

## St George's Day Parade and Service

Date: Sunday 26 April 2009

Venue: St Mary's Church, Ashwell

Assembly: 1.30 pm in field off West End Road which is towards the north end of the village. Parade leaves at 1.50 pm and proceeds through the village. The Church service is scheduled for 2.30 pm and finishing at 3.20 pm.



The parade will be dismissed on the Recreation Ground, Lucas Lane, which is at the south end of the village at approximately 4.00 pm.

Refreshments will be available in the Cricket Pavilion.



## District Scout Cooking Competition

Sunday 25 January 2009, D Day. Or should that be C Day- Cooking Competition Day. This was my first event since being invested as ADC Scouts so I had no idea what to expect.

Eight teams had entered from 1<sup>st</sup> Ashwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth. 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Scout hut was booked. The judges (Sue and Fred Lovelock) were organised and a couple of Leaders (Lesley Gwilt and Chris Lewis) had volunteered to assist. Janet Conder had designed the certificates and polished the trophies.

At 10:00 am the Scouts literally burst into the hall, full of enthusiasm for the task ahead. After drawing lots for which table they had and handing in their menus there was nothing to do but wait for the official start. (Unless you were a certain team that got carried away and started chopping and peeling, you know who you were).

Then it was all systems go with about two hours to prepare a three course meal on the theme of activity. I said two hours Ashwell Boys Team; you probably don't have to put your pasta on straight away.

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With so many teams both halls were in use and there was a real buzz in the air.

The variety of food promised was mouth-watering. Salmon in Beetroot sauce, stew and dumplings, apple pancakes, stir fry to name a few. As the chopping, frying, stirring and grilling progressed the tables were being decorated for service. Again some real thought had gone into the preparations with decorations ranging from a walking boot to a fishing rod.

One thing I hadn't thought about was the smoke detector which was enthusiastically bleeping away. I managed to get it turned off (eventually). At least we know it works.

The judges' scores were coming in and it was clearly going to be a tight finish decided by the quality of the food produced. And when it was served it was clear the standard was very high. After a final sampling by the judges the teams sat down to eat whilst the scores were added up.

The washing up was done just in time as the hall filled with parents and Leaders to hear the results declared.

And yes it was very close. The winners by nine points were the 1st Ashwell girls' team of Rosy Boxall, Katherine Chennells, Jemima Fryer and Josephine Lahoar-Self. The girls were presented with the Tippet Trophy and now go forward to represent the District at the County Competition.

They just pipped 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock (last year's winners and current holders of the County trophy) whose two teams were second equal with 171 points.



**Cooking Competition with Gavin - ADC Scouts**

Well done to everyone who took part and to those who helped you prepare. You made the day really rewarding.

Let's hope that next year we can have a team from every troop in the District and make the competition even better.

And my final word is for the parents. If your son or daughter took part in this event then they really can cook and wash up without injuring themselves or starting fires. When they next ask you what is for dinner? Tell them -

**whatever you fancy cooking.**



## Astronomical Evening

### 8th Letchworth Beaver Scouts

The 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Beavers had a very interesting evening in January. They were lucky to have a visit from Jerry Stone of the Letchworth and District Astronomical Society.

He started his talk by asking the Beavers what they knew about the term Astronomy. Then he talked about what stars and planets actually are.

He showed them a scaled down model of planet Earth and where, in relation to it, the Moon actually is. They are approximately 242,000 miles apart.

He explained that when we see the stars, it is the glow of their gases that we actually see. Planets do not glow. The only way we can see them is when the sun reflects off them.

They learnt how a telescope works. The first telescope was used by Galileo 400 years ago in 1609.

It was then time to learn about all the different planets in the solar system.

Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto

(which is now known as a dwarf planet) and some new dwarf planets, Ceres, Haumea, Makemake, and Eris.

Jerry had some inflatable lifelike scale models of the original nine planets for the Beavers to see and put in the right order from the Sun. They needed a bit of help but got there in the end !

In March we are going to visit the LDAS observatory at Standalone Farm. Hopefully we will be able to see Venus and maybe even Saturn.

It was a most enjoyable and informative evening and we are all looking forward to the next instalment.

