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District Celebrates in Style

The District held the first of the twelve events to mark the Centenary of Scouting in January.

Over three hundred young people plus Leaders, Helpers and other adults attended the Join-in Celebrations. The District took over two Scout Headquarters and two church halls in Letchworth and Baldock. As I went round and visited the venues it was good to see so many young people aged from 6 to 18 coming together to celebrate a hundred years of Scouting and enjoying themselves.

Thank you to all the Leaders, Helpers, adults and Fellowship for their hard work in helping kick off the year in style. Eleven more events to go.

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Founder's Day

The 22 February 2007 is the 150th birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the World Scout Movement. The second event in the District calendar is to hold school assemblies. We have had a very enthusiastic response from local schools to our offer to visit them and conduct a Founder's Day Ceremony.

Arrangements made to date are as follows: -

Mon 19 Feb	10.00am	Lannock
Tues 20 Feb		Ashwell
Wed 21 Feb	9.00 am	St Nicholas
Thurs 22 Feb	10.30 am	Lordship Farm
	10.10 am	Grange
		Hartsfield
Fri 23 Feb	9.00 am	St Mary's
	2.15 pm	Radburn
Tues 27 Feb	10.00 am	Stonehill
Tues 6 March	10.10 am	Wilbury



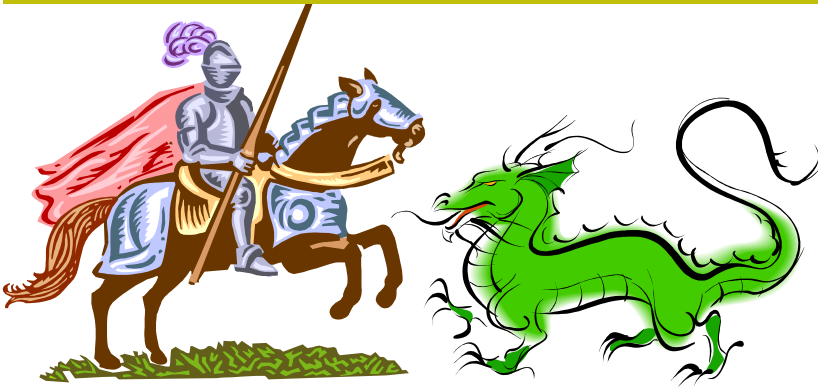
The Schools have all agreed to allow youngsters in the movement to wear their Scout uniform for the occasion. The schools will tell the children but it would be good if you could also remind them beforehand.

Happenings Around the District

6 January	Join-in Celebrations - all Groups and Sections
8 January	District Cub Leaders' Meal out
12 - 14 January	1st Baldock Cub (Templars) Murder Mystery W/End
21 January	Tag Rugby - Cubs and Scouts
21 January	Module 10 First Response - 21 Leaders attended
25 January	Module 3 - Tools for the job - 10 Leaders attended
28 January	District Scout Cooking Competition - 1st Baldock HQ

St George's Day Parade and Service

Sunday 22 April 2007



This year's St George's Day Parade and Service will be a special occasion as we celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

The service will be held outdoors on Broadway Gardens so there will be plenty of space for everyone. Please encourage parents to attend and anyone else you know who has been a member of the Scout movement in the past would be most welcome.

So that we can look as smart as possible on the day please practice marching with your Scouts and the presentation of the colours.

Module 10 - First Response

Congratulations to the following Leaders who successfully gained their First Aid Certificate in January

Darren Greener 8th Letchworth CSL,
Beverley Ashley-Walker 4th Letchworth ABSL
Paul Northover 4th Letchworth SL
Tracey Duxbury 7th Letchworth BSL,
Julie Speltinckx 8th Letchworth BSL,
Barry Shergold, 1st Ashwell ABSL,
Irene Coldrey 1st Baldock ACSL,
Natalie Guy 11th Letchworth BSL,

