

One World One Promise

Letchworth and Baldock
District Scouts

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C O - O R D I N A T O R

New Assistant District Commissioner (Cubs)

Amanda Woolmer has decided to stand down as ADC (Cubs) at the end of the year. She will continue her role as CSL at 7th Letchworth.

I would like to thank Amanda for all the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm she has given to leading the Cub section during her term.

I am pleased that Wendy Tierney, ex GSL at 2nd Weston has agreed to take on the role from January 2008. Wendy will work closely with Amanda over the following months to allow a smooth handover.

I hope you will join me in wishing Wendy well in her new role within the District and I am sure she can count on your continued support.

Dave Hawkins - DC

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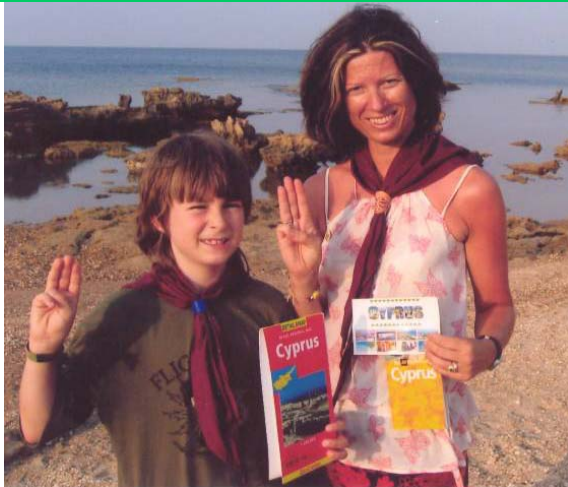
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**Keiran - 4th Letchworth Cub
1st August 2007 - Ibiza Spain**

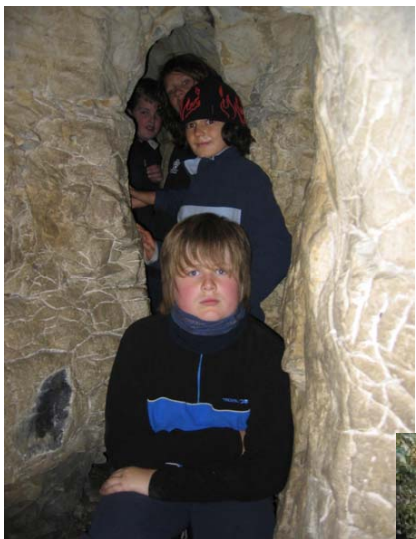


**Beverley and Evan - 4th Letchworth ABSL and Cub
Scout - 1st August 2007 - Cyprus**



District Scouts Hill Walking Weekend - Orchard Farm

21—23 September 2007



Spot the new Scout.

Photos taken over the Hill
Walking weekend.

Adventure and fun was had
by all

N'Autumnbury Festival



Tony Hartley with his band
Rising Shame

N'Autumnbury Festival has been in the planning for almost a year. Hartley, ASL 4th Letchworth, was on the original concept committee and helped from these early wish list meetings right through to the actual event on 8th September 2007 at Norton, St Nicholas School. "It was important to all of us to run a quality local event. All the bands had parents from the school in them, all the gear was provided from many sources free of charge and we are very grateful to 5th Letchworth and Amanda Woolmer for the loan of marquees."

"When the organisers were struggling to get manpower for the all day barbeque 4th Letchworth Scouts were offered the chance to run this and boost group funds. As expected they rose to the challenge without flinching and what a challenge it was. To run a barbeque catering for upwards of 800 people for 12 hours."

There were many free activities on offer at the Festival. As well as live music all day there was a children's craft marquee, cinema tent, fun day stalls, adults and children's bar. A magnificent display of circus skills was provided by Oak Eagle Explorers Joe Hartley and Adam Marsh.

A great time was had by all the punters. The Scouts and Leaders, parents and committee members all worked together superbly and received many compliments on their fare of burgers, hot dogs, jacket spuds and hot drinks. £1200.00 was raised by the festival towards school funds and £450.00 was raised by 4th Letchworth, who after their tea making exploits of the day decided to invest in a gas urn for the group.



Leaders comments - see article opposite

We went to Haarlem Jamborette because two of our younger leaders had enjoyed a visit so much as Scouts a few years ago.

With about 2500 Scouts it is big !

It is VERY well organised and run. Many of the team have helped with all 10 Jamborettes

It is a very easy and suitable first overseas trip for both Scouts and Leaders

My greatest wish is that a visit to a big International Jamboree and in our Centenary Year will enthuse and inspire some of these Scouts to compete for a place at the next World Jamboree. I can never really understand why so few are attracted from our District, but if it is 'fear of the unknown' this camp should have helped.