We thoroughly recommend this talk to all groups. Jerry can adjust his talk to cater for all age groups. Due to grant funding the LDAS are able to offer 2 nights for the price of 1 - £50 for a visit to you and then for you to visit the observatory.

Jerry Stone can be contacted at [spaceflight\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:spaceflight_uk@yahoo.co.uk) [www.geocities.com/spaceflight\\_uk](http://www.geocities.com/spaceflight_uk)

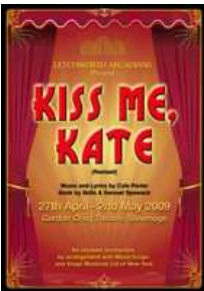


## Fellowship News

### Entertainment for 2009 Part 1 (part 2 to follow next month)

**Date:** Saturday 28 February  
**Event:** Musical Quiz  
**Venue:** 8th Letchworth HQ  
**Cost:** £4.00 per head at the door  
**Time:** 7.00 pm for a 7.30pm start

There will be nibbles on the tables, bring your own drink



**Date:** Friday 1 May  
**Event:** Arcadians performing 'Kiss me Kate'  
**Venue:** Gordon Craig Theatre  
**Cost:** contact Fred Lovelock  
 Taking bookings from 1 March 2009 (St David's Day)

**Date:** Sunday 10 May  
**Event:** Barbecue  
**Venue:** hosted by Anne and James Martin, 38 Chiltern View  
**Cost:** £5.00 per head  
**Time:** 3.00 pm - 7.00 pm

**Date:** Sunday 24 May  
**Event:** Picnic (bring your own)  
**Venue:** Little Paxton nature reserve  
**Cost:** TBA  
**Time:** District Minibus will leave from the Arena car park midday



**Date:** Sunday 7 June  
**Event:** Bletchley Park, where the code breaking was done during WWII.  
**Cost:** TBA  
**Time:** District Minibus will leave the Arena Car Park 11.30am

## Fellowship News

### Entertainment for 2009

**Date:** Sunday 12 July

**Event:** A river trip

More details to follow nearer the time



**Date:** Sunday 20 July

**Event:** Be 'Cubs' for a day

**Venue:** Boyd Field, Henlow

**Cost:** TBA

**Time:** 10.00 am start

Akela (Sheila Tickner) will be running a day camp. Bring your own packed lunch, there will be a fish and chip supper and a camp fire.

**Date:** Sunday 26 July

**Event:** Barbecue

**Venue:** Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

**Time:** From 3.00 pm onwards

Bring your own picnic, tea/coffee and soft drinks will be available



**Date:** Sunday 9 August

**Event:** 'The Lovelock's at Home'

**Venue:** 19 Campers Road

**Cost:** £5.00 per person

**Time:** 3.00 pm—7.00 pm

Plus Saturday 13 September Games night at Sparhawke

Saturday 17 October AGM plus fun and games

Thursday 12 November a trip to Cruise Hill garden centres, Enfield.

Saturday 12 December Christmas Dinner

For details on how to join the Fellowship or to come to any the events please e-mail Fred Lovelock, Fellowship Secretary

**[fredlovelock@msn.com](mailto:fredlovelock@msn.com)**







## **Letchworth And Baldock District**

**Nightjar**

**Scouts Night Hike**

**And**

**The Mid Herts Night Hike!**



**Saturday 7 March to Sunday 8 March 2009**

### **So what's it all about?**

An incident hike competition over a course of approx 8 to 10 miles. At night BUT this is not a race!! The incident element of the competition comprises of a series of activities and incidents along the route,

**Where is it?** The route is different every year, and will be in the central Hertfordshire area. I will at this stage say no more.

**Who can take part?** Patrols comprising a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 7 young people. Patrols may be accompanied by adults (maximum 2) or not as they wish. Patrols may consist of Scouts, Guides or a combination of both. Teams of Explorer Scouts and Guide Senior Section may take part, but may not win the Main trophy.

**Skills?** You will need to be able to read a map and follow instructions. A working knowledge of basic Scouting / Guiding skills is very useful!