Rob Hemmings 1st Baldock GSL,
Sheila Tickner 8th Letchworth GSL,
Ann Martin 11th Letchworth CSL,
Christine Hart 12th Letchworth ABSL,
Tony Hartley 4th Letchworth ASL,
Tara Denyer 8th Letchworth ABSL,
Jackie Hare 7th Letchworth ASL,
Nicky Bull 1st Ashwell BSL,
Brian Plater 1st Baldock SL,
Vicki Gage ADC (Beavers),
Tim Stroud 5th Letchworth ASL,
Barry Dickinson 5th Letchworth ACSL



It is going to be a busy, and I hope, a memorable year for the District Fellowship. Scouting is celebrating it's centennial year and we will also be celebrating our 30th Anniversary at the Christmas dinner to be held on Saturday 8 December 2007. It would be great if every member of the Fellowship and their guests could be there. If you have any suggestions on how to make this special please let Sue or Fred Lovelock know.



The first event of the year will be a social / fund raising event.

Event: Beetle Drive
Date: 24 February 2007
Venue: 8th Letchworth HQ
Time: 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Cost: £3.00

For further details or to book your place please contact Fred Lovelock 01462 672043 or e-mail fredlovelock@msn.com

8th Letchworth Scouts / Oak Eagle ESU

8th Letchworth Scout Troop and Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit joined forces and did a joint bag pack at Morrison's. In the four hours (4.00 pm - 8.00 pm) that they were there they raised £740.00. This will be split between 8th Letchworth and Oak Eagle ESU - **a great effort**

Census and Subscriptions

By the time you read this all Groups should have sent the census numbers to Ron Smith. If you haven't done it, do it now. The membership subscription for 2007 will be £33.20 - no change from last year. All monies should be paid to Bob Williams no later than Friday 2 March. Cheques should be made payable to Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council.

Tag Rugby

Nineteen Scouts and Cubs took part in a Tag rugby session on Sunday the 21st of January at The Letchworth Rugby Club. The event was organised and run by the Letchworth Rugby Club who got the idea after they were told about a



similar event that had been run by Saracens at Watford. The event started with some warm-up exercises and the group was then divided into two teams, each team was given further instruction before playing against each other. A game was then played against a visiting girls tag rugby team. Finally the group were divided into Letchworth and Baldock teams for a grand final. In true Scouting spirit the Baldock team accepted being one Scout down and restriction to one of their player's movements, to ensure the games were evenly balanced on skill level. The Letchworth team (7th Letchworth) eventually won the game by a narrow margin.



If anyone would like to go to see a professional Rugby Match, Hertfordshire Scouts have been invited to Vicarage Road to see Saracens V Gloucester on Sunday 18 February. Tickets are available at a special discounted price and can be applied for by downloading an application form at: <http://www.herts-scouts.net/shared/library/SaracensBookingform.doc>

Reminder - with spring cleaning around the corner now is the time to sort out your old shoes/trainers



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 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.com**

First Garden City Heritage Museum Centenary Exhibition 2 February - 15 April

The Museum in Norton Way South is staging a Centenary Exhibition which will include a section on Scouting in Letchworth over the years so if you have a spare half hour it will make an interesting visit. We hope to have similar displays in Baldock and Ashwell later in the year.

Whilst on the subject we are still looking for memorabilia to illustrate the book on 'The history of Scouting in the District'. Photographs and anecdotes pre 1970 and especially pre World War II would be most welcome (please contact Bob Williams 01462 686727, 53 Hawthorn Hill, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 4HQ)



Gang Show 23 - 24 March

Ah yes... To the outsider it might have looked like chaos. And some of the cast may very well go home and think that we did very little.. But we know.....this afternoon's rehearsal was fab. 75 cast members in attendance.

There is so much talent in this year's Show:

We had Helena creating movement and choreography. And giving her more and more to do.

I had Beth helping me sing.. well she sang, I croaked like a frog in comparison; we had Riordan and Chloe confidently leading the newly-cast sketch celebrating 100 years; we had Harrison dancing like a natural; and I was so pleased to see that William, Abigail and Adam had remembered the Greensleeves dance, and that Adam and George are such natural stage performers. The Tavira sketch is looking so good; the Section Comparisons sketch is going to be such fun; The Cool for Scouts song is sounding so good.

This year's Show is going to be the most colourful Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show ever presented. We are even talking pyrotechnics again... but only if we can afford it. And we will only be able to afford it if the tickets sell. Please ask your Leader at Scouts or Guides or Brownies or Cubs to bring the Group along to see us. This year's Show celebrates 100 years of Scouting and is part of the District celebrations.

Come and join us in the celebrations.

For tickets please phone the ticket office on 01462 671183 Tickets are £5.00 each

Scout Cooking Competition

Regular readers will have noticed the healthy competition between the Scout troops of 5th and 7th Letchworth. Both troops are regular entrants to District and County competitions and both vie for the top position; gently encouraged by their leaders!

Well, another competition has come and gone, and this time the honours fell to 5th Letchworth; whose "Famous Fifth" team won the District Cooking Competition by just four points from 7th Letchworth's team.

This year's competition saw five teams from three groups busily preparing a three course meal for five people (the team members plus a guest) and filling 1st Baldock's HQ with the aroma of cooking (and in one case, slightly burning) food.



In the judges' opinion, all teams did really well: a justifiable claim given that a mere 30 points separated first to fifth. Full results will appear in due course.

"Famous Fifth" now travel to Stevenage to represent the District in the County Cooking Competition in three weeks' time.

27 Club

Recently Bob Williams gave a talk on the history of Scouting in the District to the 27 Club. He found himself amongst friends as a large part of the audience had been in Scouting at some time in the past which made for a lively discussion on 'the good old days' v modern day Scouting.

Pride of place went to Rupert Gurney who attended the Jamboree at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead in 1929 and Peter Jackson and Doug Ball who were at the 'Peace' Jamboree in Moisson near Paris immediately after the Second World War.

In the chair was Peter Harkness who was Chairman of Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation at the time when Wymondley Wood was being developed. Also present were John Moys, our District President and Jim Morley, a stalwart supporter of the 8th Letchworth Scout Group.



**Winners of the Scout Cooking
Competition
"Famous Fifth"**

Wardens

Wymondley Wood



February

6 - 13 Stuart Wylie 635571
13 - 20 Sue Chapman 630881
20 - 27 Ann Gutteridge 620486
27 - 6 Karen Green 683003

March

6 - 13 Ann Martin 627439
13 - 20 Mick Ball 893855
20 - 27 Ann Howard 452500

2007 DIARY

February

3 Watford v Bolton Watford FC
6 District Camp 2007 Meeting 1 South Close
8 District Cub Swimming Trials
8 District Executive Meeting - W. Wood
12 - 16 School Half Term
15 District Cub Swimming Trials
18 County Scout Cooking Competition
19 Saracens Rugby Day
23 - 25 4th Letchworth & 8th Letchworth
Cubs Pack Holiday - Wymondley Wood
24 - 25 County Chiltern Challenge - Explorer
Scouts
25 District Scout Shooting Competition

March

3 District Cub Football Competition - Leisure
Centre
4 Module 10 First Response Course -
8th Letchworth HQ
5 District 2007 Celebrations Meeting -
8th Letchworth HQ

6 Young Leaders' training - Module G
W. Wood
8 District Executive Meeting -
Wymondley Wood
9 - 10 4th Letchworth Beaver Sleepover -
Wymondley Wood
9 - 11 Oak Eagle ESU Weekend Camp—
Harmer Green
12 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
14 Module 14 & 15 Training Course -
Wymondley Wood
16 District Scout Quiz
16 Comic Relief Red Nose Day
17 St Patrick's Day
17 County Cub Swimming Gala
23 - 24 District Gang Show - St Francis Theatre
30 - 1 April District Sixers and Seconders
Weekend - Wymondley Wood