



After much deliberation from the panel of expert judges, Letchworth and Baldock 's gate was declared the winner of the District gateway competition. Celebrating their unique claim to the World's first roundabout, the gate showed real creativity.

Hemel District have pledged to fight back with a big camp gateway surrounded by six smaller gateways, that you can travel through in any direction.

Thank you Peter Ellmers, Apryl Goodwin and the team for coming up with the idea and implementing it. Well Done.





Letchworth and Baldock District were well represented and had the third largest contingent on site. Below are some of the views of the young people taking part.

"First I got into a big line and walked to the big, noisy opening ceremony. It was about 45 minutes long. Then we went to see our campsite and then we went to play. Some of us made some biscuits and some of us made lemonade and then we all went to roast some marshmallows. And my favourite thing was eating the roasted marshmallows."

**Tom**  
**8th Letchworth Beaver**

I really enjoyed Herts 100. The organisation and finance of the camp must have taken months on end of planning and organising. I think that the staff working at Tolmers were great too. My favourite part of the camp was probably the archery and rifles. The inflatable bungee run and gladiators were great fun too. I thought that the idea of a carnival was great as it was suitable for all ages. The free drink stall was a good idea too. I would like to congratulate the people who made this camp so special and enjoyable for me and my troop including my Scout Leaders, the cooks and the people who organised us.

**Matthew Priestley**  
**11th Letchworth Scout**

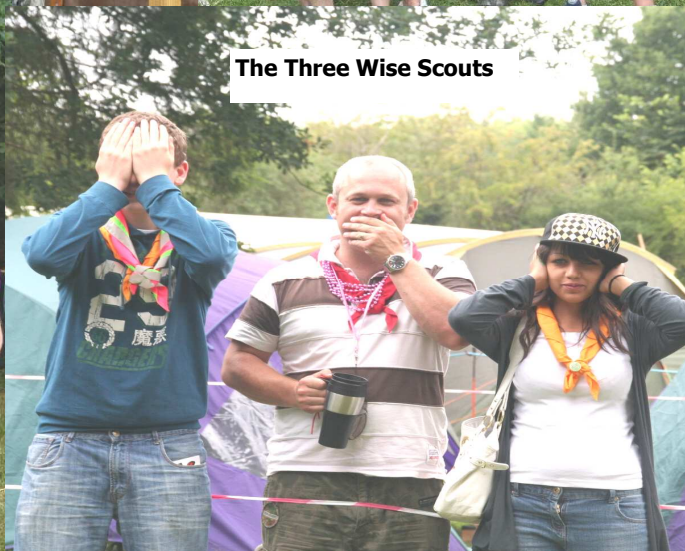
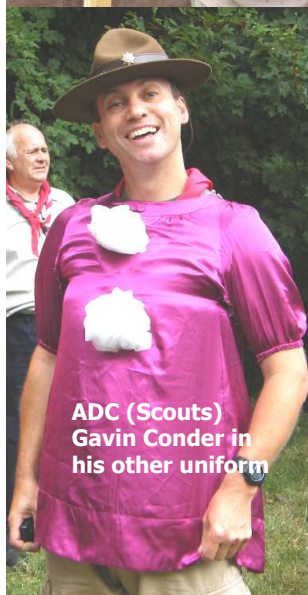
**8th Letchworth Scout Group**





Herts 100 was the best camp ever!! There were lots of activities to choose from and I did twenty three altogether. My favourite activity was canoeing because I had never done it before and even though I was absolutely rubbish at it, I had a great time!! I also liked the Ghost Train because it wasn't scary at all so it made me laugh more than scream. We had a carnival on Saturday evening and everyone dressed up in funny outfits and blew whistles. The noise was deafening!! I thought the fireworks display was good as well. Before we left, we went into the main arena and danced to songs. We did a massive conga! We got a badge which I am going to sew onto my blanket along with my neckerchief and Tolmers badge that I bought. The whole experience was amazing and I wish I could have stayed for longer.

