

LEH 2009

All the planning and training paid off as the adventure seeking Scouts and Leaders from the District made a third visit to Lochearnhead in August. Although the weather did its best to drown us, loose us in low cloud or blow us off the Loch and hills, all those taking part were undaunted.

A full programme of activities had been planned and was carried out almost perfectly. On a couple of occasions we had to resort to dry land kayak instruction sessions and once we even managed to do indoor sailing. Well fed by the excellent Catering Team and organised by a team of extremely dedicated and enthusiastic Leaders I hope we managed to give our Scouts the best possible time.

I would like to pass on my sincere thanks not only to all the adults who helped deliver this experience but equally, or even more importantly, to the Young People who took part. Throughout the week each group spent with us on the Station they joined in everything with a cheerful enthusiasm, no matter what the weather or the Leaders could throw at them. It made the time fly by and the whole experience enjoyable to all on Station.

We hope to have DVDs containing all the photos taken whilst we were there available soon. These should show all those who couldn't attend just what a great experience they missed and make them start looking forward to the next opportunity in 2013.

Chris King

Photos of the unusual at Lochearnhead



1st Ashwell Cub Scouts Harmer Green

Lightning reached out its crackling light against the back drop of the leaden sky, seeking solace against the answering boom of the almost instantaneous thunder. Rain sluiced down in continuous sheets, blanketing the already sodden ground. A battle between the elements loomed in all its power – and so the scene was set for the 1st Ashwell Cubs backwood camping at Harmer Green Scout Camp.

Setting up camp was a task in itself. With the waterlogged ground constantly seeking to impede the setting up of the tents – we were in a losing battle and with time ticking away to the arrival of the first group we had all but given up. However, Cub Scout Leaders never give up.

The first parents started arriving with their precious cargo and were able to stow away belongings in the welcome refuge of the camp that had been set up; worry etched in their faces of what was looming above. But the Cubs loved it – wellies slapping into the mud with one Cub sliding through the mud as soon as his mom had left – great stuff – what a mess and no tap within sight.

However, as the night progressed, the weather corrected itself by the time hot chocolate was swallowed down grateful throats. Night closed in to the gentle whisper of the wind through the trees and the odd sound coming from the tents.

Morning broke and the Cubs awoke to the tantalising smell of smoky bacon; sausages, egg bread and beans. Nothing like a good start to the sunny morning! The list of activities below were carried out:

- Knot tying

- Hand painting followed by the making of a camp banner

- Camp Building

- Lunch hunt – look for your food by following a trail

- Tree swinging – Tarzan would have been jealous

- Ropes course – blindly led around a trail strewn with obstacles

- General playing in the woods

The above activities were followed by a dinner of burgers and salad with the obligatory chocolate banana. The camp fire was lit and with the warm tongue of fire licking at the “now dry” wood, the singing ensued – at first rather timidly but soon all joined in and the voices were raised – Akela and our young leader (Catherine) raised the trees with their operatic voices – I think they should try out for X-Factor. To sum up the night – we embarked on a night hike – nothing like taking the last vestiges of energy away from the Cubs...only problem being I think it did the same for the Leaders! The Cubs went to sleep a lot quicker than they did the previous night – so well behaved.

Sunday morning, I (Baloo) made my way to the kitchen to begin the task of preparing another meal. The wind had whipped up during the night so the first few moments were spent tidying up.

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However, the kettle was soon on and the breakfast sizzling away. The first Cubs stirred and were luckily nominated for "water" duty – with only a single tap 5 minutes walk away it was a mammoth undertaking but one that was done with a great deal of positivity from the Cubs. After breakfast – it was decided to break camp as the rain was again looking like it wanted to pay a visit.

The camp was packed away and not too soon either – rain drizzled down but the Cubs in their ever increasing learning of the camp site – had skittered away amongst the trees – to play and run and leap and bound. A session of "Cubs Own" followed which was a great success and this was deftly followed by all the left overs – crisps, sandwiches, chocolate and fruit – a feast fit for hungry Cubs.

