

Co-Ordinator

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

County Contingent Jamboree Launch 22nd World Scout Jamboree - Rinkaby, Sweden

The Jamboree launch took place at the 100th Hertfordshire County Scout Council Annual General Meeting held at the University of Hertfordshire, de Havilland Campus on Sunday 26 June 2011. The 90 Scouts and Leaders who make up the two contingents, Spitfire and Comet, and one patrol, Brave Herts, gave a presentation on the selection process, training and their preparation for the visit in just four weeks time. They entertained the audience with songs and sketches that they will be performing in Sweden.

Pictured below are the five Scouts who will be representing our District, Will Smith, George Budd, Tom Barwell, Alex Hunt and Adam Lunnion along with Matt Hart a member of the International Service Team (IST) and members of the District Team.



"I would urge that we do not let our boys and girls be content with the mere fact of being in a camp with those of other nations but that we should encourage them to use every minute of that short time they are there to make acquaintances and from acquaintances, friendship with their fellow Scouts and the future of the world".

Lord Robert Baden-Powell



District Scout Kon Tiki Competition - Stotfold Mill

11 June 2011

We got dropped off in the car park then had to walk through someone's garden to the field we were using.

Then we helped set up the supply tent. We got split into two fair teams. I was with Shaun, Charlie, James, Rhian and Lewis.

We started to build our rafts. We started by square lashing our base at the corners. Then we measured the width by putting the barrels in the middle of the raft.

We got the pole and tied it next to the barrels to stop them moving out of place. Then we tied the brooms to the main part and the pole that we tied earlier to secure them.

I had to leave to go for a hospital appointment. When I got back, my team was first to go into the river.

There was a pallet of wood in the river by the clearing and 2 ladders. The raft slid down the ladders onto the pallet.

We found many balls in the river including footballs and space hoppers !

The other two rafts came towards us and they tried to get past us so Charlie and James splashed them and Jay fell off the other raft.

Then we had to get out because Lewis wanted to get out. He got out and Rhian got on.

We went back down the ladders into the river. We did a whole circuit and then when we got to a shallow area me and Charlie leaned to one side and Rhian fell off !

Charlie jumped in to get her as she couldn't get back onto the raft. So he pulled her back to the shore where she got her foot stuck and the Leaders had to pull her out.

Lewis came back in. We went into reverse and the raft started to sink.

Isaac found a water pump in Mick's trailer. He filled it with water and fired it at us.

At the end my team won the best constructed raft and 7th won the race.

It was a really awesome day. I had lots of fun and got very wet.

Thank you to all the Leaders, Peter, Gavin, Mick, Deb, Matt and Barry who gave up their whole Saturday for us !

Jack Taplin - 8th Letchworth Scout



District Beaver Day Out - Tolmers

Beavers 25th Birthday Party Sunday 12 June 2011

Two coaches left Letchworth and Baldock District on route to Tolmers Campsite. The Beavers were on their way to celebrate 25 years of the Beaver Scout Section. Though the weather was not kind - rained most of the day - they all enjoyed a wide range of activities from inflatables to craft bases, climbing walls to archery and rifle shooting. Also visiting Tolmers for the first time in many years was K.J. who was impressed with the improvements made at the campsite.



District Scout Active Support - Events

Event: Picnic
Date: 17 July 2011
Venue: Wymondley Wood
Time: 14:00 hrs

Bring your own picnic, drinks will be provided.

Event: Fun and Games Night
Date: 17 September 2011
Venue: Guide HQ, Icknield Way
Time: 19:00 for 19:30 hrs

Bring your own drink.

Event: Fred's Cream Tea
Date: 7 August 2011
Venue: 19 Campers Road
Time: 14:30 to 18:00 hrs
Cost: £5.00 at the gate

Event: Christmas Dinner
Date: 10 December 2011
Further details to follow.



County Expedition to Denmark District Contingent Get Together 14 - 15 May District HQ

The 2011 County Expedition to Denmark is fast approaching. The Letchworth and Baldock Contingent had a get together at the District HQ on the weekend of 14 and 15 May 2011.

