



We had a collection amongst the committee and parents and with the money collected we bought her a voucher for a helicopter ride. While we were at RAF Henlow a few weeks ago she said that she had always wanted to go up in a helicopter. So Julie, your wish was our command !

We hope you enjoy the ride and take lots of photos for us to see

Take care, we will miss you !

8th Letchworth Scout Group

Farewell to a Legend

Even though everyone had a really great time at Burgers and Bash, it was also a very sad time for the 8th Letchworth. We said 'good-bye' to Kingfisher (Julie) after many many years. She has run the Beavers for, what must seem to her, a lifetime !

Even though Otter and I have only known her a short time, we have both been very impressed by her commitment and dedication to the boys and girls. We have a very tough act to follow but with her help, knowledge and guidance we hope we can continue to move the group from strength to strength.





Watford V Southampton

The Scout / Girlguiding Watford match for 2009 will be the home fixture



on Saturday 7 February against Southampton F.C. Kick off is 3.00 pm.

Watch out for more details in Headlines



New County Commissioner Nominations

The process of finding a new County Commissioner needs to begin.

Rob Lyon—regional Commissioner (East of England) invites you personally to contribute to the search by submitting nomination (s) of persons whom you feel should be considered for this important appointment.

Nominations should be submitted, either by letter, in an envelope marked 'Personal and Confidential - County Commissioner Nominations' to

County Commissioner Search Group

c/o Hertfordshire Scouts County Office, Well End Activity Centre, Well End, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 5PR

or by e-mail to

eofeccsearch@scout.org.uk

Nominations should be received on or before 30 November 2008.

Saracens Rugby Match 2009

The Scout / Girlguiding Saracens Match for 2009 will be the home fixture on Sunday 1 March (St David's Day) against Sale Sharks .

Kick off is timed for 3.00 pm although this may be subject to change if the match is broadcast by Sky TV.

See this month's 'Headlines' for booking information.



Join the adventure - Let's Celebrate Hertfordshire Scouts Centenary

The Hertfordshire Centenary Uniform Badge, Scarf and Achievement badges will soon be available from your Scout and Guide Shop and Badge Secretary. To be worn from September 2008 until September 2009 - these are a great way to let everyone know that you are celebrating your Scouting birthday.

Orienteering - September Lochearnhead Training Day



**Nic with his last mini cheddar
biscuit**

We all had a good time. It was quite tiring and we had to stop a few times where there were lots of BIG puddles and fields galore. I found a lot of the grid references and some times when we went on the roads there were lots of cars.

It was really hard to find the peg with the grid reference on it. Adam Lunnon, 1st Baldock decided to make a nature bag. The girls, Bethany and Amy, ate lots of berries.

The electric fence was shocking. We saw horses galloping in a field and we betted on which would win.

I'm so tired, but we are nearly there.

p.s. I was walking as well as writing.

Nic Watson



Richard studying the route



**Amy giving Bethany a helping
hand.**

Phasels Wood 5 - 7 September 2008

8th Letchworth Cubs

On the Friday evening we arrived at Phasels Wood for what turned out to be an extremely muddy camp. We started off by investing our three newest Cubs inside the mess tent (as it was pouring with rain outside). We then had games and all had hot dogs and hot chocolate and then it was off to bed.

On Saturday it started a bit drier. After an enormous breakfast we headed into the woods to have a go at tracking. Then off to the shooting range to have a go on the air rifles, where there were some very impressive scores. A quick stop for a bit of cake and a drink mid morning, then we headed indoors to have a go on the Rock. We had originally planned to go in the potholes, but the amount of rain we'd had left them flooded. The Rock was great fun though and everyone had a go. Everyone did really well, but Stan and Richard managed to keep going through some of the harder levels and were still clinging on when almost horizontal! It all looked so good, that all the Leaders had a go as well (but weren't as good as the two Cubs!)

