

Co-Ordinator

The Queen Scout Award

The Queen's Scout Award is the top award in Scouting, and in gaining the award I have had many adventures and made many friends and learnt many skills that I will have for the rest of my life.

It has allowed me to take part and complete many challenges among which were completing the 'Explorer Belt' in 2008. Undertaking challenges while travelling around Lichtenstein, Austria, Southern Germany, Northern Italy and Switzerland. I also took part in Hertfordshire Scouts Expedition to Swaziland in 2009 to work in the local communities with local and regional Scouts. Both of these made up my two activities from the international, values and environment part of the award. I gained my Duke of Edinburgh Gold, where I hiked across Snowdonia for four days and three nights, helped at 12th Letchworth Beavers as part of my service, and learned to be a Kayaking Coach for my sport among other things. With all of this done I still had to sleep eighteen nights away, twelve of which must be under canvas, some were camps within our District but many were camps with other Scout groups I have met on my Scouting travels.

With all this now completed, what I can achieve in Scouting isn't over; it has just prepared me to be a better person, to take on new challenges and adventures in the years to come. I do believe you are not awarded the Queen's Scout Award, rather you become one.

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts



Matthew Hart

Scout Network

BaliNet

In Swaziland with local young people and with a new friend.





Census Figures 2011



Letchworth & Baldock District 31st January 2011

GROUP	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorers		Leaders		Assistants		Others		Group Totals	Census 2010	Census 2009	Census 2008	Census 2007
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
1st Ashwell	14	12	18	13	25	2			6	6		1			97	77	66	63	41
1st Baldock	28	3	43	7	32	11			7	7					138	147	143	131	127
1st/3rd Letchworth							closed									closed	closed	closed	dormant
2nd Baldock	11	6	18	0	13	5			1	5					59	46	54	40	46
2nd Weston							closed									closed	closed	closed	dormant
4th Letchworth	17	4	20	7	15	8			3	4	1				79	87	98	86	73
5th Letchworth	12	1	12	7	13	3			6	3					57	64	52	32	32
7th Letchworth	19	4	17	5	15	10			4	5					79	77	95	93	95
8th Letchworth	12	10	23	9	16	6			7	6					89	78	67	54	45
11th Letchworth	16	3	13	1	4	2			4	3					46	37	44	31	20
12th Letchworth	19	6	15	1	15	0			3	4	1				64	74	85	60	60
Oak Eagle Explorers							33	17	3	1					54	50	41	26	47
Network							4	4							8	9	6		
TOTALS	148	49	179	50	148	47	33	17	44	44	2	1			770	736	740	657	586
Fellowship/Active Support District Team													20	16	36	36	39	36	29
															14	10	9	6	8
															Grand Total	820	788	689	623

This year's census, as you can see, is another landmark in the delivery of brilliant scouting from all the Leaders and Adults involved in every aspect of the movement. To get our District figure over the magic 800 is something myself and the previous District Commissioners have worked towards over a number of years and at last we have achieved the magic number. This is without doubt the result of the contribution made by the entire Adult team involved in the District, the hours of commitment and dedication given to providing these Young People with such a grounding in the world and it's workings is almost immeasurable.

All I can say is a huge thank you to you all and hope that you will continue to be involved and help us take Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock forwards and upwards, with your help the sky's the limit, next target 850, come on, together, I know we can make it.

Chris King - DC

St George's Day Parade and Service - Sunday 17 April 2011

St George's Day Parade and Service

There will be a rehearsal for the colour parties and readers on **Saturday 16 April** at **St George's Church** at **10.00 am** until **11.00 am**.

Please ensure that your colour parties attend - they do not have to be in uniform for the rehearsal, only their neckerchief.



St George's Day Charity

This year's retiring collection will be donated to The British Dyslexia Association (BDA)



Did you know that around 10% of the population is dyslexic? This means that you are very likely to be living or working alongside somebody with dyslexia or a related specific learning difficulty. The British Dyslexia Association (BDA) has been in existence for over 20 years offering training courses as well as advice and information by providing the only National Helpline free of charge to anybody who needs our help. We campaign for a dyslexia friendly society where barriers to dyslexic people do not exist. We want to ensure that people of all ages with dyslexia are able to fulfil their potential. To achieve this we need to create change, set standards and support and enable people. We greatly appreciate the support of organisations, businesses and members of the public in helping us to do this

Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City - The Garden City Charity Walk

Date: Sunday 15 May 2011
Start: Highfield School
Finish: Plan to finish at 4.00 pm
Start : register and begin your walk at any time between 8.30 am - 10.00 am
Registration Fee: £1.00 for each walker

If you wish to register a very large Group and to administer your own sponsor arrangements using gift aid please speak to Brain Marshall 01462 677157.

Remember that 75% of the money raised by each walker is for their own charity or the organisation of their choice. 25% is payable to The Rotary Club of Letchworth Trust Fund to support Rotary and local charities, e.g. The Garden House Hospice.





District 6 –a-side Cub Scout Football Competition

St Nichols School - 20 March 2011

We arrived at St Nicholas school in Norton just before 10 o'clock on Sunday morning. The other teams were also just turning up. Baloo called all the Packs together and he explained the rules.

