

Co-ordinator

Search for new District Commissioner

Inside this
issue:



My term as your District Commissioner ends on 31st March 2007. The County will soon be starting the process of appointing my successor. To aid the process if you wish to nominate yourself or nominate someone else, in the first instance please put your nomination in writing no later than Friday 1 December to the District Executive Committee Chairman, Allan Patterson, 38 Parker Close, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3TR or e-mail valallan.patterson@virgin.net who will then correlate the nominations before passing them on to County for consideration.

Dave Hawkins
District Commissioner

County Triathlon Young Leaders Training Dates	2
Peak Assault	3
Happenings Remembrance Day	4
Born 2B Challenged	5
Gang Show Wymondley Wood	6
Fellowship	7
Diary Dates Congratulations	8

District Greenway Walk - 8 October 2006

The District Greenway Walk took place on Sunday 8 October. The walkers started from Standalone Farm and strolled the 21 km (13.8 miles) in pleasant weather arriving back at Standalone mid afternoon. The youngest member of the walk was Chloe Hilton a Rainbow who completed the walk with her older brother and dad. The oldest walker, allegedly a Leader from 5th Letchworth also completed the walk with his Scout troop. The walkers enjoyed refreshment breaks at Wymondley Wood and Norton Bury. Thank you to Graham Hilton for allowing us to use the toilet block at Norton Bury and to the District Fellowship who helped man the checkpoints and refreshment stops. Thank you also to the Cub Leader and Scout Leader who helped at registration and checkpoints.

A special THANK YOU to all the walkers who took part and who made it an enjoyable and memorable day.



Co-Ordinator in Colour

If you would like to see this and previous issues of Co-ordinator in colour you can download them from the District Web site

www.lbdscouts.org.uk

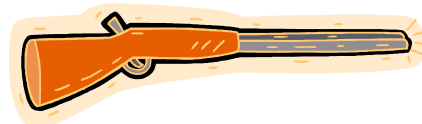
County Scout Triathlon 2006

Lees Wood



WWW.LEESWOOD.ORG

Twenty seven teams from around the County took part in the County Scout Triathlon held at Lees Wood. Two teams from our District - 1st Baldock and 7th Letchworth. It was 1st Baldock's first time at this event and they came a creditable 23rd, for 7th Letchworth it was their second time and again they came 2nd to 1st Tring.



Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

Young Leaders Scheme - Training Modules

Date	Venue	Time	Module	Module Title
08/11/06	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	B	Taking the Lead
10/01/07	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	E	Game On
07/03/07	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	G	Programme Plans
09/05/07	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	C	That's the Way to do it
04/07/07	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	D	Kids Behaving Badly
19/09/07	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	I	What did they say?
21/11/07	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	F	Special People
16/01/08	Wymondley Wood	19.00hrs - 21.00hrs	H	Programme Plans PLUS

Peak Assault 2006

On Friday evening at 18:00hrs a band of 15 intrepid Explorer Scouts (3 teams of 5) headed off from Baldock to an unknown location in the UK to take part in this year's Peak Assault challenge. Two teams travelled with me on the District Bus and the other team went with Neil Ward on the coaches with the other 34 teams. At about 23:45hrs I arrived at base camp which was 15 miles from Junction 37 of the M6 which put us about 20 miles from Kendal in the Lake District. Whilst we set up our tents the coaches arrived with the rest of the competitors and then we all set up camp and off to bed for about 5 hours sleep. Breakfast at 06:30hrs for all and then through a very tough kit check and off into the high Fells for an 8 hour day of map and compass skills trying to gain as many points as possible. All our teams arrived at the overnight camp, which was in a location 10 miles from Base Camp, happy and tired after a day of tough walking. By the time they had set up their tents and cooked the evening meal they were all (so I am told) so tired that they were in bed asleep by 20:00hrs. They had to be up, packed and have had their cooked breakfast to be ready to leave the camp at some time between 07:00hrs and 07:30hrs on Sunday. In front of them was another 4 hours of points gathering whilst heading back towards Base Camp and the finish line. Not only are points awarded for check points found but they are also deducted for arriving late at either the overnight camp or back at Base Camp, so a great deal of skill and planning is required by the team leaders to find the right route for their particular team. Our teams all arrived back happy and extremely tired at Base Camp, all still in their teams and talking non-stop about what they had just been through.

