

Co-ordinator

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Mid - Herts District Night Hike

It all started at Geoff Smith's house at 6 pm on Saturday. We loaded our bags into the back of his car enthusiastically, (well for the moment anyway!) Then after a fifteen minute drive we arrived at the football club where we were to sleep. We dropped off our bags and then got transported to a Scout Hut. This was to have a kit check and to be issued with a map. At about 7.30 we set off. Everything went smoothly and we got to the first checkpoint without too much trouble. This checkpoint required us to transfer a message to the other half of our team using morse code. We mastered this and sent the word 'orange'. This base got us 96 points! We then carried on past a pub, through a couple of fields and then in the middle of a wooded area there was the second base. At this one we had to shoot rubber balls from a toy gun and hit the targets. This we all found very challenging except for Simon who scored a bullseye. After this we started up a very long country road. After walking for what seemed to be ages and almost getting run over by two four by fours that came hurtling down the road we got to a corner! We turned right and then got led to the next base by one of the Leaders. She had just gone to fetch another group that had turned the wrong way, and they were accompanied! At the base we were tested on our first aid skills. And being Scouts we did this to the best of our ability. We only made a few mistakes. Apart from lifting the patient's leg, not knowing what to say into the radio and not using enough bandages. But! As part of the Scout law it tells us not to steal, so by not opening the extra packages of bandages placed conveniently beside us, we kept to that (we thought they were for the next group!!) After this we left with a pretty low score and carried on through some woods and fields until we got to the fourth base. This base required all four of us to participate. We were each given a wire and instructed to complete an electrical circuit to make a bulb shine. After speedily completing this base we continued up the country lane. We entered a field and started taking our bearings whenMooooo..Moooooo. everyone stopped, ...Mooooo! We sprinted out of the field as fast as we could. We continued to debate whether or not to negotiate the cow in the field. Fifteen minutes later an accompanied group arrived and we braved the field with them. We continued on to the fifth checkpoint undetected by any cows! Here there was a quiz which we whizzed through in five minutes, then carried on up a hill to enter the outskirts of WGC, continuing on to our final destination where we arrived at 12.30pm five hours after starting.

It was a great night and our patrol thought the whole evening was really well organised. Thanks to everyone who helped to run this event.

Mark Hetherington - 5th Letchworth Scout

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Calling all Groups 2007 Celebration Meeting

Monday 23 January 2006

Wymondley Wood

8.00pm - 9.30 pm

Please can each Group
send at least two
representatives.

The meeting will discuss
the District plans for
celebrating the Scout
Centenary during 2007.
Look forward to meeting
you.



Scout Association - Soccer Six

The Scout Association has teamed up with the Soccer Six celebrity football tournament. Together they are offering a fantastic opportunity for young people to attend a great day out in May 2006.

The Soccer Six tournament has been bringing together top names from the music industry and television for good causes since 1995. Peter Duncan will be donning his football boots and playing on one of the celebrity teams.

The event will be taking place at a top Premiership ground in West London on Sunday 21 May 2006.

Tickets for the event will cost £15 each. The Scout Association have negotiated that Groups who buy tickets can keep 20% of the net ticket price (net ticket price equates to £15 tickets price minus VAT, £2.55 per ticket). For every 10 tickets bought, one will be given free, and the Group that brings the most people to the event will win a Soccer Six shirt signed by the celebrities who play on the day.

From 1 February 2006 detailed information about the venue, gate opening times, parking and travel arrangements will be available on www.soccer-six.com. Tickets can be booked from the same date on the Scout Ticket hotline 0870 4000 696

For more information about the event, please e-mail Fiona Brennan at Fiona.brennan@scout.org.uk

Group Scout Leaders' Forums

The South / South West Regional Group Scout Leader Forum

A number of forums are being held throughout the regions during 2006. The Hertfordshire / Buckinghamshire forum will be held on the 1st and 2nd July 2006.

It is hoped that all Scout Groups will be represented, either by the Group Scout Leaders, an Acting GSL, Scouter in charge, or a representative for a GSL should there not be one within the Group.

There will be no cost to this day except travelling to the venue, to be confirmed.

