



## LETCWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUTS

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# ***Co-Ordinator Celebrates its 50th Birthday***

***560 issues without a break  
since June 1959***

**Co-Ordinator was launched 1 JUNE 1959 with the following intentions:-**

**WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT?**

This is CO-ORDINATOR, which is intended to co-ordinate ideas of Scouters and Cubbers by helping to ensure that everyone concerned knows what is going to happen, when. Letchworth District Rover Crew are producing and distributing, but it is our hope that everyone will join in the provision of material. We shall welcome any suggestions, comments, criticisms, ideas, funny stories, hints, tips, news of good camping sites, dates of forthcoming events and we shall accept small advertisements at a halfpenny a word. Tell any member of LDRC

**WHO ARE THEY?**

At the time of going to press, LDRC consists of the following.....

Martin Brown,	31 Lytton Avenue	David Northover,	47 The Crescent
John Collins,	33 Mullway	Jeffrey Robson	67 High Avenue
John de Louvois	24 Whitethorn Lane	Maxwell Vines	18 Norton Way North
Arundle Hoyer	146A Wilbury Road	Peter Wey	40 Mullway
Mick Dille	Wrayfield Farm		

....plus SA Kenneth Johnson, 80 Spring Road (Phonable at Public Library, 459)

**Les Brown, District Commissioner wrote**

It gives me much pleasure to add a few words to the first issue of CO-ORDINATOR. It is hoped this will fill the gap in communications that so often exists, not only in our district but it seems in many parts of the country. Scouters have many commitments and cannot always attend meetings, and we at District have not had a satisfactory method of circulating all the news, dates and reports.

**Barry Dickinson**  
**5th Letchworth Cub Scout Leader to**  
**District Scouter**



Barry Dickinson joined our District as 5th Letchworth Cub Scout Leader from Hitchin in January 2007 after moving into the area.

Barry soon became a hit with not only the Cubs but with the Leaders. He helps at various Scout Troops.

So when we heard that his work was taking him to Spain for long periods and we was unable to commit to weekly meetings the decision was made to make him, a District Scouter. When he returns back to the UK he can continue his Scouting and the District hasn't lost a good Leader.

At the 5th Letchworth AGM the Group helped Barry to become an Englishman abroad. To the song "viva Espana" they transformed him from a Cub Leader to a "typical English tourist".



## District Minibus

The District is pleased to announce that we have purchased a new Mini Bus, not brand new, that's a bit too much money for the District, but one that is 5 years newer than our existing minibus.

Currently our new bus is with Graham Hilton's garage undergoing a full service before having the Scout Logos and our District identity applied.

The details:- it is a 2004, long wheel base, Ford Transit, white, has 17 seats, a tow bar and a half length roof rack. It's present mileage is showing 21,000, so it should be good for us for a number of years.



At present we intend to keep the Hire rates the same as at present the only likely change to the current hiring procedure is that we will re-introduce the requirement for a £50.00 deposit cheque to be left on collection, this will be returned to the hirer once the bus has been checked and found to be in as good a condition as it was on collection.

We hope to take ownership of the new bus on 1 June at which time our existing one will be smartened up by Graham Hilton and placed in the auctions for disposal. All monies from the proceeds of the sale will be returned to the District funds.



## Bear Grylls: Our New Chief Scout

A new partnership of Bear Grylls, the tenth Chief Scout and Wayne Bulpitt, our first UK Chief Commissioner is in place to lead Scouting in the UK. Together Bear and Wayne will help to continue building on Scouting's success story by supporting those already involved in

Scouting and encouraging more adults to volunteer their time.

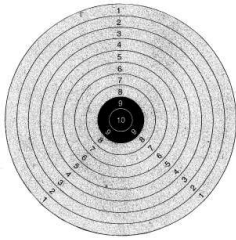
While Bear will focus on providing inspirational leadership and increasing Scouting's national profile, Wayne will manage and lead all volunteers within the movement. Born on 7 June 1974, Bear Grylls will be the youngest ever Chief Scout.

The famous adventurer takes over when current Chief Scout, former Blue Peter presenter Peter Duncan, completes his five year tenure in July.

