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### St George's Day Parade and Service - Sunday 20 April 2008



This year's St George's Day Parade and Service was held in Baldock as part of the Centenary of Scouting in Baldock celebrations. The day was organised by the two Baldock Scout Groups, 1st and 2nd Baldock.

Over five hundred members of the District paraded from the Community Centre along the High Street to the Catholic Church in Limekiln Lane. The service was led by Father Andrew who ensured that there was audience participation by involving the congregation in his address.

The music was provided by the Stotfold Salvation Army and Philip Dean on the organ. The Scouts were joined by representatives of NHDC, LGCHF, Round Table and Rotary Club. The Scout County representative, Mick Edwards ACC (Scouts), commended the District on the high numbers attending and dismissed the parade after the service.

Refreshments were served in the Church Hall where Rob Hemmings GSL 1st Baldock cut the celebration cake on behalf of the Baldock Scouts.

This year's collection raised £139 which will be donated to Homestart - a local charity supporting families with a child under five.





1. Setting up
2. Margaret and Sue of the Fellowship manning the refreshment tent
3. Making kites
4. Scouts trying their hand at tying knots  
- Barry Dickinson CSL 5th Letchworth the willing volunteer



## Family Activity Day - 8th Letchworth Scout Group

6 April 2008

We woke up on the morning of the Activity Day to a couple of inches of snow - a quick check on the met office website cheered us up - sunshine by 2.00 pm! We headed down to HQ and loaded up the cars and trailer and headed up to Wymondley Wood which looked fantastic under a layer of white. The priority was to get the cook tent up and the urn on so we could all have hot drinks while we got the rest of the site ready.

The fun started at 2.00 pm. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their friends and families from most of the District's groups were able to have a go at things that usually only the young people get to do. There was archery, shooting, kite making (and flying), amateur radios, 'It's a Knockout', a scavenger hunt and a campfire. The Cubs had made cakes to sell in the refreshment tent and the Scouts helped man the tent, as well as serving teas, coffees and hot dogs to all the adults running the bases (including Chris down at the road entrance—although I understand it was cold by the time they got there!) They all helped in different ways as part of their International Friendship Partnership Award. We had sunshine, snow, hail and wind (good for kites). The only thing we didn't get was rain. Everyone had a great time.

Congratulations to Richard, Stan, Ciaran and William for getting the best time in 'It's a Knockout' and to Lewis H and his family and Lewis R and Joe for joint first in the scavenger hunt.

A big thank you to the members of the Fellowship who came and gave us a hand with the refreshments, the car parking, and on most of the activities at some point in time. Also to Fred and Dave who, as well as helping were also commandeered as 'a Granddad' (an item on the scavenger hunt). Thanks also to Wymondley Wood and the District for their help and to the Leaders from other Groups who came and gave their time.

Thanks to the superb effort from everyone, we have managed to raise £440. All the money raised is going to the charity run by the GSL from Baden Powell Memorial Group in Nairobi which helps the street children and street Scouts in the Kibera slum.

<http://www.raysofgoodhope.org/index/html>



**Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show**  
**Cordially Invites you to its**

**A.G.M**

**Thursday 22 May 2008**  
**7.30 pm for 8.00 pm**

**at**

**District H.Q. Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City**





## Baldock Beavers Bounce for the Blind



The two colonies at 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock joined forces at the beginning of this year to raise money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

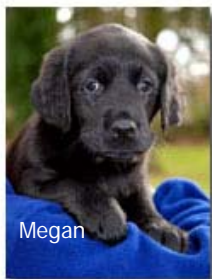
We kicked off the project with a joint meeting where we met Jan Gibson, her husband and a wonderful guide dog called Dipper. Jan told us all about how puppies are trained for about 20 months before they are placed with a visually-impaired person and how they then help them become more mobile and independent. We watched a video and all had a stroke of Dipper who loved every minute of it!



