

# Co-ordinator

## Oak Eagle's - Austrian Strudel

While you were all enjoying the warmth of an English summer twenty four intrepid members of Oak Eagle E.S.U and three Leaders, headed east to enjoy the delights of an Austrian summer. Undeterred by the 12 hour coach journey we found ourselves in Elbigenalp at an elevation of 1000 metres (Chris – do you need an M form to get off the coach?? ) surrounded by beautiful mountains and neat tidy houses. Sunday dawned grey and wet so we had time to get settled in to our house before taking over the local outdoor swimming pool when the rain stopped in the afternoon. Monday saw us off with a local guide up one of the nearby peaks to a hut located at 2146 metres where the unit indulged in hot drinks and a well earned snack before heading back down. As with Sunday, it rained, not just a little, a real good downpour for about four hours! Tuesday saw us off to the Alpine Coaster, a 4Km long dry toboggan run on a rail mounted sled, a brilliant ride with lots of steep drops, Z bends and banked turns. We all had at least two runs and some had three a real blast and yes it rained again. In the evening we joined with other Jeka groups at a local hall to enjoy a Tyrolean evening with local dancing and singing. Wednesday we did some Canyoning with a local team, in the rain of course! and enjoyed river crossings, traversing rocks above the river run and a couple of zip lines. We rounded off the day with a visit to a local hotel for bowling on a traditional Austrian lane, electronic scoring technology with string operated pin resetting!. Thursday we visited Innsbruck so that the Explorers could buy presents, eat McDonalds and see a few sights and we rounded off the day with a disco in the evening at a local hall. Strangely it only rained a little bit on Thursday. Friday we went White Water Rafting on the Imst river, this was absolutely fabulous, the river was running fast with lots of rapids and big waves, we all ended up in the river, some accidentally, some on purpose but all well controlled and we completed the course cold, wet but really excited. We picnicked at the event H.Q before heading home for our final evening. We rounded off the week with a meal out for the Unit at a local hotel to which we invited our coach drivers as a thank you for their help. We departed on the Saturday afternoon having cleaned, tidied and washed the house from top to bottom and set off into the rain on our journey home. We shared breakfast on the ferry with 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock Leaders who were returning from the Gorge du Tarn in France and swapped stories and experiences and made silly comments like, never again, why do we do it and I need a holiday now.

The accommodation in which the Explorer Scouts and Leaders stayed during their expedition



The Explorers were a credit to their Uniform and Country, enjoying themselves, having a laugh but always behaving in public and during the activities. Various "competitions" took place whilst there such as who has the brightest shorts and what hair colour shall we have today? only to be expected with crazy bunch like we have but they did have a ball.

It was a great trip, thoroughly enjoyed by all, Explorers and Leaders alike.

Never again? Well not until 2008 at least and where then? Who can tell, your suggestions please – preferably somewhere with sunshine!!

**Chris King**

## DCs Day Out at the Palace

Rita and I were pleased to be invited to represent the District at the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 20 July.

The invitation was extend after the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire was asked to submit a number of names he wished to be considered for an invitation to one of the Royal Garden Parties.

After parking in The Mall we walked across to the Palace where we were met by the official photographers, who took the obligatory photographs at the Palace Gates. We decided to walk up to the Hyde Park gate rather than queue at the main gate. The queue was much shorter and after negotiating the security checks we entered the gardens. We wandered around the gardens which were so quiet you would not have believed you were in the middle of London. We took a few minutes out and sat by the very large lake that formed the centre of the gardens. We joined the other guests on the main lawn at the back of the Palace, where we were served cold drinks by a small army of waitresses and waiters.

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## Gang Show

Forty Gang Show members took to the stage at the opening of Letchworth Fun Day. A day of music that entertained Letchworth at Broadway Gardens on Saturday 22 July.

We sang a medley of songs and hopefully introduced ourselves to a few non-Scouting local people. But it did not go smoothly.. oh no.. The Rap Aid's sound engineers were late arriving; the stage and set up was not ready. But to GangShow's great credit we waited patiently and eventually took to the stage at 11.15am – three quarters of an hour late.

And what did those non-Scouting people make of us? Who knows?

It was great to be part of the Fun Day when Letchworth was so vibrant, so exciting and buzzing with thousands of people. Hopefully we'll be invited back next year, this time with a later slot..

Rehearsals for 2007 Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show will begin after half term on Saturday 28 October. All Scouting and Guiding members are welcome to join us. The Producer Dave Strong will be happy to visit your Pack, Troop or Unit after the Summer break to talk about the Show, just phone him. Telephone 01462 624309

**The Show will be at St Francis Theatre on March 23/24 2007.**

Dave Strong 7th Letchworth GSL and District Gang Show Producer who does not like fuss and is by nature a private man told his friends after the event that he went into Harefield Hospital in July for a long planned heart operation to seal a hole in his heart. The operation was non invasive and a complete success. Dave had a couple of days rest and is now planning the GangShow and overseeing 7th Letchworth Scout Group again.

## District Beavers Bangers and Bash - Wymondley Wood

Over one hundred and thirty five Beaver Scouts, Leaders and helpers in the guise of Cowboys and Indians converged on Wymondley Wood on 4 July (America Independence Day).

During the evening the Beaver Scouts took part in various activities ranging from parachute games, circus equipment, trampoline and the assault course.

After a exhausting but enjoyable time the Cowboys and Indians tucked into a traditional Cowboy supper of bangers, minus the beans, and a cold drink to quench their thirst.

Thank you to the Beavers Leaders' who organised the event.



## Join-In-Centenary Scarf



**The Centenary scarf can be worn by both uniformed and non-uniformed supporters of Scouting including parents and helpers.**

**The District will be placing a bulk order in Mid-September. All Groups have received an order form with discounted prices. To take advantage of this offer please return the form with the appropriate monies to Dave Hawkins.**

**The Scarf can be worn on its own from September this year. Wear it with your Group scarf for double impact.**

## DO NOT FORGET



### The District Scout and Guide Greenway Walk

8 October 2006

£1.00 per walker registration fee

Start - Standalone Farm before 11.00 am

### The District Race Night

28 October 2006

8th Letchworth H.Q. - Sparhawke

£6.00 per ticket

For further details of both events please visit the website or contact your ADC, Dave Hawkins or Sue Lovelock



## SUTTON COLDFIELD 1957

Thank you to those who responded to our plea in last month's Co-ordinator. KJ has given us a number of names and also Peter Norton (Ex District Commissioner of Letchworth and Baldock) e-mailed to mentioned that he and his wife, Ellen (not a the time) attended the World Jamboree on a coach trip organised by the District. Arthur Scott - Fellowship Treasurer with his wife, Jean and daughter of 15 months also attended the event

Watch out for details of the District trip of the 2007 World

## DISTRICT DRAGON BOATING - FAIRLANDS VALLEY STEVENAGE - 9 JULY 2006

The weather was not what we had hoped for, however, the high winds and rain weren't going to stop anyone from having fun. Unfortunately we couldn't use the junior dragon boats due to the high winds making them unstable. Instead we used bell boats which are like catamarans and a much steadier option.

It was very hard work to paddle up the lake against the wind causing some teams to take a more zigzag route than normal providing great entertainment for the spectators.

The teams included:

1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Knights

1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Templars

7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth A

7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth B



All races were carried out with great energy and enthusiasm from all cubs involved and lots of fun was had by all.

The final was between 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Knights and 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth B. It was a very exciting race with them paddling neck and neck for a short time. The overall winners of the day were **7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth B.**



### District Cub Scout Event Dates 2007 for your diary

8 and 15 February Cub Swimming Trials

3 March District Football Competition

4 - 7 May Centenary Camp - Wymondley Wood

15 July Dragon Boating

24 November District Cub Quiz

24 November Arts and Crafts Competition



## Weddings



Vicki Luker ADC (Beavers) has got married to the man of her dreams Mick Gage on Saturday 29 July. She has taken the opportunity of changing her email address as well to [vgage@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vgage@hotmail.co.uk)

The service was held at St Michaels with the reception at

The Jester, Ashwell and the honeymoon in Mexico..

We thought that it would never happen but an honest man has been made of Chris Lunnion (Ex Venture Scout Leader of Bacchus VSU). Chris also got hitched to the lovely Susan (Sue). Most of the Ex-Venture Scouts attended the service and everybody enjoyed the evening reception. I also understand from Chris that he is enjoying married life and he already has an indentation on the top of his head (commonly known as 'under the thumb').

## Happenings Around the District

### 30 June - 2 July

2nd Baldock Cub Camp - Harmer Green

### 1- 2 July

District Scout Kon-Tiki Competition  
Stotfold Mill

### 4 July

District Beaver Bangers and Bash  
Wyndmole Wood

### 7 - 9 July

4th Letchworth Scout Group  
Hitchwood

### 9 July

District Cub Dragon Boating  
Fairlands Lake, Stevenage

### 22 July 1st Baldock Scout Group Fun Day

Wyndmole Wood

### 21 - 22 July 4th Letchworth Scout Overnight Camp

Boyd Field, Henlow

### 22 July Letchworth Fun Day - Gangs Show

Broadway Gardens

### 4 - 13 August 2nd Baldock Scouts Expedition

Georges du Tarn, France

### 4 - 13 August Oak Eagle ESU Summer Expedition

Lech Valley, Austria

### 12 August District Fellowship Tombola Stall at Lions Funday

### 13 August Sue and Fred Lovelock Garden Park

### 17 - 22 August 5th Letchworth Scouts Camp

Decoy Broad Scout Camp, Norfolk

## Can you read this?

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## Three Artists held an Exhibition at Plinston Hall in July

One of the Artists was Peter Elmer who is a member of the District Fellowship and was also on the catering team at Lochearnhead last year (remember the bread pudding). His paintings included some scenes of Scotland. Obviously a man of many talents.

## Do you know !

One of our Scouts Leaders has friends in high places. Deb Dilley is related to the Deputy Chief Scout Peter Nicol. Peter is responsible for working with the team of Chief Commissioners, as well as sometimes deputising for Peter Duncan at National Events. Peter lived in Letchworth when he was a young man and did his Scouting in Hertfordshire.