'The successes of the last few years mean that we are well placed to make the most of a high public profile and fulfil our vision of providing personal development and exciting opportunities to increasing numbers of young people.'

Wayne will also help to further external relationships with political parties, Scouting ambassadors and related organisations





## **Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts Air Rifle Competition 2009**

On Saturday 9 May 2009 Scout teams from across the District gathered for the annual air rifle competition. The venue was Deb and Mick Dilleys' big barn at Wrayfield farm, Stotfold. The weather was perfect. The only possible fly in the ointment was the road closures caused by the Stotfold Mill Fair just down the road. But I had issued a map with the diversion on so that was taken care of.

Mick and 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock Scouts had set the range out on Friday night so all that was left to do was hang the targets up.

This year I changed the format a little. Each team was allocated a 30 minute slot during the day. On arrival they had a chance to warm up on a 'plinking range' where the targets were a shiny red fire bell and a set of spinners. If they made the fire bell ring they won a bar of chocolate. They then moved onto the competition range to shoot their individual targets to decide the individual best shot. They then shot as a team at a team target consisting of 20 small targets to decide the best team.

I was ably assisted by a team of air rifle instructors comprising Leslie Gwilt, Geoff Smith and Chris Lewis

This year we had fourteen teams totalling fifty seven Scouts from across the District.

At 9:30 sharp 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth arrived. After a read of the range rules Geoff Smith took them onto the plinking range. Very quickly the fire bell started to ring and didn't stop all day. In fact we had to give out so much chocolate we had only three bars left at the end of the day.

The day then passed in a blur. Some Scouts shot really well and got high scores, some got lower scores. Regardless there was a real buzz of enthusiasm. I was particularly impressed with how well behaved the Scouts were and how sensible they were once they took hold of the air rifles.

During the day Deb Dilleys kept the teas and coffees coming out to sustain the instructors. Parents and Leaders who were supporting the teams also had the chance to shoot. We even had a few Explorer Scouts turn up.

The only real panic was when a member of one of the 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth teams Karelle Romans, didn't arrive. Thanks to the wonders of mobile phones she was quickly tracked down. And where was she – stuck behind a traction engine on its way to the Mill Fair. I thought I had covered that one – obviously not well enough.

The final three teams were from 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth who had hiked all the way from Wymondley Wood after sleeping there on Friday night, well done to them.

As quickly as it started it was all over with time for the instructors to sit down for a final cup of tea. Not only had fifty seven Scouts shot we also had seventeen adults and Explorer Scouts shoot totalling eighty one entrants. Between them they used one thousand five hundred pellets.

Everyone wanted to know where they had come but had to go away on tender hooks to await for the scores to be added up overnight.

**A set of results is available  
on the District website in  
the download section.**



Janet Conder kindly added all the scores up for me that evening and the results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Individual Scout – Daniella Albone 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock

1<sup>st</sup> Scout Team – 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Josh Andrews, Isaac Platten, Karelle Romans, Libby Mellor.  
(Being held up by the traction engine obviously didn't put Karelle off).

1<sup>st</sup> individual Explorer Scout – Ed Potts Oak Eagles ESU

1<sup>st</sup> Individual Adult – Chris Lewis 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock.

Congratulations to all winners particularly 8<sup>th</sup> for retaining the team title. Congratulations also to all competitors and Leaders who organised teams.

Many thanks to all those who helped. Mick and Deb for providing the venue. Geoff, Leslie and Chris, you help at everything and it is really appreciated. Janet for doing the maths bit. Ray Coulter of Coulter Electrical Contractors for providing the fire bell – I can still hear it.

As a footnote, once again this event has shown how popular air rifle shooting is with the Scouts. Discussions are under way to see if we can enter teams in a County or even national competition. The possibility of setting up a permanent range within the District is also being investigated. This would make the activity even more accessible to all groups.

**Gavin Conder ADC - Scouts**



## District Beaver Scout Challenge Saturday 9 May 2009

11<sup>th</sup> Letchworth's HQ once again played host to the District Beaver Challenge. The oldest 6 Beavers from 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock (Tues) and (Weds), 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Colonies arrived to do battle for the coveted Challenge trophy.

