 14 - 16 County Peak Assault Competition
- 15 - 16 District Scout Night Jar Competition
- 16 County Beaver Leaders' Craft Skills Day - Well End
- 21 - 23 Scout Network Sedan Chair Rally - Tolmers
- 22 District Chairmen's Day
- 23 County Scout Triathlon - Lees Wood
- 24 Wymondley Wood Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 29 District Race Night - 8th Letchworth HQ
- 29 - 30 LGCHF Charities Fair

### November

- 4 - 5 12th Letchworth Beaver Sleepover - Wymondley Wood
- 4 District Fireworks - Wymondley Wood
- 5 - 6 1st Baldock Beaver Sleepover - Wymondley Wood
- 8 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 10 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 11 Scout Network - Activity World, Hatfield
- 18 - 20 County Scout Green Beret Competition
- 19 District Arts and Craft Competition - all sections
- 28 Wymondley Wood Meeting - Wymondley Wood

