

Co-ordinator

County Commissioner honours Scout Leaders at 1st Baldock



The District was pleased to welcome the County Commissioner, Ivor Thomas, to the 1st Baldock Scout Headquarters on Friday 24 November 2006.

Ivor's visit was to present awards to two of the 1st Baldock Leaders.

Brian Plater ASL received his Medal of Merit and

Fiona Potts CSL of the Knights Cub Pack received her Chief Scout's Commendation.

Congratulations to both on gaining their awards.



**Merry Christmas
and a Happy
New Year**

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As you will have noticed Co-ordinator is now being produced in an A5 format. The decision to change the format was the result of the increase in postal charges for A4 size mail. Producing Co-ordinator in the new format will save the District costs of postage. Co-ordinator is available as a download in full colour and A4 format from the District Website.

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

What do you call a trio of 'Katies'?

If you were at St Paul's Church Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November, you would call them the Scout Colour Party.

It has become tradition for 4th Letchworth to attend St Paul's for their 'Act of Remembrance', but this year there was a very special addition to the customary service. The Scout Troop had their new Flag blessed. Using words direct from 'Scoutbase' the Rev'd Anne Lovegrove, cleverly wove the blessing into the service directly before the National Anthem.

With a fantastic turnout of a dozen Beavers, eighteen Cubs, a full Scout Troop and an entourage of Leaders, all in full uniform and wearing their poppies, 4th Letchworth took pride of place at the front of the congregation.

We are proud to represent Scouting in our Church.



Remembrance Sunday

On the 12th November (Sunday) we went to a Remembrance Service in Baldock. Attending the service were the Baldock arm of the British Legion. Also present was the deputy Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire. We started by marching down to the service behind the Legion. Then the Chief Minister read a prayer, after this a lone trumpeter played the Last Post and we had the two-minute silence. Then the Reveille was played and after the lone trumpeter had played this wreaths were laid. Organisations that laid wreaths were The British Legion, The Rotary Club,

Councillors, Volunteer Organisations and the uniformed youth associations, which included us the Scouts. I went up with the GSL of 1st Baldock Scout Group to lay our wreath. Then we sang a hymn and the vicar invited us to the Baldock Methodist church. After this we paraded back up to the Zeus restaurant on the High Street, which was the end of the service. In our colour party were Lee, Emma, and me.



Thomas Plater

Happenings around the District

3	District Fireworks	Wymondley Wood
3 - 4 November	12th Letchworth Beaver Sleepover	Wymondley Wood
3 - 4 November	4th Letchworth Scouts - camping	Wymondley Wood
4 - 5 November	1st Baldock Beaver Sleepover	Wymondley Wood
8 November	Young Leaders' Training - Module B	Wymondley Wood
12 November	Remembrance Sunday 5th , 7th, 11th, 12th Letchworth	Letchworth War Memorial
12 November	Remembrance Sunday 1st and 2nd Baldock	Baldock War Memorial
12 November	Flag Dedication - 4th Letchworth	St Paul's Church
17 November	Children in Need - 4th Letchworth	St Paul's Church
17 - 19 November	Green Beret 5th, 7th, 8th 12th Letchworth and	Phasels Wood Oak Eagle ESU
24 November	District Cub Scout Quiz	5th Letchworth HQ
24 - 26 November	Christmas Pack Weekend 4th Letchworth Cub Pack	Wymondley Wood
24 - 26 November	Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit	Quantock Hills
25 - 26 November	Mid Herts Night Hike 7th and 12th Letchworth Scout Troops	



**4th Letchworth Scout -
Remembrance Sunday**



7th Letchworth Scouts at Green Beret



5th Letchworth Scout at Green Beret

Second Beaver Colony for 1st Baldock Scout Group.



1st Baldock Scout Group will be opening a second Beaver Colony in January 2007. The meetings will take place at their Scout HQ in Park Drive on a Wednesday night. We wish Dawn Wylie (BSL) and Jody Webb (ABSL) every success with the new colony.

Sutton Coldfield 1957

Another name to be added to those who went to the World Jamboree 1957 in Sutton Coldfield.

