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District says "Thank you Dave"



Over fifty Leaders, Fellowship members and guests, including an Ex County Commissioner and an Ex District Commissioner met at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre to say 'farewell' to Dave. When Dave took over the reigns from Bob Williams his motto was 'go with the flow'. And what a flow it was from the visit of the Chief Scout to open Wymondley Wood at the start of his term of office to a visit to the World Jamboree at Hylands Park six years later. In thanking Dave for his leadership our new District Commissioner Chris King recalled the many activities that have taken place during those six years including the

successful District expedition to Lochearnhead in 2005. Chris praised Dave's leadership of the District Executive and the District team saying "Dave has presided over the smooth running of the District and a host of Scouting events ranging from the weekly meetings with their underlying training programme to all kinds of adventurous events such as canoeing, camping, hiking and climbing. At all times Dave was there to provide support, encouragement and advice. On behalf of the District Chris presented Dave with a barometer in appreciation of his service. Rita was presented with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of all the support given to Dave during his term of office.

In reply Dave said "he had enjoyed his time as District Commissioner. He had received a lot of praise but it was entirely due to the support of Leaders in the District and the quality of their Scouting. He thanked everyone and wished Chris and the District success in the future".



Wednesday 9 January 2008

Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre

Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts

say

Thank you ~ Dave



just a few reminders of the last 6 years



Support to new Training Scheme

Lochearnhead 2001

Support on 25 / 40 Mile Walks

New programme

New Sections



Open Wymondley Wood



Fly the Flag for the District

Lochearnhead 2005

Rotary Club Walks



Vacate Nortonbury

Refurbish 11th H.Q

Badge Secretary

Visit Sleepovers / Camps



Centenary Celebrations

+ many more too numerous to list

8th Letchworth Twinned with Baden - Powell Memorial Group, Kenya

8th Letchworth Scout Group have been watching the news of the troubles in Kenya, with concern they have sent an –email to the Group's Cub Leader asking if the children and all their families are safe and well. There were pleased to receive the following reply:-

Happy New Year to you all!!

Kenya is back to normal life after the aftermath of what we call the civilian coup against the stolen power.

Things weren't so good but now, we can go about our normal business.

As for my Scouts, no one was hurt in the skirmishes and they are all safe.

What you see on the news is very different to what is happening on the ground here, because it wasn't the whole country but some places.

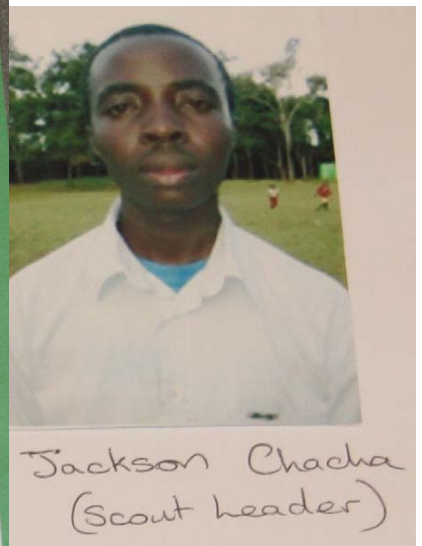
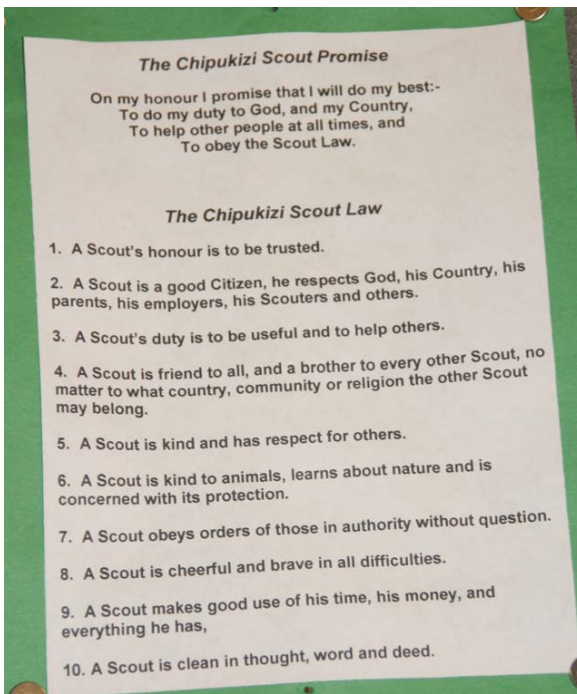
Thanks so much for your prayers and concern about our security.