Ellen  
8th Letchworth Scout



## 1st Baldock Scout Troop

**The 1st Baldock Scout Troop held a parents vs Scouts challenge evening up at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. The final challenge was to write a report. Below are some of the reports written by the Scouts and Parents. In all seven teams took part and by the written reports, a very enjoyable and fun evening was had by all**

**The Team** - We had nine activities going on. They were putting up a patrol tent, lighting a fire to burn a piece of string 15cm above it, using ropes and spars to make a knot board, making a map of the campsite, making a stretcher to carry a team member (safely), building a tower at least 3m high in the centre of a rope circle (without touching the ground), starting from a flag pole and using the equipment provided to workout a sequence of cards, tie a person in your teams arm in a sling. Everyone enjoyed the activities and had fun.

**The A Team** - Parents pitched up as willing competitors for a series of Scouting activities but were left tied in knots. The Scouts crossed a swamp more swiftly than longer limbed parents. They lit a fire with fewer matches. They even made a more comfortable stretcher for their injured colleague.

**The Fire Chiefs** - Wymondley Wood echoed to the laughter and excitement of the Scouts versus Parents challenge evening. The best activity was the fire lighting, when the parents beat the Scouts. Building a 3m tower in the middle of an alkaline pool proved quite a challenge to all our engineering skills, but once again the parents triumphed. The Scouts and parents all had a great time and with the perfect summer evening it was certainly better than a night in watching telly.

**Spitters** - We had to compete in a variety of challenges. Our favourites were crossing the swamp and the stretcher challenge (carrying a member of the team using only a length of rope and one stave). The Scouts thrashed us at the fire lighting challenge and led the way on the orienteering course.

We were most impressed with the knowledge and skills of the Scouts and that of the Leaders who devised, planned and ran an enjoyable evening for everyone.

It was great to be involved in the event and we look forward to being challenged by the Scouts again.

### **Team Absolute: Field of Dreams**

#### **"I'm a Scout get me out of here !!**

A warm summer evening at Wymondley Wood.

A bright harvest moon rising above the industrial black pylon.

A great battle of minds as 1st Baldock Scouts took on their peace loving, calm but competitive dads and siblings.

Nine challenging tasks awaited them on the Field of Dreams.

At the end, there would be only one winner

5 - 1 to dads but Scouting the winner.

**Cobras** - In most cases the adults won.

Although Scouts were lighter and more agile in building stretchers.



## Swaziland - Thirst for Life



In Kruger National Park just for two days, already seen Elephants, Rhino and Buffalo of the big five also seen Giraffes, Hyenas and many more. Back at camp it's been fun going from 30 c to downpours of rain - the locals said that was unusual weather. All our spare tents are used as the Swazi Scouts tents didn't last. The shipping container is steadily emptying as we hand out the contents to the grateful locals. The Thirst for Life campsite also is benefitting from our help and aid.

**Matthew Hart.**



### ***District Arts and Crafts Competition 29 November 2009 1st Baldock HQ***



The date, rules and categories for this year's competition have now been circulated and posted on the District website ([www.lbdscouts.org.uk](http://www.lbdscouts.org.uk)).

Date: 28 November 2009

Venue: 1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive, Baldock

Time: Entries: Between 9.30 am - 10.30 am **(No late entries will be accepted)**

Judging: 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Viewing: From 1.00 pm

Presentation: 2.00 pm

There will be no entry fee as the cost of the event will be met by the District Executive.



## Plas Pencelli OEC - Brecon

### 5th Letchworth Scout Troop Summer Camp

Monday: finally, helped by the best weather we had seen so far the tide conditions were right for our long awaited rock climb. Beautiful sunshine and little wind also helped by the beauty of the Gower Peninsular, this was by far and away our best day to date.

Geoff had a note from matron excusing him from this activity on account of age and infirmity. The rest of the camp put in some remarkable performances.

The day was very well structured, starting with some low level bouldering, progressing to rock climbs on ropes which the activity Leaders had set up while we had lunch. Later we progressed to harder climbs but thank heaven none of the parents were present to see the climax of the day when a famous climb "scavenger" (see picture of Freya on Scavenger) was set up in spectacular style by Pete Blackburn. Even more spectacular was the clean ascent achieved by first Nick then Mary, Andrew, Freya and finally Chris.