The Famous Fifth go to Haarlem Jamboree

By Miriam and Joe



Miriam

Getting up at 4.30am, now that's something you will definitely **NOT** find me doing everyday!

Joe

It was for a good reason though, because this was the day that we were going to make our journey, a journey to the Haarlem Jamboree! The journey took eight and a half hours, six of them on the ferry, two on land and the other half waiting for the ferry and the other coach! (It broke down and we found Simon helping to push it) –

I think he could have pushed it on his own ! - Geoff

Miriam

We pulled up at the Jamboree eight and a half hours later. The man showing us where to go lead us the longest way possible, which left Hayley and me at the back attempting to lift our bags!

Joe

By the time we had finally got to our 'pitch' it had started to rain. We had to put the tarpaulin over the bags so they did not get wet, we put the tents up in spitting rain.

Miriam

Over the next couple of days it was raining on and off, the field was all churned up, and the walk to the toilets was more like a swim! But luckily we weren't doing any activities then. One day was a 'free day' which most of us spent laying in the patrol tents.

Forgotten an afternoon of games with the Dutch scouts ? - Geoff

Joe

The other was the opening ceremony where we were introduced to Trudy Trendy (she was like 40 and wore a bright pink wig !) Harry Porter (a rubbish 'news reporter') and some man they found under the floor boards. (*Miriam. The Dutch are rubbish at putting on plays!*) We also went out the back of the stadium and wrote 2007 with ourselves and they took an aerial photograph. Subkamp Haarlem made the 7 and it red because of our hats!

Miriam

Our first activity was on day three and it was 'sports'. It wasn't really my idea of sports. The warm up was dancing along to The Superman song WITH ACTIONS! We then followed a circuit which had 2 giant balls you had to roll along on, a muddy game of Frisbee, football with training goals and a tennis ball, a flag pole building competition and lots of other muddy things. Whilst doing this there was music in the background and it was English! The only problem was that it was really old and dodgy for example there was, Barbie, The Macarena and S Club 7. All it was really missing was Bob the Builder! In the evening there was a campfire with a disco at the end (the music there was much better).

Joe

When we were there we had a large wooden spoon called the douche bag spoon. If you did something stupid you wore it round your neck. It was awarded to Hayley for going to the shower without a towel, Luke for wearing wellies on the beach and Peter for having the most oddly shaped sunburn.

Oh look ! the rain has stopped ! now we are sun burnt - Geoff

Miriam

This was probably one of the best days there as we went to a theme park called Walibi World! On the way there Jamie, Hayley, Peter and me learned a new version of 'Scabby Queen' from a Scottish Guide. Walibi World was huge and there was any ride that you could think of from drop rides to flumes to rapids to roller coasters and spinney ones!

Joe

When we had our small excursion it was on a small barge along the canal. Some people got a chance to navigate and steer it. Funnily Miriam was banned from using the GPS system because it changed the direction all the time when she had it!!!

Miriam

The open day was about showing everyone a sample of something that originated from where you were from... we could hardly take the 1st roundabout or the 1st Garden City so we came up with something else. 'Toffee'. Cooked by 5ths very own Jordan (but it was Great Aunt Muriel's recipe) Surprisingly people liked it! Once we ran out of biscuits to put it on we came up with good old English tea! (They were tea bags from Sainsbury's in Holland though)

Joe

On one of the nights about 7 of our troop got our sleeping bags and had a race half way across the field and started bundling each other

My best memory was making lots of new friends and I can't wait for four years time.

Miriam

On the last night we slept out under the dining shelter with our trusty clock on a chain to tell us what time it was! (which Simon and Jamie somehow managed to acquire from somewhere!!)

My favourite part was meeting people, doing the activities, and going places. Basically it was all really good, and I will definitely will be going back in four years.

The Journey

First there was a two hour drive to the ferry port, but there was worse to come..... the ferry took six hours - then it was simply a matter of getting off the ferry and driving for about two hours until we got to the Jamboree.

Day 1 We had the opening ceremony with Trudy Trendy, she is monster!!

Day 2 We had sports, it was really fun - in one of the games you got to walk on top of a huge ball, in the evening we had a fantastic campfire

Day 3 We celebrated the 100th year of Scouting, afterwards we went to the beach where I wore my wellies and George bought a dinghy.

Day 4 We had the trail on which we did many activities such as the zip wire and Mega-Soaker!!

