

## St George's Day Parade and Service



What a fabulous turnout for our St George's Day Parade. A quick headcount taken as we departed Broadway Gardens showed we had about 380 Young People plus Leaders, Network, Fellowship and helpers, absolutely stunning. A day that in the morning did not show great promise for us thankfully turned warm and sunny.

We were joined at this year's parade by David Levett, Vice Chairman of North Herts District Council and his wife, who were amazed by the turnout and impressed by the obvious commitment shown to Scouting by the Leaders and helpers involved. It truly showed them the depth and strength of Scouting in our District and just how good Young People can be when well led and doing something they believe in. Our County Commissioner was unable to attend this year and was represented by Mike Aston, ACC International, who spoke to the assembled parade on Howard Gardens about World Jamborees and International Scouting in general.

My thanks go firstly to the 11<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Group for hosting this year's parade and whose hard work ensured that everything ran smoothly and to time. Secondly, to the Free Church, it was way back in 1964 when we last held a St George's Day there and it proved to be an excellent venue that allowed us to fit everyone indoors, a first for a few years!

Finally and most importantly, thank you to all the Young People who paraded, smartly dressed, very well behaved, a credit to their Groups, Sections and parents. You have no idea how proud it makes the D.C and his District Team feel to walk at the head of a parade like ours.

Thank you to one and all.

**Chris King**



## MHNNH / Night Jar Night Hike Scout Competition



On Saturday 27 March 2010 eight teams of Scouts from Letchworth and Baldock District made what has now become an annual visit to Mid Herts District to take part in the MHNNH10 competition. Within this competition we run our own Night Jar competition.

This year's competition was themed on the game of Monopoly with teams and bases being named after playing pieces and streets. With a total of thirty teams of Scouts and Guides the competition looked to be as tough as ever. The aim being to navigate a course and earn points for behaviour, teamwork and achievement of an objective at the bases.

The teams made their way to the Moneyhole Lane Football centre in Welwyn and optimistically laid out their beds in the hope there would be a chance of sleep in the early hours. They were then bussed to the start point (or GO!) at Stanborough Lakes. Where after a kit check and check of their maps they were off, into the dark, to follow a circuit through the countryside out to the west of Welwyn Garden City.

Chris Lewis and I were assisting Geoff Smith and Gareth Howell on a base -Regent Street, located in a stable yard towards the end of the course. This meant we would be out all night.

Nick Howell had mobilised the BALIN Network to run a base at the much more upmarket – Park Lane.

And so we settled down to a long wait for the first team to arrive. The event organisers have an efficient mission control which tracks where the teams are and broadcasts updates on the CB radio system. However this is barely needed on a dark, quiet night in the countryside as you can hear and see the young people coming from a mile off, torches flashing and lots of laughing and singing.

And then the teams start to come through our base, some more tired than others but all in good spirits. I recognised some of the team names from the Monopoly game, Top Hat, Flat Iron, Scottie Dog etc but I am not so sure about Spotted Pig and Cement Mixer.

At about 5:30am on Sunday morning the last team passed through rapidly followed by a team of Explorers sweeping the route. Then time to pack up and get back to the football club. By this time it was getting light. Teams were still feasting on burgers, hot dogs, cakes and hot drinks. When asked if they had managed a good sleep one Scout remarked "Sleep, I've only just got back"!

Then before you know it, it's time for results and presentations. Well I'm pleased to say that as is usual in this event Letchworth and Baldock District once again did themselves credit. Most pleasing was that none (not even Brown Jug) had been sent directly to Jail, do not pass go, do not collect £200.

2nd Baldock (Pick axe) had taken 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall and won the Nightjar Senior Trophy.  
7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth (Spotted Pig) L had taken 4<sup>th</sup> place overall and the Nightjar Junior Trophy.

Well done to them and all the District teams and Leaders who took part. Then it was time for tired Scouts to gather their kit climb into cars and minibuses and make the short trip home. I say tired, I overheard a couple of them discussing how they were going straight home to play rugby. Me, I was going straight to bed with the thought of having to wash and Hoover the District minibus, which I took to the event, to look forward to when I woke up.