Michael Paterson - NHDC Councillor

His son Jonathan took part in the 15th World Scout Jamboree in Kananaskis, Canada

Training

Module 3 - Tools for the job

Date: 25 January 2007
Time 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Venue: Wymondley Wood

Module 10 - 1st Response First Aid

Date: Sunday 21 January 2007
Time: TBA
Venue: 8th Letchworth HQ

Both courses are free of charge and numbers are limited. To book on either course please contact

Dave Hawkins - 01462 643432 - dc.letchworthbaldock@herts-scouts.net

District Cub Scout Quiz

Nine teams from Cub Packs around the District took part in the annual Cub Quiz at 5th Letchworth HQ on Friday 24 November 2006.

The teams were made up of three Cubs aged 8, 9 and 10 years old. Some of the questions were challenging for the adults but not it seemed for the Cubs. Luckily there was not an adult team taking part, it could have been embarrassing.

After four keenly fought rounds and the marathon it was time to reveal the final scores. Tension built as the last two scores were revealed, showing that both teams had the same score. It was time for the play off. The two teams went head to head; with three questions one for the 8 year olds, one for the 9 year olds and one for the 10 year olds.

It was still all square after the answers were given to the first two questions. It was all down to the answers to the last question.

The eventual winners were

1st Baldock (Knights) 57 points,
2nd Baldock 56 points
3rd 4th Letchworth 53 points.

Thank you to all the Cubs for taking part, 4th Letchworth Leaders for running the event and setting the questions and to 5th Letchworth for hosting the night.



Special thanks to the parents and Leaders who took on the role of marking the answers.

Thank you all for an enjoyable evening

Dave Hawkins DC

Children in Need

It started with a brief discussion back in September. The Scouts were keen to have a non-uniform evening to raise money for Children in Need.

Well the idea grew and grew and became a whole Charity evening.

Starting with the sensitive subject of Albanian Orphans, a Charity worker gave the Scouts a brief insight into his ongoing work, involving the children in a depth of discussion.

Our eyes have all been opened wider to the world and its problems.

Giving a talk to an audience of 20 Scouts is quite daunting, even for a seasoned speaker, but as it was Children in Need, all of 4th Scouts and Leaders were in fancy dress!

Following our guest speaker we continued with our fancy dress Party, 'Pirates and Princesses'

With a mixed troop it seemed to be an ideal theme, although we seemed to have more princesses than pirates. As expected, Goodie, Tart and Knockie all arrived in dresses, closely followed by Jack, Patrick, Edward and Jacob to name but a few.

There were some very imaginative costumes, lots of traditional party games, some with a little twist. (Parcel the parcel with forfeits!)

The customary party food, prize giving.

Bizarre to some, but normal for 4th, the evening drew to a close with the investiture of Oliver the Pirate and Jacob the Princess, watched gleefully by Jacob's mum, camera at the ready. I'm sure they will always remember the evening they were invested.

Everyone had an amazing time, and a staggering £520.00 has been raised for Children in Need.



Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show



The Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show cast of Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders will perform their show three times, over the weekend of 24 March 2007 at St Francis College Theatre, Letchworth.

They perform on both Friday and Saturday evenings as well as a Saturday Matinee.

The show has a Dr Who section, which was an idea that came directly from several members of last year's cast. There will also be sections on Eurovision / X Factor; Wild West and Colours of the Rainbow.

The Gang (with an average age of only 10 years) rehearse every weekend from the October half term. Their enthusiasm, energy and commitment continues to surpass the expectations of the production team.

Book your Group tickets early (by 31 January) and take advantage of our special offer, Buy 10 tickets @ £5.00 each and will give you 2 tickets free.

Come and see the show!

Come along and join in a song or two!

For further information and ticket availability contact:

Peter Marsh on 01462 624894 after 3:30

Or The Gang Show Answerphone 01462 671183



Letchworth & Baldock District Gang Show 2007

St Francis' Theatre: 23 and 24 March 2007

TICKET ORDER FORM - GROUP TICKETS

TICKET COSTS

GROUP BOOKINGS PAID BEFORE 31 JAN ALL TICKETS £5.00 (BUY 10 TICKETS GET 2 FREE)

£5.00

free

COST

FRIDAY EVENING 7:30			
SATURDAY MATINEE 2:30			
SATURDAY EVENING 7:30			
TOTAL			

PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: -
LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT GANG SHOW

FROM: -
NAME:

ADDRESS: -

SEND FORMS AND PAYMENT TO: -
Mr P M Marsh
44 Bedford Road
Letchworth
Herts SG6 4DR
WITH A S.A.E.