The days are expected to run from 10.00 am until 16.15 pm.

A letter along with a promotional flyer and booking form will be sent to all GSLs/Group representatives at the beginning of January.



Be prepared to.....

Join the Adventure



Newsletter

November saw nine members of the Fellowship enjoying a visit to the Gordon Craig Theatre to see the Arcadians production of Sweet Charity.

Those who helped at the District Expedition to Lochearnhead attended the reunion at the Orange Tree in Baldock. It was a chance to meet old friends and catch up on all the latest news.

In December thirty five members of the Fellowship and District enjoyed a Christmas Dinner held at the Clulow Room. After a feast fit for a King Fred's give away Million of pounds quiz was won by the President's team, well done Laurie. This was followed by the Mastermind Chair. Very well done everybody, it was an enjoyable evening spent in good company. That's what the Fellowship is about.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 4 February - County Quiz Night at 3rd Hertford Scout HQ

Saturday 25 February - A Social and Games Night at 8th Letchworth HQ

Please contact Fred Lovelock for more information on the above.



The Answer is 42

Operation Ferret

The 2006 District Operation Ferret Competition will take place on the weekend 11 / 12 March 2006.

This year's competition will be organised by representatives of the 12th Letchworth Scout Group who won last year's competition.

Operation Ferret is a scavenger hunt which is open to all members of Scouting in the District. It is an ideal opportunity to involve the young people, parents, grandparents, family and neighbours.

A list of items and tasks are given to each team. On Saturday they then have until Sunday to collect and present them to the judges at a venue yet to be announced. More details will be circulated to all Groups shortly.

All details will also be posted on the District website.

December

- 4 5th Letchworth Scout Group Christmas Bazaar
- 10 11th Letchworth Beaver and Cub Christmas Party
- 10 Fellowship Christmas Dinner and Quiz
- 11 2nd Baldock at the Baldock Bypass Tunnel opening
- 16 2nd Baldock Scout Group Santa Claus Drive

Various Scout Groups went around the District singing Christmas Carols.



County Diary

- 19 February County Cooking Competition - St Albans
- 28 April - 1 May Patrol Activity Weekend (P.A.W)
- 29 September - 1 October Born 2B Challenged
- 22 October Triathlon
- 17 - 19 November Green Beret

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Civic Trust is a charity which makes awards and loans to individual and organisations. For example

- Young people or adults, who have lived in Letchworth for least two year, who secure a place in a team or a group representing the town, the county or the country, or who are to spend time helping disadvantaged people abroad will often receive a grant from the trust.
- A disabled person or carer with a particular need may be considered for support.
- A voluntary organisation raising money to repair or enhance its building or equipment may receive help towards the costs.

There is also new award of up to £2000 for deserving young people for a purpose that otherwise would be beyond the means of their parents.

Group chairman/GSL's have leaflets giving more details of the awards. The Trust can be contacted at Broadway Chambers, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3AD

Scouting applications must go through the District Commissioner or they will not be considered.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

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31 March 2006 and 1 April 2006



Brownies

cubs

Come and see the show

Group discounts



Girlguiding UK



Enquiries to:

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National Birthday Badges

The National 20th Beaver and 90th Cub Birthday badges are now in stock at the Scout and Guide Shop

Both badges are priced at £1.00 each and can be worn during 2006



**Congratulations to
Emma Ward CSL 1st
Baldock (Templars) on
achieving her Wood Badge**

**Congratulations on achieving
the 5 Year Service
Certificate**

**Christopher Lewis
1st Baldock ASL
Lesley Gwilt
2nd Baldock ASL**

2006 Diary Dates 2006

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
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting - Wymondley Wood

February

- 9 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 19 County Scout Cooking Competition - St Albans
- 19 County Cub Leaders Skills Day - Stevenage District HQ - Poplars Area
- 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
- 11 / 12 District Operation Ferret Competition
- 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

April

- 5 District Scout Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 8 Scout Network - County 5-a-side Football Competition
- 13 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 14 Good Friday
- 16 Easter Sunday



Welcome to

Nicola Bexfield

ASL

12th Letchworth



Wardens at Wymondley Wood

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

We're on the web
www.lbdscouts.org.uk