#### District Positions

3<sup>rd</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock – Pick Axe. Nightjar senior Trophy.

4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Spotted Pig – Nightjar Junior Trophy

11<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Spare Wheel

16<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock – Sherman Tank

20<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Fluffy Dice

21<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Motor Cycle

24<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Flat Iron

30<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth – Brown Jug



**Gavin ADC - Scouts**



**On a very sunny Sunday afternoon on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010 a very smartly turned out colour party from Letchworth and Baldock Scouts attended a Civic Service to mark the contribution of young people and those in Civic Service in our community.**

**Organised by David Miller Chairman of North Herts District Council and held at St Mary's Church Hitchin.**

**Joined by colour parties from other youth groups they were entertained by interviews with and performances by young people.**

**Afterwards refreshments were served in the Church hall.**

## **County Cub Swimming Competition St Albans**

The District made a squad from Cubs from the 4th Letchworth 5th Letchworth, 8th Letchworth, 11th Letchworth, 1st Baldock (Knights) 1st Baldock (Templars) and 2nd Baldock Scout Groups. Due to family commitments the 1st Ashwell selected swimmers were unable to make it.

We came away with a winner in the older Cubs Backstroke (Michael Stocker, 8th Letchworth) and a runner up in the younger Cub breast stroke (Mathew Cook).

All the Cubs were very well behaved and had a great time.

## **Cubs hang out with Fire-fighters 12th Letchworth Cubs**

12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Cubs went to Baldock Fire Station to hang out with some fire fighters and learn some useful stuff.

They showed us around the fire engine, it was bigger than I thought. There were huge ladders on top and some really cool tools. The driver had the best bit because there was a big table beside him for coffee, phones, ipods and probably a stash of sweets.

We were allowed to go with the hoses. There were about three cars lying on their sides and one was upside down. We all got to hose them with really powerful hoses and some of the water went flying over the hedge.

I think the fire fighters were pretty good at spraying the water but I think the Cubs were a lot better.

Everyone at Baldock Fire Station was great; we loved seeing all their stuff....



...THANK YOU !!

By Joe Henderson



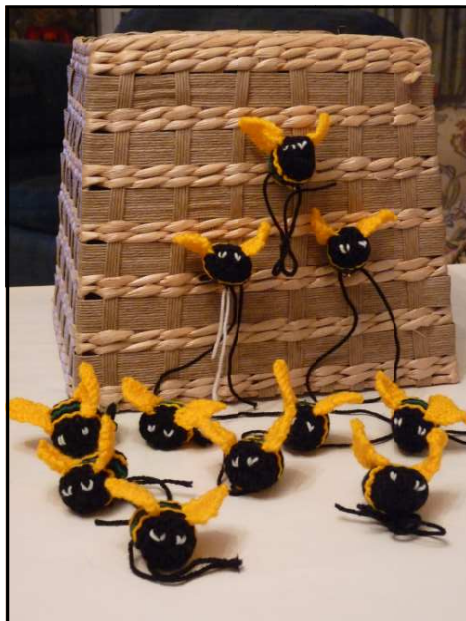
## 1st Baldock Scouts are All of a Buzz

1st Baldock Scouts and Knights Cubs are buzzing to get their Jambo-Bees. Members of the Executive Committee and their friends have been busy bees knitting Jambo-Bees in 1st Baldock colours which you can tie to your woggle for a bit of pre-Jamboree fun.

Adam Lunnon is one of five Scouts from the District who are going to the 2011 World Jamboree in Sweden.

Anyone wanting their own bee can ask Adam Lunnon. They are very reasonably priced at £1.00 each. The money raised will go towards Adam's Jamboree costs which in turn funds Scouts attending from poorer countries.

They are also available in other colours too from the other members of the Jamboree party. Get your Bee now!



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The Training Administrator, Simon Tierney, has arranged the following Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) evenings.

