

Snowdon or Bust - Oak Eagle Explorer Unit



Sixteen Explorer Scouts and nine adults

spent a weekend in November at the

Hertfordshire Snowdonia Centre near the villages of Nantgwynant and Beddgelert. The party left Letchworth at 6.00 pm on Friday

in two minibuses and arrived in Wales some five and a

half hours later. It was an early start on Saturday morning with breakfast being served at 6.30 am. After a hearty breakfast of porridge, cereal, eggs, bacon and sausages and not forgetting the toast the Explorer Scouts and Mountain Leaders were taken to Pen-y-Pass to start their ascent of Snowdon.

Due to the deteriorating weather during the day the party had to turn back without reaching the summit. However, they were able to invest six new members into the unit at nearly 800 metres. Once back at the hostel the Explorer Scouts were treated to Christmas dinner, with home made crackers and decorations. During the evening the Explorer Scouts entertained the adults with some games. After a good night's sleep all that remained was to tidy the centre and board the minibuses to Betws-y-coed where they spent the morning mountain biking before making their way back to Letchworth. Well done to all the Explorer Scouts and thank you to all the Leaders and adults who helped over the weekend. I know I enjoyed the experience and look forward to the next Explorer Scout expedition.

Dave Hawkins DC

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District Cub Quiz - 25 November 2005



We have just held the Annual District Cub Quiz. There were 6 teams in total this year. The questions were set by the winning team from last year, 12th Letchworth. A very big Thank You to the leader's from all of the sections at 12th for setting the questions. It was a very enjoyable evening with lots of Harry Potter and General knowledge questions and a name the badge round in the break. The winning team was 4th Letchworth with a total score of 73 points.

The scores were as follows:

1 st	4 th Letchworth	73 Points
2 nd	7 th Letchworth	65 Points
3 rd	12 th Letchworth	61 Points
4 th	1 st Baldock Knights	60 Points
5 th	2 nd Baldock	54 Points
6 th	8 th Letchworth	45 Points

Well Done everyone!!!

Amanda Woolmer
ADC Cubs



District Cub Day Out - Legoland

At 9.00am 73 of us filled one coach and a minibus and set off for Legoland, arriving just after 10.30am. Despite the forecast the weather was looking good!

We headed off in different directions to see what we could find. Some of the Cubs had been before so they knew exactly where they wanted to go first, the Dragon Roller Coaster Ride where a few less brave stood to watch! Next was the Dragon's Apprentice where all had a go and then The Pirate Falls where we all got very very wet!!

We stopped for a rest, lunch and to work out where to go next.

With lunch finished we headed for the Spider Ride. The Leaders gave this one a miss but all of our Cubs had a go. Time was running short so we split into smaller groups. Some went on the Wave Surfers and got rather wet and some went on to the hot air balloon School.

With just half an hour left we headed for the shop to buy gifts to take home. With shopping finished we headed for the coach and minibus for a very quiet journey home.

A wonderful time was had by everyone.

Amanda Woolmer
ADC Cubs



District Arts and Craft Competition - 19 November

District Arts and Crafts Competition Winners

Troop model winners

12th Letchworth

Pack model winners

4th Letchworth

Colony model winners

5th Letchworth

Beaver Trophy (Overall points)

1st Baldock

4th Letchworth

12th Letchworth

Cubs Trophy (Overall points)

4th Letchworth - 4th win in a row

1st Baldock

7th Letchworth / 12th Letchworth

Scout trophy (Overall points)

4th Letchworth

12th Letchworth

5th Letchworth

Explorer Trophy

Matthew Hart

Adults Trophy

Anne Gutteridge (4th Letchworth
CSL)

Trophy for highest scoring group

4th Letchworth



5th Letchworth Beaver Colony entry

Thank you to the Beaver Section for organising this year's competition. Thanks also to the Scout Fellowship for providing the judges. The Cub section will be organising the 2007 competition.



The District Fellowship have been very busy during the last few months. In October they supported the District Race Night and even sponsored a Race. In November a number of members and the DC went to Chiltern Brewery near Aylesbury to look round and sample the beers. Like all good Scouts you could not get them out of the shop for the trip home. The journey home was punctuated by the rattle of bottles.

Arthur Scott, their treasurer carried the British Legion Standard at the annual Remembrance Parade and Service in Letchworth.

The next event is the Fellowship Christmas supper - 10 December at the Clulow room. The meal will be followed by a quiz and a Master Mind Chair and a chance to win cash to help pay for Christmas.

The District Race Night raised over £450 for the District Building Fund. Thank you to all who supported the event, either by sponsoring races, buying a horse or coming along on the night. It is hoped to repeat the event next October.

Remembrance Day Service and Parade

Thank you to all the Scout Sections that attended the various Remembrance Day Services around the District. The District wreath was laid by Philip Brown and Michael Lambert, Explorer Scouts with the District Oak Eagle ESU.

A number of Groups attended the main service and parade in Letchworth Garden City whilst 4th Letchworth attended the service at St Paul's Church and 1st Baldock attended the service in Baldock.



County Training Dates

The 2006 Training Calendar is now available on the County Website.

www.herts-scouts.net

You can also book the courses on line at the same web address.

