

Co-ordinator



Explorers Wear Platinum

No we haven't won the lottery, but 12 of our Unit members can now proudly display the Chief Scout's Platinum award on their uniforms. These awards have been gained by the members through a combination of indoor H.Q evenings, organised visits, community service as Young Leaders or external bodies and a selection of hikes, challenges and nights away.

It is not a simple challenge but one that takes commitment over a long period of time by both the Explorers and the Leaders so CONGRATULATIONS to all of them.

Those receiving the award are:

James Bainbridge
Laura Condron
Michael Lambert
David Nunnington
Ben Whittaker
James Wiltshire

Phil Brown,
Matthew Hart
Adam Marsh
Hayley Palmer
James Willoughby
Chris Woor

What next? Chief Scout's Diamond Award of course
– Oak Eagle are always up for a challenge

Chris King D.E.S.C



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CENSUS 2006

Group	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
1st Ashwell	46	44	47	42	33	33	16
1st Baldock	117	107	86	103	89	78	89
1st 3rd Letchworth	dormant	16	38	42	28	37	27
2nd Baldock	45	44	55	55	59	64	57
2nd Weston	dormant	0	21	22	20	21	24
4th Letchworth	60	57	68	61	76	72	72
5th Letchworth	38	56	53	61	78	83	64
7th Letchworth	93	74	72	65	70	58	54
8th Letchworth	39	40	65	45	34	45	44
11th Letchworth	16	19	21	24	22	32	41
12th Letchworth	70	53	51	47	59	55	46
Oak Eagles Explorer	34	29	31	17			
Beech Springs			19	24	23	32	26
Total	558	539	608	603	592	601	566



See page 5 for
details of the
District St
George's Day
Parade and
Service

1st Baldock - Templars Cub Pack - Murder Mystery Weekend

Over the weekend our four ace detective teams Spice girls, Frightning lightning, Secret scorpions, and Motopebl all had to find clues in search for the murderer of Phil and his celery.











On the way, the Cubs were also trying to achieve their navigation badge. The Cubs unpacked their stuff, said goodbye to their parents, and then slept in the wooden shack. Our 4 team scout leaders Charlie, Jack, Sam, and Charlie.K all helped one of the groups at camp.

When it came to almost bedtime we were told a story about how Scouting began and then DOZED off to sleep. Well kind of but not quite.

The Leaders were not amused. Everyone was causing a bit of a palaver. By the time we went to sleep it was roughly 01:10. At 9.00, in the morning, it was breakfast time.

Our Bulletin board had changed and all the kids were panicking like mad. After 5 minutes everyone settled down and began breakfast and it was quiet.

Now that all the people there had finished, it was time to watch suspect video number one.

Suspect 1: Rosemary Bubb			Weapon: Letter opener
Suspect 2: Fred Springer			Weapon: Wire
Suspect 3: Laura Sampson			Weapon: Plant pot
Suspect 4: Lewis Goodman			Weapon: Garden shears
Suspect 5: Richard Fulham			Weapon: Edging tool

The video soon finished and two teams were told to get their shoes on for they were going on a hike where a telephone was and inside was a clue. The first two teams were Secret scorpions and Frightning lightning and they found the clue. Then came the two other teams which were Motopebl and Spice girls and they found the clue too.

When everyone was back at camp everyone else was inside writing down notes from the bulletin board. Everyone was then told to go back to their dormitories for their own private talk about suspects and they were allowed to play in their rooms until they were told to come out and then they were told about one thing.

There was a picture above the door in the shape of the navigation badge with a background. It was made up of 2000 pictures and in just 1 of those pictures was a weapon that led to a person. In the end it turned out to be Laura Sampson. Everyone knew it wasn't Rosemary Bubb as well because two clues revealed it wasn't her. Soccer! The teams stampeded down the corridors except the Spice girls. Instead they went on the climbing frame together or some of them did anyway. We got in 2 teams and had fun. It was 1-1 and then the Scouts and Leaders said to start a new game. It was Scouts and Leaders against all of us and in the end it was nil-nil.

We went inside and watched two suspect videos and had a snack. The groups had to draw a basic route on a map and go by a minibus. The first two groups were the Spice girls and the Secret scorpions. Then it was Motopebl and Frightning Lightning. We had to use our routes on our maps and navigate the driver to the right place.

We scanned a field for a cricket bat, celery, Disks, wool and card. We didn't find the entire amount of card but when we got back we had dinner!

After we were told to get a hat on, some gloves and our coats on because we were going outside to see some fireworks! BANG! BANG! BANG! Then we sat at a camp fire and sang songs like Chessington zoo. Here came the fun part though. We went on a night time hike to find our team coloured flags in almost pitch black sky. First to arrive back was the Spice girls, and then Motopebl, then Frightning lightning, and last of all Secret scorpions.

Bedtime at last. Blimey were all the kids tired. We probably could have slept on the floor all night! At least in the morning we had a little surprise! WAHEY! Baloo's birthday today and we gonna have cake, sandwiches, fruit, all sorts of party stuff!

Time to watch another suspect video first though. After the video we had to pack our stuff. What a BUMMER! Then quiet time again to talk about the suspects and the weapons.

"Breakfast time Cubs! Come on if you want it!" Yelled Akala to the cubs. Breakfast was lovely for a cooked meal. Some people got seconds. Now for the last suspect video and then we go and get our teddies and we had them snuggled in our laps or waiting for our meal.

"Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday dear Baloo! Happy birthday to you!" Sang the Cubs joyfully. We went up to collect our cake pieces and ate like pigs!

Then we went back to our rooms and discussed who the murderer was. At the announcement we had to make, everyone guessed the murderer correct. Lewis Goodman. Before we went home we obtained our medals and stuff and thanked the Leaders and the Cub Leaders for setting the camp up.

So off we went back and would all like to come again!

The End

Robert Middleton,
Templars Cub Pack

Do you want your meetings to go places? Here's how!



The Letchworth and Baldock Scouts have a new minibus and it's yours to use. It is available for booking for an evening, a day or longer.

For details and bookings contact Pete Woolmer- tel: 01462 637718

email: <mailto:p.woolmer@ntlworld.com>

To be able to drive this magnificent vehicle you **MUST** have passed the County Assessment test. Geoff Smith who is your local assessor is very willing to take you through this and will be very

gentle! He can be contacted by phone on 01462 680006 or by e-mail at carfax.t21@btinternet.com

Volvo Ocean Race - The Scout Challenge Pack

Gang Show

The District has obtained sufficient packs for each section within our Groups. Each pack contains information about the race as well as craft activities for the youngsters. Also it tells the story of the albatross and how it is nearing extinction. Scouts can help save the albatross by sending used stamps to



visit www.savethealbatross.net

RSPB
Stamps, PO
Box 6198,
Leighton
Buzzard,
Bedfordshire
LU7 9XT

To find out
more about
the Albatross

Hope to see
you all at the
Letchworth
and Baldock
District Gang
Show
sometime over
the three
performances.

Friday 31 March - Saturday 1st
April, St Francis Theatre.

For more information please email

lbgangshow@lycos.co.uk

or phone

01462 671183



2006 is a special year for Beavers and Cubs



Celebrate the 20th
Birthday of Beaver
Scouting and the 90th
Birthday of Cub Scouting
at the 2006 Gilwell Park
Funday.

Saturday 17 June 10am -
4.30pm



The event fee includes all
activities and a souvenir
badge.

£8.00 for participants
£4.00 for Leaders

For more information
and to make your booking
online.

www.fundays.org.uk

Milton Keynes Gang Show

Twenty four members of the
Letchworth and Baldock District
Gang Show went in two minibuses
to Milton Keynes to see a
performance of the Milton Keynes
Gang Show.

*"Running for over ten years,
the Milton Keynes Gang Show
has established itself as a
regular feature in the new city."*

P.O.R - Updates

In recent months there have been various changes made to P.O.R (Policy, Organisation, Rules), including amendments incorporating the changes in Activity Rules regarding the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme. The rule changes can be seen in an updated version of POR on the ScoutBaseUK website at: www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/por/index.htm. The web site includes a *.pdf version of the POR file which is easy to download and / or print.

Alternatively a printing service is available from the Scout Information Centre. Printed copies can be made and mailed to you. This service costs £4.00 plus postage and packing. This can be ordered via the online catalogue. www.sbuk.org.uk/info.centre/catalog.php or by phoning on 0845 300 1818.

Plant Sale

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Letchworth District Gardeners' Association Laurie Cook will be holding his Annual Charity Plant Sale over a week from 27 May to 3 June at 22 Hillshott, Letchworth.

The Letchworth District Gardeners' Association also have a number of events running throughout the year.

17 May RHS Lecture at Plinston Hall

24/25 June Open gardens

For further details please contact Laurie Cook, contact details in the District Directory.



**CALLING ALL BEAVER AND CUB LEADERS YOU
WILL BE OR SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED VIA
YOU'RE A.D.C DETAILS OF THE CHILDREN'S
TABARD AND TOMATO COMPETITION**

St George's Day Parade and Service

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service will take place on Sunday 23 April 2006 at the Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Canterbury RC Church, Providence Way, Baldock.

Subject to permission from the relevant authorities the order of the day will be as follows

The parade will assemble in FULL UNIFORM at Knight's Templar School at 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm prompt start. The parade will march to the church via Mansfield Road, High Street, South Road and Limekiln Lane for the Service starting at 3.00 pm. After the service the parade will be dismissed on the Church car park between 3.45 pm and 4.00 pm when the young people can be collected.

There will be refreshments for all in the Church Hall after the parade has been dismissed. ALL ARE WELCOME.

On Sunday the parade will assemble in the following order.

Union Flag, District Flag St George's Flag. COLOUR PARTIES, starting with Beavers, 2nd Baldock, 4th Letchworth, 5th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth, 8th Letchworth, 11th Letchworth, 12th Letchworth, 1st Ashwell, 1st Baldock, Followed by the Cubs then Scouts in the same order, then Explorer Scouts - Oak Eagle, Scout Network - BALiN and the Fellowship.