Venue: District HQ, Icknield Way  
Time: 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm  
Dates: 7 May  
11 May  
13 May  
25 May

The Training Administrator, Simon Tierney, has arranged the following Module 10 course - First Response

Venue: District HQ,  
Icknield Way  
Time: 9.00 am - 4.00 pm  
Dates: 9 May and 16 May

Please bring a packed lunch





## Information

### Calling all Treasurers

**IMPORTANT** - From the 1 April gift aid has to be recovered within four years from the end of the accounting period (or for charitable trusts, within four years from the end of the tax year) to which it applies, rather than six years as it has been.

Go to: [www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift\\_aid/reclaim.htm](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift_aid/reclaim.htm)

### Calling all Leaders

#### Sectional Games Books

Packed with games specifically for Beaver, Cub and Scout sections, and split into chapters of different game types, these colourful books will help you deliver exciting games every week.



#### Programme Plus Vol 2

The new edition of Programme Plus Vol 2 has more exciting and ready-to-run activity and programme ideas for the each section.



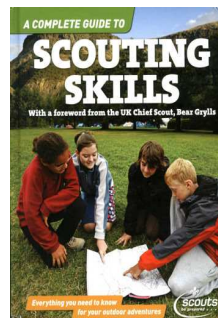
#### Nights Away 2010

An updated version of Nights Away, the definitive guide for Scouts to camping and the outdoors.

#### Complete Guide to Scouting Skills (Hardback)

With a foreword by the Chief Scout Bear Grylls, the hardback 'A Complete Guide to Scouting Skills' has everything you need to know for your outdoor adventures.

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# Achievements



## Mick Dilley - Silver Acorn

Congratulations to Mick who was awarded the Silver Acorn in this year's St George's Day Awards. Mick has devoted a life time to Scouting. As a Rover Scout he was involved in the publication and distribution of the first issues of Co-Ordinator in 1959. He became a

Scout Leader and has created a strong a stable Group at 2nd Baldock over many years (too many to count). He has been GSL since 1991 and the Group has thrived under his leadership. His genial personality and his quiet, cheerful and positive manner has enabled him to develop a very good team of Leaders and helpers.

Mick's influence is felt throughout the District as he gives others the benefit of his experience and allows his farm to be used for Scouting activities. Together with his wife Deb, 2nd Baldock SL, they make a formidable contribution to Scouting.



### Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Laurence Minion	4th Letchworth
Maggie Read	4th Letchworth
Tom Bates	8th Letchworth
Joseph Devine	8th Letchworth
Cameron Moir	8th Letchworth
Joe Palmer	8th Letchworth



### Chief Scout's Silver Award

Christian Allen	7th Letchworth
Jack Morgan	7th Letchworth



Fiona Hicks

Fiona Hicks passed away on Saturday 27 March 2010 after a short illness. Fiona was a member of the 7th Letchworth Scout Group (1980s - 1990s), both as a committee member and a Cub Scout Leader. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends in Scouting. A celebration of her life took place on 14 April 2010.

# DIARY 2010

## MAY

30 April - 3 May	PAW (Patrol Activity Weekend)	Tolmers
30 April - 3 May	ITTH (Introduction to the hills)	Orchard Farm
1	Gang Show AGM	St Francis College
8	District Beaver Challenge	11th Letchworth HQ
8	County Cub 6-a-side football competition	Watford South
9	District Fellowship Barbecue	38 Chiltern View
10	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	TBA
11	5th Letchworth AGM	5th Letchworth HQ
12	1st Baldock AGM	1st Baldock HQ
13	District Scout Council AGM	Wymondley Wood
16	Rotary Greenway Charity Walk	Greenway
17	Wymondley Wood AGM	Wymondley Wood
21 - 23	Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
25	11th Letchworth AGM	11th Letchworth HQ
31	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood

## JUNE

8	Jamboree Fund Raising Meeting	Wymondley Wood
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	7th Letchworth Scout Group AGM	Wilbury Hall
12	District Beaver Scout Day Out	Mountfichet Castle
13	District Fellowship Picnic	RSPB - Sandy
16	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
17	12th Letchworth Scout Group AGM	TBA
26	District Fellowship "Cub Day"	Boyd Field, Henlow
28	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood

