

Co-Ordinator

County I.M.C. (Intermediate Mountain Course)

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

Geoff Smith with Joe-Dee



Six Explorer Scouts from the District Explorer Scout Unit Oak Eagle and one of their Leaders attended the County Intermediate Mountaineering Course (IMC) at Hertfordshire Scout Centre at Locheamhead during the Easter break.

Joe-Dee and her trainee group met up with Geoff Smith and other Leaders who were out for a day's walk on one of the higher mountains close to the station. The chance meeting took place at 986 metres on the top of Ben Vorlich.

On week one of the IMC this Easter there were three Oak Eagles Explorers

Edward Goater - Mary Kitching - Jacob Myner. On week two there were three more Sam Nobbs - Andrew Laing - Joe-Dee Star and also Ant Brown ESL.

All of them had the most exceptionally fine weather, not a drop of rain either week Sam and Andrew were there for the second year running and are hoping to return at Christmas to join in the Winter AMC Course.

Ant Brown



After offering to take on the role of District Treasurer on a temporary basis. A replacement has been found after nearly nine years. Bob handed over the duties to Phil Charsley at the District AGM. Thank you Bob for keeping the District finances on a sound footing and for all work in supporting the District Executive and District Commissioners. Bob was presented with a model fish tank and a voucher to spend at the Japanese Koi Co.



Photographer - Nick Howell

On the 29 April 2011 the day of the royal wedding, 18 members of 5th Letchworth Scouts went on a PAW activity weekend.

Tents were put up and the fun started.

There were a lot of activities and some were harder than others. There were four zones : Wind, Water, Fire and Earth Zone. Each zone had 5-6 different activities. In the Wind Zone there was a Bouncy castle, a Bungee Run, a Human Football, an inflatable assault course and a Mountain of air. Then in the Water Zone there was Canoeing, Rafting, Tunnels, Slippery Pole, Water Wars and Slippery Slide. In the Fire Zone there was a Demolition Ball, Archery, Orienteering, Air Rifles, Ariel Runway and a Rotating Rock Climbing Wall. Finally in the Earth Zone there was Gladiators, Vertical Climbing Wall, Quad bikes, Rope- Phobia and Skills.

We did activities in our patrols and we only did activities that all of our patrol wanted to do and not just what one or two members wanted to do.

When you had finished your final zone of the evening you had to amuse your self. To a lot of people this meant football time. We cooked a morning, lunch time and an evening meal without any adult supervision. If we were stuck or needed help with an injury or something there were Sub Camp leaders close by ready to help.

We were not allowed to stay up too late so the Sub Camp Leaders came round at midnight to turn out all lights.

Monday came too soon and we had to have everything packed up and ready so we could enjoy our favourite activity before we were back on our way home. Everyone had a lot of fun and would love to do some of the activities again soon.

By Ella Adams

What we did at PAW.....

Well we got there and we put our bags down and then we got out the tents and the dining shelters and put them up. When we had finished we got the tables and chairs benches and stoves and set them all up. We then put the ground sheets on the floor of the tent. We then set out where we were going to sleep. Then we went to flag break and then went back to camp. We then had dinner and went to sleep. The next day we had different patrols washing and cooking so we could take turns to wash and cook. Then at nine o'clock we started the activities such as quad biking, air mountain, bungee run, rope a phobia and rock climbing wall, archery and shooting. Then the activities finished at 2 o'clock and we had lunch and snacks then we went of to the second half of the activities we did the same activities as we did last time. We then came back to camp and played football and had dinner the there was a movie night so we could go and watch a film before we went to bed. The next day we got up had breakfast and went to the activities at 9 and finished at 5 so then we went to the disco and had a party then we came back and went to bed we woke up in the morning and packed our bags and rolled up the ground sheets and took the tents down then we went of and did whatever activities we wanted to. Then we finished the activities at 1 and waited for our parents to come and collect us.

By Daniel Davey



District Beaver Scout Challenge

11th Letchworth's HQ once again played host to the District Beaver Challenge. The oldest six Beavers from 1st Baldock (Tues), 7th, 8th and 12th Letchworth Colonies arrived to do battle for the much sought-after District Challenge trophy.

