



Silver Acorn



Congratulations to Dave on being awarded the Silver Acorn in recognition of his specially distinguished services to the Scout Movement.

Dave spent his early days in Scouting at the 2nd Baldock Scout Group as a Committee Member and then as Assistant Cub Scout Leader (Baloo) before rising through the ranks to become ADC (Cubs) May 1998 and District Commissioner (August 2001). His period as District Commissioner was especially busy and exciting as it included a Lochearnhead expedition (2005) the official opening at Wymondley Wood by the Chief Scout, George Purdy, and our own big Jamboree and concluded with the Centenary Celebrations with yet another District Jamboree and visit to the World Jamboree.

Under Dave's Leadership the District continued to grow in members and maintained its reputation for exciting and adventurous Scouting.

Presentation to Ivor - County Commissioner

After the Gang Show on Saturday night Chris King, District Commissioner, on behalf of Letchworth and Baldock District presented Ivor Thomas with a book on the history of Letchworth Garden City in recognition of his time as County Commissioner. We wish Ivor success in whatever role he takes on in Scouting.



Bob and Deirdre Williams met the Chief Scout, Peter Duncan, at a lunch given in honour of Silver Wolf recipients after attending the Thinking Day Service at Westminster Abbey.

Mid Herts Night Hike and Night Jar

On the night of Saturday 7 March and Sunday 8 March twenty seven teams of Scouts and Guides from all over the County took part in the annual Mid Herts Night Hike (MHNH). The District entered nine teams from 1st Ashwell, 5th, 7th, 8th and 12th Letchworth. These teams also competed for our District's Night Jar trophies which are awarded within this event.

The competition is an incident hike over a distance of eight and a half miles around the Welwyn area. Teams earn their points at various bases through a combination of teamwork and achievement. The threatened rain held off and the temperatures didn't fall too far. In fact perfect conditions.

This year bases consisted of amongst other things a wheelbarrow obstacle course, rope swing and go carts. It was really hard work but the Scouts remained enthusiastic and all the District teams managed to complete the course.

When they eventually found their way back to 2nd Welwyn HQ they were all fed and then transported back to their accommodation at assorted Scout Huts for a couple of hours sleep. I say sleep when I mean running around, jumping on each other etc before falling asleep ten minutes before it was time to get up for the prize giving.

I thought it had all gone very smoothly until I heard all the stories about getting lost, chased by dogs, ending up in a farm yard.

Anyway back to the results

When the scores were added up the District had taken 2nd, 3rd and 4th places only missing out on winning the competition by a mere 5 points. Full results are below

12th Letchworth Wolves represented by Alex Hunt, Alex Conder, Arthur Thomson, Michael Levett and Robert Smith won the Night Jar Senior Trophy for the first placed unaccompanied team.

8th Letchworth Fireflies represented by Daragh Lane, Jamie Sherwood, Karelle Romans and Sean Warren won the Night Jar Junior trophy for the first placed accompanied team.

Well done. Not only to the winners but to all those Scouts who competed. Leaders and parents who accompanied teams and Leaders and Network, who ran the bases. You made sure the District's reputation for success in the event was more than maintained.

And finally I need to clear a few things up. Lesley Gwilt's black eye was nothing to do with me and an allegation that she wasn't working hard enough on our base. She fell over push starting my car, but bravely carried on.

For those who wanted to know what the objects on my base were I'm not saying in case I use them again but there definitely wasn't a calendar, whoopee cushion, pumpkin, toy snake, cushion cover or glove.

8th Letchworth Fireflies - Night Jar Junior Trophy

Results – Positions given are placing within MHNH09

2nd	12th Letchworth Wolves	615pts
3rd	7th Letchworth Magnificent 7	535pts
4th	8th Letchworth Fireflies	531pts
7th	5th Letchworth Famous Fifth	521pts
10th	7th Letchworth Top Girls	505pts
11th	1st Ashwell	500pts
16th	12th Letchworth Bears	446pts
19th	5th Letchworth Famous Fifth B	435pts



12th Letchworth Wolves - Night Jar Senior Trophy



LETCHWORTH YOUTH COUNCIL

Have your say in the affairs of Young People - join the Letchworth Youth Council.

Last year the group was set up with fourteen young people. The group was set up mainly for the purpose of achieving the following objectives:-

- The Letchworth Youth Council shall seek to represent and communicate the views and needs of all young people including comments on the implementation and improvements of facilities for young people within Letchworth to any relevant statutory, maintained or voluntary body.
- The Letchworth Youth Council shall act as advisers to the District and Town Council and other agencies on issues affecting young people and their concerns.
- The Letchworth Youth Council shall seek to communicate and liaise between, and where appropriate advise and support existing and new youth organisations within Letchworth.
- The Letchworth Youth Council shall, where applicable, be involved in the organisation of events for young people and seek to further the understanding between groups of young people including those with differing cultural and religious backgrounds and those with special and different needs.

The Youth Council is looking for new members. If you are interested and you are aged between 11- 18 years old and live or go to a school/ college in Letchworth, see your Scout Leader or make direct contact with Ashuk Ahmed, Community Development Officer.

