

Co-ordinator

District Cub Scout Camp - Tolmers 16 - 18 June 2006

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My favourite thing on the Cubs' 90th Birthday Camp was the trip to Gilwell Park. It took a while to get there, but it was worth it. We went by coach. When we were there we tried a wide variety of activities, such as abseiling, archery and trying out new Hot Wheels Cars. Archery was one of the ones I enjoyed best. We got free drinks from a van.

It was very sunny. We bought sweets and badges from a stall. There was a Scouting Museum at Gilwell which we visited. It had old uniforms on display.

Near the end of the trip, we visited their fairground rides. We didn't have much time left, so we only went on one ride. I went on the dodgem cars.

After that, we got back on the coach and drove back to the camp

Louis

1st Baldock Cub (Knights)



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

Some of 1st Baldock (Knights) went camping at Tolmers. We arrived on Friday at 6.00pm. I arrived late because I went to the hospital. We played a wide game, we had to collect four colours of coloured water. We went asleep at about two in the morning.

On Saturday we had to prepare to go to Gilwell Park as part of the 90 years of Cubs Celebration. We went on rides, activities, such as archery, rock climbing, abseiling and fair ground rides.

When we got back we were all shattered. We had to prepare a sketch for the campfire later on. In the end the campfire was a laugh. We slept well that night.

In the morning we unpacked for inspection. Half an hour later we had a good old fashion English Breakfast.

Some parents came to help with the big picnic party at 1.00 pm. There was crisps sandwiches, cakes and fruit and a massive 90th Birthday Cake which was lovely. We all had a great weekend. Thanks to Akela, Sue Wood, John Keeves and James the helper.

Thanks - Rees



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1st Baldock Beaver Scout - Colony Good Turn



During the past year 1st Baldock Beavers have had evenings on the environment and recycling, where we looked at leaves both in the autumn when we made place mats and in the summer when we did leaf matching and printing. We looked at personal hygiene and healthy eating, where we discovered how germs were passed on and what would happen if we did not brush our teeth. Road safety was followed up by a visit from a local policeman who arrested one of our Beavers!! We studied our senses (particularly the eye) - this was the beginning of one of the colony's good turn this year - it was followed up by a visit from a lady with a guide dog. She showed us a short video and then told us all about her guide dogs and how they help her to lead a more independent life. We decided it would be good to raise some money to train a guide dog puppy. So Lark set about organising a fund raising sponsored bounce and activity afternoon - it was a great success and we raised enough money to sponsor not one but three guide dog puppies.



District Beaver Fun Sports 2006

Six Beaver Leaders and the ADC arrived at Wymondley Wood, all of them praying that the England v Paraguay match would not mean that we had no Beavers turning up for the afternoon's Fun Sports.

In the end, 36 Beaver Scouts from 5 Colonies appeared to take part in a variety of events in baking hot weather. Starting off with the obstacle race, they battled valiantly through the egg and spoon, sack skipping, relay and skiing races with the parents' marathon and water races thrown in for good measure.

Due to the numbers of Beavers representing each Colony we had a couple of composite teams so the results were as follows:

- 1st - Twicky Twelfth (12th Letchworth)
- 2nd - Feisty Fourth and Seventh (4th and 7th Letchworth)
- joint 3rd - Boomer's bits (4th and 11th Letchworth)
- joint 3rd - Busy Baldock (1st Baldock)

Well done to all those who took part, Beavers and parents, and particularly to 12th Letchworth as winners. Thank you to the Leaders for their help in organising the event, particularly to Boomer, and thank you to Chris Paxton, her husband and son for organising the refreshments and the raffle.

Vicki - ADC (Beaver Scouts)





Jamboree Camp

As part of the Centenary of Scouting Celebrations the District will be holding a Jamboree Camp over the Bank Holiday weekend of 4 - 7 May 2007.

The Camp will be held at Wymondley Wood Centre and it is hoped that all members of the District will take part.

Details of the camp will be sent to all Leaders before the summer break and to all the young people during September.

Information will also be available in Co-ordinator and via the District website.

We have been pleased to hear from more local Scouters who attended the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree in 1957.