The time arrived for the end of the camp which was celebrated with the skies opening up again and dropping down great quantities of water. But what an experience and what a great time was had by all – we could not have asked for a better time at all.

One of the events for this camp was to get Raksha sorted out with her "Nights Away" permit and this was passed with flying colours I am sure – congratulations Raksha and many thanks to Simon (Scout Leader) for helping out a great deal. To all involved, our sincerest appreciation and mostly to the Cubs who made this all the more worthwhile – thank you.

Baloo





22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011 UNITED KINGDOM

The District will be starting the process of finding interested parties for the next World Jamboree. Takes place in Rinkaby, outside Kristianstad, Sweden 27 July - 7 August 2011

This will be a fantastic opportunity for our young people to meet Scouts from every corner of the globe in a friendly environment to celebrate all that is good within Scouting.

To be eligible Scouts will need to be born between 25 July 1993 and 27 July 1997.

If you would like to put a name forward please contact either Gavin, ADC (Scouts) or Chris, DC.

Lochearnhead - A Message From Frank Brittain

Dear Editor

Sylvia and I would like to thank the District for your hospitality during our recent stay at the Station on 17 August. Some weeks earlier I had asked Chris King if we may visit as we would be at St Andrews Fife, assisting with a centenary event for the centenary of Sea Scouting.

Chris invited us to dinner and we spent a few hours amongst friends of all ages exploring the history of this, the second property to be acquired by Hertfordshire Scouting, that opened in 1962. I was able to share some interesting facts with my table. *The first **District** to visit the station as residential guests was L & B District over the period 5-12 September 1964. (The Forth Road Bridge opened on 4 September). The Station Master was Ken Johnson and his assistant was Jeff Robson (both still active members of the District today). This was during the time of District Commissioner Ted Smith (1964-1967).*

In the morning I was privileged to be invited to Flag Break and shared a *Thought for the Day*. This was a favourite prayer of Melville Balsillie who had the inspiration to find and acquire the



Station for use by the Scouts of Hertfordshire and many other counties. I have a photographic record of this historic first District Expedition to The Station and am looking forward to presenting it at some appropriate time.

FRANK BRITTAIN

**Archivist, County History &
Heritage Support Team.**

Remembrance Sunday



Remembrance

The Royal British Legion is the nation's custodian of Remembrance, ensuring that people remember those who have given their lives for the freedom we enjoy today. The poppy has become the symbol of Remembrance worn during the weeks leading to Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

Poppy

The Poppy is the symbol of Remembrance and of the Poppy Appeal. Poppy Collectors appear in late October so everyone can make a donation and wear their poppy with pride for Remembrance

Sunday 8 November 2009, will be recognised throughout the country as a Day of Remembrance.

The Standard Bearers to take part in the Ceremony and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial should assemble in the Railway Station forecourt at 10.30am. All wreath layers will meet in the Railway Station forecourt at the same time.



The County has decided, after consultation with it's members, to discontinue the publication of Noticeboard with immediate effect. The savings will be used to post Headlines to all members of the County as recorded on the National Database. Therefore, this month only Co-Ordinator will be delivered to all Group contacts for distribution.



Correction to September's edition of Co - Ordinator.

The date published was incorrect. The correct date is 10 and 11 October 2009.

The District are looking for volunteers to man the stand. If you can spare an hour or so please contact Janet Conder - District Secretary.

Saturday 10 October 10.00 am - 5.00 pm

Sunday 11 October 12.00 pm - 4.00 pm



The Scout Fellowship has changed! Following a period of consultation and review, Scout Active Support becomes the new name from September 2009. Scout Active Support Units are:

- Practical
- Pro-active
- Sociable
- Supportive
- Adaptable
- Approachable

Why the new name?