Direct Dial: 01462 474225

Mobile: 0792 082 9193

E-mail: ashuk.ahmed@north-herts.gov.uk

Cub Pack Weekend - Cottedred 1st Baldock (Knights)

On Friday 20 February, at 2.00pm, 1st Baldock Knights started on their weekend adventure at Cottedred Guide Centre.

Once we had settled into our weekend home, we all set off on a trail which had been laid by two of our Young Leaders. It was then back home to prepare the supper, look at maps for the next day's hike and at astronomy charts in preparation for star gazing over the weekend. After supper and the washing-up (a new experience for most!!) the Young Leaders again put their heads together and made up a brilliant wide game which was enjoyed by all.

On Saturday morning we woke up to a lovely sunny day and after a proper "Scouting" breakfast we were off again with activities of fire building and lighting, pond dipping, animal track plaster casts, an incident hike which included a visit to the Cromer Windmill, cookie making, a dried fruit tasting session and the "Great Egg Challenge". The Cubs had to trade for items of waste paper, card and other packaging and build a casing to house a raw egg, which would then be dropped from a height; the challenge was for the egg not to break in the process!! One egg was broken in the packing process but the other two were packed so well that they survived the drop. After our star gazing and camp fire it was off to bed.

After another "Scouting" breakfast it was time to prepare for Cubs Own, adding up the points earned over the weekend, inspection and general packing up. After Cubs Own and taking a camp photo it was time to go back inside for our closing ceremony. The Cubs were asked to name one thing that they had never done before..... this ranged from looking at the stars, fire building, cooking, washing up to not washing – it was clarified that his face, hand and teeth were cleaned - it was just the other bits ...thank you for sharing that with us William!!!

Thank you to all the Cubs who were a credit to us and hopefully enjoyed themselves as much as we did.

Also a big thank you to our Young Leaders and our brilliant team of parent helpers who took part in activities, cooked and cleaned - all of which enabled Akela and Raksha to go home not completely exhausted. THANK YOU

Raksha

Red Nose Day 2nd Baldock Scouts



**2nd Baldock did a
sponsored silence and
cardboard city sleepover
for Red Nose Day and
raised well over £200.**



County Cub Swimming Gala

When I went to the County Swimming Gala

First we had to go to Watford then to the swimming centre. Then I went to meet the team. Next I got changed and following the signs and bringing my towel I went on the pool side. Akela told me which race I was in so I sat down on the stone benches. I stood up when someone was racing from our group and cheered them on. Then the 6th race was on and that was my race. I swam as fast as I could at backstroke but unfortunately I came last. At least I enjoyed it and I was proud of myself for even getting through the trials!

Katie Allerton 1st Baldock (Knights) Cub Pack

Congratulations to the following Cubs who, after taking part in swimming trials, were chosen to represent the District in the County Cub Swimming Gala.

Katie Allerton	1st Baldock (Knights)	Henry Godfrey	7th Letchworth
Ethan Bell	2nd Baldock	Thomas Hensby	12th Letchworth
Leon Clawson	12th Letchworth	Ira Johal	4th Letchworth
Matthew Cook	1st Baldock (Templars)	Oliver King	2nd Baldock
		Rennan Tilbury	1st Baldock (Templars)
		Leah Tomlin	4th Letchworth



Let the train take the strain



Back in the last century, when CO-ORDINATOR first appeared as a single black-and-white typed sheet, it was produced as a service to the District by the Rover Scouts of Letchworth District Rover Crew. (The important words "and Baldock" were omitted merely to save on shoulder tapes.) Prominent in the Crew, and an expert at turning the hand of the duplicating machine, was Maxwell Vines, who eventually gained the high rank of Assistant Rover Scouts Leader, or ARSL as it was pronounced with care and affection.

Max will be 70 years old on Sunday 26 April, which by coincidence is the day when Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts are paying proper attention to an integral part of the District which is sometimes overlooked, except for County cooking competition and the Ash leaf on the District badge.

On that Sunday, which is Union Day in Tanzania as well as Max's birthday the entire Scout population of Baldock and Letchworth are expected to overcrowd the ancient borough of Ashwell to celebrate the patron saint of Scouting in our special way. Because of the incomprehensible distance involved, this might cause the village street and country lanes to be crammed, congested, clogged and cluttered with internal combustion machines all doing their bit to melt the Arctic ice cap. And yet Ashwell has a railway station, only two miles from the parade's assembly point; and a train leaves Letchworth Garden City at 12.51, Baldock at 12.55, which allows a good half hour to get to the school with healthy exercise. Any Tenderfoot should be able to do it. Let's see how many will dare to try. Scouts over 80 would be excused.

K.J.



'Thirst for Life' Expedition to Swaziland

Two members of the Letchworth and Baldock District, Matthew Hart, Scout Network and Joe Hartley, Explorer Scout will be taking part in the County expedition to Swaziland in August. Both Scouts need to raise £1400. Both of them have been very active in holding various fund raising activities.

Joe will be holding a car rally on Easter Sunday 12 April.