Peter and Ellen Norton who now live in Shropshire remember the event as does Phil Charsley.

Peter was our DC between 1976 and 1984 and Phil who lives in Baldock was DC of Hitchin and ACC Leader Training.

We hope they will be able to attend our District Jamboree.

Kingfisher Way - 21 Miles + Greenway - 4 miles = 25 miles

Unfortunately the Twenty Five and Forty Mile Club's plan to tackle parts of the Thames Path and the Ridgeway on Saturday 24 June had to be abandoned due to the low number of entrants .

As a District we had entered the County event - sixteen walkers and four support team. When we heard that the walk had been abandoned, Chris King did not want to let the Explorer Scouts down and so we went ahead with our own 25 mile walk along the Kingsfisher Way starting from Tempsford in Bedfordshire and ending at Ivel Spring in Baldock, a total of 21 miles and from there they followed the Letchworth Greenway Walk to Wymondley Wood to complete the 25 miles. The Explorer Scouts were joined by three Scouts from 5th Letchworth Scout Group.

Meeting up at 6.30 am at Tesco's car park on the Saturday the walkers were bussed to Church End, Tempsford. Breakfast was 9 miles later at Biggleswade common by the river. The walkers tucked into bacon butties and hot dogs. After recharging their water bottles and replenishing their energy snacks they set off once more en route to the dinner stop, 6 miles away at Arlesey station. From Arlesey it was another 6 miles to Baldock where they were again met by the support crew with drinks and snacks. From there it was the short 4 mile walk to Wymondley Wood. Thank you Chris for organising the walk and to the Support Crew for keeping them fed and watered.



Chris King DESC with some of the Explorer Scouts

The Walkers

Drew Mealing
Phil Brown
Chris King
James Wiltshire
Sophie Betts
Sam Abbott
Tristan Brenner
Ross Taylor
Hayley Palmer
Joe Hartley
Danni Butterworth
Edmond Tickner
Simon Lucas
Oliver Tyrantia

Riverain Indoor Bowls Club

The club is starting a junior section initially covering the ages of 10 to 16 year old. They are proposing to offer trial evenings during the summer for groups or individuals to enable them to try bowls. Bowls is not just "an old mans' game" as is seen in the county team which is getting younger every year.

It is proposed that during the season - September to April - they would meet on a Saturday morning from 8.30 am to 10.00 am

They are a friendly club so why not come along and "give it a try".

Coaches and supervisors would be CRB cleared providing a safe environment to enjoy the sport.

If you would like to try the sport or would like someone to come along to talk to you please contact Dave Edwards - Club Chairman on 01462 640850



Welcome to OBIS

OBIS (Out Back in Scouting) is a group of Leaders and members of BALiNetwork, the District Scout Network, who like spending time outside and want to help other Leaders achieve the objective of at least 50% of their programmes being spent outside.

So, if you want to organise a camp for your Cubs or Scouts, or need assistance in organising your own, contact OBIS and see if they can help.

Contact: Nick Howell

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District Web Site

Over the next two to three months the District Website is being updated. This may result in the website being unavailable for short periods.

Could all registered users please check their details on the site especially e-mail addresses and make any corrections.

Happenings Around the District

June

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| 9 - 10 | 4th Letchworth Scouts - Hike and overnight camp to 1st Arlesey HQ |
| 9 | Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit - Raft building at Boyd Field - Henlow |
| 10 | District Beavers Sports Day - Wymondley Wood Centre |
| 11 | District Adult Fun Day - Wymondley Wood |
| 11 | District Barbecue - Wymondley Wood |
| 16 - 18 | District Cub Scout - Tolmers |
| 16 | Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit - Barbecue at Wymondley Wood |
| 17 | Gilwell Cub Fun Day - Gilwell Park |
| 18 | 2nd Baldock Scout Group - Car Wash and Cake Stall |
| 21 | Joint 4th and 8th Letchworth Cub Meeting - Wymondley Wood |
| 23 - 25 | 12th Letchworth Scout Group Camp - Wymondley Wood - all sections |
| 23 - 24 | 2nd Baldock Scouts - Overnight camp at Wrayfield Farm |
| 23 - 25 | 1st Baldock Scouts - Weekend camp - Harmer Green |
| 23 - 25 | 7th Letchworth Scouts - Weekend camp - Tolmers |
| 24 | District 25 Mile Walk - Oak Eagle ESU and 5th Letchworth Scouts- Kingfisher Way |

Wymondley Wood



This has been a busy year. The Centre has been occupied most weekends and for a significant part of the time during holiday periods.