Helen Gray, the Leader at last year's winning Colony, 7th Letchworth, set the questions with the help of Christine Hart. They decided to test the teams' general knowledge, observation skills and physical skills with a range of rounds including a treasure hunt, a geography round, identifying famous people from photos, a numbers round and collecting letters hidden around the site.

It was nip and tuck right up until the final two rounds, with two teams on equal points. 8th Letchworth finally pulled ahead to win with 95 points. 12th Letchworth came second with 89, although all four teams' scores were very close.

Many thanks go to the four teams and their Leaders for turning up and taking part in a great spirit of fun and competition. To 11th Letchworth for the use of their HQ and to Helen and Christine for producing a great Challenge.

Vicki Gage – ADC (Beaver Scouts)

Here is what some of 8th Letchworth's winning team thought about the day...

On Saturday, six of 8th Letchworth Beavers took part in the Beaver Challenge. We went to 11th Letchworth Scout hut and did some tricky challenges. There was a challenge to find things in the garden beginning with b and s, one was to answer geography questions, and one was a maths challenge and another was remembering characters in films. There was a game where we had to throw a boot and see who could throw it the furthest. Out of everyone 8th Letchworth won! We were very pleased. - **Georgie**



I enjoyed the Beaver Challenge. I found some questions in the quiz to be challenging and also some fairly easy. I like that there were other activities also to do and enjoyed being part of a team and, of course, enjoyed the win. I am looking forward to helping organise the next challenge too. So a big thank you for all the time and effort that went into organising the day. Hopefully next year we will have some more teams enter. - **Gabriel**

8th Letchworth Scout Group 50th Anniversary

Well what a fantastic turnout we had. There were members, friends and families from the past and present, a great opportunity for old friends to meet and for the current members to meet the Leaders from the past. Lisa produced a fascinating display of photos from the last 50 years and much fun was had putting names to the faces. There was a BBQ and refreshments and games for all to join in. Peter Ellmer, GSL invested our newest Beaver and Lesley Gwilt, SL invested three of the Scouts. Four of the Cubs were presented with their Chief Scouts Silver Award by Tim Mills from County. Out on the field Bagheera rigged up a water slide to cool everyone off, and everyone got a chance to pelt three of the Leaders with wet sponges in the stocks. Lesley had the shooting range open so the adults could have a go.

Thanks to the committee and Leaders who put in all the hard work planning and organising the day. The Group would not still be going strong 50 years on without their support. Here's to the next 50!



Rikki Harrington County Commissioner



Wendy Tierney



Simon Tierney



Nora Hitcham



Clair Calver



Gavin Conder



Ron Smith



Michael Durrant

Presents Awards at the District A.G.M.



Jeremy Croxford



Amanda Woolmer



Chris Lewis



Christine Hart



Caroline Catherell



Derrick Hart

District Air Rifle and Archery Competition

Wymondley Wood, 08:30 hrs, Sunday 22 May 2011. Up early again, when will I get a lay in at the weekend?

This time the cause of my early morning was the first District Scouts air rifle and archery competition. Setting up the archery was no problem, everything is already on site. Chris and Sue King (not forgetting their archery buddy Paul) organised that side of the competition.

We constructed a temporary air rifle range alongside the archery butts. Then all we had to do was wait for the Scouts to arrive. This year saw nine teams, one from each troop. Each team was composed of six Scouts who in a 45 minute slot split into two groups of three. One half of the team then shot air rifles whilst the other half were on archery. They then swapped over.

There was great support from families and Scout Leaders. We even had a visit from KJ who was wearing his old Rover Scout (honorary, he tells me) neckerchief which was nearly 50 years old. I know of Scouts who can't keep hold of them for 50 minutes without losing them!

It was one team in and one team out all day. To be honest it all went perfectly. There was even time to let the spectators have a go. I was on the air rifle range all day and even though there were some high personal scores the shoots that seemed to enthuse the Scouts were the team ones where they all shot at the same targets.

Everyone was dead keen to know the results but alas they had to go home on tender hooks because when you have 54 individual air rifle scores, 54 individual archery scores and 27 team scores to add up, double check, triple check and then work out the positions you really have to be careful, take your time and get it right. So I got Janet (The District Secretary) to do it.