After introductions the Scouts and Explorers headed into town for a team building exercise. On their return there was kit to check, wood to chop and supper to prepare.

A spicy chilli was cooked on an open fire in the garden. The group then sat down for a briefing and film show of pictures taken during the recce back in October.

George Budd one of the Districts' Jamboree Contingent then talked to the group about hazardous insects and what to expect when we visit the Jamboree site. He finished with a really appropriate quote from Baden Powell. (quote on front page) Then there was time for table tennis, snooker and chess (yes chess, not all young people are addicted to X Box) before lights out.

On Sunday it was up early and off to the Rotary Walk around the Greenway to raise some funds for the expedition. It was great to see so many Beavers, Cubs, Scout, Leaders and parents involved, walking, running the rest tents and driving our minibus to pick up those that need to be rescued.

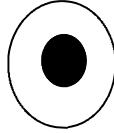
We all completed the walk and made it safely back to DHQ for dispersal.

Keep an eye out for an expedition report in Coordinator after the summer holidays.

Gavin ADC – Scouts



KENNETH ARTHUR ADAMS 17 October 1933 - 4 June 2011



Ken was born in Letchworth in 1933. He joined Scouting in the 1940s at The Scout HQ, Icknield Way, Letchworth. He went from the Scouts into Rovers where he enjoyed camping at various places throughout the country with Group, District, County and National camps. I know many of our older Scouts remember camping with him. He joined 8th Letchworth in the late 1960s early 1970s when his son Graham joined the Cubs and Ken became involved with Scouting again

He became a Cub Scout Leader (Baloo) at 8th Letchworth 'Dorions' in the early 1970s, where he took the boys out on many trips and camps, and organised many events for them including football, swimming cyclo cross and sailing. In late 1970s early 1980s he became the Group Scout Leader for 8th before retiring from Scouting in the 1980s.

He was one of the pioneers of Nortonbury and spent many hours painting the building to make it fit for the many thousands of youngsters who were to enjoy its facilities over the years.

He was awarded many badges including being presented with the Medal of Merit on 1 September 1979 for his outstanding service to Scouting. In his latter years he suffered from Diabetes but this didn't stop him from organising and running sequence dances for the more mature person at many locations at Hitchin, Letchworth, Baldock and Weston where he lived.



Thank you to everybody who supported the District open day on Sunday 5 June. We raised over £600! Thanks to all those who donated plants and cakes and gave up their time to help man stalls and clear up afterwards.



County Cub Scout Water Sports Day

On Sunday 12 June me and my friend Adam Taplin went to a Cubs water sports day at Fairlands Valley Lakes in Stevenage. Ian Taplin (Adams dad) took us.

When we got there we had to bring our special passport to a desk and then we got a coloured tag to put on our buoyancy aid. We had a safety talk. The first activity we did was kayaking and it was really fun , but I very nearly capsized. Next we did rafting. A raft is 3 barrels held together by rope and planks of wood then there is the same on the other side. Me and this other boy were on the same barrel and it kept on tipping up and eventually we both fell in the water , another boy also fell in. The water was quite warm but when we got out we were freezing.

As our last activity we did dragon boating and bell boating. First we did dragon boating. A man asked for a volunteer , my hand shot up and I got to be the drummer. We did a race with the bell boat and we won, after that we swapped boats and then we had a race against the dragon boat but they won.

We finally got out of our wet clothes and into our Cub uniform. There was an announcement and we all got awarded with a certificate and a water activities badge. We had a brilliant day even though it was raining.

Alice Winzer - 8th Letchworth Cub

I arrived at Fairlands Valley on a wet and windy day. All the Cubs had to put their buoyancy aids (life jackets) on. Then we were put into groups and given instructions.

Kayaking - My first water sport was kayaking. I thought kayaking was the best water sport! First we got paddles and were told how to use them on the water. Next, we got in our kayaks and started paddling, at first it seemed difficult but luckily I got the hang of it. After that my group joined together and stood up in the boats! Then we tried some tricks in the kayaks like turning around and paddling backwards.