We are having our first meeting on the first week of February with my Scouts.

I wish you all the very best of luck in this year.

Yours in Scouting

Joseph and Jackson Chacha





Events planned for 2008

29 February	Play your Cards Rights	Leap year party at 8th Letchworth HQ 19:00 hrs for 19:30 hrs
24 April	Scottsdale Garden Centre	Cambridge - 11:30 hrs to 16:30 hrs
11 May	Canal Trip with a cream tea	
24 June	Evening picnic at Wymondley Wood	from 16:00 hrs and on going so that members who work can turn up and eat and join in.
10 August	The Lovelocks at home.	From 15:00hrs cost £4.00 per head
27 September	Race Night	8th Letchworth HQ Cost TBA
18 October	A.G.M.	8th Letchworth HQ 19:30 hrs for 19:45 hrs
November	Arcadians production plus dinner.	More details to follow
6 December	Christmas Dinner	More details nearer the time

For details of any of the events above please contact Fred Lovelock, Fellowship Secretary
fredlovelock@msn.com

The Fellowship members will also be helping at front of house at the District Gang Show in March and are having a stall at the Lions Day in July



Who is this handsome man?

Here are some clues:-

1. He is a member of the District Fellowship
2. He was a leader with 1st 3rd Letchworth
3. He has an MBE
4. He has a daughter called Jean
5. He wins raffles without even trying!
6. He has raised thousands of pounds for the Scout and Guide Movements as well as other local charities.

He celebrates his 90th birthday this month and we wish Laurie Cook, heartfelt wishes for a memorable day.



Annual Charity Walk

ROTARY CLUB OF LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY



Representatives of the District have been discussing with Letchworth Garden City Rotary Club ways of working together in the organisation of the Annual Charity Walk which takes place on **Sunday, 18 May 2008**.

From the first year that this sponsored walk was organised - more than twenty five years ago – Scouts have assisted in various ways and many Scout Groups have raised substantial funds for themselves.

The 2008 Walk will generally follow the *Greenway* but there are some changes: the first refreshment point will be moved back to **Nortonbury Farm** and the second point will be moved from Manor Wood to **Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre**.

These refreshment points will be serviced by members of two of our Scout Groups instead of the ladies of Inner Wheel. Walkers may undertake to do part of the Walk or complete the full distance of about 14 miles.

All Groups are invited to take part. Each walker will pay a £1 Registration Fee but afterwards the Group will receive £2 for every walker as well as 75% of the sponsor money. This is an excellent opportunity for all Groups to raise funds for equipment or special activities.

Detailed information and registration forms will be posted directly to Groups by early March but in the meantime note the date and anyone wanting more information should contact:

Rotarian, M O'Leary, 61 Lytton Avenue, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3HY

or look on www.lgcrotary.org.uk

District Scout Cooking Competition



Well done to 2nd Baldock who won the District Cooking Competition held at 1st Baldock HQ on Sunday 27 January 2008.

Five teams took part in a closely fought competition. The standard continues to grow each year and this year was not an exception. The theme of the competition was "Celebration". The team 'Strictly 2B Chef's' chose the "Celebration of Winter". Well done to all who took part.