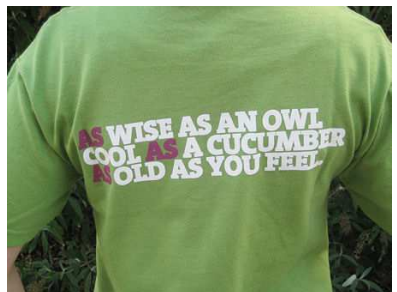
The Fellowship has played an important role in The Scout Association for over 30 years and Scout Active Support will continue this tradition. In fact, over the last ten years, the phrase Active Support has run across all Fellowship communications, whether in the magazine, online, on resources or on merchandise. Although it is a new name, for this reason it should not feel new. It also describes the service Fellowship offers today much more accurately - a dynamic and practical support framework for local Scouting. For more information please visit www.scouts.org.uk

Forthcoming events

Event: Presentation from Matt Hart and Joe Hartley on their expedition to Swaziland
Date: 11 October 2009
Venue: Letchworth Hall Hotel
Time: 14:30 hrs for 15:00 hrs

Event: Fellowship AGM
Date: 24 October 2009
Venue: 8th Letchworth HQ
Time: 19:30 hrs for 20:00 hrs

The Lovelock's at home on Sunday 9 August raised £135 for the Fellowship funds. The day was warm and sunny and the catering team did an excellent job. Sue would have been proud.



A warm welcome to



Mrs Sarah Rodway
Dr Tara Belcher

ACSL
ABSL

4th Letchworth
12th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

The Scout Shop will close for Half Term on Tuesday 27 and 29 October and will reopen Tuesday 3 November 2009.



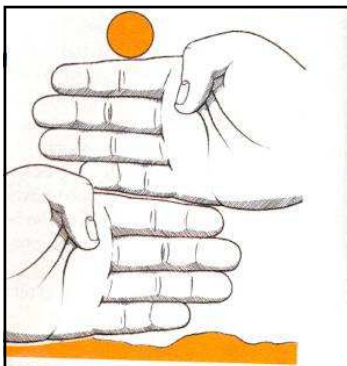
Daniella Albone 2nd Baldock
James Berry 2nd Baldock
Andrew Wild 2nd Baldock
Oliver Wing 2nd Baldock
Josh Woodhouse 2nd Baldock

Tom Barwell 7th Letchworth
James Calver 7th Letchworth
Ed Goater 7th Letchworth
Ben Halnan 7th Letchworth
Jacob Myner 7th Letchworth

How to know how long 'til sunset.

You're out on the hills and the sun is getting low in the sky. You want to know how many hours of daylight are left, how long before you're plunged into darkness. The answer lies in your hands.

1. Straighten your fingers and hold your hands out with palms facing you, your thumbs tucked in and your fingers horizontal
2. Align the bottom edge of the little finger of one hand with the horizon and count how many fingers (ignore your thumb) slot between the horizon and the sun, taking care not to look directly into it. Wider than one hand? Stack one hand above the other.
3. Each finger equates to approximately 15 minutes of daylight, so three fingers means 45 minutes 'til sunset, four an hour etc.



The District wish Melvyn Teare County Office Manager the best of luck for the future as he hands over the reigns to Stephen Skittrall. We would like to thank Melvyn for his tireless dedication and administration skills. We also extend a warm welcome to Stephen and look forward to working with him in the future.

DIARY 2009

OCTOBER

2 - 4	Born 2B Challenged (County Scout Event)	Harmer Green
4	District Cub Day Out	Legoland
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
10 - 11	Volunteers Fair - LGCHF	The Spirella Building
11	County Cub Cyclocross	Well End
16 - 18	Peak Assault	TBA
24	District Fellowship AGM	8th Letchworth HQ
25	County Scout Triathlon	Lees Wood
26	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood
27 and 29	Scout Shop Closed - Half Term	

NOVEMBER

3	Scout Shop Re-Opens	
4	Scout and Guide Shop AGM	Wymondley Wood
5	District Fireworks	Wymondley Wood
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13 - 15	County Green Beret (Scouts)	TBA
20	District Cub Quiz night	5th Letchworth HQ
28	District Arts and Crafts	1st Baldock HQ

DECEMBER

17	Scout Shop Closes
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The District has a new addition to the Scouts. On Saturday 26 September 2009 Vicki Gage gave birth to a baby girl.

Weighing in at 7lbs 13oz and called Abigail Sarah. Both mum and baby are doing well.

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