

Peak Assault

Friday night - it was that time again! – two teams of adults (who should really know better – but think they're younger than they actually are!) and a team of Explorer Scouts, plus our support crew joined teams of 'seniors' and Explorer Scouts from the rest of the county and headed off on seven coaches and a minibus to an unknown destination for the annual Peak Assault Competition.

The competition is now in it's 42nd year but the basic format remains the same. Teams set up camp on the Friday night and on the Saturday morning, after a kit check are given co-ordinates of checkpoints located in the hills. Each checkpoint has a points value and teams have eight hours on the Saturday and four hours on the Sunday to reach as many as possible, mark their score card and return to base. (or in the case of the Explorer teams, reach their overnight campsite in the hills)

This year we found ourselves in Glyntawe, Black Mountain in the western Brecons. It was a beautiful location and luckily for us the weather stayed fine and dry. We had a fantastic time walking, saw herds of wild horses on the hills and numerous red kites circling overhead. We had fantastic support from Hartley, Neil and Ruth who had come to cook and look after us. Ruth even swapped places with Lesley and came out walking on Sunday when Lesley was under the weather.

I wonder where we'll be heading next year!



12th Letchworth Scout Troop 25 - 27 September Wymondley Wood



12th Letchworth Scouts spent a weekend camping at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. The theme was Go Kart.



Training

Module 2 - Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) evenings will be held at the District HQ (formerly 1st 3rd Letchworth HQ), Icknield Way, Letchworth, near the Spirella Building.

Friday 6th November
 Friday 13th November
 Wednesday 18th November
 Tuesday 24 November
 Tuesday 1st December
 Friday 11th December
 All from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

The idea of the evenings is to have modules validated and signed off, PLPs can be updated and new PLPs prepared. Can all Leaders please attend one of the evenings either to prepare a PLP or to update an existing one.

The local Training Administrator, Simon Tierney will be there on each of the evenings along with training advisors, to help and advise where necessary.



The District Scout Fellowship held their AGM on Saturday 24 October at 8th Letchworth HQ. It was attended by members of the Fellowship and the

District Commissioner. After the formal meeting the District Commissioner outlined the proposed changes in the coming year which will transform the Fellowship into the Scouting Active Support (SAS). The chairman looked forward to the challenge ahead and thanked Fred Lovelock, Secretary and Arthur Scott Treasurer and the committee for their support during the year. There were light refreshments followed by a games evening.



**Wendy Tierney
 ADC (Cubs) and
 Lochearnhead
 Expedition
 Catering
 Manager
 wishes to give
 a BIG THANK
 YOU to all the**

**catering team who helped at
 Lochearnhead. Their time and efforts
 made the two weeks very successful and
 very enjoyable.**



Remembrance Day is here again

On this day we remember all those who were slain.

The ones they left behind have endured much sorrow and pain.

But rest assured

The whole world knows those brave ones didn't die in vain.

The poppies that you see people wear,

Are there to show you still care

We open our hearts so that we can share

A moment of silence, and offer a prayer.

To all the soldiers who died saving our country.

By Patti Joyce



11th Letchworth Scout Group

Invite you to a

Barn Dance

28th November 2009

Tickets £10 (including supper)

St Paul's Church, Pixmore Way

*for barn dance tickets please email
barndancetickets@11thlethworth.org.uk*

Including the draw of our

Grand Raffle

Win fantastic prizes

4 tickets to an MK Dons football game & a tour of the stadium

*10 pairs of tickets to the
Broadway Cinema*

£25 Body Shop Voucher

Clock from Glenray Jewellers

Meal for 4 at L'Artista

*Cut & Blow Dry at
The Salon, Letchworth*

and many more...

All proceeds to go to 11th Letchworth Scout Group

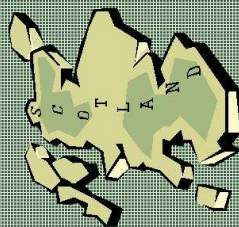


*All those who attended the
2009 Lochearnhead expedition, and those
that helped in the planning, are invited to a
reunion !*

To be held on Sunday 22nd November 2009

At 8th Letchworth HQ, Sparhawke, 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Please wear full uniform and Lochearnhead neckerchief (no jeans!)



Come and watch the film, laugh at the photos, swap intrepid tales !

Free disc of photos for everybody

Refreshments provided

Rain guaranteed

**RSVP by 8th November to Janet Conder –chococrazy@ntlworld.com
tel: 01462 624365 or text - 'reunion' and your name to 07940482441**

8th Letchworth

Beaver Sleepover - Wymondley Wood

In October Dragonfly, Otter, Hawk, Ash, Katie and six Beavers all took part in a shared sleepover with Beavers from 5th and 7th Letchworth.

