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District Scout Member receives the highest award in Scouting

The Silver Wolf is an award for services of the most exceptional character, and is an unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout.



Bob Williams will not be attending the District St George's Day Parade and Service for the first time in many years. We will forgive him this time, as he will be attending the St George's Day Parade and Service at Windsor Castle after receiving the Silver Wolf - the highest award in Scouting. Bob has been a member of the Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts for over 40 years during which time he has held many appointments including District Commissioner. Bob is still highly active in the District as

Chairman of the Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre and District Treasurer.

Bob has been a leading light in fund raising for the District, including £40,000 to refurbish the 11th Letchworth Headquarters and obtaining a substantial grant towards the cost of the District's celebration of the Scouting Centenary.

I am sure that everybody in the District will join me in congratulating Bob on being awarded the Silver Wolf.

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St George's Day Parade and Service 2008



In 'Scouting for Boys', Baden-Powell referred to the Knights of the Round Table in the Arthurian Legend and to St. George who was their Patron Saint. He then went on: "He is also the Patron Saint of Scouts everywhere. Therefore all Scouts should know his story. St. George was typical of what a Scout should be. "When he was faced by a difficulty or danger, however great it appeared, even in the shape of a dragon - he did not avoid it or fear it but went at it with all the power he could ... That is exactly the way a Scout should face a difficulty or danger no matter how great or how terrifying it may appear. He should go at it boldly and confidently, using every power that he can to try and overcome it, and the probability is that he will succeed. St. George's Day is April 23, and on that day, Scouts remind themselves of their Promise and Scout Law. Not that a Scout ever forgets either but, on St. George's Day, he makes a special point of thinking about them. Remember this when April 23 comes round again". So, the Sunday nearest to St. George's Day has become an annual occasion for United Kingdom Scouts to hold ceremonies when they reaffirm their Promise and acknowledge the Scout Law in a national act of dedication.

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service will be held in

Venue: Baldock

Date: Sunday 20 April

Time: 14:15 pm

Please meet at the car park behind the Community Centre (near library) Simpson Drive at 14:15 hrs. The parade will move off at 14:30 hrs. We will parade along the High Street to the Catholic Church. The Service will start at 15:00 hrs and will finish at approximately 16:00 hrs. The parade will be dismissed at the Catholic Church. Refreshments will be served at the church hall after the service. All participants must wear full uniform which must be correctly worn. Parents are requested to park cars in the Tesco car park or the High Street. The collection this year will be for Homestart North Herts.

There will be no rehearsals.

The following Hymns have been chosen by Baldock Scouts

Onward Christian Soliders, Our God is a great big God, He's got the whole World in his hands.



1st Baldock celebrates 100 years of Scouting in Baldock

As you all know, this year 1st Baldock are celebrating the Centenary of Scouting in Baldock. To our knowledge Scouting has run continuously in Baldock ever since the earliest record in 1908 and our Group is one of the oldest Scout Groups in the world. This is a landmark year for our group and we are holding a number of special events (some jointly with 2nd Baldock) to make it a year to remember.

We have many photographs and articles from over the years and these are being collated in a form that will enable the history of 1st Baldock to be kept alive for future generations. If anyone has any photographs, articles or memories of Scouting in Baldock, we would love to hear from you - even little anecdotes will enhance the collection by making it more real and enjoyable to the reader so please share them with us.

A special badge (designed by one of our Cubs) has been commissioned and will be worn by group members on their uniforms for the year.

Events kicked off on Sunday 17 February with a group wide game and details of the other events we have planned are given in the table below.

One of the main events is the Group Camp later in the year and we aim to invite past members and associates, in whatever capacity, of 1st Baldock along to join in for part of this. We will also be having a special advent firework celebration at the beginning of December to mark the end of our centenary year.

Stuart Wylie, AGSL

Month	Date	Event
January		No group events planned
February	17	Group wide game
March		No group events planned
April	20 26	St George's Day Parade and Service Jumble Sale
May	17	Baldock Street Fair
June	11	Annual General Meeting
July	25-27	Group Camp
August		No group events planned
September	14/28	Family Challenge
October		No group events planned
November	9 30	Remembrance Day Parade Advent Fireworks Party
December	TBA	Tree festival

Font Cover Photographs

Mick and Deb Dilley at 2007 St George's Day parade. Scouts from the District at the Matrix Weekend at Harmer Green and daffodils planted by Cubs outside 11th Letchworth HQ

Sports Relief



Rise To The Challenge, is what 12th Letchworth Beavers did on 11 March, when they did a sponsored mile walk on behalf of Sports relief. They all arrived well wrapped in coats, gloves, hats and the torches that they received from the Carol Service back in December.