Day 5 We went to a theme park I felt sick after one of the rides but apart from that it was great....

Day 6 We had sundries, I did amateur radio and I made this thing that flashes and I did arts and crafts. I made a card in the evening when we also had the Bling-Bling disco.

Day 7 We had a Sunday service.

DAY 8 MY BIRTHDAY!!! I got a card and a kite and everyone sung "Happy Birthday". We went on a canal boat and then we went to a windmill museum, most of the place was either a gift shop or a café.

Day 9 We had a hike that was tiring. In the evening we had the closing ceremony and Trudy Trendy went to space, I hope the rocket exploded!!!!



Visit to the Golden Jubilee Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield - August 3rd 1957



The day dawned bright and sunny when Jean, baby daughter and I met the coach organised by the District at the top of Cashio Lane. Our destination was the International Scout Jamboree being held at Sutton Coldfield to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the First Scout camp held by Baden Powell on Brownsea Island. On the coach were many well known faces associated with Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock at that time. These included Les Brown the DC, Kath and John Tippet, Mr & Mrs James and Fred & Doreen Eaves. I was CSL of the 1st 3rd Letchworth.

On arrival at Sutton Coldfield, along with seemingly hundreds of coaches, we were at once impressed with the size of the whole enterprise. I knew that the Jamboree would include the 2nd World Indaba and the sixth World Rover Moot, but the tented city catering for 35,000 Scouts and Scouters from 90 or so countries was still amazing. The site was some 2,400 acres and included woodland and seven lakes!

At the entrance to the site was a huge three spanned metal arch surmounted by a globe of the world and in the centre a tall tower with clock faces and another globe, dominated the site. Of course the globes represented the many countries at the Jamboree.

There were many displays around the central arena, put on by many of the countries attending the Jamboree, each promoting their distinctive characteristics, and we spent a lot of time going round these and chatting with the nationals manning the stands. This emphasised the international dimension of the event.

We also visited the Hertfordshire sub cam. An impressive gateway was at the entrance, which I seem to remember was principally of Scouts staves.

The day was hot and sunny and this was fortunate in respect of the two main highlights we remember of that day.

One of these was a pageant put on by the British contingent in the Arena. This depicted the life of Baden Powell and the part of the great man was played by B-P's sons as an adult and by his grandson as a child.

The other was the visit in the afternoon to the site by the young Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. They spent several hours going round the various displays and culminated in standing in the back of a Land Rover going slowly down the central road to cheering crowds on either side, composed of all the nationalities on the site and the Scouters and public visiting that day.

It was a great experience to meet so many diverse young people from so many different countries, from the petite far Eastern races to the sturdy tall Scandinavian types, all united in following the Scouting code and making the some promise.

Perhaps I speculated what a Jamboree would be like to celebrate a 100 years anniversary of Scouting

Arthur Scout - Fellowship Treasurer.

Letchworth and Baldock
District Scouts
Centenary Firework Display

**Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre
(near Willian)**



Friday 2nd November



Gates open at 6.30pm
Display starts 7pm (ish)

ADMISSION TICKETS

Children - £2.00 Adults - £3.00

Family ticket - £8 in advance

/ £10 on the night

(includes entry for 5 people)

Please order from

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12th Letchworth Scout Group

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October

6 - 7	LGCHF Volunteers Day	Plinston Hall
8 - 12	Sainsbury's Community Week	Sainsbury's Letchworth GC
10	Scout & Guide Shop AGM	Wymondley Wood
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
12 - 14	County Peak Assault	TBA
14	County Cub Cyclocross	Well End
18	District Administrators' Evening	District HQ
20	District Fellowship AGM	Howard Hall
21	Module 10 - First Response Course	District HQ
21	County Scout Triathlon	Lees Wood
23 - 27	Half Term - Scout Shop Closed	
29	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

November

2	District Firework Display	Wymondley Wood
3	District Arts and Craft Competition	1st Baldock HQ
7	District Celebration Meeting	District HQ
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	Remembrance Day Service & Parade	Baldock and Letchworth
12	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
16 - 18	County Scout Green Beret	Tolmers
17 - 18	District Commissioners' Forum	Wyboston
19	District Lochearnhead Meeting	District HQ
23	District Cub Quiz	5th Letchworth
26	11th Letchworth HQ official opening	11th Letchworth HQ
27	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth

Wymondley Wood Wardens

October

2 - 9	Ann Howard	452500
9 - 16	Amanda Woolmer	637718
16 - 23	Nora Hitcham	627905
23 - 30	Chris King	637901
30 - 6	Vicki Gage	630728



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