

End of a era

Kenneth Johnson

Rod Tiplady

Roger Comely



The evening of the District AGM Thursday 13 of May 2010 was very special for the Fellowship.

After a last minute panic looking for Rita with her camera, we managed to get Ken Johnson, Rod Tiplady and Roger Comely altogether for this photo.

These three recycled teenagers are the only ones to hold the appointment of A.D.C. Scout Fellowship in the District. The first was K.J from the beginning 21 January 1977 to January 1982, then Rod Tiplady took over, then Roger Comely, from 16 January 1986. He will be the last A.D.C. as this appointment ceases on the 31 December 2010.

Thursday the 13 May was Rod's 80th birthday, this milestone was celebrated by family and friends on 8 May so releasing Rod to be at the A.G.M.

This is the last District A.G.M that the Fellowship will attend before becoming the Scout Active Support (SAS)

Baldock Festival - Victorian Fair

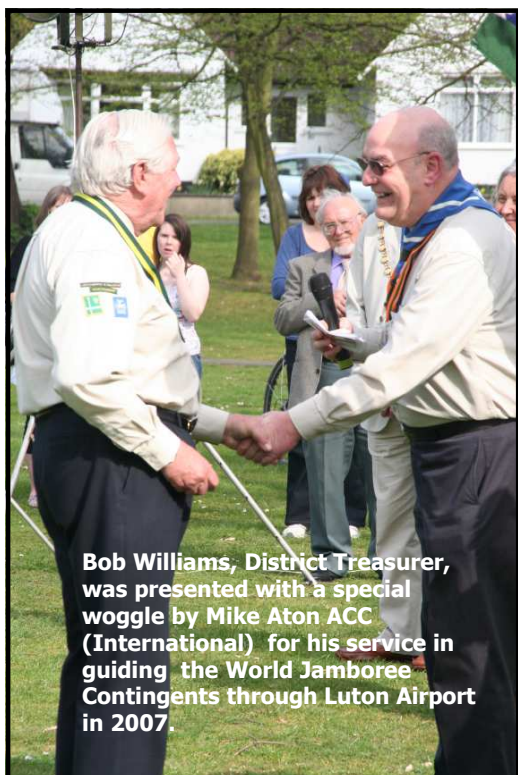
1st Baldock Scouts

First Baldock Scouts were once again involved in the town Victorian Street Fair on Saturday 15 May running the usual Barbecue. The weather was superb and much to our benefit there was a large crowd.

We were kept very busy and with the help of parents and some really hard working Scouts we surpassed all expectations and made a profit of £710.00. Nearly £ 200 more than our previous record. So well done all round. We estimated for more than previously and sold out.

The day started for me at 07:45 hrs at the 1st Baldock Scouts H.Q. and finished at 17:00 hrs. A long day but worthwhile. (A shower and rest and ready to go again)

Yours in Scouting
Eric "Skip" Woodward

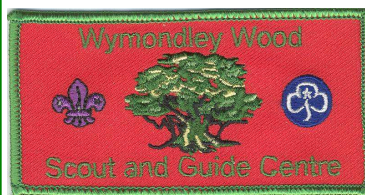


Bob Williams, District Treasurer, was presented with a special woggle by Mike Aton ACC (International) for his service in guiding the World Jamboree Contingents through Luton Airport in 2007.



Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre have a new blanket badge. The badge costs £1.00 and can be purchased at The Centre from the

Tuck Shop Trolley.



Maureen Kell has taken over the prime responsibility for bookings at the Centre. Barbara will be acting as backup. Maureen is quite happy for you to phone her on 01462 684665 or you can email wymondleywood.org@hotmail.com with your booking and enquiry.

Gosling Ski and Board Centre 8th Letchworth Cub Scouts

After a long journey stuck in traffic, 2 Young Leaders, 26 Cub Scouts , 4 Leaders and a bunch of parents arrived at the foot of the ski slope in Welwyn.

The sun was shining , the doughnuts were inflated, the gloves were on.....we were given a quick safety talk and it was then time to climb the slope!

Next thing you know you had a group of Cubs being thrown at you! It was a fantastic couple of hours enjoyed by Cubs, Leaders and parents and is definitely one to be repeated. A brilliant time was had by all which would not have been possible without the fundraising efforts of the group.

Mim

YL 8th Letchworth

I would recommend this for other groups of Cubs or Scouts. A fantastic evening and Gosling are happy to give reduced rates to Scouting Groups.

The contact is Karol Butrimas-Gair (Ski and Board Centre Manager) 01707 384387

email karol@goslingsports.co.uk



Patrol Activity Weekend (P.A.W.)