They handed in their sponsor forms and money, had last call to use the toilet and off we set. We headed out into a cold but dry evening. The stars were out and I could hear one of the lads telling a parent "That's Orion's Belt" so he had been listening when we had the astronomer round.

Crossing roads all the boys put in to practice what they had learned when we did the Safety Badge, waiting by the curb until it was safe to cross. Keeping together when other people came past, (most said how nice it was to see them out enjoying themselves on this cold night). Not once did I hear any moans from the children about how far we had walked or that it was cold, the only moaning was from Vicki who was in deep discussion with Keir and his dad about football, something about West Ham and Sunderland!

We enjoyed the walk so much that we did more than a mile and had the parents waiting outside the hut for us to return. All in all it was a great evening with them all getting a Hikes Away Badge, the Safety Badge and raising £220.60 for Sport Relief.

Christine ABSL 12th Letchworth



11th Letchworth Scout Group Quiz Night

Enjoy watching 'Egg Heads' ? Do you shout out the answers while watching "Who Wants to be a Millionaire" on the telly?

Then why not get a team together and join 11th Letchworth Scout Group at their Quiz Night.

Date: Saturday 26 April 2008
Venue: 11th Letchworth Scout Headquarters, Rushby Mead
Cost: £2.50 per person with a maximum of six per team

Further information and for tickets please contact: **Katie Thomsett**

katiethomsett@hotmail.co.uk

The latest Scouting Magazine has just arrived.

Did you get a new plastic Appointment card for 2008 - 2009?

Were your details correctly stated on it ?

Ron Smith will get changes made if your details aren't right - talk to him !



What is the Scout Fellowship

It is a group of adults who have one thing in common - a wish to support Scouting. A Scout Fellowship has its own social and

activity programme. The aim of the Scout Fellowship is to "Provide Active Support".

So what do we mean by "Active Support".

Active Support encompasses the talents of the Scout Fellowship of all ages and abilities, whether it is physical, mental, geared to a particular technical skills or general support. It could be as a badge examiner, catering for courses, running a pioneering course, assisting with hill walking etc. We all have something to offer.

The Scout Fellowship is a large part of the 'backbone' of the District - supporting the young people and voluntary Leaders wherever help is required. The key to our success is our flexibility - we're here to help.

Please contact Fred Lovelock - District Fellowship Secretary for more information.
fredlovelock@msn.com

Apologies to the Fellowship for missing the fact that they took part in the District Scout Shooting Competition held at Wrayfield Farm in February. Four members of the Fellowship took part and even though they were not placed I understand that they enjoyed themselves.



Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show raised over £150 for RNIB and Adrian Spary, a Gang Show parent who will be running in the London Marathon. Good Luck Adrian, we will be looking for you on the day.



TEMPLARS CUB PACK

MMC V – Murder at the Woodland Pond

29 February to 2 March 2008



If you go down to the (Wymondley) woods today, you're sure of a big surprise certainly rang true for our new DC and other visitors to this year's Templars Cub Pack Murder Mystery Camp and it wasn't just the murder mystery weapons or suspects that were surprising. No - this year we had the most well behaved Cub pack ever in the memories of Amanda Woolmer, Anne Gutteridge, Chris King, Dawn Wylie and myself. They were awesome!

We had boys asking for a broom to sweep their room and, in fact, that room won the dorm competition. We had Cubs lining up neatly in pairs waiting to go outside without being asked. We had Cubs doing all their own washing up without being asked. The Cubs went to bed at 10.30 both nights and there was no noise or disturbances after that until 6.15 the next morning. 'Please' and 'thank you' unprompted from every Cub every time and listening so attentively you could hear a pin drop completed the almost surreal experience. In Chris King's words, 'We should be filming this for a training video – no one would believe it'.

So well done to all my Cubs – I'm proud of you

As usual we had an action packed weekend; from the scene setting video and presentation on the Friday night to the solutions on Sunday. On Saturday morning the sixes performed their entertainer badge plays, using backdrops they created as part of their artist badge. The theme was 'emergency aid' and we saw five excellent sketches and then finished off the morning with Dr Who's video emergency aid quiz.



After lunch the teams were split with half making pop-up Mother's Day cards and half enjoying games of football, the assault course and 'It's a Knock Out' games. This was followed by curry for tea (our traditional MMC meal) and then the night time treasure hunt, camp fire and songs and Firework display. All this was sprinkled with police H.Q. bulletin board clues and suspect videos to help the teams solve the mystery.

On a crisp and bright Sunday morning we all hiked 3 miles to the scene of crime and everyone managed to find a copy of the vital pathology report which revealed how the victim was killed. With their final clue in hand, the Cubs dashed back to base to check the team's deductions one last time before their Scout Team Leader presented the team's solution to the rest of the camp after a 'Cubs Own' with the theme of Mothers.



It was a tired group of Cubs that greeted me when I entered the main room ready to present the final solution. All packed up ready to go home and having cleaned their rooms again(!), they were eager to find out if they had got it right.

All the teams worked out who did it and got the motive mostly right but Jumping Jellybeans were the only team to get the murder weapon, motive and murderer spot on.

We had five Scouts helping this year all of whom set an excellent example to the Cubs and did the Scout Troop proud.

I want to mention Louise Baxter in particular as, under her leadership, the Jumping Jellybeans (seen here at the scene of crime) not only won the prize for solving the mystery but also won the best dorm competition. She was given the most boisterous group of Cubs and she managed to motivate and lead them without losing her cool once during the weekend.



I see a future Cub Scout Leader in the making!

Next year's camp, MMC VI has been booked for 6 to 8 February 2009 – make a note in your diaries!

Stuart Wylie, CSL Templars Cub Pack

County Cub Swimming Gala - 15 March 2008 - St Albans

Ten Districts took part: Letchworth & Baldock, St Albans, Watford South, East Herts, West Herts, Potters Bar, Ware, Hemel Hempstead, Rickmansworth and Hertford.

I was chosen to swim and represent Letchworth and Baldock in the swimming gala with ten other Cubs. The race I was in was the relay and I was the last to swim (the anchor). We came second in a lot of our races and also had a first in the qualifying races. It was great fun to cheer on our Cubs! Some of the Leaders had a race and one Leader was dressed in an old-fashioned costume – he really looked cool! My race was the last one and we were all nervous. Stan went first, then George, James followed. As he swam towards me, my heart was pounding and I looked up at my mum, dad, sister and grandparents who gave me a wave. Then I was off and I swam as fast as I have ever swum before. I knew that I was catching the lead boy up and I hit the wall a couple of seconds after him – we had come second! I felt great but a little sad. Then the results were announced, Potters Bar in 3rd – (that's where we came last year) Letchworth & Baldock 2nd and East Herts in 1st place – Now I felt really great! My family were so proud! Thank you to Anne Gutteridge and Wendy Tierney for all their help and support.

James Burgess Cub Scout - 8th Letchworth



I really enjoyed the swimming gala,
and being part of the Cub team.

It was fantastic that we came 2nd.

**James Cook - Cub Scout 1st
Baldock (Templars)**

"At first we thought that we wouldn't get in the top three because there were some really good swimmers. We all swam really well and most of us got in the finals but the competition was tough. When they read 3rd place out we thought we had come 4th, but surprisingly we came 2nd! Our families were the loudest supporters and gave us great confidence. We were all really proud of ourselves!

**Rory Myner
Cub Scout 7th Letchworth**

On the 15 March a brilliant team of ten Cubs drawn from almost all of the groups within the District attended the Hertfordshire Swimming Gala. They were Alex Sporton, Jack Ferguson, Keiran Watkins, Matthew McPherson, Simon Kitching, Rory Myner, James Burgess, George Whitehead, James Cook and Stan Reader and they had all been practicing for the event. After achieving the amazing place of 3rd last year our hopes were running high for a good result and the team were really supporting each other cheering for each race and encouraging each other to their best performance. With two 1st, three 2nd, and a 3rd in the heats we were hopeful of places in the finals but were overjoyed to achieve places in all but one final. Our luck in lane four continued into the finals with four seconds, a third and a fourth we were sure we had achieved a top three place but when the results were read out we had achieved 2nd place in the County, our highest result. The Cubs had been amazing not only in their performance but also in the sporting attitude they displayed throughout the contest. Well done everybody.

Anne Gutteridge - CSL - 4th Letchworth

Lochearnhead - 2009

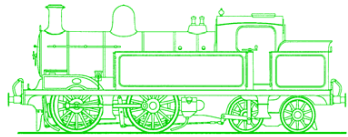
The District held the launch for the expedition to Lochearnhead in 2009 at 8th Letchworth HQ on Thursday 6 March. Over two hundred parents and young people attended.

Well, if you weren't there you missed an unbelievable Launch Evening, it was standing room only, nowhere to park, even the road outside was full!

After 2hrs the situation was

Week 1 - Fully Booked

Week 2 - 22 Names on the List



By the Sunday evening all the places had been taken and a reserve list had been started.

Planning your activities this summer term.

If you are thinking in terms of encouraging parents to accompany the children on a Pack or troop camp this summer (or even a Beaver Sleepover) remember that those parents need to be CRB checked. Responses from CRB do

not get returned overnight, so you need to contact Ron Smith as early as possible to get things moving.

When thinking about activities this summer, remember, 'no CRB, no summer camp'. Plan ahead.