After the Colour parties the rest of the Beavers in Group Order, Cubs in Group Order etc..... After the service the parade will reform in the same order but in their Groups e.g. 2nd Baldock Beaver Colour Party plus the rest of 2nd Baldock Beavers followed by 2nd Baldock Cub Colour Party and rest of Cubs etc

THERE WILL BE A REHEARSAL FOR ALL GROUP COLOUR PARTIES ON SATURDAY 22ND APRIL AT 10.00 AM TOGETHER WITH THE READERS. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU REMEMBER THE SECTION FLAGS AND ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ARE WEARING THEIR GROUP NECKERCHIEF.

The following hymns have been chosen for the Service to enable all of you to practise prior to the day.

Colours of Day

One more Step along the road I go

When a Knight won his spurs

He's got the whole world in his hand

The National Anthem (2 verses)

This year's collection will go the Headstart based in Baldock.



Scout Name		Scout Group	totals	average	position
Richard Young		1st Baldock	49	16.3	1
Edward Birdsal		4th Letchworth	37	12.3	2
Chris Goodwin		4th Letchworth	22	7.3	3
Tom Plater		1st Baldock	16	5.3	4
Christian Leper		4th Letchworth	12	4	5
Emma Hart		4th Letchworth	8	2.6	6
Katie Oakley		4th Letchworth	7	2.3	7
Stephanie Watson		4th Letchworth	1	1	8
Dilly Hartley		4th Letchworth	0	0	9
Team					
1st Baldock	32.5				1
4th Letchworth A	23.6				2
4th Letchworth B	4				3

Scout Shooting Competition

Three teams braved a cold Sunday morning at Wrayfield Farm for the first District Shooting Competition. The teams were made up of 1st Baldock and 4th Letchworth. It was a very close morning shooting session. Final team scores were based on the average of the 3 rounds shot. As you can see some pretty good results were scored, and no need for penalty point to be awarded for foul play as the rules were adhered to.

Thank you to Dave Upson for helping me on the range, as the old saying goes, another set of eyes is always better than the one pair if any

problems occur, thankfully we had a problem free morning.

Next year it would be nice to have some more teams take part and earn the chance to be chosen for the County Competition at Phasels.

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Wymondley Wood Wardens

MARCH

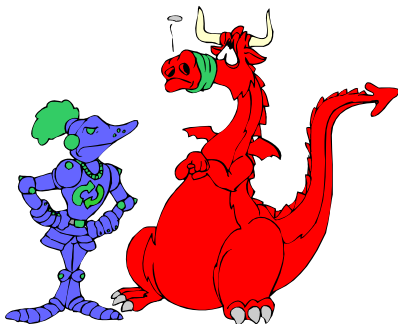
7	Ann Chapman	686772
14	Chris & Sue George	626132
21	Mick Balls	893855
28	Ann Martin	627439

APRIL

4	Val Bartlett	730817
11	Ann Howard	452500
18	Mandy Woolmer	637718
25	Vicki Luker	630728

MAY

2	Sue & Fred Lovelock	672043
9	Sheila & David Daw	621699
16	Elaine Wigglesworth	626218
23	TBC	
30	Stuart Wylie	635571



2006 Diary Dates 2006

March

2 District Team Meeting - Wymondley Wood
7 District Administrator's Evening - 8th Letchworth HQ
9 District Executive Meeting
11 / 12 District Operation Ferret Competition
13 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
17 St Patrick's Day
17 District Scout Quiz - 7th Letchworth
18 County Cub Swimming Gala - St Albans
24 Scout Network - Quasar - Hemel Hempstead
27 2007 Celebrations Meeting - Wymondley Wood
28 District Scout Leaders' Meeting - 5th Letchworth HQ
31 - 1 Apr District Gang Show - St Francis Theatre

April

3 - 17 School Easter Break
5 District Shop Meeting - Wymondley Wood
8 Scout Network - County 5-a-side Football Competition
13 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
14 Good Friday
16 Easter Sunday
21 - 23 District Cub Sixers & Seconders Weekend
23 St George's Day Parade and Service - Baldock
29 - 1 May Patrol Activity Weekend (P.A.W.) - Tolmers

MAY

6 Fellowship Chiltern Brewery Trip
6 District Beaver Challenge - 12th Letchworth HQ
11 District A.G.M. - Wymondley Wood
14 County Beaver Leaders Skills Day - Well End
14 District Scouts - Barton Hill Challenge
15 County Cub Football Competition
22 Wymondley Wood AGM
26 7th Letchworth Scout Group AGM - Wilbury Hall
29 - 2 June Summer Half Term

June

1 District Team Meeting - Wymondley Wood
8 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
10 District Beaver Sports Day - Wymondley Wood
11 District Adult Fun Day - Wymondley Wood
16 - 18 District Cub Camp - Tolmers
17 County Cub Day Out - Gilwell Cub Fun Day
20 1st Baldock A.G.M. - 1st Baldock HQ 7.00 pm
24 - 25 25 / 40 Mile Walk