Having devoured a large amount of chicken casserole they gained enough strength to get to the awards ceremony, looking reasonably human (along with the other 200 Explorers) and then it was all aboard the coaches for the long trip home. If the coach travellers were the same as my minibus passengers they were all asleep by the time I reached the M6

Our heroic teams and their results were

- | | | |
|--------|---|---|
| A Team | - | 8 th place overall Phil Brown, Michael Lambert, Tristan Brenner, Joe Hartley, Richard Seaholme |
| B Team | - | 18 th place overall Danni Butterworth, Hayley Palmer, Sam Abbott, John Budd, Ryan Albone |
| C Team | - | 27 th place overall Adam Marsh, Paul Riddett, Euan Brodie, Ross Taylor, Drew Mealing |

It was a great weekend, the sun shone which helped with the morale of the teams and the scenery was stunning. To cap it all the Teams did a magnificent job on some extremely tough terrain, most have already said NEVER AGAIN, so I am sure they will be the first to volunteer for next year's special centenary version of Peak Assault.

Once again Congratulations to the teams – you did our District proud!

Chris King
DESC

Happenings Around The District

29 Sept - 1 October	County Born 2B Challenged - 5th Letchworth
8 October	District Cub Day Out - Hendon Royal Air force
8 October	District Greenway Walk
13 - 15 October	County Peak Assault - Oak Eagle Explorer Unit (three teams)
15 October	District Beaver Day Out - Science Museum
20 - 22 October	2nd Baldock Scout Training Camp - Wrayfield Farm, Stotfold
20 - 22 October	8th Letchworth Scouts weekend camp - Harmer Green
22 October	County Scout Triathlon - 1st Baldock and 7th Letchworth Scouts
27 - 29 October	5th Letchworth Scout Weekend Camp - Harmer Green
28 October	District Race Night - 8th Letchworth HQ (Fund Raising event)
29 October	Gang Show Rehearsals - 1st Baldock HQ

Matthew Hart - Explorer Scout

To help raise funds towards his contribution of the cost of participating in the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park in 2007 Matthew took part in a sponsored climb at Phasels Wood. He raised over £100.00

Well Done



Remembrance Sunday 12 November 2006

This year's Acts of Remembrance will take place at the War Memorial in Station Place, Letchworth Garden City. Will all Groups intending to attend please let me know in advance. All Flag Parties should meet at the Railway Station Forecourt at 10.30am.

The Acts of Remembrance will take place at 11.00 am.

Those wishing to attend the inter-denominational service of Remembrance at the Free Church, Norton Way South can do so.

Always
&
Forever



Dave Hawkins



We all arrived at Rigary farm at 6:30 looking smart with our shirts tucked in ready to book in for the weekend. After booking in we were taken to our pitch where we put up our patrol tent and storage tent. Later on when it was dark we got around to putting up the dining shelter which was done with ease but caused a safety

hazard as we put it up over lapping the top of our patrol tent.