Rafting - My second water sport was rafting, luckily we didn't have to build the raft because the first group did. First, we got into our positions on the raft. Then, we got our paddles and set off. Six people on the whole raft did paddling so that meant three on each side of the raft. I was one of the people who paddled and it was tough, my arms were aching by the end of it.

Bell Boating & Dragon Boating - My final water sport was boating in a team. The first boat my team was put into was the Dragon boat. First we rowed all the way to the end of the lake to practice for the big race against the other team and got into our starting position for the race. We started off well and won the race. Then we switched boats so my team was in the bell boat. Once again we rode across the lake to our starting positions. This time we lost to the other team. After that, all the Cubs changed into their uniforms and we crowded round to collect our badges. After I collected my badge I went home. All in all, I thought it was a great day and I certainly learnt new things on the water! Many thanks to all the leaders and instructors who helped in the County Cubs Water Sports Day.

Lauren Purkis - 8th Lethcworth Cubs



Going for Gold



Having trouble getting tickets for the Olympics? Well I have 250 tickets to an 'Olympic' event you can buy for only £2!

On 4 September 2011- 2000 plastic ducks will be raced down the new Olympic Canoe Slalom course at the Lee Valley White Water Centre. You could have your ticket number on one of those ducks and win £250 of John Lewis vouchers. You don't need to accompany your duck! You will be telephoned if your duck is first home in it's race.

We will be selling the tickets at the Lions day event on Saturday 23rd July, please come and see us and buy a ticket!

(If you are free for an hour to help man the stall please let me know!)

If you can't make the stalls feel free to knock at 16 Brandles Road to buy your ticket! (I will have some with me at all meetings also so bring some change!!)

All proceeds go to charities supported by the Rotary Club of Amwell who are organising the event, including the Scouts Capital Appeal towards buying the freeholds of Tolmers and Phasels.

Leaders- the White Water Centre is available for group bookings for canoeing and rafting on the Olympic course until end September 2011, and a new starter course from age 8. Full details available on their website www.leevalleypark.org.uk (Please inform the DC if you go out of District on this or any other activity.)

Get quacking before they're all snapped up!

Janet Conder
District Secretary



Second Winner in the District

Since the first draw in May there have been two local winners both from Baldock. Even though the 1st prize of £1,000 has alluded the District we are getting closer. The Badge Secretary was delighted to receive his £10.00 cheque.



If you have not already entered the Lottery then please contact your local Group or the District Champion, Allan Patterson at valallan.patterson@virgin.net for details on how to enter.

District Scout Active Support

Nine not so young Cubs assembled with Akela Sheila Tickner at Boyd field for a fun day on Saturday 25 June. After grand Howl at 10.30 hrs the rest of the morning was spent on making flying saucers, and bows and arrows, as the theme this year was projectiles.

At about 12.30 hrs we went over to the area where fire lighting is allowed. When the fire got going a pallet was placed on top so that those Cubs who had brought food to cook could do so. Before they were allowed near the fire Akela made them either turn their neckers round to their backs or tuck them into their shirts, (yes we do observe Health & Safety rules). Soon there were burgers and sausages sizzling in pans or cooking in tin foil in the fire. Myself and one other Cub elected to bring sandwiches (well you know where you are with a good sandwich). Anne Lilley provided dessert in the form of one of her superb sponges.

After lunch it was back to the hall where Akela just had time to tell us how to make a ballista using garden canes and string, before our guest for the afternoon Akela Fiona Potts with her Cubs, 1st Baldock Knights descended upon us. Sheila explained to them who we were and what we did. Then they split into two groups to make flying saucers and bows and arrows. As the young budding archers were trying out their bows D.C. Chris King arrived and was able to offer expert advice. During his stay Chris presented Sheila and Edmond with their twenty years awards (both of them have been in Scouting longer than this).

Then someone mentioned Horseshoes. Soon the young Cubs were making the peg ring as they hit it, some even managed to get a shoe round the peg.