REMINDER- 2007

Celebrations Meeting

23 January 2006

Wymondley Wood

8.00 pm

Two representative from each group please

HAPPENINGS AROUND THE DISTRICT

November

- 3 8th Letchworth - Boyd Field - Bonfire
- 4 District Fireworks & Bonfire
Wymondley Wood
- 4 12th Letchworth Beaver Sleepover -
Wymondley Wood
- 4 4th Letchworth Scouts - Overnight Camp
Wymondley Wood
- 5 1st Baldock Beavers—Sleepover -
Wymondley Wood
- 12 District Leaders' Lochearnhead Reunion
- 13 Remembrance Sunday Service &
Parade - All Groups / Sections
- 18 -20- County Green Beret - 2nd Baldock,
7th Letchworth, 5th Letchworth and
8th Letchworth
- 19 District Arts & Craft Competition
- 25 District Cub Scout Quiz -
5th Letchworth HQ
- 25 -27 Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit
Expedition to Snowdon
- 26-27 Mid Herts Night Hike Competition
5th Letchworth Scouts

Message for Group Treasurers

Subscription Notice for 2006 / 2007

National	£19.10
County	£10.90
District	£ 3.20
Total	£33.20

Christmas is a season of giving
And giving is the key to living
So let us give ourselves away,
Not just at Christmas but every day
And remember a kind and thoughtful deed
Or a hand outstretched in time of need
Is the rarest of gifts, for it is a part
Not of the purse, but a loving heart
And he who gives of himself will find
True joy of heart and peace of mind.

Christmas Blessing



Wymondley Wood

The weekend of 13 - 15 January 2006 has become available due to a cancellation. Please contact Barbara Crombie for more information - bcrombie16@aol.com

NETWORK

Herts County Network Programme

25 February	Watford V Cardiff
25/26 February	Chiltern Challenge - Phasels Explorer Competition run by the Network.
24 March	Quasar - Hemel Hempstead
8 April	County 5-a-side Football
30 April	National St George's Day Parade and Service Windsor Castle
7 - 8 July	H.E.A.T - County Explorer Event - Wymondley Wood.
22 - 23 July	Saturday Social - venue to be announced
13 - 15 October	Peak Assault
20 - 22 October	Sedan Chair Rally - Tolmers Wood
10 November	Activity World - Hatfield
17 - 19 November	Green Beret Challenge - Scout Competition

This is just a quick highlight of what's available. All events will be regularly posted and updated on the County website -

www.herts-scouts.net



Advance notice. The District AGM will be held on Thursday 11

May 2006 at Wymondley Wood. Please can Groups avoid this date for their own AGM.

Thank you.

Green Beret Challenge

The annual Green Beret Activity Competition for Scouts was held at Lees Wood. Despite the sub-zero temperatures throughout the weekend over one hundred teams entered from around the county, including four teams from Letchworth and Baldock. 2nd Baldock, 5th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth and 8th Letchworth.

All the District teams did really well, generally improving on last year's position..

Final position

7 5th Letchworth Famous Fifth

33 7th Letchworth

Both 2nd Baldock and 8th Letchworth did not have competing teams but they had a great time and look forward to taking part next year.

Welwyn Garden City Night Hike now named Mid Herts NH.

More than 140 Scouts in 26 teams entered the Mid Herts Night Hike. The 5th Letchworth Famous Fifth team of Mark Hetherington, Chris Young, Simon Lucas and David Nicholson won the unaccompanied class which Tony Cobb, the organiser said at the prize giving is a tough one.

After their great performances at Green Beret the 5th are 'Riding High'.



31 March 2006 and 1 April 2006



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cubs

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**Merry
Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year
from the
District
Commissioner
and his
Team**



**Wardens at Wymondley
Wood**

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

December

29 - 6 Dec	Ann Martin
6 - 13	Stuart Wylie
13 - 3 Jan 06	Barbara Crombie

January

3 - 17	Bob Williams
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Diary Dates

2005 / 2006

December

- 5 Wymondley Wood Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 8 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 8 County Explorer and Scout Network Meal - Stevenage
- 10 District Fellowship Christmas Meal and Quiz - Clulow Room
- 13 District Scout & Guide Shop closes for Christmas

January

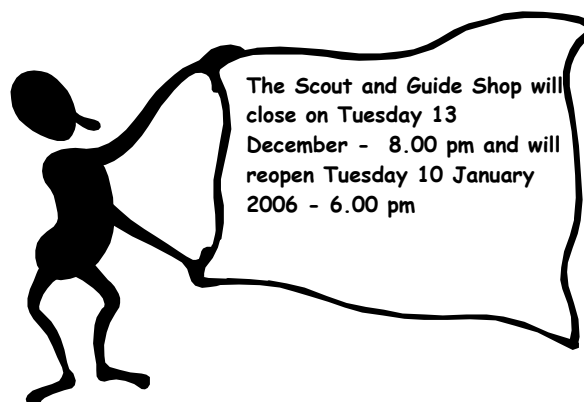
- 9 District Cub Leaders' Meeting - 8th Letchworth HQ
- 10 District Scout & Guide Shop Reopens - 6.00 pm
- 12 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 16 District Fund Raising Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 17 District Scout Leaders' Meeting - 5th Letchworth HQ
- 23 District 2007 Celebration Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 29 District Scout Cooking Competition - 1st Baldock HQ

February

- 9 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 19 County Scout Cooking Competition - St Albans
- 25 - 26 Chiltern Challenge - Explorer Scouts - Phasels Wood
- 25 Watford v Cardiff - Vicarage Road

March

- 2 District Team Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 9 District Executive Meeting
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 17 District Scout Quiz - 7th Letchworth
- 18 County Cub Swimming Gala - St Albans
- 31 - 1 Apr District Gang Show - St Francis Theatre



The Scout and Guide Shop will
close on Tuesday 13
December - 8.00 pm and will
reopen Tuesday 10 January
2006 - 6.00 pm



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www.lbdscouts.org.uk