It has been well used by the District Groups/Units and is very popular with those outside the area. A pack of French Cubs were popular visitors in the summer and in addition to our own District Events we have hosted County events such as the Great Patrol Hunt. The Anglia Chairman of Trefoil Guild used the Centre as a base for her sponsored walk around the Greenway to raise funds for a lift at Hautbois. We have had residential and day visits from schools who are interested in the new nature trail and two courses concerning conservation/environmental issues have been held for teachers by the Heritage Foundation. We have been open to other groups such as St. John Ambulance, Sea Cadets and Duke of Edinburgh.

An analysis of usage by groups over the year:

Groups making residential visits:

Beavers 5, Cubs 7, Rainbows 0, Brownies 23, Scouts 3, Explorers 1, Guides 8, Trefoil Guild 1, Others 5, Schools 3, A total of 56 groups of which 20 were local (including 8 from Hitchin)

Meetings: 42

Camping:

Guides 6, Cubs 6, Scouts 8, Explorers 2, Schools 2, Others 4 A total of 28 groups of which 11 were local

Day Visits:

Rainbows 2, Beavers 7, Cubs 5, Brownies 14, Guides 11, Scouts 19, Explorers 5, Trefoil Guild 4, Schools 2, Others 8. A total of 77 group visits of which 52 were local groups/units

We continue to carry out improvements. The lean-to has been completed apart from paving the floor. Heating and lighting have been put into the wet weather shelter and it has been re-roofed more substantially. The Chapel area has been laid out. The only major outstanding project is the campfire area and we are seeking quotations to complete this.

The archery proved to be a very popular attraction, as did the trampoline.

Peter Baker has resigned from the Management Committee. He has given outstanding service to the Centre going back to the early days of Norton Bury.

Maureen Kell has joined the Committee and we are grateful to her for publishing a termly wardens' newsletter to keep everyone up-to-date.

The Management Committee would like to thank the Wardens for their contribution to the efficient running of the Centre and all those people who work so hard to ensure it's development, maintenance and cleanliness.

Bob Williams - Management Committee Chairman

Report at Wymondley Wood AGM

Message from the DC.

Thank you to all the Leaders and Adults who once again provided the young people in the District with some fantastic Scouting and adventures during the year. I hope you all enjoy the summer break and to 2nd Baldock and Oak Eagle ESU who are going to France and Austria respectively for their Summer Expedition have a wonderful time,

enjoy the adventure and let me know how you get on. Don't forget to send a postcard! If you have time.

Look forward to seeing you all around the District in September as we prepare to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting in 2007.

Dave Hawkins

12th Letchworth Group Camp



Wymondley Wood was invaded by Vikings over the weekend of 23 - 25 June but no need to worry it was only 48 children plus Leaders from 12th Letchworth Group Camp.

Friday night started as usual with the Scouts and Cubs putting up tents and the Beavers getting settled in the house. At the opening ceremony all were given their armour, well Viking Helmets. We then attended a joint camp fire led by Boomer.

Saturday Morning we awoke (well some of us did many had not been asleep much during the night) to rain, but by 10 it had cleared away and turned into a fantastic day for Viking Longship building. Cardboard ones by the Cubs and a large wooden one by the Scouts. The Beavers meanwhile made Viking Shields. After lunch the Beavers left us leaving time for the Cubs to make shields before the Viking Wars took place (racing and water fights).

After a excellent dinner (cooked by the ADC Cubs) the scouts re-enacted the Viking burning of their longship.

Sunday morning started with a Scouts' Own followed by a hike and picnic for the Cubs and a 9 mile cycle ride and picnic for the Scouts. It was then back to camp for the flag down and handing out of well earned badges.

A fun time was had by all and many thanks must be given to all those who helped.