Under the skilled and sympathetic guidance of Plas Pencelli the achievement of all Scouts was amazing! They reached levels which surprised themselves and hugely gratified the Leaders. The level of achievement bordered on the emotional!

The day finished, eating a fish and chip supper by the beach in Mumbles and a round of ice creams on the way home.

Tuesday: Rain had been forecast. Rain came! As we were destined to get wet in kayaks it really didn't matter. Some people got more wet than others. Geoff, Chris and Charlie all did Eskimo roles but not perhaps as intended!

It was another day that took all the Scouts and Leaders to new levels of achievement. Only Tom had ever kayaked such water before so to see Sam, George, Charlie and even Nick riding a wave on the rapids was a site to remember.

Perhaps the biggest question that remains is where do we go from here?

It has been a camp which fully achieved the Leaders plan and objectives of taking the Scouts above and beyond their previous standards.

**Nick Howell - ASL**

## District Beaver Scouts Bangers and Bash - July 2009

Many thanks for inviting me down to your festive themed evening to celebrate your Beavers Bangers and Bash. I took time out from my holidays to see you all having fun and enjoying yourselves. Obviously some of the young people were not sure why Santa had come to visit in the middle of summer. All of the young people are a credit to their parents, Leaders, and the Groups that they belong to, so much so I may start a group up in Lapland. I wonder if I would get any takers around where I live?

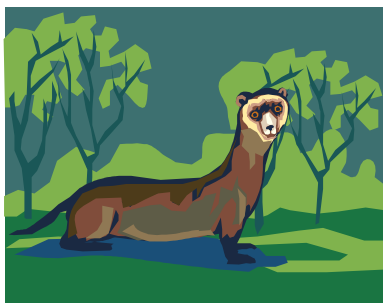


Anyway must prepare things for the real festive season. There are a lot of people I have to visit in one night, so signing off and happy holidays to one and all.

**Santa**

### Scouts build up to African adventure

Two members of the District, Matthew Hart and Joe Hartley have been busy raising £1300 in order to make the trip to Swaziland. In all fifty Scouts and leaders from the County will take part in the expedition. During their twelve days stay they will help build a new accommodation block at the national campsite.



Watch out for details on the Website of the District Ferret Competition which will be held later in the year. For those who have never entered before it is run over a weekend where Groups / Sections collect obscure items on the Saturday and they are then presented to the Judges on the Sunday. It is a chance for all Scouting Members to get involved from the youngest Beavers to the oldest Fellowship member, parents, grandparents and friends of Scouting.

In previous years items have included A cucumber plant, a conker, an RAC car badge pre 1960 (with or without car), a shop mannequin dressed as a Nurse. Depending on the difficulty in obtaining the item points are awarded from 1 - 20.

## 2nd Baldock Scout Troop



2nd Baldock Scouts ended the term with a musical evening provided by Scouts George Allen (clarinet), Oliver Wing (keyboard) and Conor Stevens (guitar and vocal) together with a family quiz and finishing with Chris King presenting Gold Awards to Josh Woodhouse, Oliver Wing, Danielle Albone, James Berry and Andrew Wild.

**Deb Dilley ASL**

### The District Training Fund

**Funding MUST be agreed by the District Executive Committee BEFORE training commences.**

**The scale of funding available is detailed below**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>£100 or more</b>	<b>50%.</b>
	<b>£ 50 - £99.99</b>	<b>a third</b>
	<b>£ 20 - £49.99</b>	<b>25%</b>

**Less than £19.99 no funding from the District**

**All payments to be made on production of authorised Grant application and receipts for sums spent. NO EXCEPTIONS**

**In the first instance please contact Geoff Smith who will process your application.**

**E-mail : [carfax.t21@btinternet.com](mailto:carfax.t21@btinternet.com)**

Anne, Nigel, Mark and family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, cards and donations sent in the memory of Ken. Also those who attended the funeral and the lovely floral arrangement . It is lovely to know how well thought of he was.

Yours in Scouting

Anne Lilley

11th Letchworth Scout Group have raised £162 at their latest fundraising event. They held a tombola stall at the recent Lions Day at The Broadway Gardens. The money is going towards the cost of erecting new storage facilities at their Headquarters in Rushby Mead, Letchworth Garden City .





