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INCLUDING CENTENARY CAMP SUPPLEMENT

Scouting - Past ,Present and Future

Give yourself a pat on the back– you all deserve it. What a brilliant Centenary Camp, one to go in the history book and live in the memories of all who attended. At the impressive opening ceremony we paid tribute to the proud history and traditions of Scouting. The flags were broken by three veterans of the Sutton Coldfield Jamboree in 1957, Arthur Scott, Fellowship Treasurer, Bob Williams, Ex District Commissioner and Roger Sands, Ex County Commissioner and we listened to the inspiring words of our founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell



"My dear brother Scouts I am 80 years old. What do you think of that? But I can't say that I feel very much older than some of you. I want you to have as long and jolly a life as I've had and you can get it if you keep yourself healthy and helpful to others. I'll tell you my secret to this. I've always tried to carry out the Scout Promise and the Scout Law in all that I do. If you do that you'll make a success of your life and will have a very happy time even if you live to be 80 like me. I wish you a long and happy life, and lots of good camping."



The next two days were packed full of adventurous and exciting Scouting activities. The Scouts camping at Wymondley Wood enjoyed traditional bases to show off their Scouting skills as well as pursuits such as archery, shooting, climbing, an aerial runway and an amateur radio base. During the bank holiday weekend there were visits to Wyboston Water Activity Centre for the Scouts and Woburn Safari Park for the Cubs as well as visit to the cinema and



swimming pool. The Beavers enjoyed sleepovers and took part in all the activities. Each day finished with the sound of singing around the camp fire. The highlight of the weekend was when the Leaders and Scout Fellowship served over 400 Scouts at a giant "street party".

The Jamboree finished with an enjoyable and stimulating Scouts Own and before the flags were finally lowered by our three youngest Beavers we looked into the future and promised to do our best to foster the success of our great Movement.



What we did at RAF Museum, Hendon.

A chance to earn the Aircraft Recognition Badge.

We had to walk around the Museum writing in the answers to questions on our questionnaire. Identify different aircrafts, and the history of the Royal Air Force and aviation. Also learn about the science involved in flight, like turning left and right, slowing down, descending, taking off.

Matthew Tompkins - 8th Letchworth Cub Scout.



Sixers and Seconders Weekend

Hello my name is Isaac and I am a sixer with the 8th Letchworth Cub Pack.

On the 31 March I went on the sixers and seconders weekend at Wymondley Woods. It was great fun. We did lots of great things. I really enjoyed the assault course which was brilliant and very muddy. My favourite thing was the rifle shooting. I am glad my mum said I could do it as she hates guns. I liked the fire lighting as it was the first time I had made a fire. At night we went for a long walk. We had lots to eat and the food was good. I really enjoyed the roast dinner but they couldn't tell the difference between boiled and mashed potatoes. At the end of the day we sat around the campfire and sang songs, it was the best campfire I have ever seen.

Isaac - 8th Letchworth Cub

Pack Holiday

Hi, I am Jack Brown of 8th Letchworth Cubs. I went on my first camp in January. We did exciting stuff which I will never forget, such as hiking for about one mile, met an astronomer, did emergency aid and used walkie talkies and went on the assault course. They cooked us lovely food, from breakfast to dinner. We stayed up late. And best of all my friends were there. Thank you.

Jack Brown - 8th Letchworth Cub Scout

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.



Watch out for Insight coming through your letterbox. There is an article on page 5 about the Centenary of Scouting

and its development in Letchworth. Over 14,000 copies will be delivered to Letchworth homes. Our thanks to Terry Gray, Media Manager, for his continuous support to Scouting and the publicity which he gives us in his weekly column in The Comet.

Letchworth Garden City Charity Walk

We were very proud of our Beavers, as they managed to walk 5 miles. We raised about £350 for Keech Cottage Hospital.

Some of the Beavers were running most of the way. They kept on hiding in the bushes and looking at insects and butterflies. They earned themselves not only a certificate but also their hikers badge.