5th Letchworth Scouts

PAW was my first ever Scout camp and it was great. When we arrived we had to walk to the lake where Tom, Daniel and I were invested. After that we went back to Sub Camp and put up our tents. We had a lot more time to ourselves than at Cub Camps and everyone was nice to me. My favourite activity was the Mountain of Air. Some of the activities were very weird; there was a revolving climbing wall and Rope-a-Phobia was like climbing up and down different things and the only support was a rope attached to us!

Next to our Sub Camp there was a massive ditch. On Saturday night it rained so much that it turned into a river. There was a massive blockage in the river so everyone climbed across, got big sticks and started jabbing it to make it go away.

On the last night, when the other Scouts were watching a movie, the rest of us got our sleeping bags and all snuggled up in the girls' tent and played games.



Katherine

I was in High Five and got to help with the cooking. I cooked burgers and sausages and was pleased to see that no-one was sick after eating them. I was glad I wasn't in the other team, Five Alive, because their attempt at pancakes was disgusting.

I enjoyed the camp except getting drenched in a soggy tent. I will always make sure the tent door is closed from now on.

My favourite activity was also Mountain of Air because you had to knock each other off a domed bouncy castle. In the end everyone in 5th Letchworth Scouts competed against each other at the same time. It was mad.

Tom



FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Cake Stall– The District cake stall on Easter Saturday raised a total of £666.20. £192.46 of this will hopefully make DHQ a bit warmer this winter! The rest was raised by the Jamboree Scouts.

Thank you to everybody who took time out to bake us a cake. We had every flavour and shape going including a big yellow duck!

Equipment–Thank you to Fellowship for donating £250 , which added to £1,000 from District funds has purchased 6 new high spec lightweight walking tents. (same as used on BBC trip up Kilimanjaro). First trip out will be the District Scout walking weekend in July.

Car Boots– we will be going to car boot sales over the next few months so are still collecting good condition items you think we could sell- contact the District Secretary to get rid of your junk!

Tombola – an appeal to all unloved cuddly toys with some cuddle left in them. If you are lurking in the loft or the bottom of a wardrobe, make your way to Janet Conder and we will find you a new loving home via our Soft toy Tombola. Over 18s please ask permission of under 18s first!

For further information about District fund raising, contact the District Secretary Janet Conder

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Awards being presented by Bob Cooper (ACC 6 –14) at the District AGM.

Left to Right Eric Woodward, Award of Merit for Outstanding Service, Fiona Potts, 10 Years Service, Apryl Goodwin, 10 Years Service, Jackie Hare, 10 Years Services, Nora Hitcham, 10 Years Service, Barry Dickinson, 15 Years Service.



Left to Right - Wendy Tierney, 30 Years Long Service Decoration, Phil Charsley, 30 Years Long Service Decoration, John Moys, 50 Years Long Service Decoration, Simon Thomas, Wood Badge, Beverley Suttie, Wood Badge and Mark Suttie, Wood Badge.



22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011 **UNITED KINGDOM**

World Jamboree Update

Our 5 Jamboree Scouts have been busy around the District raising their funds to attend the World Jamboree. They have started meeting up with their County contingent groups for training and getting to know their contingent Leaders. Below are a few highlights of what they have been up to. Thank you to everybody in the District who has supported them in their efforts.

Gang show– the Scouts and their families organized and ran all the Bar, the hot drinks and cake, and had a display and collection at all three performances. This was a big help to the Gang show team and in total raised £336.63.

Cake Stall– The Scouts and Matt and Joe who are attending on the Jamboree service team, baked up a massive pile of cakes and took between them £473.74

District Quiz– Held on Saturday 8th May 9 teams battled it out. The Jamboree Scouts helped Quizmaster Anne Gutteridge by marking and keeping score, running the raffle and calling some of the questions, while their parents prepared the ploughman's suppers. In total they raised £416.75 for the Jamboree fund.

A Huge thank you to District Fellowship for their generous donation of £250. This gives each of the 5 Jamboree Scouts £50 towards their trip.

Thank you to everybody who has so far adopted a Jambo-Bee. We have sold over 200 all around the District and many more are buzzing about finding homes. Bees are available in all Group and section colours (Hi-viz Network Bees are proving popular!), if you would like to adopt a Jambo-Bee for a minimum donation of £1 please contact Janet Conder on 01462 624365.

Now available England World Cup Bees– for a limited time! (depending on how quick we get knocked out!) .

Bee Prepared!