There were five Packs taking part and they were 5th, 7th and 8th Letchworth, 1st Ashwell and 2nd Baldock. The teams played every other match so we did get time to rest between the matches, and Baloo made sure that we all played at least two games.

The weather was dry and slightly chilly when the sun wasn't shining.

We lost our first game to the winners of the tournament 1st Ashwell. They beat us with the only goal of the match.

Our second game was against 7th Letchworth and we beat them by the same score.

After three games we were winning the competition. We were the only team to score two goals in one game.

The referee was firm and fair.

Between the matches I was running around playing with Rebecca Twena and Lucy Allen.

A refreshment tent had been set up on the school field and they were selling delicious bacon rolls. I think my brother had two!

I played in our last game, which was my favourite because we all played well. My brother William had three shots saved in this match. I managed to get in several good tackles. I don't like playing in defence, but I am very determined to get the ball.

At the end at about 1.00 pm there was a presentation. The winners received a shield and the second placed team 2nd Baldock got medals. We came third.

I hope there is another football tournament soon. I enjoyed being outside with my friends and playing football with my team. I had lots of fun. There were a few girls playing but it would be good if some more would like to join in. We will try to do even better next time.

Congratulations to 1st Ashwell, I hope you do well in the next round.

Our team was Adam Taplin, Cameron Moir, Daniel Banks, Jack Taplin, Joseph Devine, Mark Clark, Rebecca Twena, me and William Stewardson and William Woodhall.

Thank you to Baloo for organising the event and to Akela for cheering us on.

Sophie Stewardson
8th Letchworth Cub Scout

25th Anniversary Beaver Sleepover Wymondley Wood

I really enjoyed the Beaver sleepover because I made a new friend. I slept in Pink room, and everyone was very noisy because they were all excited. I didn't really get much sleep because the boys next door were giggling. I really liked colouring my Beaver picture which became my placemat for breakfast. When it was nearly time to go home we played a game called the bean game. Some parents started to arrive. It made me feel sad because I really love Beaver sleepovers and wish they would never end.

Abigail Cobb

12th Letchworth Beaver



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Every six months, a **FREE Activity Day** for up to 50 young people/adults will be won by the Scout Group selling the most Lottery Appeal chances in the County Appeal lottery. This will cover sales accredited to that Group in the preceding 6 months. The first 6 months will run from

January 2011, when leaflet distribution started, to the end of July 2011, and every 6 months thereafter.

The first **FREE Activity Day** can be taken in October 2011 at Phasels Wood, with the next one in March 2012 at Tolmers, and so on for as long as the lottery is running for.

The day will consist of four different activities and will last for four hours. Age and height restrictions may apply on certain activities and may not necessarily be instructor led.

Sales are good and on target at the time of writing (March 13 2011) so keep up the good work and see if your Group can win the **FREE Activity Day!** Remember, there will be another chance to win, every six months!

More information from your District Champion!

www.lbdscouts.org.uk

Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Adam Goodwin	5th Letchworth
Sean White	5th Letchworth
Charlie Bunnage	8th Letchworth
Ben Dawson	8th Letchworth
Ben Galvin	8th Letchworth
Joshua Hazzard	8th Letchworth
Georgia Martin	8th Letchworth
Janika Olowo	8th Letchworth
Karen Rogers	8th Letchworth
Ruby Woodhall	8th Letchworth

Congratulations to

Sue King DESA / Chairman Panel Chairman on being awarded the Award of Merit for Outstanding Service.



Tracey Duxbury, BSL 7th Letchworth on being awarded the Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.



The following have been awarded their service awards



Edmond Tickner - Scout Active Support member



Jeremy Croxford - District Executive Committee member

As the summer approaches lots of exciting events lie ahead. So let's publicise our activities. The editor will always try to visit your event. All you have to do is let her know when, where and time. Obviously she will come complete with camera in hand. I look forward to visiting your activities during the coming months. See back page for contact details.

DIARY 2011

APRIL

1 - 2	District Cub Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
1 - 2	District Scout Nightjar	
2	County Swimming Gala 8 - 14 years	
5	Scout & Guide Shop closes for Easter	
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
28	Scout & Guide Shop Reopens	
29	Scout Active Support Theatre Trip	Gordon Craig Theatre
29 - 2 May	P.A.W. (Patrol Active Weekend)	Tolmers

MAY

3	Lochearnhead Meeting	DHQ
7	District Beaver Challenge	11th Letchworth HQ
8	County Cub Scout 6-a-side Football	TBA
11	5th Letchworth AGM	5th Letchworth HQ
12	District AGM	District HQ
13	7th Letchworth Scout Group A.G.M.	Wilbury Hall
15	Letchworth Rotary Greenway Walk	
21	8th Letchworth 50th Anniversary celebrations	8th Letchworth HQ
24	1st Ashwell AGM	Ashwell Village Hall
30 - 3 June	School Half Term	

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Last month 8th Letchworth Scouts went climbing at Phasels Wood. Alex was invested on the climbing wall and Brecon (the mascot) went up a couple of times in the Scouts harnesses.