After lunch we had a game of non-stop cricket in between the downpours, then luckily the rain cleared in time for us all to go on the Cresta Run and Pedal Carts. The Cubs voted Ross the best 'pusher' on the Cresta Run, due to his achievement in getting the most Cubs to reach the tyres at the end. (even going down on his belly a few times with all the effort!)

After dinner in the evening we gave up on the idea of a campfire as by this time the rain was getting even heavier and the wind was getting up. We had games inside the wet weather shelter instead, which everyone enjoyed. After a hot chocolate and checking the tent pegs were still holding, it was off to bed.



Sunday morning was a bit clearer, so after another enormous breakfast, the Cubs had the chance of another go on the Rock, then went off into the woods to play games, giving some of the adults time to strike camp before a lunch of leftovers and cake. Then it was time for the parents to arrive to collect their extremely muddy Cubs.

During the weekend the Cubs were let loose with an old digital camera, to photograph each other during activities as part of their Creative Challenge. Although, out of the 243 pictures taken, some were out of focus and we had some close ups of the inside of a few nostrils and mouths, there were also some very good shots so we have some budding photographers amongst us

Thanks to all the Cubs for an extremely enjoyable weekend and excellent behaviour, and to Steve, Liz, Barry, Claire and Amanda for coming along to help.

Darren Greener CSL

Phasels Wood 5 - 7 September 2008

8th Letchworth Cubs



My name is Jay and I am 8 years old. Phasels Wood was my first camp. I am in the 8th Letchworth Cub pack.

At camp I enjoyed sleeping in a tent at night with my new friends but didn't enjoy the rain we had all weekend.

The climbing wall was brilliant, but I was a bit disappointed we couldn't go on the potholing course due to the weather, maybe next time. I enjoyed the Cresta run which is a big tray which I sat on and the Leaders

pushed us down the hill. We had great fun racing the Pedal Carts and when we went Tracking in the wood. We had to queue for some things which got a bit boring at times. The food was great, even the sailing mushrooms, thanks Claire.

I will never forget my first camp and looking forward to many more.



Jay
8th Letchworth Cub



On Friday 5 September, my sister, 14 other Cubs and I all headed up to Phasels Wood. When we reached Phasels Wood it was really wet and muddy. When we put all our bags down we went into the Mess tent to play some games. In the Mess tent it was very squelchy and slippery. That night we had hotdogs, played games and had hot chocolate (yum yum!) until it was time to wash and go to bed.

The next day we had a great breakfast and lots of fun doing tracking, rifle shooting, pedal karts, the Rock and the Cresta run. It was an exhausting day and very, very muddy but we didn't mind. For tea we had sweet and sour chicken and for afters we had cake and custard. After tea we went over to a hut to play lots of games with Barry; that was lots of fun. While we were playing Mim and Ross were out in the wet trying to light the fire (thank you to Mim and Ross).

The next morning the breakfast was yummy as usual and we had another go on the Rock. Time flew by and before we knew it the parents started to arrive. We finished the weekend with Grand Howl and went home.

The end

PS: A big thank you to all the Leaders and helpers for a muddy good week end!

By Shaun, 8th Letchworth



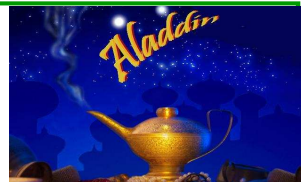
If you have a spare five minutes please visit

<http://www.youtu=ube.com/watch?v=oTJWOp2DyPs> - see if you can spot Chris George ACSL 11th Letchworth.

Nickleback - Rockstar (by the Tolmers Service Crew)

SPADS PANTOMIME

It is that time again and once more SPADS will be presenting their pantomime at The Plinston Hall, Letchworth and this year it is 'Aladdin' - Dates: 27 December - 3 January 2009. The advance box office for Party Bookings and discounts opens 1 October until 12 November.