Due to a change in Leadership at 11<sup>th</sup> (last year's winners), this year's Challenge was planned by Christine Hart, who decided to test the teams' general knowledge, observation skills and physical skills with a range of rounds including jumping, naming vegetables and collecting CDs hidden around the site.

It was nip and tuck right up until the final round, with three teams on equal points. 1st Baldock (Weds) squeaked through at the last gasp to win by a single point from 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth, although all six teams were within nine points at the final count (the closest Challenge result for a number of years).

Many thanks go to the six teams and their Leaders for taking part and making the day so enjoyable, to 11<sup>th</sup> Letchworth for the use of their HQ and to Christine for stepping into the gap and producing a great Challenge.



**Winners of the District Beaver Challenge  
1st Baldock (Wednesday)**



## Greenway Walk - 17 May 2009

Over 30 families and Leaders from 5th Letchworth took part. Can any Group have had such a wide spread of ages? Cub Scout Kamil Zielinski was accompanied by his father and 6 week old baby Koen - a Cub for the future! Two old dogs, Geoff Smith, SL and his dog Kim, a veteran of many Rotary walks, were

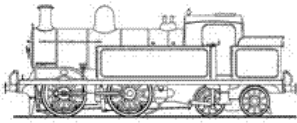


**5th Letchworth Group**

at the other end of the scale. The event was enjoyed by young and old alike, with many people making it a 'family and friends' event. Helen Doherty and Anne Rice who handled all the entries want to thank all those who took part.



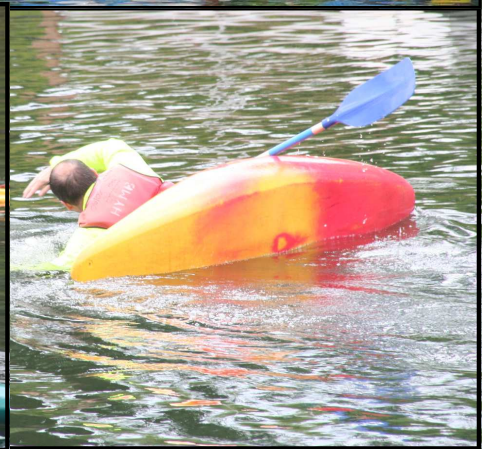
**Tom Wonacott ASL  
5th Letchworth**



**LEH 2009**

**District Water Training Weekend  
16 - 17 May 2009**

With ninety seven young people taking part in the LEH2009 Weekend Water training at the Herts Young Mariners Centre Cheshunt we can say it was a success.  
On behalf of the Water team and the Young people, THANK YOU to all the adults who gave up their valuable weekend time to assist and create a wonderful event.  
To the Young People THANK YOU for trying your best, making new friends and enjoying yourselves.  
You are all stars - see you at Lochearnhead !

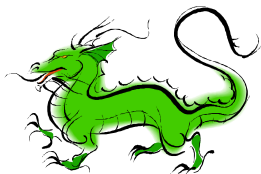






**Thank you to  
all who  
attended the  
District St  
George's Day  
Parade and  
Service.**

**The retiring collection raised  
over £121 for The Phoenix  
Group for Deaf Children.**



**5th Letchworth  
Cubs helped at  
the Baldock  
Fire Station Fun  
Day by looking  
after the  
bouncy castle.**

### **District AGM**

The District AGM held at Wymondley Wood on Thursday 14 May 2009 was very well attended. We were pleased to welcome the new County Commissioner, Rikki Harrington and Ex County Commissioner, Ivor Thomas and his wife Jean. After the formalities Rikki presented service awards to Mick Balls, Erice 'Skip' Woodward, Dave Uspon, Dave Hawkins, Tony Hartley, Fred Lovelock, Peter Ellmers, Allan Patterson. Ivor also presented Allan Patterson with the Award of Merit and Dave Hawkins with his Silver Acorn.



### **PARTY TENTS FOR HIRE**

**4m x 8m OR 4m x 6m**

**£75.00 DELIVERED, ERECTED,  
PACKED AWAY and REMOVED.**

**CONTACT MICK DILLEY**

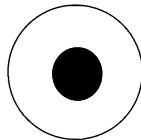
**2nd Baldock GSL**

**01462 730300**



**Allan Patterson**





## **Sue Lovelock**

### **1944 - 2009**

It is with huge sadness we announce the passing (or in Scouting terms "going home" ) of Sue Lovelock on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at home with her family.