Luke Mills from 1st Baldock Beavers wrote:-

"I enjoyed looking at the fields. I enjoyed hiding from the slow coaches!"



Baldock Festival Week

Exhibitions in the Community Centre

Saturday 19 May - 10.00 - 4.00 pm

100 years of Baldock Scouts

Congratulations to Eric 'Skip' Woodward who laid on a comprehensive history of Scouting in Baldock. The photographs and press cuttings went back to 1908 and made very interesting reading. The exhibition was visited by the County Archivist, Frank Brittain and local Scout historian Ken Johnson.



1919 - 1st Baldock Scouts Bugle Band



**District Day Visit to
World Jamboree -
Saturday 4 August
2007**

Tickets are still available for the day visit to the 21st World Jamboree at Hylands Park, Chelmsford. This is your chance to experience the excitement and unique atmosphere of this special global community, where world Scouting, cultures, issues, faiths, cuisine and performance will combine to form the biggest ever World Scout Jamboree .

The cost is £20 for over 13s and £15 for under 13s. Transport is free.

Please contact - Dave Hawkins for further information 643432 / dc@lbdscouts.org.uk

Fifth Letchworth Scouts 1957- 2007

This year is our Golden Jubilee and all past members are welcome to attend our celebrations and meet old friends on Saturday 14 July. The Hall will be open from 5.00pm and the official start will be 7.00pm. Light refreshments will be available.

Venue: 5th Letchworth Scout Headquarters, 35 Spring Road, Letchworth Garden City,
Hertfordshire, SG6 3SH

Please email ScoutsJubilee@aol.com if you plan to attend



Carers in Hertfordshire

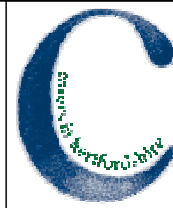
I am writing to thank you on behalf of Carers in Hertfordshire and the Young Carers Project for the very generous donation of £320.00 (The District St George's Service Collection)

The Young Carers Group in Hitchin will be using the money to cover the costs of an evening activity at the group. The young carers have requested a bouncy castle. Any remaining funds will go to their end of term trip which may be ice skating or swimming.

We would be happy to send you a photograph of the event and the young carers comments.

Please pass our thanks to all concerned.

Cindy Honour - Project Manager



Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City - Charity Walk

Four Scout Groups in the District supported the Rotary Club of Letchworth Charity Walk. In total 77 Scouts, Leaders, Parents and one dog took part in the walk. Geoff Smith was unable to take part as he had an hip replacement operation the week before the walk and so Kim, his dog took his place. Approximately £1000 will have been raised for the Groups and the Rotary Club of Letchworth Charity. One Explorer Scout, Adam Marsh did the entire walk on stilts.



Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts



Centenary Camp May 2007

Friday

Opening Ceremony	8.00 pm
Disco	8.30 pm
Lights Out	MIDNIGHT
Beavers	W Wood Sleepover

Saturday

Beavers	W Wood	Bases 10.00 am
Cubs	Woburn Safari Park	9.00 am - 5.00 pm
Scouts	W Wood	Bases 10.00 am
Explorer Scouts	W Wood	Bases 10.00 am
ALL	Street Party 5.30 pm	Camp Fire 7.15 pm
Scouts	Leisure Centre 8.30 pm	
Explorer Scouts	Leisure Centre 8.30 pm	
Lights Out	11.00 pm	



Sunday

Cubs	W Wood	Bases 10.00 am
Scouts	Wyboston Water Centre	9.00 am - 4.00 pm
Explorer Scouts	Wyboston Water Centre	9.00 am - 4.00pm
Beavers	Sleepover	Camp Fire 7.15 pm
Cubs	Broadway Cinema Film	7.00 pm
Scouts	W Wood	Camp Fire 7.15 pm
Explorer Scouts	W Wood	Camp Fire
Lights Out	11.00 pm	

Monday

ALL	Scouts Own	10.30 am
	Closing Ceremony	11.30 am



Centenary Camp - Wymondley Wood - 4 /7 May 2007

I liked the assault course because I loved getting really muddy and I also liked Woburn because the monkeys started to destroy the aerial on the coach. I liked the elephants because we got to touch them.