Return your entry form and payment to:

James Bental

4 Station Close

Brookmans Park

Herts AL9 7SU

Forms can also be submitted through:

[www.mhnh.org.uk](http://www.mhnh.org.uk)

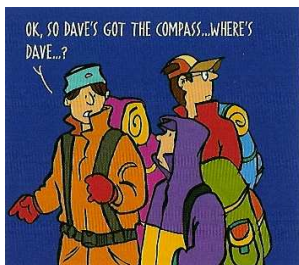
or by Email: [enquiries@mhnh.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mhnh.org.uk)

### **Rules of entry:**

1. No entry will be accepted without full payment of the fees.
2. Receipt of entries will not be acknowledged. (See below)
3. Those wishing to receive a receipt, please include an SAE marked 'Receipt'.
4. Final instructions will be sent out late February
5. Once a Patrol is allocated a place on the event, the fee becomes non-returnable.
6. There is a maximum limit of 50 Patrols.
7. Once the event is full, entries will be kept on a waiting list against withdrawn teams.
8. Entry fees will not be banked until a place is allocated, then rule 5 becomes operable.
9. The organiser reserves the right to refuse entries and to withdraw Patrols from the competition at any stage, without giving a reason.

**Entry Fee: £60  
per team**

**(Or £10 per head  
– your choice!)**



**Questions and offers of help to:**

**Tony Cobb: 01707 335046 or**

**[tony.cobb@talk21.com](mailto:tony.cobb@talk21.com)**

**[www.MHnh.org.uk](http://www.MHnh.org.uk)**

**Please see opposite for Night Jar  
details**

## Sixes Competition Winner's Cooking Challenge Day 1st Baldock Templar's Cub Pack

Every term, Templar's Cub Pack runs a Sixes competition with points being awarded throughout the term for excellent behaviour, smart appearance, good work, good turns and so forth.

Last term, Blue Six won the competition and their prize was a cooking challenge day with 1:1 support from the Leader team and helpers, culminating in a feast for all their families in the evening.

The day started at 10:00 with a planning meeting to decide what the menu would be and who would be cooking what. Each Cub cooked a main course and either a starter or dessert. This was our final menu:

**STARTERS:** Homemade dips with sticks, Lentil and Bacon Soup and Homemade spicy chicken wings

**MAIN COURSES:** Paella, Peking chicken pancakes and fajitas, Pizzas with homemade bases, Spaghetti Bolognese, Chicken curry with rice and Shepherd's pie

**DESSERTS:** Cheese cake, Chocolate slice and Raspberry crumble

After a visit to Tesco to get all the ingredients and a talk on safety and hygiene it was all systems go to prepare and cook the food before the Cubs' families joined us at 16:30. It was a fantastic day and the Blue Six certainly did themselves proud, catering for 35 people with delicious and well presented food. Imogen, Tom, Stuart, Kieran, Adam and Marcus were awarded the Cub Scout Chef Badge for their efforts.



**Stuart Wylie CSL**



## Nightjar

**Night Jar 2009 is being run within MHNH. Prizes will be awarded as follows**

**Night Jar Senior Trophy for the first Letchworth and Baldock District unaccompanied Scout Team**

**Night Jar junior Trophy for the first Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Team**

**All teams will receive a certificate. All participants will receive an event badge.**

**To enter Night Jar simply enter MHNH details on page 6. Then notify Gavin Conder ADC Scouts that you have done so on 07920-711251 / 01462-624365 / tas139@ntlworld.com**

## Countryside Management Service

Cubs and Scouts from 7th, 8th and 12th Letchworth were all at Norton Common helping the Countryside Management Service to clear the scrub, and the two Akela's, Darren from 8th Letchworth and Steve from 12th Letchworth had great fun burning it all.



The Countryside Management Service (CMS) has been working with communities in Hertfordshire for 30 years, helping them to care for and enjoy the environment



***Make a note of the date  
Laurie Cook's  
Plant Stall  
Saturday 23 May***



**Tom and Craig in 12th Letchworth tradition being carried off the premises in a Sedan Chair to mark their departure from the troop.**



## Chief Scout's Gold Awards



Six Scouts from the 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scout Troop have been awarded their Chief Scout's Gold Awards

This marks the culmination of nearly four years of hard work by the Scouts who have taken part in a huge variety of activities including gliding, canoeing, rafting, visiting local places of interest and raising money for charity. Along with the traditional elements of Scouting of hiking and

camping they have between them over the last four years attended almost every District and County event including the World Jamboree as a day visitor. They even managed to pick up a few trophies along the way.