Badge Competition



Your badge design could be worn by hundreds of Cub Scouts across the Country who attend CUBJAM....

1st PRIZE - £50 spend at Scout Shops Ltd

There are only a few rules...

1. All entrants must be born between 23 May 1997 and 23 May 2001 It is NOT open to adults or other family members.
2. The design must fit within the box on the Entry form, but can be any shape.
3. The design must include the text "CUBJAM 2009".
4. The design must be in colour, but not contain more than 6 colours.
5. The design must be hand drawn and not computer generated.
6. All entries must be made on the official entry form which is downloadable from our website. (or available on request)
7. All entries to be received by 31 December 2008

For more details and downloadable entry form please visit

<http://www.cubjam.org.uk/09/competitions.php>

adult training

There will be two separate **Module One. Essential Information** training sessions on Monday 7 April and Thursday 10 April 2008. These will be held at Wymondley Wood starting at 7.30 for approximately 1 1/2 hours.

There will be a **Module Three. Tools For The Job Section Leaders**, training evening (approximately 2 hrs) on Tuesday 15 April and another on Thursday 17 April 2008 at Wymondley Wood, starting at 7.00 pm.

If you are interested in attending any of the above courses then please contact Nick Farmer well in advance. nick.farmer2@ntlworld.com

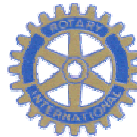
The course will cover all the sections of Beaver, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts

If you have time to look at the following link please do so, but do not worry if you are unable to do so.

<http://www.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources/>

Nick Farmer
Training Manager - Hitchin District

Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City



The Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City in association with the Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts will be holding their annual Charity Walk on Sunday 18 May 2008. If you are interested in walking and raising funds for Rotary and your own charity, please download full details from the links below. We look forward to seeing you there!

www.lgcrotary.org.uk

Both 2nd Baldock and 8th Letchworth Scout Groups have agreed to man a base, one at Norton Bury and the other at Wymondley Wood.





Welcome to

Melissa Davey ACSL 5th Letchworth

Congratulations to

Jackie Hare ASL 7th Letchworth on being awarded her Wood Badge



**Letchworth & Baldock
District Scout Council**
Cordially Invites you to its



A.G.M.

Thursday 8 May 2008

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

at

**Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre
Wymondley Road, Willian, SG6 2UB**

RSVP

Chris King - dc@lbdscouts.org.uk

An open invitation is extended to all District Leaders, Helpers and supporters to attend the District Annual General Meeting. Look forward to seeing you there. After the official business there will be a chance to socialize over light refreshments and drinks.



**SCOUT
SHOPS**
EQUIPPED FOR ADVENTURE

As from the 31 March the Scout Shops have increased the retail price of the following Challenge Badges:-

Beaver - Fitness, Creative, Global and Promise

Cubs - Community, Promise, Outdoor Plus

Scouts - Promise

to 50p each.

These prices will take effect when the District Shop reopens 8 April.

Dave Hawkins - Badge Secretary

Congratulations to

Bob Williams

**On achieving the highest
award in Scouting**

The Silver Wolf.



2008 DIARY

APRIL

2	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
5	County 'Bring a Friend Day'	Tolmers
6	8th Letchworth Family Activity Day	Wymondley Wood
7	Module One 'Essential Information'	Wymondley Wood
8	Scout Shop Opens	
9	District Scout & Guide Shop Meeting	Wymondley Wood
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
10	Module One "Essential Information"	Wymondley Wood
12 - 13	2nd Baldock Scouts Famine Camp	Wrayfield Farm
12	County Nights of Lights	Phasels Wood
12 - 13	Sixers & Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
13	Module 10 First Response	District HQ
15	Module 3 'Tools for the Job'	Wymondley Wood
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18	Deadline for articles for Co-Ordinator	
20	St George's Day Parade and Service	Baldock
24	Fellowship visit to Scottsdale Garden Centre	
26	11th Letchworth Quiz Night	11th Letchworth HQ
28	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood
29	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ

MAY

2 - 5	County Introduction to the Hills (ITTH)	Orchard Farm
3 - 5	County Patrol Activity Weekend (P.A.W)	Tolmers
4	Module 10 First Response	District HQ
8	District Executive AGM	Wymondley Wood
10	District Beaver Challenge	TBA
18	Letchworth Garden City Rotary Walk	Greenway

JUNE

6 - 8	4th Letchworth Scouts	Hitchwood
7 - 8	District Scout Kon Tiki Competition	Stotfold Mill
11	1st Baldock Scout Group AGM	1st Baldock HQ
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13 - 15	District Cub Camp	Chalfont Heights
20	7th Letchworth Scout Group AGM	Wilbury Hall
30	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood