

Co-Ordinator

District Scout Active Support

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

On the stroke of midnight 31 December 2010 the District Scout Fellowship was no more. After thirty three glorious years of helping to support Scouting, our flag will be displayed at Wymondley Wood. During the existence of the District Scout Fellowship we raised money towards the cost of setting up Norton Bury, and after that closed, we helped towards the cost of Wymondley Wood. Over the years members have, when called upon, helped in any capacity that they were able to. Under the Chairmanship of Rod Tiplady we adopted the distinctive blue jumper that members wore with pride at many District events. As the District Scout Active Support Unit and under our new manager, Dave Upson, we will still "DO OUR BEST".



Congratulations to Matt Hart BALinNet Scout Network on achieving his Queen's Scout Award

To obtain this Award Matt has had to work hard to achieve a number of tasks .including

18 nights away as an Explorer Scout or Scout Network Member. Complete activities under International, Environment and Values List, complete five Queen's Scout Award Challenges, undertake a 4-day and 3-night expedition in an adventurous country. Undertake a 5-day and 4-night residential project and make a presentation of his achievements in working towards the Queen's Scout Award.

Fundraising

'Your help is needed to support fundraising around the District- do you have any unwanted Christmas presents still laying around? From dodgy socks to smellies you won't use? Any boxes of chocolates or bottles of wine threatening to spoil your New Year's resolutions? Please donate them for Fundraising events around the District. Just pass them to a member of the District Team or drop them off at 16 Brandles Road, Letchworth Garden City anytime.

Last year your unwanted items raised funds at various raffles and at Fellowship events at Gang Show and the Lions Day stalls.'

Anything suitable for Raffles and Tom-bolas gratefully received.

Janet Conder
District Secretary



Hertfordshire County Scouts is running a lottery to raise money which will go towards funding the purchase of Phasels Wood at Kings Langley and Tolmers at Cuffley and to improve the facilities they offer.

If you wish the District or your Group / Unit to benefit from the 25% commission on net sales then you will need to change the sales code number found on the entry leaflet.

Sale Codes numbers are as follows:-

District	1100	5th Letchworth	1107	Oak Eagle ESU	1170
1st Ashwell	1105	7th Letchworth	1104	BALiNET Network	1181
1st Baldock	1101	8th Letchworth	1108	Scout Active Support	1185
2nd Baldock	1106	11th Letchworth	1112		
4th Letchworth	1103	12th Letchworth	1113		

All you need to do is change the Sales Code number on your entry form.

Further forms are available from the District Champion, Allan Patterson.

Email: valallan.patterson@virgin.net

St George's Day Parade and Service

This year 7th Letchworth Scout Group has been given the responsibility for organising the annual St George's Day Parade the Service.

Date: Sunday 17 April 2011

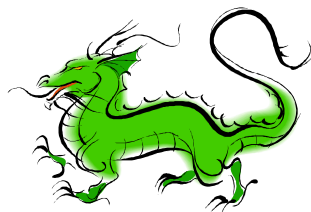
Venue: St George's Church, Letchworth

Assembly: 1.45 pm - 2.15 pm in the car park at the main entrance of the Letchworth outdoor swimming pool.

The parade will leave the swimming pool car park at 2.30 pm prompt and will parade along Norton Way North to St George's Church in Common View.

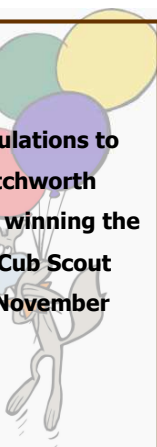


The service, performed by Barry Pate, vicar of St Thomas's Church, will commence at 3.00 pm and is expected to last 30 minutes. Following the service the parade will reform ready to move off at 3.45 pm to the grass area on Norton Common adjacent to MacFayden Webb House where the parade will be dismissed.



After the Service refreshments will be offered at the Clulow Rooms at St George's Church

**Congratulations to
12th Letchworth
Cubs on winning the
District Cub Scout
Quiz in November
2010**



Mervyn Templeton has "Gone Home"



Mervyn Templeton, our former Water Adviser and member of the District Team passed away in hospital in the North East recently after a long battle with cancer. He gave over 30 years service to the Scout Association as an Assistant Venture Scout Leader, Scout Leader, ADC (Scouts) for Hitchin District and finally as District Scout Leader for Letchworth & Baldock between 1998 and 2002.

Mervyn was a skilled and keen kayaker but could turn his hand to most things Scouting. He was a member of the organising team for some of our P.L and A.P.L weekends that I am sure some of you will remember which were run with great success at Nortonbury in the early 1990's.

I am sure those of you who remember him will join me in passing on our deepest sympathies to his family at this sad time.

Chris King D.C



Science Museum

12th Letchworth Cub Scouts

On Saturday 4 December 2010, thirteen Cubs, two Scouts and four adults from 12th Letchworth Scout Group went to London for a Sleepover at the Science Museum. Travelling down in the District Minibus and a car, we wound our way through the street of London (and back again when we missed the turning!) before bailing out at the group entrance and invading the museum at about 6.45 pm.

Having been relieved of our snack packs, we followed our usher with anticipation to the Space Gallery where we set out our bedding, before being taken up to the Introduction and Safety Talk with the other hundred or so participants. There were several Cub, Brownie and School Groups as well as Birthday parties. After that it was on to the activities, a Super Cool show about temperature, Mission to Mars where we built and tested paper rockets, and Making the Modern World for a Treasure Hunt and brass rubbings! Half way through the evening we were reunited with our snack packs for a much needed energy boost and eventually ended up back at the Space Gallery around 11 pm, in the vain hope that everyone would go to sleep! I must say that 12th Letchworth were very good and George was nominated by the Museum Staff as a Good Camper for going to sleep quickly. I have heard of sleeping under the stars but sleeping with a huge satellite hanging fifteen feet above your head is some experience!

Sunday morning and we were off again. Breakfast was provided by the museum but many of us tucked into last night's leftovers as well! Then off to see a 3D film in the IMAX Theatre about the Hubble Telescope and a wonderful session of free exploration in Launch Pad before Prize Giving at 9.45am and the Museum opening to the public at 10 am.

We left the Museum soon after and took a somewhat circuitous route home to include a sightseeing tour past Eros, Trafalgar Square, The Houses of Parliament, London Bridge, The Tower of London and The Olympic Village, (courtesy of Ian and Vicki) arriving back in Letchworth in time for the School Christmas Fair!

Was it good? This is what the Cubs thought. **David thought** "it was great! The annoying bit was getting there as it was not clear how to get into the museum."

George said, "We had a nice time. Next day we watched a film called "Hubble" about a telescope which was sent to space to take amazing pictures. Hubble became 'old' and the film was about the people sent up to space to fix it."

Jacob's favourite bit "was watching the LED lights smashing into each other and sometimes words would appear when they hit each other." **Mark agreed and also** "liked where we slept because we were near an astronaut."

Peter liked the Super Cool Show because "it was amazingly scientific and brilliant. The IMAX film was amazing because it was 3D. The only problem was we had to sleep on the floor which was uncomfortable." **Stanley said his** "favourite part was sleeping next to a pretend space man!"

Charlie "enjoyed staying up really late - like 12 at night, and the 3D film."

Amman said "it was good and would be better if the groups were split further (For sleeping). I really enjoyed the IMAX film."

Eira "enjoyed the energy room and the IMAX film was such an experience!"

Adam H "enjoyed the activities – especially the last one. We had to go round the rooms looking for Apollo 10."

Adam L said "We didn't get chosen to go up to help in the 'Super Cool Show' because we were at the back. It was annoying. The best bit for me was the brass rubbing of pictures on the ground."

I think we can take that as a "Yes we liked it!!"

Heather Waters CSL 12th Letchworth

Hertfordshire Scout County Expedition

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Four members of the District Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit Luke Franklin, Emma Hart, Emma Coulson and Katie Goodwin are busy raising funds towards the cost of their expedition to Swaziland. The total cost will be around £1600 each.

The following fundraising events have been organised, please support them.

Saturday 12 February - 1 pm to 5 pm Letchworth Town Centre, Leys Square, Leys Avenue (between W.H. Smith and Esquires Coffee Shop) sponsored leg waxing, tombola, refreshments, skittles, plant stall, District mini bus with Capital Lottery stall.

Friday 18 / Saturday 19 March - They will be providing the refreshments at the Gang Show (tea/coffee)

Saturday 2 April - Quiz night at Lordship Farm School, compiled by Anne Gutteridge, compared by Hartley - curry night, bring your own bottle - more details to follow

Thursday 21st April - Bag pack at Sainsbury's, Letchworth

Saturday 23rd April - Cake stall in Letchworth

Sunday 15th May - The Letchworth Rotary Greenway walk (21 Km)



Beaver Scout Residential Experiences and Visits Abroad

Residential Experiences

From now on, all Beaver Scouts nights away events will be known as Residential Experiences. The rules on the time have been slightly relaxed and now Beaver Scouts Residential Experiences have a limit of one night

away, rather than the more restrictive 24 hours away.

The other major change is to be the type of Residential Experience. As well as indoor events Beaver Scouts will now be permitted to camp on their night away. This means that Beaver Scouts can join Group and District camps overnight without having to worry about finding indoor accommodation.

Also added to the POR rules is the minimum standard that each Beaver Scout should be offered the opportunity to attend a Nights Away experience every year.

Beaver Scouts Visits Abroad

Up until now Beaver Scouts haven't been included in the rules which has caused some problems.

The changes to the rules will allow Beaver Scouts to go overseas only in the care of nominated adults. It has been made clear in the guidelines that this is to remain an option.