PHONE NO:-

Email :-

District News

District Joining In Party - 6 January 2007



Details of the parties have now been finalised and invitations have been distributed to all Leaders inviting their young people to one of four venues. The four venues are:-

St Thomas Church, Wilbury Hall, Bedford Road, Letchworth.

Leaders, please remember that the deadline for the return of the invitations is the 15th December



1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive, Baldock

8th Letchworth HQ, Sparhawke, Letchworth

St Paul's Church Hall, Pixmore Way, Letchworth



will run until Easter 2007. Please visit the Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal Website for the dos and don'ts and where you can download posters and stickers

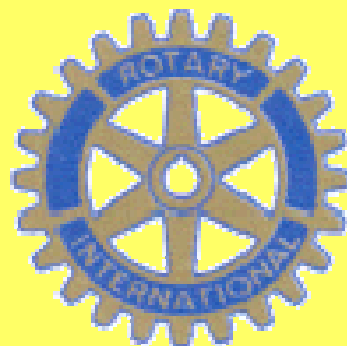
www.shoebizappeal.org.uk

The District with the support of the Groups has registered with the Blue Peter Shoebiz Appeal. The collection point for the District is the District HQ (formerly 1st 3rd HQ) in Icknield Way, Letchworth.

The HQ will be open during Scout shop opening times (6.00 pm - 8.00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, term time only) The appeal in the District



Change of Date



Please note that the Rotary Garden City Walk has had to be changed to Sunday 20 May 2007. Please make a note in your diaries. Nearer the time we will distribute registration and sponsorship forms.

Christmas comes early to Wymondley Wood



It was still thirty days to Christmas and I've already had my first Christmas Dinner. Rita and I were invited together with Dave Strong GSL to attend the 7th Letchworth Pack Holiday at Wymondley Wood.

We arrived to find Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Scout Centre decked out with icicle lights flashing outside in the porch and the activity room full of lights and decorations that the Cubs had made the night before. There was a Christmas tree in the corner and a fire place with stockings hanging up.

Twenty six Cubs plus nine adults tucked into a traditional Christmas dinner of turkey, sausage wrapped in bacon, stuffing, roast and mash potatoes, peas, carrots and, of

course, brussels.

This was followed by a choice of Christmas pudding, mince pies, trifle, with cream and or white sauce. There was also fresh fruit.

A surprise visitor arrived after the meal and took his place in the grotto (Leader Meeting Room) yes it was Father Christmas!



Thank you to 7th Letchworth Cubs for inviting us along to a very enjoyable , festive and entertaining meal. A special thank you to Lesley Gwilt and Claire Greener who had been slaving away since the crack of dawn in the kitchen to produce such an excellent and well received meal. (Better than doing the weekly shopping at Morrison, Tesco's and Lidl's on the Saturday afternoon)

It was a pleasure to see the Cubs so well behaved and enjoying themselves. Well done 7th Letchworth.

Dave Hawkins

DC



12th Letchworth Scout Group



Congratulations to 12th Letchworth Scout Group who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year. They were first registered on 21 October 1981. To mark the occasion the Group held a competition to design an anniversary badge - please see opposite. The Group have been granted permission by the County to wear the badge on their neckerchief during the anniversary year.

Service Awards

There have been many queries regarding the criteria for awarding Service Awards. Below is the relevant section from POR (Policy, Organisation and Rules)

Please note that these criteria apply to both uniformed and non-uniformed personnel.

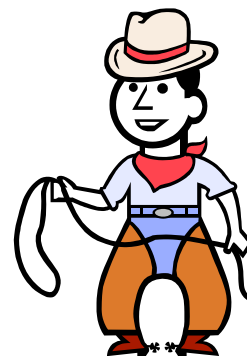
Whilst records relating to uniform leaders are accurate, it is more difficult to establish the records of non-uniformed personnel unless Groups provide this information to the District Commissioner.

- a. Five and ten year Service Certificates are awarded to Members and Associate Members of the Association who have given, respectively, five and ten years service while holding adult appointments.
- b. The Certificates are not accompanied by any insignia or emblem.
- c. The Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members of the Association who have given 15 years service while holding adult appointments.
- d. A Bar to the Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a green arrowhead badge superimposed on a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members of the Association who have given a total of 25 years service while holding adult appointments.
- e. The Chief Scout's Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a red arrowhead badge superimposed on a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members who have given a total of 40 years service while holding adult appointments.
- f. The Chief Scout's 50 year Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a blue arrowhead badge superimposed on a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members who have given a total of 50 years service while holding adult appointments.
- g. The Chief Scout's 60 year Long Service Decoration, which consists of a cloth emblem or brooch with a gold arrowhead badge superimposed on a white knot, is granted to Members and Associate Members who have given a total of 60 years service while holding adult appointments.
- h. Qualifying service for the above certificates and decorations need not be continuous



Gang Show

Cowboys and Indians. The subject of so many childrens' games. We had such fun this Saturday when we rehearsed with movement for the first time, whilst singing the songs for our Blazing Saddles section. With a shoot out and Elliot and George dying magnificently... the steady drum beat of the Indians coming.....at one point the Indians were running round and round the small encampment of cowboys, imaginations running wild, whoops of Indian braves on a the warpath, imagine guns blazing.. and the noise of battle completely drowning out a group of six girls trying to sing the Sweet glam-rock number.



The adults were cracking up, such a laugh. The youngsters loved it.

I also tried to cast the X-factor panel. Chloe is just perfect as Sharon... but can we really have a girl play Simon? ... maybe. And how about a girl Doctor Who?... and why not? With Gang Show as with a pantomime, in the name of entertainment, you can stretch the truth just a little bit... poetic licence you could call it.. we just call it fun.

The Show is coming together, and the ideas flowing. We have such a good team again this year, we have already started rehearsing in both halls with singing in one and sketches and auditions in the other. So much to get through. And the Show is now taking on a life of its own, growing as we rehearse.

This has been our fourth rehearsal and I would not want to allow any more prospective members to join us, the cast list is closed. We have 102 in our cast if they all see it through. A very satisfactory turn out.



Wednesday evenings is our scenery making evening at the District HQ (formerly 1st 3rd Letchworth) and any parents or Scouting people who wish to help are welcome. Just phone or e-mail me. We have a totem pole, wigwams, cacti, at least four sets of steps, logs, fires, a river and a tardis to make. A river?.. yeah, no probs.. Should be enough to keep us going until next Easter...

Tickets are now printed and are on sale. Cast members will get a letter in a couple of weeks; Scouting and Guiding groups can contact our treasurer for tickets. It is interesting to note that Harpenden Gang Show in January is nearly sold out already. If only we had that sort of support within our local Districts...

Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show takes place at St Francis Theatre on March 23 at 7.30 pm and on March 24 at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Dave Strong - Producer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Leaders, helpers and committees members for all your hard work during the year. I wish you and your families the compliments of the season and a Happy New Year

Next year, as every one is now aware, is the Scouting Centenary which the District will be marking with an event each month throughout 2007. The year starts with the District launch "Join in Parties" on the 6 January 2007 and I look forward to seeing you at one of the four venues around the District. Enjoy your Christmas break.

Dave Hawkins - District Commissioner

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**Wymondley Wood
Wardens**

DECEMBER

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

Service Awards

Congratulations to

**Roger Comley - ADC
(Fellowship) - Bar to the Long
Service Decoration (25 Years)**

**Chris King - DESC - Long Service
Decoration (15 years)**

**James Martin - 11th Letchworth
Chairman 10 Year Service
Certificate.**

Welcome to

**Paul Northover - ASL 4th Letchworth
Darren Greener - CSL 8th Letchworth
Beverley Ashley-Walker - ABSL
4th Letchworth**

2007 Diary Dates 2007

December 2006

- 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

January 2007

- 6 District Join In Party - four venues
- 8 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 8 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 9 Scout and Guide Shop Reopens
- 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
- 21 Module 10 - First Aid Course - 8th Letchworth HQ
- 21 Tag Ruby (Scouts) - further information Mike Wheeler
- 25 Module 3 - Tools for the Job - Wymondley Wood
- 28 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 30 Scout Leaders' Meeting 5th Letchworth HQ

February

- 3 Watford v Bolton Watford FC
- 6 District Camp 2007 Meeting 1 South Close
- 8 District Cub Swimming Trials
- 8 District Executive Meeting Wymondley Wood
- 12 - 16 School Half Term
- 18 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 18 Saracens v Gloucester
- 24 - 25 County Chiltern Challenge - Explorer Scouts
- 25 District Scout Shooting Competition

March

- 3 District Cub Football Competition Leisure Centre



**Scout and Guide Shop
Closes for Christmas 14 December and
reopens 9 January 2007.**