District Fellowship Forthcoming Events

Event: A.G.M.
Date: 18 October 2008
Venue: 8th Letchworth HQ,
Time: 19:30 Hrs
Cost: FREE

Event: Chiltern Brewery
Date: 29 November
Venue: Chiltern Brewery
Time: TBA
Cost: TBA



Event: Lovelock's 'At Home'
Date: 16 November 2008
Venue: 19 Campers Road
Time: 15:00 Hrs - 19:00 Hrs
Cost: £4.00 per head

Event: Christmas Dinner
Date: 13 December 2008
Venue: Howard Social Centre
Time: TBA
Cost: £10.00 per head



**For more details or to book places contact Fred Lovelock,
e-mail fredlovelock@msn.com**

Orchard Farm District Scouts Walking Weekend

After a journey taking about two hours, I arrived at Orchard Farm. The tents were already up when we got there. That night we had hotdogs and fantastic hot chocolate, YUM. The next morning after a night of it chucking with rain, we had breakfast which was a lovely fry up, then we got all our stuff ready for the long walk!

The views on the walk were brilliant. You could see for miles around and the hills we were going to climb looked humungous. Everyone got into pairs, I went with Mattie, and we map read for about half hour. Mattie was creeping up on the sheep going up higher and higher on the steep hills, we stopped near a cave and raced against the other team because they were following us and not doing any orienteering work. So we tricked them and took a short cut to the top. Then we hid behind a stone and had lunch. We were all talking to the sheep, didn't talk much just went Baa, but the cows did they said Moo Moo!! I really enjoyed the weekend, the best bit was the walk on Sunday, because it was nice weather and we got to climb some caves.

Louise Crombie
7th Letchworth Scout

Roger Comley

ADC Fellowship and Morris Dancing Fool

It was at the Ideas Fair at North Herts College in 1990 that I agreed to join The Letchworth Morris Men Side who were performing near the Scout stand. We came to an agreement that if I joined them, they would support Scouts and we still do.

After four years the Side appointed me as The Fool thanks to the previous Fools who passed on or ceased to be funny anymore.

Many of the 1st Letchworth Scouts who met in a room above the front of Morrison's in The Broadway were also the Boys of Letchworth Morris Men Sword Dancers before the First World War. Jack Thompson at The Hive Printers in The Wynd printed many of The Morris Men Ring National Publications, English Folk Dance and Song Society and National Scout Literature. As a Boy Scout Jack was the block printer of the 1st Letchworth Scouts Newsletter 'The Yaffle' while he was also one of The Boys Sword Dance Team here in Letchworth. Jeff Robson and K.J. can tell you more of this.

I am now a member of Mendip Morris Men, Cambridge Morris Men and The Travelling Morris, and Fool to Whitchurch Morris Men and the Letchworth Morris Men. Over fourteen years ago I became Fool to The Squire of The Morris Ring (The Chief Scout of the organisation) presently Paul Reece of Thaxted Morris Men, who I help keep happy sometimes!

As the South Midlands Area Representative I keep in touch with over 20 Sides in the Morris Ring and help promote the English Morris Tradition by 'doing it' and by being a member of The Advisory Council to feed back to The Squire.

I have travelled to many twin towns and Festivals enjoying meeting other dancers from other countries as well as ours.

The recent editorial and photo on page 20 of the Times is from Thaxted 75th Anniversary Ring Meeting in Essex with 200 of us enjoying good fun. Letchworth Morris Men have been attending this annual event on the first weekend in June since our formation in 1922.

See our website and programme in The Unicorn Magazines. www.leitchworthmorris.org.uk
The Morris ring is The National Association of Men's Morris and Sword Dance Clubs, with 187 Sides made up of approximately 2000 friends, who all know me!



Visit to Baldock Fire Station 8th Letchworth Beavers

As part of their Friendship Challenge, the Beavers from 8th Letchworth, their leaders and some parents enjoyed a visit to see Green Watch at Baldock Fire Station.