Bethany Duxbury - 7th Letchworth Cub

The camp was great and incredibly well organised.

Barry - Cub Scout Leader

At the weekend Scouts, Cubs and Beavers all gathered up at Wymondley Wood, for one of the biggest events in Scouting. It was the centenary camp to celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

On Friday the Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Explorers and Leaders had an opening ceremony with songs, talks and some other things. Afterwards we had a disco. Next we had supper and went to bed.

Saturday the Cubs went to Woburn whilst we, the Beavers and Explorers did bases; shooting, bow and arrow, aerial runway, rock climbing, radios, patrol challenges and bowling. In the evening we went swimming whilst the Beavers had a camp fire.

Sunday the Scouts went to Wyboston while the Cubs did bases. At Wyboston we did Lasers, hft (human football table), jousting, bungee, go carts, rafting, dragon boating, jet skiing and had a barbecue

In the evening we had a camp fire with the Beavers while the Cubs went to the cinema.

On Monday we put down tents, attended the Scouts Own and the ending ceremony. That was the end of Scout, Cub and Beaver Centenary Camp.

My best part was the jet skiing.

Sarah Plater - 1st Baldock Scout

My favourite thing at the Centenary camp was the assault course because that was the only time in my life when I was allowed to get dirty.

Cub Scout

My favourite thing was doing the climbing wall. I thought it was a challenge because it was hard.

Max Dewing - 1st Baldock (Knights)

I had the best day of my entire life, it was brilliant. I loved it. There was so much to do. I can't explain it all, but here are some of my favourites.

The two things I liked the best were archery and shooting. Archery was difficult but I managed to hit 5 out of 6. Shooting was complicated but I managed 3 out of 5 pellets. After lunch we did air rifles, shooting, parachute men, hats, climbing wall and we went to the camp fire and if we sang loudly they put more wood on it. **Elliott Lee - 7th Letchworth Beaver**





1st Baldock Wednesday Beavers

Day Visit to Centenary Camp

Having all new and young children, we decided not to do the Beaver Sleepover at the Centenary Camp, but just to attend as day visitors. Eleven "Eager Beavers" arrived early for the 9:00am start; some raring to go, others a little more apprehensive. After arriving at Wymondley, their faces were a picture on seeing the climbing wall go up and the zip wire being sorted out, and on hearing that they would be using real guns and large bows and arrows!



Some started off at a base saying that they didn't want to do it, but by the end of the day every one of them had tried all the activities and, quite rightly, felt very proud of themselves. Watching children try new activities, overcome their initial fears and succeed far more than they (or their parents) could ever imagine is what scouting is all about. This camp was superbly run, and allowed the Beavers and, indeed, older members in this District to do just that. My Beavers first camp experience is one that they will never forget and has ensured that they go on to enjoy many more. Don't just take my word for it – here's what a few of them had to say:

"I liked climbing up the wall. I reached the top" (William)

"I liked rock climbing, shooting, the bow and arrow and everything else. I had a lovely day." (Harry B)

"On Saturday I had a great time but my favourite part was archery because it was excellent. Thank you for arranging the camp" (Cameron)

"It was the best day ever, even though I was shattered, and I can't wait for the camp in July!" (Harry P)



Many heartfelt thanks to everybody concerned for making this a fantastic and memorable experience for the youngsters in our District.