Once they were settled in their rooms they played a 'getting to know you' game. They had to find someone who could speak two different languages, someone who watches Eastenders, someone who was wearing red and lots of other things. It was a good way to learn everyone's names.

Then they played a game of Haribo Bingo. For every number they crossed off they got a sweet. It was a very popular game !

After supper it was time to wrap up warm and go out to the camp fire that Baloo (aka Shedman) had lit. Katie and Oak from 7th Letchworth lead the sing song and soon everyone was joining in.

A cup of hot chocolate and a cake and a bedtime story read by Dragonfly and soon it was time for bed.

They didn't take too long to settle and soon everyone was fast asleep.

A hearty breakfast of cereal and juice followed by beans, bacon and egg bread set everyone up for the day.

The theme was Wizards and Witches. The activities were making wizard hats, magic wands, masks and colouring, including dot to dot, word search puzzles and colour by numbers.

More cake and juice and a game of cat and mouse with the parachute and soon it was time to go home.

A good time was had by all and we are now looking forward to joining with the Cubs next year for a joint sleepover.

My Beaver Adventure

I arrived at the woods at 6.30 on Friday 16th October, 2009. We unpacked our clothes. I was on the top bunk. I shared a room with Molly, Jodie, Hana & Lily.

After my mum left we played a game to find out about each other ? if we had blue eyes or green eyes or maybe both. We played bingo. Then we went to have a sing song around the camp fire. After that we came in to have a hot dog and then we got ready for bed and had a story. We were allowed to talk for 15 minutes.

We went to bed at 12 o'clock.

In the morning we made puzzles and played Scooby do dominoes. Then we had breakfast. For breakfast I had two pieces of egg bread and two pieces of bacon and cereals. Then we went outside to play some parachute games.

I had a fantastic time and I want to go back again.

8th Letchworth Beaver Scouts

Rebecca, age 6

Achievements

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Matthew Boakes	12th Letchworth
Alex Hawkins	12th Letchworth
Adam Hensby	12th Letchworth
James Thomson	12th Letchworth



HILL WALKING AUTHORISATION CONGRATULATIONS

Claire Greener, 8th Letchworth ASL on gaining her T2 and also to Simon 'Goodie' Goodwin, 4th Letchworth SL on gaining his T1. **WELL DONE**



Service Awards

Jeremy Steele, ESL Oak Eagle	5 Years
Fiona Potts, CSL 1st Baldock (Knights)	10 years
Barry Dickinson, District Scouter	15 years
Brain Plater, ASL 1st Baldock	20 years

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

Jayne Boxall	1st Ashwell
Andy Clarke	7th Letchworth
Lou Fryer	1st Ashwell
Gavin Conder	ADC (Scouts)
Diana Marshall	2nd Baldock
Stephanie Marshall	2nd Baldock
Sarah Rodway	4th Letchworth
Sarah Saunders	



For those who were unable to attend the course further First Aid Courses will be booked in the New Year - dates and venue to be confirmed shortly.

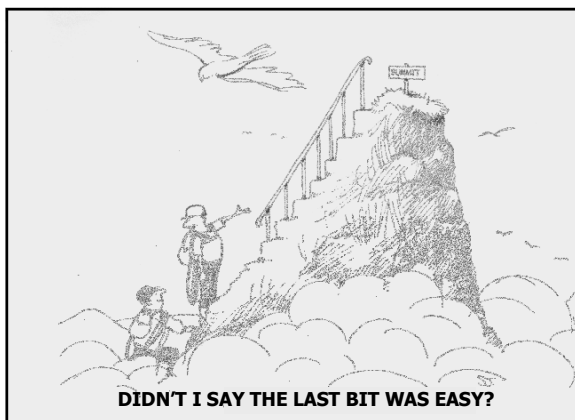
DIARY 2009

NOVEMBER

3	Scout Shop Re-Opens	
4	Scout and Guide Shop AGM	Wymondley Wood
6	District Fireworks	Wymondley Wood
6	PLP Evening 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	District HQ
8	Remembrance Sunday	War Memorial, Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell
12	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13	PLP Evening 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	District HQ
13 - 15	County Green Beret (Scouts)	Gilwell Park
18	PLP Evening 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	District HQ
20	District Cub Quiz night	5th Letchworth HQ
22	Lochearnhead Reunion	8th Letchworth HQ
23	County Cub Section Skills Day	Well End
24	PLP Evening 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	District HQ
28	District Arts and Crafts	1st Baldock HQ
29	11th Letchworth Barn Dance	St Paul's Church Hall
30	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	105 Spring Road

DECEMBER

1	PLP Evening 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	District HQ
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	PLP Evening 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	District HQ



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