



22<sup>ND</sup> WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011

## UNITED KINGDOM

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009, ten hopeful young people arrived at 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Scout HQ to attend a selection process to find the Letchworth and Baldock District representatives for the World Jamboree 2011.

They all arrived looking very smart, shirts tucked in (rarely seen) and buttons done up (never seen). Each had already submitted a comprehensive written application and were supported in their applications by their Leaders and units.

After a quick ice breaker the selection began with team and individual activities.

It was then time for the final X Factor style, why pick me session with a panel of five assessors. Every Scout and Explorer who attended acquitted themselves well. The assessors were highly impressed with the achievements and attitudes displayed by the young people.

Initially the District had intended to submit two representatives to the Jamboree but because of the huge amount of interest a last minute decision was taken to increase this to four.

If the assessors could have their way they would send all ten but sadly that can't happen. The difficult decision was made and the lucky young people selected were:-

Alex Hunt	Oak Eagles / Young Leader 12 <sup>th</sup> Letchworth
George Budd	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baldock
Tom Barwell	7 <sup>th</sup> Letchworth
Adam Lunnon	1 <sup>st</sup> Baldock

Congratulations to them and good luck.



The difficult task of fundraising will now start. A more formal plea for assistance will be circulated but in the meantime if you have any unwanted items, gifts from Christmas etc don't throw them out, either put them to one side or pass them to me and I will ensure they are used to raise funds.

**Gavin Conder ADC (Scouts)**

## District Cub Scout Quiz

The Cub quiz was held on Friday 20 November at 5th Letchworth H.Q

8th Letchworth set the questions, thank you Diana.

7 out of the 10 packs took part.

The results were as follows.

Placing	Group	Points
7th	5th Letchworth	42 Points
6th	8th Letchworth	45 Points
5th	4th Letchworth	50 Points
4th	1st Baldock (K)	51 Points
3rd	7th Letchworth	53 Points
2nd	12th Letchworth	53.5 Points
1st	2nd Baldock	57 Points



Well done to the 2nd Baldock team. 2nd Baldock will set the questions next year.

Thank you to all the Leaders and parents who helped on the night.

Thank you to all the Cubs who took part.

Well done to you all.

**Wendy Tierney,  
A.D.C Cubs**

## County Scout Green Beret

2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock Scouts took part in Green Beret in November. We originally had a team of six but two dropped out so although we entered we were not eligible for any awards. Our team was Conor Stevens, Jacob Anderson, George Budd and George Bedford. We came 80<sup>th</sup> out of 120 teams overall.

In orienteering we came 25<sup>th</sup> and in the night exercises 51<sup>st</sup>.

There were 80 bases altogether (day and night). In the day we completed six: these were archery, balls in the bucket, a flag quiz, a sweet quiz, a cartoon character quiz, and escape from a car. We also did orienteering and the assault course.

In the night we also did six bases: gutter ball, navigation, sheep pen (guiding someone blindfolded through a maze of wires), capital city quiz, air guitar and hot drink base.

We enjoyed Green Beret and would recommend it to other Scouts. We can't wait till next year.

**Conor Stevens and Jacob Anderson**

## Young Ambassador

Joe Hartley of Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts was recently nominated by The Letchworth & Baldock Lions as their Young Ambassador of the Year.

They recognised in the nomination Joe's work within Scouting. They were interested in his recent trip to Swaziland where assistance and friendship was given to local school children and to local Scouts. They praised his fund raising efforts for Scouting and generally the input he makes to Scouting in our locality.

They also recognised Joe's work with The Letchworth Garden City Eagles Football Club where he is an assistant coach with the under 9's Oranges and Blacks Team.

Joe has won a bursary of £500 which will be split 50/50 between the Scouting District and the Garden City Eagles. He will now be entered into the regional finals where he will make his presentation to the assembled at a conference in Birmingham. There is a further £1000 bursary available to the winner. So good luck Joe and well done thus far.



The Fellowship Christmas dinner was held at the Howard Centre on 12 December 2009. It was attended by thirty three members who sat down to an excellent meal. Thanks were extended to the catering committee plus their other halves. The District Commissioner presented, on behalf of Rikki, the County Commissioner, Dave Upson, District Fellowship Chairman, with his Award of Merit.

Nothing like being prepared - make a note in your diary that the Christmas Dinner for 2010 will be on Saturday 4 December.



## District Arts and Craft Competition

Setting up this year's District Arts and Crafts Competition really did involve blood sweat and tears. I managed to cut my hand whilst erecting a display board. Never mind I'm a big boy.

Assisted by Michaela Stevens, Deb Dilley and Chris Lewis it was the Scouts turn to organise this year's event. In honour of this year's expedition to Lochearnhead and that only 2 days after the event is St Andrews Day we decided on a Scottish theme.

The traditional elements of the competition were there such as 5 sweets on a plate, a Victoria Sponge jam filling only, photographs, paintings etc. We also decided to go large on the group models particularly for the Cub section. They were invited to submit a model of the Loch Ness Monster, no size limit but it had to fit through the doors. At first I thought we are using 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock HQ so there will be plenty of room, then I started to hear reports of large models being constructed and the doubt set in.

Not to worry though everything was alright on the day. Everything fitted in. There was the mad hour whilst everyone delivers their entries and then the calm as the judges quietly wander round and deliberate their decisions.

You can tell how hard they deliberated by how much of the Victoria Sponges they had to taste and how many of the Sweets they had to try. So sorry whoever entered the little chocolate sweets and only got 2 back. And as for the Scout who misread the rules and created an entirely new Victoria Sponge by filling it with Jam and peanut butter, there was no one willing to taste it so we had to force Chris Lewis to do it. As he bit into a slice he was heard to gag "eeurgh it's so wrong".



Anyway back to the judging, how do you compare the merits of say a model of a man sitting on a bench made entirely of drinking straws with a model of a thistle made of clay? I have no idea but the judges managed it.

Back to those Loch Ness Monsters, They really were spectacular and were without doubt the highlight of the show. Each entry was completely different both in size and design. 11th's was modelled on a Chinese Lion and can be carried in the same manner, 4th's was decorated in circles of multi coloured cloth which looked like scales, 7th's was a real character of a monster, in fact they were all fantastic and it was a real shame that a winner had to be chosen. But it had to be and it was 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth.

In fact it was this category that gave us the biggest laugh. In the fine tradition of Scouts trying to do the right thing 5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scouts made a model Loch Ness Monster instead of a model of Lochearnhead Scout Station. It was very big, very good and still very wet.

They tried to claim it was a Lochadile (ask anyone who has been to Lochearnhead) and had eaten the Scout Station. Sorry 5<sup>th</sup> it was a real shame it couldn't win a prize but rest assured it will be a long time before it's forgotten.

When the points were totalled up the winners were:-

Beavers	7 <sup>th</sup> Letchworth
Cubs	1 <sup>st</sup> Baldock (Knights)
Scouts	2 <sup>nd</sup> Baldock
Explorer	Katie Goodwin
Adult	Fiona Potts



and the Plinston Trophy for overall winners 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Scout Group.

Full results are in the download section on the District web site.

A final thanks to those who helped to organise the event, Dave Upson and his judges from the Fellowship, Arthur Scott, Laurie Cook, Anne Lilley, Ron Smith, Dave Hawkins and the official photographer Rita Hawkins. Also 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock for the use of the hall.

### Gavin Conder ADC Scouts





## 8th Letchworth Scout Group



**8th Letchworth Scouts' Christmas party including the best dressed snowman competition.**

## Groups raise much needed funds

8th Letchworth Scout Group held a Christmas Fayre at their Headquarters and raised £765.65. This was followed by a very successful bag pack at Morrison's which raised a further £867.84. Not bad - as the Group Treasurer's commented "this means more fun next year!" Congratulations to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Leaders, committee members and parents on two very successful events.



The 11th Letchworth Scout Group have also been busy fund raising. They held a Barn Dance and Raffle in November which raised over £350. 11th Letchworth also did the bag pack at Morrison's and they raised £505. The money raised will go towards the cost of the path to lead to their new storage garage.





## WYMONDLEY WOOD

### Scout and Guide Centre

It was decided that the fees for Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre would not be increased for 2010. The fees for members of the District are:-

	<b>Overnight Each / Minimum</b>	<b>Camping</b>
<b>Inside District</b>	£5 / £125	£2.00
<b>Outside District</b>	£6.75 / £168.75	£3.00
<b>Non Scout / Guide</b>	£8.50 / £212.50	£3.00



Minimum = less than 25 people in the house overnight

A full list of charges is available on the District website. [www.lbdscouts.org.uk](http://www.lbdscouts.org.uk) or from the booking secretary at [wymondleywood.org@hotmail.com](mailto:wymondleywood.org@hotmail.com)

### Membership Subscription 2010

National	£19.50
County	£10.50
District	£ 3.80
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£33.80</u></b>

Groups will soon receive a letter from Ron Smith outlining a timetable for completing the annual census and payment of subscription.

## System upgrade

**InTouch** - (an update on the Home Contact System) Please note that the Home Contact system which we have been operating for a number of years is to be replaced by a more flexible InTouch procedure.

In Touch will be implemented between now and 1 September 2010. Chris King, DC will let us know when the District will be moving across.

Details of the new systems can be found in the December2009/January 2010 issue of "Scouting"

Further advice can be found on the factsheet InTouch (FS120075) which can be downloaded from the Scout website.

[www.scouts.org.uk/intouch](http://www.scouts.org.uk/intouch)



## 5th Letchworth Scouts



Singing Carols to the staff and residents has become an annual event in 5th Letchworth Scout calendar

All three parties seem to enjoy it, so long may it continue

Dr Viv Lucas, the Medical Director gave a short talk to Scouts about the history and work of the Hospice movement and The Garden House in particular.

Very nearly the full Troop were there for this evening and in the words of Geoff Smith 'the performance was not spoilt by over rehearsal' !



There was more emphasis on 'Party' and 'Games' than on food at this year at 5th Letchworth Scouts Christmas Party !

Joe Greener had a good long go at 'the chocolate game', after he had put on the gloves/hat / scarf/ goggles and got to grips with the knife and fork !

Sam Facer and William Taylor both look happy to have found the marshmallow in a bowl of flour !

it was a GREAT end to an excellent year at 5th Scouts

Photos taken by Nick Howell



# Hitchin District Scouts



Date Wednesday's	Module Number	Module Title
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	1	Essential Information
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	3	Tools For The Job
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5&6	Fundamentals & Changes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	7	Valuing Diversity
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	8&9	Skills & Working With Adults
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11	Administration
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	12&19	Balanced Programme & International
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	13	Growing the Movement
21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	14&15	Young People& Challenging Behaviour
28 <sup>th</sup> Apr	17	Activities Outdoors
12 <sup>th</sup> May	18	Practical Skills

The Wednesday sessions take place at the 5<sup>th</sup> Hitchin HQ, King George V, Playing Fields Off, Old Hale Way, (Off to the right as you enter the playing fields).

The sessions below will be held at Hitchin DHQ, Grove Road, Hitchin.

Opposite Bury Mead Road

\*Venue to be confirmed

<b>Sat</b>	<b>Feb 27</b>	<b>Mar 27</b>	<b>Apr 24*</b>
AM	1	14 & 15	13
PM	3	8 & 9	17
<b>Sun</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>	<b>Mar 28</b>	<b>Apr 25</b>
AM	5 / 6	11	18
PM	7	12&19	

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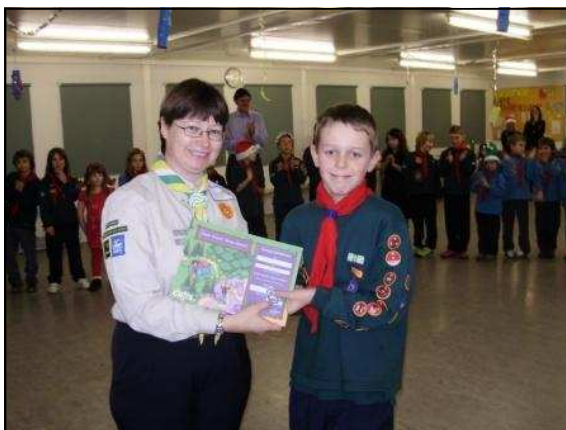
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# Achievements

## Chief Scout's Silver Award



Jack Bates	8th Letchworth
Adam Chilvers	8th Letchworth
Grace Doarks	8th Letchworth
Lewis Harper	8th Letchworth
Jay Lamb	8th Letchworth
Jack Mees	8th Letchworth
Rachel Warren	8th Letchworth
Killion Barker	1st Baldock (Knights)
Ashley Hunter	1st Baldock (Knights)
Owen Millet-Deiseroth	1st Baldock (Knights)
Alex Sporton	1st Baldock (Knights)



**Vicki Gage ADC (Beavers) presenting Jack Mees with his Chief Scout's Silver Award**

## Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Harry Lewis	8th Letchworth
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# DIARY 2010

## JANUARY

11	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	TBA
12	Scout Shop Re-Opens	
14	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
15 - 17	Fire & Ice	Tolmers
25	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood
30	Watford FC Scout & Guide Day	Watford v Swansea City Vicarage Road

## FEBRUARY

7	District Scout Cooking Competition	8th Letchworth HQ
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
16 - 18	Scout Shop Closed (Half Term)	
21	County Scout Cooking Competition	Stevenage DHQ
22	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	TBA
24	District Team Meeting	TBA
27 - 28	County Chiltern Challenge - Explorer Scouts	Phasels Wood

## MARCH

8	District Cub Leader's Meeting	
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13	County Cub Scout Swimming Gala	St Albans
19 - 20	District Gang Show	St Francis Theatre
19 - 21	HEAT - Explorer Scouts Weekend	Well End
27	Scouts Mid - Herts Night Hike	TBA
29	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood
30	Scout Shop Closes for Easter	

## APRIL

8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	County District Chairs' Meeting	TBA
14	District Scout and Guide Shop Meeting	Wymondley Wood
25	District St George's Day Parade and Service	The Free Church

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