Lark

BSL 1st Baldock



Cubs Scouts working up an appetite for breakfast





Iceland find Wymondley Wood and help feed the Centenary Camp

During the Centenary Camp Iceland made two deliveries to help feed the four hundred plus campers and day visitors. Sue Lovelock, Fellowship Member and catering manager had ordered various items of frozen foods including

Arctic Rolls for the "Street Party". Just one minor hiccup only twelve arctic rolls are stocked at each Iceland Store but we wanted over fifty. Iceland having called in supplies from the south east of England could not fulfil the full order. In true Scouting style they rose to the occasion and supplied alternatives such as choc ices and lollies. The night before Sue had a vivid dream of Arctic Rolls floating down the river after the delivery van had crashed on its way to Wymondley Wood!



Hi, just wanted to say thank you to everybody involved in this weekend's event. Elliott came home on Saturday night, saying it was the best day of his ENTIRE life and again today he hasn't stopped talking about his sleepover. Thank you all again for your hard work. Elliott just had the time of his life. By the way if you come across a pale blue wash bag (has his name in it) then that will be Elliott's

Kathryn Lee

Answer to the wash bag query.

I will let her have a choice of the 23 wash bags on offer! Slight exaggeration - but only slight.

Thank you for organising such a brilliant weekend. Over Beavers had a good time all day. I was very tired at the end of one day. I don't know how you all managed three !! Well done and thanks again.

Beaver Leader

I would like to say a very BIG thank you all for making the Centenary Camp a great success in the Cub Section, everyone worked very well together. I hope you all had a good rest.

ADC (Cubs)







Prefect Start for Today's LeadersToday's business leaders got their first taste of leadership long before they reached the

workplace - on the sports field, in the classroom and in the great outdoors. A survey of 502 UK business owners and managers by the Institute of Leadership and Management found many were marked as future leaders at a young age - 44% had been school prefects 9% head boy or girl and, 22% captains of a school sports team. Extra-curricular activities also proved a valuable learning ground with one third of male leaders members of the Scout Movement.



Sue has a home delivery card for Groups to use if they are camping or staying at the Centre at Wymondley Wood and want Iceland to delivery. Just contact Sue on 01462 672043 or fredlovelock@msn.com.

Come and join 8th Letchworth at the Annual Summer Barbecue 8th Letchworth HQ, Sparhawke

Friday 13 July 2007 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm

Family Tickets are £12 - includes food (family ticket = 2 Adults and 3 children or 3 Adults and 2 Children)

Single Tickets are £5.00 per person - includes food

All the family are welcome - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers Scouts, Parents, Brothers and Sisters, Grandparents and friends.

Please note that ALL children must be accompanied by an adult

Bring your own drinks

Games on the field, weather permitting.

Closing date 2 July 2007

If interested please contact Mike Myner (Group Treasurer) 39 Lammas Way, Letchworth or Dave Hawkins - District Commissioner



7 July 2007 - Black Tie Dinner and Dance - Spirella Building

There is still time to get your glad rags out and join the District at the seventh event of the year to celebrate a 100 years of Scouting.

The Dinner and Dance is open to everyone involved in Scouting, past and present. So why not book a table for your Group. Let your hair down and have some fun.

Tickets are £35.00 each. Please contact Bob Williams for further details. 01462 686727 or bob.williams60@ntlworld.com



Photographic Competition

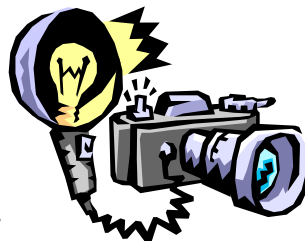
The Letchworth and Baldock District Fellowship is running a competition for the most evocative photograph of Scouting over the last 100 years.

Closing date for entries is 1 October 2007 and the judging will take place at the Fellowship AGM. A prize will be awarded to the winner. Entries to be sent to Fred Loveolcok

19 Campers Road, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3QJ

Please put your name and address on the back of the photos. Also a short description of what, where, when and who. All photographs will be returned after the competition.

Evocative : prompting vivid memories or images of things not present, especially things from the past, stimulating memories of the past.