Tuesday Beavers are lucky enough to have a member who is currently a Puppy Walker for GDBA - a family who looks after a puppy to get her used to all kinds of places, smells and noises before starting her more intensive training. Mrs Allerton told us about the training of Maudie and then we did things as if we were blind - one Beaver had to put batteries in a radio and turn it on while blindfolded!

Both colonies experienced finding out what it was like to rely on their other senses by such things as tasting crisps, identifying sounds and smells and feeling different things in covered boxes – some nice, some gooey! Hardest of all, all the Beavers went, or were led, around a maze of obstacles, blindfolded. This showed just what trust you have to have in your guide dog.

Everyone agreed that it was a worthwhile cause and sponsorship forms were distributed. In true Scouting tradition, the Beavers had 'Fun' with their 'Friends' whilst caring for others. We all got together on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February for our Sponsored Bounce. Mums, Dads, brothers and sisters were all invited too. There were lots of stalls to enjoy such as Bash the Rat, Treasure Hunt, Hoop-a-frog and Guess the Name of the Dog. The main attraction, though, was the Bouncy Castle. It was a beautiful day (yes, in February!!) so we put the castle outside. Each Beaver bounced for a minute, with sponsorship per bounce or just a donation.



In total we raised a magnificent £375.77. The two colonies rounded this up to £400 to sponsor the training of four guide dog puppies. Well done and thanks to everyone involved. We look forward to regular 'Pupdates' on Megan, Norris, Libby and Matilda to track their progress.

**Dawn Wylie - BSL Wednesday Beavers  
1st Baldock**

## 2nd Baldock Scouts represent the County at the Regional Cooking Competition - Cheltenham Update

"Strictly 2B Chefs" as you might know fought it out at Cheltenham in the South and South East regional Cooking Competition. But, this time the theme was changed from 'Celebration' to 'Scout Activity Badges'. "Strictly" chose the 'Interpreters' Badge so they could cook food from different countries written in their language.

So, at 5:00am when you were all asleep Chris King drove "Strictly" and their supporters to Cheltenham in the Scout minibus for the competition to commence at 10:30am. Strictly did very well and were only 7 points from 1<sup>st</sup> place and finished 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. But, their starter of a winter soup was the highest scoring starter in the whole competition.

From left to right:  
Danielle Albone, Oliver Wing,  
George Budd, James Valentine.



### Safety Advisory Notice: Pierceable Gas Cartridges

Scout Insurance Services Limited monitors every accident notification made under Association rules. One of the reasons for this is to identify patterns or trends in order to inform and advise the Movement.

Over the last few years, there have been a number of serious incidents involving the use of gas cookers and lanterns which employ pierceable cartridges. Over the last ten years or so, the old pierceable cartridge has been superseded by lightweight aluminium cartridges which incorporate a screw or clip valve fitting. These can be fitted and removed repeatedly, with a minimal risk of the escape of gas. The main risks with the older type equipment are age, lack of familiarity and misuse.

The Scout Association is taking the unusual step in strongly advising Groups to cease using equipment which employ pierceable cartridges.

Groups are recommended to cease using such equipment and to implement a policy of replacement within twelve months at the latest.

Further information can be found at

[www.scouts.org.uk/noticeboard/2008/April/100408.html](http://www.scouts.org.uk/noticeboard/2008/April/100408.html)



## 11th Letchworth Quiz Night



11th Letchworth Scout Group held a Quiz Night to raise funds for the Group. There were seven teams of Leaders and friends who pitted their wits against each other. Tony Hartley the Quiz Master and his lovely assistant tested their knowledge of topics ranging from entertainment to sports and general knowledge.

The winners all received a bottle of wine and the congratulations of all other participants who failed to reach their high standard in a very difficult quiz!

Well done to the organisers for a very entertaining evening.



**The next event will be a Cake Stall outside WH Smith 7 June 2008. If you are in the town please support the group.**



New National Fellowship Webpage.

[www.scouts.org.uk/fellowship](http://www.scouts.org.uk/fellowship)!

From the site you can find out about Fellowship, read stories from local and National Fellowships, download resources, read the latest news stories and articles, and find out about the Scout Fellowship Support Team.

Please let us know what you think of the new site, and if you have any suggestions for improvements, by emailing [fellowship@scout.org.uk](mailto:fellowship@scout.org.uk)

For the next couple of months both the new site and the Scoutbase pages will continue to be updated. However, please be aware that in the not too distant future the Fellowship pages on Scoutbase will be redirected and you will only be able to access information through the new site.

## Celebrating a Centenary of Hertfordshire Scouting 12 - 13 July at Phasels Wood

The County is holding a Centenary Launch Party at Phasels Wood with a fairground themed party. Make sure you book early as tickets are limited to 3000 each day

The cost for the day will be just £17.50 per person. If you would like to camp on either the Friday or Saturday night the cost will be an additional £4.00 per person per night. Leaders must ensure that all adults staying overnight have CRB clearance.

Reserve your places by phone or e-mail now £5.00 non returnable deposit required per person.

Tel: 01442 252851 Fax: 01442 252162

[E-mail: info@phaselswood.org.uk](mailto:info@phaselswood.org.uk)

Web: [www.phaselswood.org.uk](http://www.phaselswood.org.uk)

**Tony Hartley completed the Three Peaks Challenge in 9 hours 59 minutes. To date £300 has been raised for 4th Letchworth Scout Group.**



## Welcome to

**Kate Marshall**

**ABSL**

**1st Ashwell**

**Congratulations** to the following who attended a module 10 course and successfully gained their First Aid Certificate in May

Apyrl Goodwin	ESL	Oak Eagles ESU (Young leaders)
Simon Goodwin	SL	4th Letchworth
Andrew Morgan	CSL	11th Letchworth
Steve Milligan	Helper	5th Letchworth
Nick Howell	ASL	5th Letchworth



## District Scout and Guide Shop

The Scout and Guide Shop is staffed by volunteers with ALL proceeds going to Letchworth and Baldock Scouts and Guides.

Please encourage your parents to use the 'Shop' to purchases uniforms, equipment and books.

Open Tuesday and Thursdays 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm term time only.

The 'Shop' is situated behind the District HQs in Icknield Way near 'Leap Frog' Nursery, Letchworth Garden City.

## BADGES BY E-MAIL

Calling all sections / groups who have an account for buying badges. You can order by e-mail to

**[scout.badges@btinternet.com](mailto:scout.badges@btinternet.com)**

Your order will be processed, posted to you FOC and the account debited accordingly.

**Dave Hawkins - Badge Secretary**

## The Length of Service Award

After a review of the length of Service award a few changes have been made.

1. Awards are now available for 20 and 30 years service and awards are issued at five yearly intervals from 5 years to 30 years.
2. A certificate, together with an emblem or brooch for non uniformed will be issued with each 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70 year award. The design of the emblem has changed slightly. It still follows the traditional pattern but with the figure of eight knot and number of years served in green in each case.

The new-style emblem and brooches will be issued from now.

**Existing holders may purchase the new-design emblems and brooches from the Scout**

**Information Centre should they wish to**




# 2008 DIARY

## 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
9 - 11	District Scout Network	Coetmor Mill
10	District Beaver Challenge	11th Letchworth HQ
11	District Cub Bell Boat Event	Fairlands Lake, Stevenage
12	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
13	5th Letchworth Scout Group AGM	5th Letchworth HQ, Spring Road
18	Letchworth Garden City Rotary Walk	Greenway
20	11th Letchworth AGM	11th Letchworth HQ, Rushby Mead
22	District Gang Show AGM	District HQ
29	Wymondley Wood AGM	Wymondley Wood

## JUNE

2	District Lochearnhead Meeting	District HQ
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
18	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
20	7th Letchworth Scout Group AGM	TBA
24	District Fellowship Picnic	Wymondley Wood
28	District Beavers Day Out	TBA
30	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood



**Wymondley Wood  
Scout and Guide  
Centre  
A.G.M.**

**29th May 2008 - 8.00 pm**

**All Scout and Guide Members are cordially  
invited to attend.**

## Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

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