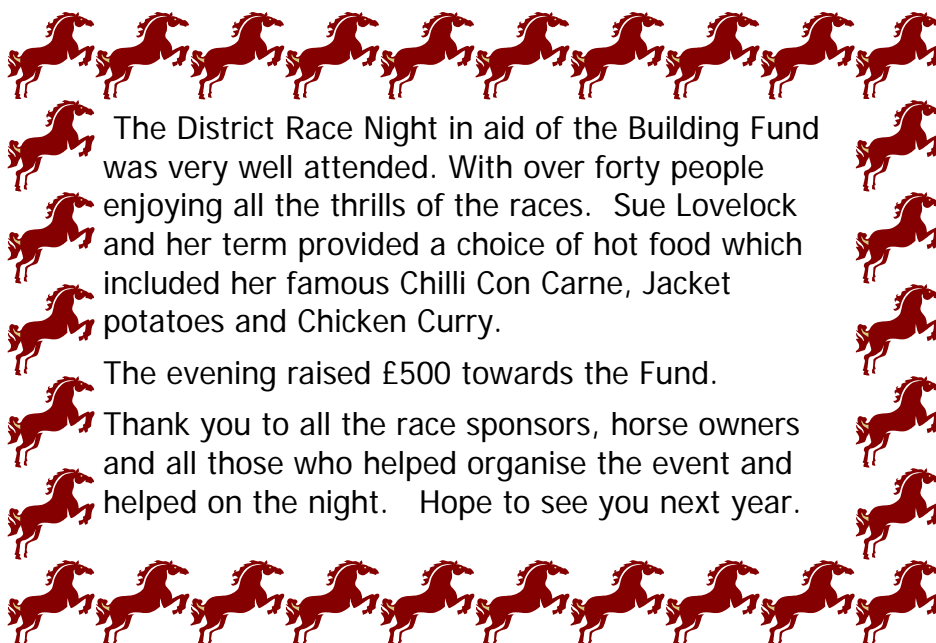
After what we thought was quite a good start to the competition we woke up made breakfast and prepared for the days activity's, which would involve cooking dinner on an open fire, building dining shelters and making bivouacs which, if water tight, would be sleep able. At 9 o'clock there was flag break and we were told where to go for the day, which turned out to be a wood about 10 minutes walk from our camping area. While Jordan and I struggled with lashings putting up a support pole the others tried to work out safe areas for our fire pit and chopping area. Once these tasks were all finished we set about cooking. Our food turned out lovely, especially as we cooked it backwoods style. Though I'm not sure that the judges thought the same. Afterwards we packed up and moved to a different site where we would build our bivouacs.

The whole team including Tommy and Jamie pitched in helping to build it which turned out, in my opinion and the rest of 5th Letchworth's, the best bivouac on the camp. Then it was time to cook dinner. We made delicious soup and pasta which accidentally ended up on the floor though most was still edible. For pudding we had tinned fruit and custard. The judges had to test this as well but what they didn't tell us was that the courses had to be 10 minutes apart and that we didn't go for a plate 10 minutes before like what it seemed they had said. The next day we packed up in military fashion and were ready to go before the closing ceremony where we found out that we had come 2nd last, not bad considering it was our first time on the camp.

The camp was fun overall.

Simon Lucas

Beavers enjoying the District Beaver Day Out at the Science Museum in October.



The District Race Night in aid of the Building Fund was very well attended. With over forty people enjoying all the thrills of the races. Sue Lovelock and her term provided a choice of hot food which included her famous Chilli Con Carne, Jacket potatoes and Chicken Curry.

The evening raised £500 towards the Fund.

Thank you to all the race sponsors, horse owners and all those who helped organise the event and helped on the night. Hope to see you next year.

Gang Show

Rehearsals for Gang Show 2007 start on 28 October..

We are having all our rehearsals this year at 1st Baldock Scout HQ in Park Road and will welcome all Brownies and Cubs from 4.30pm to 6pm and all Scouts, Guides, Explorers, Network and Leaders from 6pm to 7.30pm.

All are welcome. Just turn up. But please do not be more than 100.

That apparently is my limit. Gulp! I have sent out letters to my 80 odd cast from last year (no they were not odd... well, p'raps some of them were) and to a few from 2005 who did not make it back last year and I have been round

a few packs, troops and units drumming up interest (without a drum though) and have 101 prospective new cast members.

I can do arithmetic. And that makes a potential 197. Oops!

This year's Show. And I say this year because it is 2007 on the GS calendar; has sections on Doctor Who, Eurovision meets X factor, Rainbow and Cowboys and Indians. We celebrate 1907 – 2007 with several items.

I've also got a superb opening

section created by the late Mike Miles and a great closing section.

Throw a few sketches in and some mean cross-dressing.

The music is the best ever.

And I can't wait to see Steve Woolmer's Tardis take off and land with a whoosh and smoke...but

which Doctor? I say Tom Baker was the best ever and most recognisable... but I will let the cast choose... after all it was their idea that we should do a Dr Who section this year...

Dave Strong



Wymondley Wood - Bookings for 2008

The Booking Secretary will be opening the bookings for Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre for 2008 in January 2007.