Gang Show 14 - 15 March 2008

The Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show cast of Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Explorers and Leaders performs their show three times, over the weekend of 14 and 15 March 2008 at St Francis College Theatre, Letchworth. They perform on both Friday and Saturday evenings as well as a Saturday Matinee.

The show has several sections, all from ideas from last year's cast and crew, they include Star Wars, pirates, songs from the shows, Surfing, Heaven and Hell. The Gang many of whom are first timers to the show, rehearse every weekend from the October half term, their enthusiasm, energy and commitment continues to surpass any expectations that the production team have.

Reserve your Group tickets early on our hotline and take advantage of our special offer, buy 10 tickets @ £5.00 each and will give you 2 tickets free - payment must be made in full by 15 February.

Come and see the show. Come along and join in a song or two!

For further information and ticket availability contact:

The Gang Show Ticket Office on 01462 671183

Ticket Office also at:-

Cast and Group tickets	- 1st Baldock on Saturdays at rehearsals (4.30pm to 7.30pm)
General Public tickets	- Millets Commerce Way Letchworth

Art and photography competition



Above A Summer's Day: The Cloisters, Barrington Road, Letchworth, by Alex Shorrocks, 10; part of the winning entry from Lordship Farm School, Letchworth

More than 200 works of art and photographs vied for the top spot in Hertfordshire Building Preservation Trust's annual competition for children and teenagers.

Alex Shorrocks painting is part of the winning entry from Lordship Farm School, Alex is also a member of the 12th Letchworth Scout Group. I am sure that he is well on the way to gaining his Scout Artist Badge.



Welcome to

Philip George	SL	1st Ashwell
Simon Lambourne	SL	1st Ashwell
Adam Marsh	ACSL	1st Baldock

Leaders from 5th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth, 8th Letchworth and 11th Letchworth together with Scouts and Cubs from 7th Letchworth and 8th Letchworth met at Grid ref TL 219 336 at 10.00 am Sunday 20 January 2008. The met up with the Friends of Norton Common and the Countryside Management Services to cut back bushes to open up paths and the glade in the centre of the block. It is hoped the work will make the glade more attractive to butterflies and birds.



Eight Beavers from 7th Letchworth Scout Group have gained to top award in the Beaver

Section - Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Christian Allen	Calum Crawford
Stuart Fell	Tom Ferguson
Abigail McNally	Joshua Mollison
Michael Stocker	Freddie Ward

8th Letchworth Scout Group launched their new website.

www.8thlethworthscoutgroup.org/

Why not log on and take a browse



Front Cover Photographs.

Dave's 'farewell' cake, The Kenya flag and the new clock at Wymondley Wood donated by Fred Lovelock.

2008 DIARY

February

2	County Scout Fellowship Quiz	1st Hatfield Scout HQ
4	Lochearnhead Meeting	8th Letchworth HQ
7	District Scout & Guide Shop	Closes
14	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
17	County Scout Cooking Competition	Stevenage
19	Scout Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ
19	District Scout & Guide Shop	Opens
22 - 24	County Chiltern Challenge (Explorer Scouts)	
24	District Scout Shooting Competition	Wrayfield Farm, Stotfold
25	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood
29	Fellowship 'Leap Year' party	8th Letchworth HQ

MARCH

6	District Lochearnhead Launch	8th Letchworth HQ
8	Fellowship - Buddy Holly Tour	Gordon Craig Theatre
8 - 9	County Matrix Weekend APLs/PLs	TBA
13	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13	District Scout Shop Closes for Easter	Re opens 3 April
14 - 15	District Gang Show	St Francis Theatre
15	County Cub Swimming Gala	St Albans

APRIL

3	Scout Shop reopens	
5	County 'Bring a Friend Day'	Tolmers
9	District Scout & Guide Shop Meeting	Wymondley Wood
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
12	County Nights of Lights	Phasels Wood
12 - 13	Sixers & Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
20	St George's Day Parade and Service	Baldock

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Letchworth
being presented
with his Wood
Badge by
Amanda Woolmer