Meantime the helpers with Edmond's expertise were constructing a ballista using pioneering poles and cord. The Cubs did not want a flimsy toy, only the real thing (or something like) would do for them. They had great fun trying to catch water filled balloons shot from the Ballista. Like all good things the afternoon had to come to an end. After tidying up Sheila gave Fiona a large tub of sweets for the Cubs to enjoy. We trust that the Baldock Knights enjoyed being with us as much as we enjoyed their company.

After a Fish and Chip tea, there was a quiz. Afterwards we just sat around the table talking until it was time to clear up and head for home.

Although down in numbers for various reasons this year it was a Cub day that I shall long remember. Thanks to the young people who put up with us during the afternoon.

Fred Lovelock Fellowship SASU.



Awards

Congratulations to the Leaders who have gained the following awards and service awards during 2010 / 2011 not already recorded in past editions of Co-Ordinator.



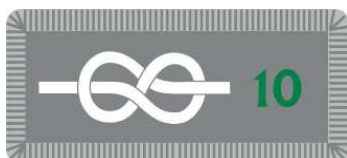
Bar to the Award of Merit for outstanding service

Wendy Tierney ADC (Cubs)



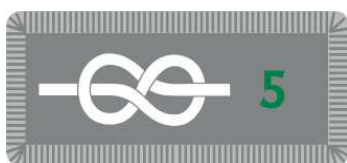
Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

Gavin Conder—ADC (Scouts)



10 Years Service Award

Lesley Gwilt - 8th Letchworth SL
 Carolyn Nunnington - 4th Letchworth BSL
 Steve Walsh - 11th Letchworth Treasurer



5 Years Service Award

Caroline Catherell - 11th Letchworth BSL
 Derrick Hart - 12th Letchworth ASL



4th Letchworth Scouts being presented with their Chief Scout's Gold Award by Gavin Conder ADC (Scouts) at their Group AGM held at St Paul's Church on Friday 20 May 2011

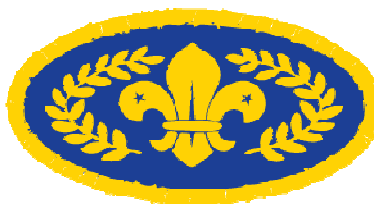
Jim and Ann Martin would like to thank all those who came, to their "Late Spring BBQ" We made £162 which will be donated to the Downs Syndrome Charity "Up on Downs"

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

James Franklin 5th Letchworth
Katie Lickford 2nd Baldock



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Chantal Allwright 4th Letchworth (St Pauls)
George Bedford 4th Letchworth (St Pauls)
Holly Louzado 2nd Baldock
Elena Mai 4th Letchworth (St Pauls)
Connor Stevens 2nd Baldock
Janina Wait 4th Letchworth (St Pauls)



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Sebastian Payne 5th Letchworth
Thomas Sharp 7th Letchworth

A warm welcome to



Helen Doherty 5th Letchworth ASL
Alysson Hill 4th Letchworth ASCL
Helena Marsh 7th Letchworth ACSL

Congratulation to the following Leader's on gaining their Wood Badge.

Paula Dilley 2nd Baldock BSL
Irene Coldrey 1st Baldock ACSL
Gavin Conder ADC (Scouts)
Phil George 1st Ashwell ASL
Simon Lambourne 1st Ashwell ASL
Wendy Tierney ADC (Cubs)
Simon Tierney District Scout Leader



DIARY 2011

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
17	District SASU Picnic	Wymondley Wood
19	District Beavers Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood
20	Scout & Guide Shop Closes	

AUGUST

7	Fred's Cream Tea - SASU	19 Campers Road
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SEPTEMBER

8	Scout & Guide Shop Re-Opens	
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
14	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
16 - 18	County Adult Climbing Weekend	Orchard Farm, Staffordshire
17	SASU Fun and Games Night	Guide HQ, Icknield Way
17 - 18	County Cub Scout Night Hike	
26	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood
30 - 2 Oct	County Scout Born2B Challenged	Harmergreen Wood
28	District Beaver Scout Orienteering	Fairlands Valley

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