For more information please see factsheet FS155053 and POR Rule 3.7, 9.60 and 9.64



Quiz Night

Event	Quiz Night
When	Saturday 2 April
Where	Lordship Farm Primary School, Letchworth Garden City
Time	Doors open 7.00 pm - Start 7.30 pm
Cost	Tickets £8.00 per person, maximum six per team



Authentic Indian Curry and Rice included in the price

Bring your own bottle. Tea, coffee and soft drinks on sale

Advance tickets only: Christine Hart 01462 621172

Last sale date: 26 March 2011

All profits to fund Explorer Scouts 2011 Expedition to Swaziland, KwaZula-Natal and Lesotho



Fun Day

Event	Fun Day
When	Saturday 12 February
Where	Leys Square, Leys Avenue, Letchworth Garden City

**All profits to fund Explorer Scouts 2011 Expedition to Swaziland,
KwaZula-Natal and Lesotho**

Refreshments

Cake Stall

Children's Sweet Tombola

sponsored Leg Waxing

skittles and games

Biscuit Decorating



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and
Baldoche District*

GANG SHOW

March 18 7.30 pm

March 19 2.00 pm

March 19 7.30 pm

Tickets £5.00 available at the Letchworth

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THE OUTDOORS STORE

or

Ticket Hotline: 01462 671183



Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show 2011

A cast of over 50 Cubs, Brownies, Scouts, Guides and Explorers have worked hard for five months on their GANG SHOW, a traditional family variety show.

Muppets, James Bond, Glee mixed with a selection of sketches and short skits and, of course, the traditional ride on the Crest of the Wave.

A fantastic show for you to bring your group to, tickets are only £5. Gang Show offers a buy 10 get 2 free offer.

Our chosen charity for 2011 is Help the Heroes

For your comfort during the interval, there is a children's tuck shop run by Scouting Active Support and tea bar run by the Swaziland fundraising team both within the Auditorium and a licensed bar in an adjacent room.

Webpage: <http://gangshow.webplus.net>

email: gang.show@hotmail.co.uk

Ticket Office 01462 671183 (answerphone)

NAME..... Pack/troop/unit

ADDRESS

POST CODE

GANG SHOW 2011 TICKETS

We would like to order tickets as follows:

..... For Friday evening 7.30 pm (18 March) at £5.00 per ticket =

..... For Saturday afternoon 2.00 pm (19 March) at £5.00 per ticket =

..... For Saturday evening 7.30 pm (19 March) at £5.00 per ticket =

CHEQUES PAYABLE TO : LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK GANG SHOW

Ticket Office

14 Chatterton

Letchworth Garden City

SG6 2JU

www.lbdscouts.org.uk

**Peter Ellmers, GSL
8th Letchworth
presenting Jamie
Sherwood with his
Chief Scout's Gold
Award.**



**Gavin Conder ADC (Scouts) with Adam
Lunnon and Nicholas Brewer,
1st Baldock Scouts**



**Gavin Conder ADC (Scouts)
with Sarah Plater, 1st Baldock**



Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Hana Cairns	5th Letchworth
Lewis Charles	5th Letchworth
Oscar Earle	5th Letchworth
Morgan Gibson	5th Letchworth
George Ogilvie	5th Letchworth
Hannah Steadman	5th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Nicholas Brewer	1st Baldock
Adam Lunnnon	1st Baldock
Sarah Plater	1st Baldock
Jamie Sherwood	8th Letchworth

The following have been awarded their service awards



Mike Durrant	Scout Active Support
Ron Smith	District Appointment Secretary



Simon Tierney	District Training Administrator
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Christine Hart	ABSL 12th Letchworth
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Gavin Conder	ADC (Scouts)
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GRANT APPLICATIONS

A reminder to all Groups / Units and individuals that all Grant Applications must be referred in the first instance to Chris King, District Commissioner. Recently there have been a couple of occasions where Grant Applications have clashed.

DIARY 2011

FEBRUARY

6	District Scout Cooking Competition	District HQ
7	SAS Book Club 14:30 - 16:00	116 Icknield Way
10	District Executive Meeting	District HQ
12 - 13	Sleepover Weekend (Beavers) to celebrate the 25th birthday of Beavers	
20	County Scout Cooking Competition	Stevenage HQ
21 - 25	School Half Term Scout & Guide Shop Closed	
28	Wymondley Wood Meeting	107 Spring Road

MARCH

3	District Lochearnhead 2012 launch	District HQ
7	SAS Book Club 14:30 - 16:00	116 Icknield Way
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
18 - 19	District Gang Show	St Francis Theatre
19	County Triathlon and Go-Kart Challenge	Lees Wood
20	District Cub Scout Football Competition	St Nicholas School
28	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

APRIL

1 - 2	District Cub Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
2	County Swimming Gala 8 - 14 years	
11 - 25	School Easter Holidays	
14	District Executive	Wymondley Wood
16	Scout Active Support St George's Dinner	Guide HQ
17	St George's Day Parade and Service	St George's Church
18	Wymondley Wood AGM	Wymondley Wood
27	District Team Meeting	District HQ
29	Scout Active Support Theatre Trip	Gordon Craig Theatre
29 - 2 May	P.A.W. (Patrol Active Weekend)	Tolmers

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Scout Shop Ltd have produced a range of Scout Medals on a ribbon lanyard for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts which can be given at the discretion of the Leader
 Cost £2.50 each.