Brian Plater - CSL 12th Letchworth



1st Baldock Scouts weekend training camp at Harmer Green



District Scout Kon Tiki Competition

The competition took place over the weekend 1 - 2 July 2006 on the River at Stotfold Mill, Stotfold.

The competition was run to a new format taking account the new age range 10.5 - 14.

The District Explorer Scout Unit - Oak Eagle had spent the last two weeks clearing the river of weeds in preparation for the event.

Edmond Tickner completely revamped the event and came up with some interesting challenges for the Scouts to complete whilst on their rafts.

All the trophies were crafted by Edmond.



The Obstacle trophy was won by 7th Letchworth with 5th Letchworth

winning the team and time trial trophies.

The overall winners by one point were 5th



All the Scouts had a marvellous time and all managed to end up in the river sometime during the weekend.

There were four trophies to be presented.

- 1 Team Work
- 2 Obstacle Course
- 3 Time trial
- 4 Overall Winner

Letchworth followed by 7th Letchworth, 2nd Baldock and 12th Letchworth

Thank you to all who took part, Oak Eagle Explorers Scouts who provided the support crew for the weekend, Nick Farmer for providing First Aid cover, Mike Dilley GSL 2nd Baldock ensuring that the field was mowed and to Edmond Tickner for

organising and running the event.

Well Done To You All

Dave Hawkins.

Ps. There was even time to watch the football. Both 2nd Baldock and 5th Letchworth had their own 'big screen' television plugged in!

There was a touch of Wimbledon when the support crew tucked into their strawberries and cream for Sunday breakfast (of course, after the traditional English Breakfast)



Overall Winners - 5th Letchworth

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JULY

4	Chris King	637901
11	Sue Chapman	630881
18	Mick Balls	893855
25	Shelley Wilsher	642026

AUGUST

1	Pat & David Northover	635752
8	TBA	
15	TBA	
22	TBA	
29	Mark Hill	483422

SEPTEMBER

5	Sue & Chris George	626132
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Congratulations to

Karen O'Shaughnessey

BSL 2nd Baldock

Stuart Wylie

CSL 1st Baldock (Templars)

**On completing their training
and gaining their Wood Badge**

Service Awards

Service Decoration

5 Years

Vicki Luker ADC (Beavers)

July

1 - 2	District Kon-Tiki Competition
3	County A.G.M.
4	District Beaver Bangers & Bash - Wymondley Wood
7 - 9	H.E.A.T. - Explorer Scout event - Wymondley Wood
9	District Cub Scout Dragon Boating - Fairlands Lake
9	2nd Baldock Car Wash and Cake Stall -Catholic Church
10	District Cub Leaders Meeting
12	District Fund Raising Meeting
13	District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
25	Summer Term Ends
29	LGCHF Fun Day - Broadway Gardens

August

4 - 13	Oak Eagle ESU Summer Expedition to Austria
4 - 13	2nd Baldock Scout Group Summer Expedition to France

September

1	Autumn School Term Begins
2	Tomato Competition - St George's Hall
7	District ADC's Meeting - Wymondley Wood
11	2007 Celebration Meeting - 8th Letchworth HQ
14	District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
15 - 17	4th Letchworth Family Camp - Boyd Field, Henlow
15 - 17	County Scout Rock Climbing - Orchard Farm
15 - 17	County White Water Rafting - Symonds Yat
17	County World Jamboree Contingent launch
17	District Cub Scout Sports Day
23	District Beaver Football Tournament
23 - 24	County Cub Scout Night Hike - Hemel Hempstead
23	County Bring a Friend - Tolmers
23 - 24	National Conference - Warwick - all adults
29 - 1 Oct	County Scout Born2B Challenged - Nr Ware
29 - 20	4th & 7th Letchworth & 1st Ashwell Beaver Sleepover

Congratulations to the following Leaders

Sonja Hall BSL - Medal of Merit

1st Baldock

Brian Plater CSL - Medal of Merit

12th Letchworth

Mike Wheeler ADC (Scouts) - Medal of Merit

District

Christine Hart ABSL - Chief Scout's Commendation

12th Letchworth

Fiona Potts CSL - Chief Scout's Commendation

1st Baldock (Knights)