Before the results are announced a quick thank you to all those who helped on the day. Chris and Sue King, Paul (their archery buddy), Chris Lewis, Lesley Gwilt, Ed Potts, Alex Conder and Vicki Gage.

So who were the winners and with all Troops taking part, the true District Champions?

Archery Team winners 7th Letchworth Individual Winner Shaun Warren 8th Letchworth

Air Rifle Team winners 12th Letchworth Individual Winner Charlie McCarthy 1st Ashwell

Overall Competition winners 7th Letchworth.



Detailed positions and scores are on the District web site.

Gavin Conder - ADC (Scouts)





District Arts and Crafts Competition

THEME -

LONDON OLYMPICS AND SPORTS

Date: Saturday 26 November

Venue: 1st Baldock

Entries: to be received between 9.30 am - 10.30 am

NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

Judging 11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Viewing from 1.00 pm

Presentation 2.00 pm

Art – sporting event, any medium, maximum A3

Biscuits – plate of six, made using set recipe

Needle crafts – knitting, sewing, crochet, embroidery, tapestry, cross stitch etc. – any subject

Photography – group of three pictures – any sport/ outdoor activity

Sponge cake – set recipe

Individual Adult / Network / Explorer entry - Model, any medium any size

Individual Beaver entry - Model, any medium, any size

Individual Cub entry – Model, any medium, any size

Individual Scouts entry - Model, any medium, any size

Colony entry – Picture, any medium, no maximum size

Pack entry – Picture, any medium, no maximum size

Troop entry - Picture, any medium, no maximum size



For a full set of the rules and the set recipes please visit the District website.

www.lbdscouts.org.uk

County Cub Scouts Football Competition

On Sunday 8 May Ian Taplin ACSL 8th Letchworth took two Leaders and nine Cubs from 1st Ashwell, winners of the District Football Competition to the County Football Competition in Chorleywood .

They represented the District very well . Won 1, drew 2 and lost 5 ... and had a great time.

They had three girls in their squad of nine players and they were the only girls in the competition.

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Felix Adam	4th Letchworth
Ethan Browne	4th Letchworth
Tom Cameron	4th Letchworth
Daniel Crawford	7th Letchworth
Luke Dudderidge	7th Letchworth
Charlie Flack	7th Letchworth
Imogen Fraser-Williams	4th Letchworth
Montgue Fraser-Williams	4th Letchworth
Ben Gascoine	7th Letchworth
Rhys Matta	7th Letchworth
Kajetan Migdal	4th Letchworth
Malachi O'Hare	1st Baldock
Harrison Peirce	7th Letchworth
Holly Scoot	4th Letchworth
Gabriel Taylor	1st Baldock
Matthew Walton	7th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Rebecca Crombie	7th Letchworth
Oscar Smith	7th Letchworth
Melissa Stevens	7th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Callum Andrade	5th Letchworth
Mark Clark	8th Letchworth
Olivia Geddis	8th Letchworth
Asher Guy	5th Letchworth
Matthew Martin	5th Letchworth
Ashliegh Morton	8th Letchworth
Harry Parkin	5th Letchworth
Stanley Paskell	8th Letchworth



Congratulations to

Anne Gutteridge - 4th Letchworth CSL

**Simon Tierney - District Training
Administrator**

Janet Conder - District Secretary

Diana Marshall - 2nd Baldock CSL

**On being awarded the Award of Merit for
Outstanding Service.**

DIARY 2011

JUNE

5	District Headquarters "Open Day"	DHQ
7	Scout & Guide Shop Re-Opens	
9	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
11 - 12	District Scout Kon Tiki	TBC
12	District Beaver Day Out	Tolmers
13	11th Letchworth AGM	11th Letchworth HQ
15	1st Baldock AGM	1st Baldock HQ
18	2nd Baldock AGM	2nd Baldock AGM
23	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Wymondley Wood
25	"Cub Day" - Scout Active Support	Boyd Field, Henlow
26	County Scout AGM	University of Hertfordshire
27	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

JULY

3	District Scout "Barton Challenge"	TBC
6	District Team Meeting	DHQ
10	District Cub Scout Bell Boating	Fairlands Lake
14	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
19	District Beavers Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood
19	Scout & Guide Shop Closes	

SEPTEMBER

8	Scout & Guide Shop Re-Opens	
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