The Wymondley Wood Committee would like to hear your ideas on the next stage of the development of the site. Please forward your ideas to Bob Williams - Wymondley Wood Committee Chairman

Helen Frankland

Helen Frankland, mother of Peter Fankland and grandma of Heather, Darren, James and Leanne was taken suddenly but peacefully at Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital at the age of 76.

The funeral took place at Cromer Methodist Church followed by a burial in Ashwell Cemetery.

All donations in aid of the British Heart Foundation c/o Fox's Funeral Service, 10 Canada Road, Cromer, Norfolk NR27 9AH



fellowship

Fellowship members had a chance to wear their new sweatshirts at their AGM. They did look smart and they are now planning to order polo shirts next year ready for the warm weather.

After the formal part of the evening where the reports were adopted officers were re-elected

Dave Upson - Chairman

Fred Lovelock - Secretary

Arthur Scott - Treasurer

Four members of the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit gave a power point presentation of their summer expedition to Austria and Matt Hart, the District participant, also gave an overview of the World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park in 2007.

After light refreshments and

wine the Fellowship members present were presented with their Centenary Neckerchiefs.



Breakfast at 8th Letchworth Camp - Harmer Green

fellowship

10 November - Dinner and then Oliver at the Gordon Craig theatre.



Future Events

9 December - Christmas Dinner - Clulow room.

Tickets £10.00 - There will be the usual secret Santa.

Ladies buy for Gents, wrapped in blue paper and Gents buy for the Ladies, wrapped in pink paper.



Scout & Guide AGM

The Letchworth and Baldock District Scout and Guide Shop AGM took place in October.

The Scout representatives are Bob Williams

James Martin - Chairman

Allan Patterson

Dave thanked Nora Hitcham

(Shop Manager) and her team of volunteers for all their hard work and effort in making the shop such an asset to the District.

County Training Dates

The 2007 County training dates are now available on the County website

www.herts-scouts.net

then to the training section where you find the date and how to book.

Letchworth & Baldock District
Scout Council

Editor:
Rita Hawkins
1 South Close
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6DS

Tele: 01462 643432
e-mail rita.hawkins@ntlworld.com

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

**Wymondley Wood
Wardens**

NOVEMBER

7 Sheila & David Daw 621699
14 Sue Walsh 490294
21 Amanda Woolmer 637718
28 Jeff Robson 684954

DECEMBER

5 Karen Green 683003
12 Barbara Crombie 671062
19 Barbara Crombie 671062
26 Bob Williams 686727

Congratulations to

**James Martin - 11th Letchworth
Chairman and Committee Member
of the District Scout Fellowship
on being awarded the Chief
Scout's Commendation for Good
Service.**

2006 Diary Dates 2007

November

3 District Fireworks - Wymondley Wood
4 12th Letchworth Beaver Sleepover
3 - 4 4th Letchworth Scout Camp Night - Wymondley Wood
4 1st Baldock Beaver Sleepover
8 Module B - Young Leaders' Training
9 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
12 Remembrance Sunday
17 - 19 County Green Beret - Phasels Wood Scout Campsite
18 District Chairman's Day - Phasels Wood
20 District Celebration Meeting - 8th Letchworth
24 District Cub Quiz - 5th Letchworth
24 - 26 Oak Eagle ESU Weekend Camp - Quantock Hills
25 - 26 Mid Herts Night Hike - Scouts
26 County Cub Skills Day - Stevenage District HQ
28 District Scout Leaders' Meeting - 5th Letchworth HQ

December

5 County Explorer Meal Out - Aroma, Stevenage
7 District Team Meeting - Wymondley Wood
8 11th Letchworth Beaver Sleepover - Wymondley Wood
9 District Fellowship Christmas Dinner - Clulow Room
10 County Cub 90th Birthday Party - Well End
14 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
16 District Fellowship Day out - Chiltern Brewery

January 2007

6 District Join In Party - four venues
8 District Cub Leaders' Meeting -
10 Young Leaders Training - Module E - Wymondley Wood
10 - 13 Harpenden Gang Show
11 District Executive Meeting - Wymondley Wood
11 District Beaver Leaders' Meeting
12 - 13 1st Baldock Murder Mystery Weekend - Wymondley Wood
28 District Scout Cooking Competition

Congratulations to

**Robert Hemmings 1st Baldock GSL
Long Service Decoration - 15 years**