Recipients were Craig Allwright, Tom Starkey, Michael Levet, Alex Conder, Alex Hunt and Arthur Thomson.

Each Scout received his award and a framed certificate from the District Commissioner, Chris King, at an awards evening on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

Two of the Scouts now leave the Troop. Tom and Craig were the last two remaining members of the original ten Scouts who reformed the Troop in January 2005. Good luck for the future. In 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth tradition they were carried off the premises in a Sedan Chair to mark their departure.

Michael, Alex Conder, Alex Hunt and Arthur are now preparing for the summer expedition to Lochearnhead.

At the same time Alex Hunt was presented with his Senior Patrol Leader's Stripe. The first such award made at 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth since they reformed.

The evening was also notable as 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scouts held their first meeting at their new venue at the Letchworth Corner Sports Club. And after looking after 11<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scouts for the last year 11<sup>th</sup> Letchworth have reformed in their own right. This evening marked their first independent Troop night with their new Leaders Mark and Beverley Suttie.



## Annual Charity Walk



### ROTARY CLUB OF LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY

**This year's Letchworth Garden City Rotary Club Annual Charity Walk will take place on Sunday 17 May 2009.**

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. There will be hot dogs, snacks, hot and cold drinks available at the refreshment bases at Nortonbury Farm and at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre.



## Gang Show



If you haven't yet booked your tickets, do it now. The Gang Show has long held an important role in keeping alive the spirit of Scouting by encouraging Young People to get together, with others and work towards a common goal by using their own hidden talents and enthusiasm and above all having fun.

Dates: 20 March 7.30 pm  
21 March 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm

Venue: St Francis' Theatre

Cost: £5.00 per ticket

Tickets are released for general sale (Millets in Letchworth) February Half Term week.

### Cast of 2007



## Recognising the achievements of our Young People



### **Chief Scout's Silver Award**

Ashley O'Rourke  
5th Letchworth



### **Chief Scout's Gold Award**

Craig Allwright  
Alex Hunt  
Alex Conder  
Michael Levett  
Arthur Thomson  
Tom Starkey  
All 12th Letchworth Scouts



# A warm welcome to

Richard Brain      1st Baldock    ACSL

## Training Dates and Modules being held locally by the Hitchin Training Manager

23-Feb	4	Tools for the Job	16-Mar	7	Valuing Diversity
25-Feb		(Managers)	18-Mar		
02-Mar	5 & 6	Fundamentals of Scouting	23-Mar	8 & 9	Skills of Leadership
04-Mar		Changes in Scouting	25-Mar		Working With Adults
09-Mar	17	Activities Outdoors	30-Mar	11	Administration
11-Mar			01-Apr		(Section Leaders)

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# DIARY 2009

## FEBRUARY

1	Lochearnhead Training day	TBA
7	Watford v Southampton	Vicarage Road
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
17 & 19	Scout Shop closed for Half Term	
21—22	County Chiltern Challenge (Explorer Scouts)	Phasels Wood
22	County Scout Cooking Competition	Stevenage District Scout HQ
23	Wymondley Wood Meeting	107 Spring Road
28	District Fellowship Musical Quiz Evening	8th Letchworth HQ

## MARCH

1	Saracens v Sale Sharks	Vicarage Road
2	Lochearnhead Meeting	Wymondley Wood
9	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	TBA
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
14	County Cub Swimming Gala	St Albans
17	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	TBA
20 –21	District Gang Show	St Francis Theatre
21	County Bring a Friends Day	Tolmers
27 - 28	District Scout Night Hike	TBA
28	District Cub Scouts Football Tournament	TBA
30	Wymondley Wood Meeting	107 Spring Road
31	District Scout Shop closes for Easter	

## APRIL

3 - 5	Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
9	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
22	Scout and Guide Shop Meeting	Wymondley Wood
23	Scout Shop reopens	
26	St George's Day Parade and Service	Ashwell
27	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

## MAY

1	District Fellowship Social 'Kiss me Kate'	Gordon Craig Theatre
1 - 3	PAW (Patrol Activity Weekend)	Phasels Wood

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