**Have a cup
of tea to
help your
local
hospice.**

In the coming year the Garden House Hospice will need to raise in excess of £1,000,000 to provide hospice

care. Everyone taking part will make a valuable contribution towards helping them to support patients and families in 2007. Every pound or penny raised will make a difference to those who need care at Garden House.

If you need further information or would like some posters, balloons or stickers please contact

Garden House Hospice Fundraising Office on 01462 679540

On Sunday 12 August the Lovelocks will be hosting their Home Garden Party. The cost is £3.00 per head. No matter what the weather is like, the food will be good, the drink plentiful, and as always the company top class.

Results: District Beaver challenge

29 Points	12th Letchworth
28 Points	11th Letchworth
23 Points	1st Baldock

With 8th, 7th and 4th Letchworth coming third and fourth.

Well done to all who took part

District Sports Day - 16 June 2007

The District Sports Day will be held at St Mary's Junior School, St Mary's Way, Baldock from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm and is open to all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The events will be of a traditional nature, e.g. egg and spoon race etc. All Sections are being represented and further details will be sent to those Sections when the planning has been completed.



Explorers help at Local Election and the P.M Quits

We received a call two weeks ago from the Local Council asking if Oak Eagles would like to, yet again, lend their support at the Counting Station following the Local Government Elections on Thursday 3 May. Emails were circulated and by 9.45pm a band of seven smart (Yes Full Uniform!) and ready Explorers duly arrived to help direct cars, collect Ballot Boxes and Returns, book boxes in and generally help organise within the station.

Two and a half Leaders were there to help (I was the half, I came down straight from Camp preparations at Wymondley Wood and was just a little jaded!). The Explorers worked with their usual good cheer and efficiency and by 11.45pm all boxes had arrived at the Counting House and we were allowed to depart.

This was a great opportunity for a bit of District P.R allied to some very useful fund raising.

One week on and the Prime Minister has announced he is to quit, honest, it's just a coincidence

Chris King - DESC .

Wymondley Wood Wardens

June

5 - 12	Elaine Wigglesworth	626218
12 - 19	Ann Chapman	686772
19 - 26	Nora Hitcham	627905
26 - 3	Elaine Wigglesworth	626218

July

3 - 10	Jeff Robson	684954
10 - 17	Vicki Gage	630728
17 - 24	Shirley & David Rossall	431884



2007 DIARY

June

4	Wymondley Wood AGM	Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre
5	District Scout Leader's Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ
5	District Celebration Meeting	District HQ, Icknield Way
7	District Team Meeting	1 South Close
8 - 10	4th Letchworth Scouts	Hitchwood Camping
10	District Scout Barton Challenge	Barton Hills
12	11th Letchworth AGM	11th Letchworth HQ 7.30 pm
14	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood - Wet Weather Shelter
15	4th Letchworth AGM	St Paul's Church - 7.00 pm
16	District Centenary Sports Day	St Mary's School, Baldock
19	District Dinner and Dance Meeting	1 South Close
22 - 24	County Explorer Event H.E.A.T.	TBA
29	1st Baldock AGM	1st Baldock HQ
30 - 1 July	County 25/40 Mile Walk	Oxford - Thames Path

July

2	County AGM	Hertford
4	Young Leaders' Training Module D	Wymondley Wood
7	District Dinner and Dance	Spirella Ballroom
9	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	TBA
10	District Beavers Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13	2nd Baldock AGM	Catholic Church Hall - Baldock
14	5th Letchworth 50 Anniversary Celebration	5th Letchworth HQ , Spring Road
15	District Cub Dragon Boating	Fairlands Lakes - Stevenage
20 - 22	4th Letchworth Family Camp	Boyd Field - Henlow
27 - 29	1st Baldock Family Camp	Wymondley Wood

August

1	Sunrise - Renewal of Promise	Broadway Gardens - 8.00 am
4	District Day Visit to The World Jamboree	Hylands Park
12	"The Lovelock's" Garden Party	19 Campers Road, LGC

September

14	12th Letchworth AGM
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