The car rally is a treasure hunt with questions and puzzles to be solved at various locations. It is not a race: the winner is the car that gets to the most locations in the least amount of mileage.

Date: Sunday 12th April

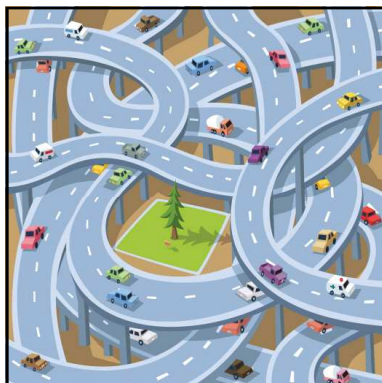
Where: Starting at 8 Fouracres

When: 10.00 am - sheets can be picked up any time after 10.00 am. To get to all locations takes between two and three hours.

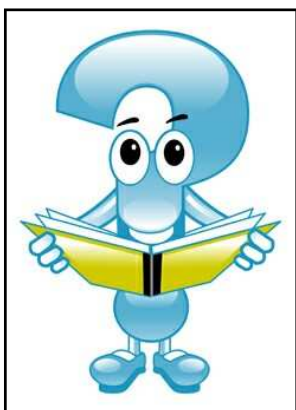
Until: 5.00 pm - judges will be at the final destination from 4 pm. All entrants must have signed back in by 5.00 pm

Cost: £10.00 per car. This is the all inclusive price for a fun packed day and refreshments at the final destination.

Next: You can register to take part now. (If you register in advance this will help enormously with catering for the refreshments).



To register e-mail: **HartleyAR@aol.com**



Matt Hart has put together a Fund Raising Quiz

To receive the quiz please contact Matt direct on

m_m-hart@hoptmail.com

Closing date: Entries must be received by the end of Friday 29 May 2009

To Enter: Send £2 for each entry entered to: Matthew Hart

First Prize Kettle BBQ, Second Prize £20 Sainsbury voucher, Third Prize Bottle of wine and a box of chocolate plus more prizes.

Example

6 S on a D

1 W on a U

Answer

Sides on Dice.

Wheel on a Unicycle.

Please try to support Joe and Matt in any way you can.

The expedition will be based at the Thirst for Life Scout Centre near Bhalekane, which is about 80km north of Manzini, where the airport is located. There will be two 2 day trips; one to the Kruger National Park in South Africa and the other to the capital of neighbouring Mozambique, Maputo.

Recognising the achievements of our Young People



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Lewis Dudley	1st Baldock
Kim Onslow	1st Baldock



Congratulations to the following

Eric Woodward (Skip)
1st Baldock

Ron Smith
District Executive and
Appointment Secretary

Peter Ellmers - GSL 8th Letchworth
Fred Lovelock - Fellowship - Secretary
Simon Tierney - District Training Administrator

Tony Hartley - SL 4th Letchworth
Steve Walsh - 11th Letchworth - Treasurer

Annual General Meetings

The AGM (Annual General Meeting) season is almost upon us so I would be pleased if Groups let me know the date of their AGM so that I can publish it in Co-Ordinator and also be given the opportunity to attend.

Thanks to 8th Letchworth who have already provided the information and it would be good to see you at Wymondley Wood for the District AGM on 14 May at 8.00 pm

Why not do something different at your AGM After the formalities are over why not get the Beavers, Cubs or Scouts to provide some entertainment, hold an open evening at the same time for new members, one group used to have a rounders match afterwards, always good fun, hold a BBQ, put on displays of what the young people did throughout the year, the list is endless.

Fellowship News

Fellowship Barbecue hosted by Ann and James Martin at 38 Chiltern View.

Date:	Sunday 10 May	Venue:	38 Chiltern View, Letchworth
Time:	15:00 hrs to 19:00 hrs	Cost:	5.00 per head

Please note change of date for the Cub day at Boyd Field - now Saturday 27 June.

DIARY 2009

APRIL

3 - 5	Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
9	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
22	Scout and Guide Shop Meeting	Wymondley Wood
23	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	
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
1 - 4	Introduction to the Hills (County Event)	Orchard Farm
8	7th Letchworth AGM	Wilbury Hall
9	District Beaver Challenge	11th Letchworth
10	County Football 6-a-side Tournament	TBA
14	District AGM	Wymondley Wood
16 and 17	Lochearnhead Training	Herts. Young Mariners Centre
17	Letchworth Garden City Rotary Annual Charity Walk	Greenway Walk
23	Laurie's Plant Stall	22 Hillshott
24	Fellowship Picnic	Wymondley Wood
25	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood

JUNE

7	Fellowship Trip	Bletchley Park
11	District Executive Meeting	
18	8th Letchworth Open Evening / AGM	Sparhawke
27	District Beaver Day Out - Natural History Museum	
27	Fellowship Cub Day at Boyd Field	
29	Wymondley Wood Meeting	

Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council A.G.M.

Date: 14 May 2009

Time: 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Venue: Wymondley Wood
Scout and Guide
Centre

All are welcome

RSVP: Janet Conder
District Secretary

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