Evening at Letchworth Ambulance Station 4th Letchworth Beavers

On a Tuesday evening in May 4th Letchworth Beavers had a fun evening at the Letchworth ambulance station . All the Beavers fitted in an ambulance together and Emma—Explorer Scout and Young Leader had her arm bandaged. Over the next few weeks they will also be visiting Baldock Fire station and the Police Station.



20 km Hike 1st Baldock Scouts

On Friday 14 May our group (Louise, Liam, Sarah, Nick, Ben and me) walked 20 km. We started at the hut and after the first hour we were all enjoying the walk, still laughing and cracking jokes. Another hour later we were still walking briskly. It was when it got dark that we got a little bit lost! We were in Wallington (conveniently where I live) and we didn't just get a bit lost. I advised that we should walk down the footpath but the rest of the group insisted we went through a field full of bulls and cows. (I have quite convincingly passed the blame onto the rest of my group, so sorry!) We walked through the field by now were tired and night had fallen our feet were starting to ache. After going through the cow field we went through a wood for more than half an hour. We thought we were going in the right direction then we came to another field of cows. We saw that there were calves so we went round the edge, then we were walking along



a footpath, BACK TO WHERE WE HAD BEEN ONE HOUR AGO! By now it was pitch black we had wasted an hour and a lot of energy. We carried on walking this time in the other direction about one and a half hours later we had completed the walk, the last leg was definitely the hardest it was a case of so close to sleep till gone 03:00hrs in the end. I did enjoy our evening overall it was full of a lot of good laughs.

The next morning my feet are aching but inside I feel deeply rewarded.

Helen Inman

District Beaver Challenge 11th Letchworth HQ

Saturday 9 May dawned damp and drizzly, but for around 40 of the eldest Beaver Scouts in the District the fun and excitement was just beginning.

Seven Colonies' chosen representatives and their Leaders gathered at 11th Letchworth HQ ready to battle for the title of "Best Beavers in the District". They were joined by the District Commissioner and the ADC (Beaver Scouts) for an afternoon of general knowledge questions, picture clues and Olympic events!

The afternoon was organised by Eagle, from 1st Baldock (Wednesdays), whose team had won last year and the competition was hard fought. The lead changed a number of times during the two hours, with all the Leaders sweating heavily in case their team won and they had to organise next year's event!



After the long jump, treasure hunt, film quiz and identifying the famous people picture round there was only 2 points between the first 3 places. The eventual winners were 7th Letchworth, with 1st Baldock (Wednesdays) and 12th Letchworth tied for 2nd place.

Well done to 7th Letchworth and everyone else who took part in such a friendly manner. Thanks must go to all the Leaders for giving up their Saturday afternoon and especially to Eagle for doing such a great job coming up with the questions.

Vicki Gage – ADC (Beaver Scouts)



Four members of the Wymondley Wood Committee and Councillor Keith Emsall

attended the Sixers and Seconders evening meal on Friday.

The meal expertly cooked by 1st Ashwell Cub Leaders, Debbie Jones and Andrew Masson consisted of a South African lamb stew with rice and a milk tart. Keith was invited as a thank you for his generous grant from his Locality Budget which purchased the new cook and extractor hood to help us conform to the latest gas safety regulations.

**Councillor Keith Emsall,
Doug and Maureen Kell**



Achievements



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Chris Gray 12th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Thomas Hensby 12th Letchworth

Congratulations to the following Leaders on being awarded their Wood Badge



Diana Cornell	ACSL 8th Letchworth
Melissa Davey	ACSL 5th Letchworth
Chris King	D.C. District
Stephanie Marshall	ACSL 2nd Baldock
Ian Taplin	ACSL 8th Letchworth



A warm welcome to

Helen Gray	7th Letchworth ABSL
Russell Stocker	8th Letchworth ASL
Katie Thomsett	11th Letchworth GSL



Beverley Suttie, 11th Letchworth Scout Leader with her Wood Badge Certificate and wearing her Wood Beads. Her father, Arthur Scott, District Fellowship Treasurer also has his Wood Badge for completing his training in the 1960's.

DIARY 2010

JUNE

8	Jamboree Fund Raising Meeting	Wymondley Wood
8	1st Ashwell AGM	Village Hall
9	4th Letchworth AGM	St Pauls Church
10	District Executive Meeting	W. Wood, Wet Weather Shelter
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
19	2nd Baldock AGM	Wrayfield Farm
26	District Fellowship "Cub Day"	Boyd Field, Henlow
28	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	107 Spring Road
28	County AGM	County Hall, Hertford

JULY

8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	District Cubs Dragon Boating	Fairland Lake, Stevenage
12	District Cub Leaders Meeting	
13	District Beaver Scout Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood
26	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood

District Beaver Challenge Competitors



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