When we arrived we were given a health and safety talk and told what to do if an emergency call came in during our visit.

Then we split into two groups and were shown all the equipment that is kept on the fire appliance, from cutters and axes to different types of hoses and fans.

The Beavers learnt that fire fighters not only deal with fires but also assist at road traffic collisions, release people stuck in lifts and do fire safety checks in people's homes.

They got to climb up into the rear of the cab, try on the breathing apparatus and look at the special infra red cameras.

Then it was time for each of us to have a go with the hose pipe. One of the officers took the weight of the hose as we aimed the nozzle at the tower and turned it on. The power of the water jet was quite something. Most of the cars in the car park got a good wash that evening !

We all really enjoyed ourselves and can't wait to go back another time.

Thank you Green Watch !



GANG SHOW

Gang show 2009 is just about ready. Rehearsals start at 1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive, Baldock 1st November 2008. 4.30 pm - 6.00 for Cubs and Brownies and 6.00 pm - 7.30 pm Scouts and Guides. Regular rehearsals will take place on Saturdays at similar times through to Christmas. Show dates 20 and 21 March 2009 at St Francis Theatre.



51ST JOTA 2008



The 51st JOTA is the weekend of 18 and 19 October. This year's event will run for 48 hours - starting at midnight on the Friday evening, local time.



COME AND JOIN US! The Hitchin District and Letchworth and Baldock Scout District will be uniting for this event. They will be transmitting from a radio station at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. The Radio Station will be open to visitors from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers Scouts and Leaders from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 18 October and from 9am to 12 noon on Sunday 19 October.

Please note: All young people must be accompanied by an adult.



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Recognising the achievements of our Young People



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Katie Allerton	1st Baldock (Tuesday)
Sam Hayes	1st Baldock (Tuesday)
Thomas Holford	1st Baldock (Tuesday)
Mathew Inman	1st Baldock (Tuesday)
Joss King	1st Baldock (Tuesday)
Samuel Prior	1st Baldock (Tuesday)
Joe Royal	1st Baldock (Tuesday)



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Robert Coldrey	1st Baldock (Knights)
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Calling all Group Officers and Committee Members. You are cordially invited to fill the chairs at the District Administrators' Evening.

Date: Monday 20 October 2008
 Time: 7.30 pm
 Venue: District HQ, Icknield Way
 Cost: FOC - refreshments will be available.



Topics will include presentation of accounts, responsibilities of a Trustee, Charity Commission, CRBs and any other topic you wish to raise. Members of the District Executive and District Team will be on hand to answer your questions.

Training e-learning - a correction from Ron Smith

At recent Appointment Meetings, I have been giving new Leaders a web address for e-learning - it is no longer correct. I discovered that the reference (URL) for the Scout website for learner resources has changed

Please go to *www2.scouts.org.uk/learnersresources*



From everybody in the Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts we wish Mick Dilley, GSL 2nd Baldock a speedy recovery after his recent accident. Rumour has it that Mick would do anything rather than attend his surprise 65th Birthday Party, but this is taking it to the extreme.



DIARY 2008

OCTOBER

4	District Beavers Sports Day	Wymondley Wood
9	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
12	District Cub Day Out	Duxford
15	Scout & Guide Shop AGM	Wymondley Wood
17 - 19	County Peak Assault Competition	TBA
18	District Fellowship AGM	8th Letchworth HQ
18 - 19	JOTA (Jamboree on the Air)	Wymondley Wood
19	County Cub Cyclocross	Well End
20	District Administration Evening	District HQ
26	County Scout Triathlon	Lees Wood
27	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood
27 - 31	Half Term - Scout Shop Closed	

NOVEMBER

4	Scout Shop reopens	
9	Remembrance Sunday	Ashwell, Baldock and Letchworth
11	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ
13	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
14 - 16	County Scout Green Beret	Lees Wood
16	Lovelocks 'At Home'	
24	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood
28	District Cub Quiz	



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