



Co-ordinator

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The 21st World Scout Jamboree 2007



The 21st World Jamboree will take place at Hylands Park near Chelmsford Essex, over twelve days from 27 July –8 August 2007. The Jamboree will be a unique opportunity to meet with Scouts from all over the World.

Shortly the District will be looking for three Scouts / Explorer Scouts to join the Hertfordshire contingent, who will form part of the UK contingent.

The cost of the Jamboree is approximately £1500 and each participant will be expected to contribute a third of the total cost. The remainder being met by the District/Group/Unit and by fund raising.

The Jamboree is open to members of the Letchworth and Baldock District who are aged between 14 and 17 on 27 July 2007; that is born between 28 July 1989 and 27 July 1993. The age is set by the organisers and is reflected in the activities offered.

You will be expected to take part in a selection process to assess your suitability.

If you wish to be considered to represent the District and experience this once in a life time opportunity please contact

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Symonds Yat

Friday 30 September the Welsh Bicknor Youth Hostel just outside Wales on the River Wye was ascended upon by twenty nine of Hertfordshire's Scouts. This group of people consisted of Leaders, Explorer Scouts and Scouts, and not forgetting parents who were 'dragged' along. To do what? You ask. As we all brought kayaks, we were going to spend the weekend paddling on the beautiful River Wye.

Friday night was the quiet night with everyone turning up and finding their rooms, saying hello to old friends and meeting new ones. Next day after a good night's sleep and a very hearty breakfast, we set off on the river for a gentle down stream paddle to Symonds Yat, where we stopped for lunch. After lunch we braved the rapids or white water (sounds more daring). Only two admitted to capsizing, which was quite scary. After the excitement we had a hard paddle back upstream to our launch site. Then it was back to the youth hostel for a wash and dinner.

The highlight after dinner was when a 'heated discussion' broke out between Scouts, Explorer Scouts, a Scout Leader and two Beaver Leaders, naming no one, (but my mum was one) over a game of 'Uno' This noisy game carried on for most of the night, until they were kicked out of the living room at 11pm for being too loud. (Mum says she was in bed, so it wasn't her. Yer, right mum)

On Sunday morning after breakfast and packing up the mess from our rooms and moving it to the cars, we drove down to the Yat for a morning of light paddling on the rapids. This soon changed, because when we got there, the water level of the river had risen over night causing the rapids to disappear below rushing water. This also meant that the broken trees and branches got caught on the rapids in the middle of the river. Luckily by the time we got our boats, sorry, kayaks down onto the bank, the trees had moved down stream.

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Night Jar - 16 October 2005

We had 64 Scouts, 3 Explorers and 17 Adults combining to make 15 teams walking from Ashwell Village Hall during the night of 16 October. Night Jar time again.

Seventeen and a half kilometres is a long way. But the route was very easy and nobody could get lost. Well, that's what I thought anyway. One team managed to take the wrong turn within half a mile of leaving the Hall. Hopelessly lost they phoned me on their mobile 'We're near a farm' they said. 'What's the name of the farm?' I asked 'We don't know, it hasn't one.' I told them to keep walking north until they could establish where they were and then call me again. The mini-bus could pick them up, if we knew where they were.

This year each team was allocated a letter from A-O to keep team identification easy and they were asked to provide a silly name. Chris Lewis eventually closed down base 1, with only the lost team not making it. He went out in his car looking for them. And had great relish in being able to report 'I've found Nobby's Nuts on Hinxworth Road...'

The event passed safely and without problem thanks to the much appreciated help of a few. Too few. We had an excellent turn out of Scouts and adult helpers walking with the teams but only a handful of leaders volunteering to man bases and help with co-ordinating.

Most of the teams were back at base by 1am. The last team arriving back at just after 2.30am. The Scouts, as usual, were totally worn out by nearly 5 hours of hiking. Not. Most of them were still lively and awake until gone 4am.

My thanks to Ashwell Hall for letting us use their facilities. A wonderfully old-fashioned Hall, full of character. We even managed to cook and serve breakfast for nearly 100 in their kitchen.



Group	Team name (Junior)	Time Points Base 1	Time Points Base 2	Time Points Base 3	Time Points Base 4	Activity Points Base 1	Activity Points Base 2	Total points	Position
1st Ashwell	Fimbels	16	20	19	10	7	3	75	1
4th Letchworth	Extremely Lost	15	20	15	3	8	4	65	2
7th Letchworth	Idiots	12	20	18	6	4	3	63	3
4th Letchworth	Girls	17	20	2	3	9	6	57	4
2nd Baldock	Dunces	7	16	18	0	10	4	55	5
1st Ashwell	Hillbilly Nation	1	17	18	0	4	5	45	6
8th Letchworth	Brazil	5	18	9	0	5	6	43	7
12th Letchworth	Chavs	0	4	18	0	9	5	36	8
1st Baldock	Andrew's Team	0	13	9	0	6	1	29	9
7th Letchworth	Jolly Jaguars	4	8	3	0	5	1	21	10

Group	Team name (Senior)	Time Points Base 1	Time Points Base 2	Time Points Base 3	Time Points Base 4	Points Activity base 1	Points Activity base 2	Total points	Position
4th Letchworth	Kitchen	10	15	17	0	7	10	59	1
2nd Baldock	Must B Lesley's Fault 2	19	15	11	0	7	0	52	2
7th Letchworth	Lanky Larries	4	8	19	0	7	5	43	3
2nd Baldock	Noddy Nuts 2	0	0	6	19	0	8	33	4
Oak Eagles	OHH!	18	19	0	4	5	10	56	0

With the river now deeper and faster, we could try out some of the more adventurous tricks in our kayaks. After an exciting few hours of kayaking in this fast flowing water and no one capsizing and all genuinely being very knackered. we decided that it was too hard to paddle back upstream. So pulling our boats onto the riverbank we walked back to calmer water where we got back in and paddled to our waiting parents at the car park. After having some lunch we packed up all our gear ready to go home. After a short talk with the other kayakers, saying our goodbyes till we meet again, at county canoeing on Sundays at Fairlands Valley, or at next year's trips, it was time to go home.

All I can say is "I can't wait to see you all next year." Oh, and I'll make sure mum takes a Mills & Boon to read.
Matthew Hart - Oak Eagle Explorer Scout

County Cub Night Hike - 17 September

Ten Cubs represented our District at the County Night Hike, six intrepid lads from 12th Letchworth and four from 7th Letchworth. Leaving Letchworth at 2.30pm our first mission was to get settled in and fed at the base camp, a Hemel Hempstead school which was filled with about 600 participants and organisers, the school was full!

Filled with sausage, chips and fruit juice our two teams set off for the coaches, stopping on the way for the official team photographs.

A fleet of coaches made two trips each to deliver the 70 teams to their various start points on the hike route. Most teams started on the route from about 7.30 to 8.00 in the evening. The 7th Letchworth team tackled the hike route anti-clockwise and 12th clockwise from another start point and time.

Each base presented a challenge which was well matched by our Cubs who were adept at solving the Block Buster quiz, cooking burgers, dealing with a road accident, shifting containers in an assault course relay, answering Scouting type questions and setting up a flag pole with the Union Jack flown the correct way.

Luckily the evening was mild, dry and sometimes moonlit though parts of the route such as in woods which were very dark.

By 11.15 the hike was complete after trudging along for well over seven miles and our Cubs (and Leaders) with their aching feet were eagerly waiting for the next coach back.

Back at base camp a final official snack before bed, just in time for the unofficial midnight feasts.

Organisers were working through the night and by morning the previous nights photographs were on display in the school hall.

Each Cub received a County Cub Night Hike cloth badge for their camp blanket and an Explorer Activity Badge for their uniform.

Well done to all who took part. *Will they volunteer for next year's event?*

Amanda Woolmer - ADC (Cubs)

GANG SHOW 2006

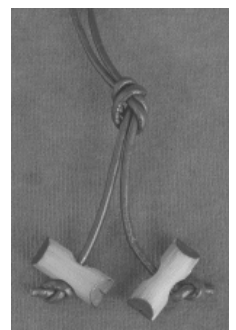
Rehearsals for Gang Show 2006 start at 8th Letchworth Headquarters in Sparhawk on the Grange Estate on 5 November. All Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies are welcome to attend from 4 pm to 5.30pm on that date.

Future rehearsals will be 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm for Cubs and Brownies and 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm for Scouts, Guides and Leaders.

Song sheets and parental permission forms will be available.

If you want any more information phone Dave Strong 01462 624309

**Congratulations to
Emma Ward
1st Baldock CSL
who has completed
all the relevant
modules to gain
her Wood Badge.**



Remembrance Day



**" They shall grow not old, as we that
are left grow old:**

**Age shall not weary them, nor the
years condemn.**

**At the going down of the sun and in
the morning,**

We will remember them."

**FOR THE FALLEN, Laurence Binyon
1914**

**As we near the eleventh day of the
eleventh month, the nation's
thoughts turn to those who
courageously fought and died for us.
So many men and women have
given their all for this country.**

**In 1928 the first Field of
Remembrance was opened in the
grounds of Westminster Abbey and the
first Remembrance Crosses was
produced by the Poppy Factory in
1931. The Remembrance Cross has a
Poppy in the centre and space for you
to write a message of remembrance for
a relative or loved one. The crosses are
planted either by the Legion or
individuals and are on display for a
week during the Remembrance period.**

**On Thursday 10 November Her
Majesty The Queen will open this
year's Royal British Legion Field of
Remembrance at Westminster Abbey
in a simple but moving ceremony.**

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

- 30 Sept - 2 Oct** County Born 2B Challenged
2nd Baldock, 7th & 12 Letchworth,
- 9 Oct** County Cub Cyclo Cross
7th Letchworth, 2nd Baldock
- 14 - 15 Oct** 5th Letchworth Cub Hike
and Sleepover
- 14 - 16** County Peak Assault - Okehampton
2 Teams from Oak Eagle ESU
- 15 - 16** District Scout Nightjar Competition
15 Teams entered
- 21 - 23** 2nd Baldock Scout Camp,
Wrayfield Farm
- 22 - 25** 1st Baldock (Knights) Camp
Boyd Field, Henlow
- 23** County Scout Triathlon
7th Letchworth
- 30** District Cub Day Out - Lego Land

Hertfordshire Scouts Triathlon

**23 October 2005 - Lees Wood - Chandlers
Cross**

This is a new event in the County Scout
calendar. 7th Letchworth Scouts took up the
challenge and took part in
running, cycling and shooting.
They gained 2nd place out of 15
teams from across the county.

WELL DONE.



Peak Assault



**Two teams from the District Oak Eagle
Explorer Scout Unit took part in this
year's County Peak Assault which took
place at Okehampton, Dartmoor. The
Oak Eagle 'A' Team came ninth out of the
twenty five teams entered for the main
competition. A number of Leaders from
the District also acted as marshals for the
event.**

Scout and Guide Shop

More staff may be needed in the New Year as at least
two volunteers have health problems which may mean
they are unable to continue after many years of
support. The shop is open Tuesday and Thursday term
time only 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm. If you can commit to at
least one evening a month then please contact Nora
Hitcham - Shop Manager on 01462 627905.

Interested or know anyone who might be interested in
representing the District Scouts on the Scout and Guide
Shop Committee. The committee meets twice a year,
one of which is the AGM. Please contact Dave Hawkins,
01462 643432 or e-mail
dc.letchworthbaldock@herts-scouts.net

100 years of Scouting - 2007 Celebrations

Discussions have taken place at various meetings in the District about ways of celebrating the centenary. Suggestions range from holding a Scout Uniform day in the local schools, District camp fire and sing song, Firework display, a special Gang Show and St George's Parade and Service, . It was also suggested that the District hold a Gala evening to include all Leaders, helpers, ex-leaders and helpers. Other suggestions included a special badge, book about the History of the District, a calendar etc...

To be a success a large number of volunteers will be required to plan and organise each event. So we are looking for two representatives from each group - this can be parents - to come to a meeting at Wymondley Wood on Monday 23 January 2006 at 8.00 pm.

This is an opportunity to show our young people how special 2007 is and how special they are to be a part of it.

It starts in 13 months' time.

Dave Hawkins - District Commissioner

Born to be Challenged

Congratulations to 2nd Baldock Scouts who came second in the Born 2B Challenged plus section and to 12th Letchworth Scouts who entered two training teams and won the trophy for the most improved patrol.

The District was also represented by 7th Letchworth Scouts.



Training for 2006

The dates for training for 2006 are now on the County website (www.herts-scouts.net). In addition, in order to make the system even more flexible, the following modules could be offered on weekday evenings. We would require a minimum of six people and will try to ensure that you do not have to travel too far. Please contact Dave Hawkins - 01462 6432432 or e-mail dc.letehcoworthbalodck@herts-scouts.net if the modules below are the ones you need, and give him the required details as listed.

11 13 14 15 17 18 19 20 21 (2 evenings) 22 23 24 (2 evenings) 25(2 evenings) and 26.

Your availability: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Name, Address, Telephone, Email, District, Group, Scouting Appointment.

Christmas Meal



The District Fellowship Christmas meal is booked for the 10 December at the Chulow Room at St George's Church, Letchworth. There will be a choice of starters and puddings and the main course will be cold meats, with salads and new potatoes. If you would like to attend please contact Sue Lovelock, 01462 672043 for more details.

CHRISTMAS STALL

The Fellowship will be running a Christmas Stall outside WH Smith, Letchworth, in November as a fundraiser. Please contact Sue Lovelock with offers of help.

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WANTED
Secretary for Scout
Fellowship

We are looking for someone to take on the role as Secretary following the resignation of Margaret Durrant. There are usually six meetings a year.

We are also seeking young people who are not involved with a Troop to form a Young Fellowship. As well as enjoying social activities there would be the opportunity to help with fund raising and other events.

If you are interested please contact

Dave Upson 01462 631047



Wardens at
Wymondley Wood

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

November

25 - 1 Nov	Nora Hitcham
1 - 8	Vicki Luker
8 - 15	Sue Lovelock
15 - 22	Ann Chapman
22 - 29	Pauline Gimson
29 - 6 Dec	Ann Martin
6 - 13	Stuart Wylie
13 - 3 Jan 06	Barbara Crombie
3 - 17	Bob Williams

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Diary Dates

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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
- 9 County Archive Exhibition Starts - Well End
- 10 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 11 Scout Network - Activity World, Hatfield
- 12 Lochearnhead Adult Reunion - The Orange Tree
- 14 District Cub Leaders' Meeting - 1st Baldock HQ
- 16 District Adult Support Evening - 8th Letchworth
- 18 - 20 County Scout Green Beret Competition
- 19 District Arts and Craft Competition - all sections
- 25 District Cub Quiz
- 25 - 27 Oak Eagle Explorer Unit - Coetmor Mill

December

- 5 Wymondley Wood Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 8 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 8 County Explorer and Scout Network Meal - Stevenage



WELCOME TO

Ms Nicky Bull
1st Ashwell BSL

Mrs Jayne Boxall
1st Ashwell BSL



There are only a few weekends still available in 2006 to book the house for you sleepover, pack, troop or unit weekend.

January 2, February 1, October 1, November 2 and in December 1. For more details or to book please contact Barbara Crombie e-mail bcrombie16@ntlworld.com