Sue started her Scouting life with Letchworth and Baldock like many of us by becoming a member of a Group Executive Committee. This was at 5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth in 1984, a Group to which Sue remained loyal for all of her Scouting years. In 1992 she progressed from the committee to become a much loved and very respected Cub Scout Leader who saw 5<sup>th</sup>'s Pack grow in size and strength. For 10 years Sue remained the life and soul of the Pack and an essential part of the 5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scout Group. In 2002 she decided it was time for a break and to let the younger ones have a go at Leading and so reluctantly she stepped down from her active role and joined the District Scout Fellowship.

Whilst carrying out these roles, Sue was also a dedicated member of the District Executive, rarely missing a meeting and always sure to get her point of view across. She was totally committed to Scouting and everything it gave to the young people.

More recently Sue has been the driving force behind the District Fellowship activity programme and just like her days as a Cub Leader she increased the numbers, funds and reputation of our Fellowship with her infectious enthusiasm.

Sue's skills on the catering organisation over the years have been an absolute boon to the many and varied District activities, everything from an AGM to full two week Lochearnhead expeditions.

Sue was an example to us all in Scouting, always there no matter what the occasion or the weather, always keen to help anyone who needed it and more importantly always quick to congratulate the young people in whatever tasks they were doing.

Sue will be sadly missed by all who knew her both within and outside Scouting. Our deepest sympathies go to the Fred, Wayne, Dean and the rest of her family.

Chris King  
DC on behalf of  
Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts





## Adult Training



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

Fern Boughton	8th Letchworth	Danny Ryall	8th Letchworth
Tracy Carter	5th Letchworth	Phil Scoot	Oak Eagle ESU
Diana Cornell	8th Letchworth	Geoff Smith	5th Letchworth
Jackie Hare	7th Letchworth	Beverley Suttie	11th Letchworth
Deborah Jones	1st Ashwell	Ian Taplin	8th Letchworth
Graeme Masson	1st Ashwell	Paul Tyler	4th Letchworth
Roise Rafferty	1st Baldock	David Wayman	1st Ashwell



**Congratulations to Gavin Conder - ADC (Scouts) on gaining his Wood Badge.**



## Recognising the achievements of our Young People



### Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Jude Amoah	8th Letchworth
Callum Gartlan	8th Letchworth
Bradley Leeks	8th Letchworth
Luke Pommells	8th Letchworth
Myles Saunders	8th Letchworth



### Chief Scout's Gold Award

Charlie Bexfield	5th Letchworth
Graham Birch	5th Letchworth
Sam Facer	5th Letchworth
Joe Greener	5th Letchworth
Mary Kitching	5th Letchworth
Andrew Laing	5th Letchworth
George Lucas	5th Letchworth
Sam Nobbs	5th Letchworth



### Congratulations to the following

Dave Hawkins	- District Badge Secretary
Dave Upson	- District Fellowship Chairman



Nick Howell	- ASL 5th Letchworth
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# A warm welcome to

James Tollervey	ACSL 5th Letchworth
Daniel Ryall	ACSL 8th Letchworth

# DIARY 2009

## JUNE

7	Fellowship Trip	Bletchley Park
9	11th Letchworth AGM	11th Letchworth HQ
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
12	District Team Meeting	District HQ
18	8th Letchworth Open Evening / AGM	Sparhawke
19	4th Letchworth AGM	St Paul's Church Hall
22	Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre AGM	Wymondley Wood
27	District Beaver Day Out	Natural History Museum
27	Fellowship "Cub Day"	Boyd Field, Henlow
29	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

## JULY

4	Lochearnhead Kit Check	District HQ
6	Lochearnhead Kit Check	District HQ
6	County AGM	County Suite HCC Hertford
7	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ
9	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
14	District Beavers Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood
14	Scout Shop Closes for Summer Break	
26	District Fellowship Picnic	Wymondley Wood
27	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood



**8th Letchworth  
Scout having a  
practise before the  
Air Rifle  
Competition**

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