Well done the Fellowship on raising £211 at the Lions Day in July. Thank you to all who manned the stall and contributed to making it a very successful day.

On Sunday 26 July the Fellowship held their mid-summer picnic at Wymondley Wood which was enjoyed by all present. During the afternoon the bench donated to Wymondley Wood in memory of Sue Lovelock was displayed.

## Forthcoming events

'Swop a Book' afternoon, 14 September at 116 Icknield Way, 2.30 pm - 4.00 pm. You may bring up to six books and or jigsaws. Tea and coffee will be available at a cost of 50p. No need to bring a book just bring yourself for a chat. Please ring Sheila on 01462 483738 before 12.00 pm on the day,

In the first or second week-end in October Matthew Hart and Joe Hartley will be giving a presentation to the Fellowship of the expedition to Swaziland with the County. The Rotary and The Lions have been invited. Venue to be announced.

We are pleased to hear that Arthur Scott, District Fellowship Treasurer is on the road to recovery from his recent stroke.



1st Baldock Scout Group acquired a Trek Cart from Eric's 'Skip' son who is in the Army and is based in Basingstoke.

It will be very interesting to see if the Trek Cart is put to use.

**Curious Zebra  
at Party in the  
Park**



**The District minibus is available for hire by members of the Scout and Guide Movements.**

The minibus is a long wheel base , diesel, Ford Transit , 17 seater (including driver) with a tow bar and a half length roof rack

District require a £50.00 deposit cheque,(payable to Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council), to be handed to the Minibus Administrator on collection of the vehicle. This will be held until the Hirer and the Minibus Administrator check and agree the condition of the vehicle to be satisfactory on return from hire.

Further information available on the District Website, including charges, contact details and condition of use. [www.lbdscouts.org.uk](http://www.lbdscouts.org.uk)



# A warm welcome to



Caroline Catherell	BSL	11th Letchworth
Andrew Clarke	ASL	7th Letchworth
Richard Platten	ASL	8th Letchworth
Amanda Smith	ABSL	1st Ashwell
Mark Smith	ASL	1st Ashwell
Heather Waters	CSL	12th Letchworth

As we know Scouts across the world all greet each other with a left-handed handshake and that it is a sign of trust and friendship but why did and how did Baden Powell come to decide to use it when he formed the Scout Movement?

There is a story that when Baden Powell entered Kumasi, the capital city of the Ashanti he was met by one of the Great Chiefs of the Ashanti. He saluted them and then offered his right hand out as a sign of friendship, but the Chief transferred his shield which he held in his left hand to his right which contained his spear and offered his left hand as a sign of friendship. When asked why Baden Powell was told that by offering his left hand which traditionally was used to hold a shield for protection he was showing his trust to his enemy or friend for with out the shield for protection he was open to attack.



## Congratulations to

Claire Greener ASL 8th Letchworth  
Andrew Morgan CSL 11th Letchworth  
on gaining their Wood Badge.

## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Ella Shawley - 1st Baldock



# DIARY 2009

## SEPTEMBER

8	Scout and Guide Shop Re-opens	
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13	District Fellowship Games Night	8th Letchworth HQ
15	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ
23	District Beavers' Orienteering	Fairlands
28	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

## OCTOBER

2 - 4	Born 2B Challenged (County Scout Event )	Harmer Green
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
16 - 18	Peak Assault	
17	District Fellowship AGM	8th Letchworth HQ
17 & 18	Volunteers Fair - LGCHF	
25	County Scout Triathlon	Lees Wood
26	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood

## NOVEMBER

4	Scout and Guide Shop AGM	Wymondley Wood
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13 - 15	County Green Beret (Scouts)	TBA
28	District Arts and Crafts	1st Baldock HQ

**250 copies of Co-Ordinator are printed each month  
(expect August) of these**

**150 go to Groups, a copy for each Leader and Officer**

**16 to County Members**

**6 to ex members of the Letchworth and Baldock District**

**20 to the Scout & Guide Shop and Wymondley Scout &  
Guide Centre**

**30 to friends of Scouting and other organisations**

**10 to the District Team**

**Of the above 35 are posted. The editor does a 15 mile  
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boxes. Any remaining Co-Ordinators are used for  
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