## Oak Eagle E.S.U. Programme Dates and Activities



<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
8 September	Friday	<b>Intoductions / Records update / Games</b>	Sparhawke	19.30
15 September	Friday	<b>Pioneering / PEAK Assault Training</b>	Wymondley Wood	19.30
22 September	Friday	<b>Expo reunion evening</b>	Sparhawke	19.30
29 September	Friday	<b>Night Hike</b>	??? t.b.a ???	19.30
6 October	Friday		Sparhawke	19.00
13/15 October	Friday/Sunday	<b>PEAK ASSUALT</b>	??? t.b.a ???	
20 October	Friday	<b>Great Egg Race</b>	Sparhawke	19.30
27 October	Friday		Sparhawke	19.30
3 November	Friday	<b>Bonfire Night</b>	??? t.b.a ???	
10 November	Friday		Sparhawke	19.30
18 November	Saturday	<b>Activity Base for Green Beret</b>	??? t.b.a ???	
24/27 November	Friday/Sunday	<b>Youth Hostel Weekend in the Quantocks</b>	Sparhawke	18.00
1 December	Friday		Sparhawke	19.30
5 December	Tuesday	<b>County Explorers Xmas Meal at Aroma, Stevenage</b>		t.b.a
15 December	Friday	<b>Christmas Party</b>	??? t.b.a ???	

### DCs Day Out continued.....

At 3.40 pm the Yeomen of the Guard, in their splendid uniforms, took up position to "hold ground" (formed lines either side of the Terrace Steps) At 4.00 pm exactly the playing of the National Anthem marked the arrival of Her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family. A small number of presentations were made near the Terrace Steps. The Gentlemen at Arms formed lanes for the Queen and the Royal Family to move through the guests. The Queen stopped frequently to talk to individuals as she made her way to the Royal Tea Tent.

We then made our way to the large marquees erected for the event to be served drinks, finger sandwiches, cake and ice cream.

At 5.50pm the Queen and the Royal Family made their way back to the Palace occasionally stopping to chat to more of the guests. Once the Queen had reached the Terrace Steps the band again played the National Anthem after which the Queen and the Royal Family went back inside the Palace.

This marked the end of a very enjoyable afternoon. To leave the garden we were taken through the State Rooms to the inner courtyard, where the Queen usually greets her visitors. From there we made our way to the outer courtyard, passing the guardsman in their bright red uniforms, on duty, and out through the main gate much to the bewilderment of the tourists gathered outside. It was a very enjoyable experience and one we will remember for years to come.

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**Wymondley Wood  
Wardens**

**SEPTEMBER**

5 Sue & Chris George 626132  
12 Dave Hawkins 643432  
19 Maureen Kell 684665  
26 Shelley Wilsher 642026

**OCTOBER**

3 Julia Pollard 686190  
10 Maureen Kell /  
Karen Green 684665  
17 Val Bartlett 730817  
24 Nora Hitcham 627905  
31 Vicki Gage 630728

**Welcome to**

**Natalie Guy - 11th Letchworth ASL**  
**Irene Coldrey - 1st Baldock (Knights)**  
**ACSL**

**Service Awards**

**Bar to the Long Service Decoration (25 yrs)**  
**Mick Balls - Wymondley Wood**  
**Long Service Decoration (15 yrs)**  
**Anne Martin CSL 11th Letchworth**

2006 Diary Dates 2006

**September**

- 1 Autumn School Term Begins
  - 2 Tomato Competition - St George's Hall
  - 4 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
  - 7 District ADC's Meeting - Wymondley Wood
  - 7 Scout Shop reopens after the summer break
  - 11 2007 Celebration Meeting - 8th Letchworth HQ
  - 11 District Cub Leaders Meeting - 2nd Baldock 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 - 30 4th & 7th Letchworth & 1st Ashwell Beaver Sleepover
  - 30 Ray Chambers Memorial Service - Hitchin 3.00pm
- October

- 1 County Past & Present Cub Leaders' Social Day
- 3 District Scout Leaders Meeting - 5th Letchworth HQ
- 8 District Greenway Walk
- 9 County Cub Cylco Cross - Well End
- 11 District Scout Shop AGM - Wymondley Wood
- 12 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 13 - 15 County Peak Assault - Explorer Scouts
- 15 District Beaver Day Out - Science Museum
- 21 District Fellowship AGM
- 22 County Scout Triathlon Competition - Lees Wood
- 28 District Race Night - 8th Letchworth HQ
- 28 District Gang Show Rehearsals start

**fellowship**

**Forthcoming Events**

**Gordon Craig Theatre - Oliver**  
(played by a Scout who takes

part in the Gang Show)

**Date: 10 November**

**Cost: £32 approx - cost includes transport and a meal at the Corinthian restaurant.**

**Chiltern Brewery**

**Date: 16 December**

**Cost: £20 all inclusive - transport and lunch**

**Please contact Fred Lovelock if you are interested in going to either event - [fredlovelock@msn.com](mailto:fredlovelock@msn.com)**