

Co-Ordinator

INTERNATIONAL EDITION

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts



Six members of the District attended the 22nd World Jamboree held at Rinkaby, Sweden between 27 July and 8 August 2011. The theme for the Jamboree was Simply Scouting and it was enjoyed by George Budd, Alex Hunt, Will Smith, Tom Barwell and Adam Lunnion. Also attending as part of the International Service Team was Matt Hart, Scout Network.



Three members of the District Explorer Unit, Oak Eagle joined the County Expedition to Swaziland, Lesotho and Kwa-zula Natal. They were Katie Goodwin, Emma Hart and Luke Franklin.

Sixteen Scouts and Explorer Scouts from Groups in the District plus five Leaders joined the County expedition to Naesby Centret camp site in Denmark. They enjoyed taking part in numerous activities as well as visiting the 22nd World Jamboree in Sweden.



Ten Scouts from the 5th Letchworth Scout Troop and three Leaders together with six Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts spent 10 days at the Haarlem Jamborette in Holland.

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22nd World Jamboree - Ringaby, Sweden

Three Leaders travelled through six countries and covered around 1,0000 miles in a black taxi cab to take part in the 22nd World Jamboree in Sweden.

The trek was dreamed up by James Treadwell while returning from the last World Jamboree. His co-pilots Matt Hart and Alastair Sawdy were also hugely excited about the trip.

All three joined the International Service Team (IST). This multinational collection of adult volunteers work long hours to make sure the event runs smoothly.

'I enjoyed meeting new people, making new friends, having a really good time and coming away with new skills that I can pass on to others in Scouting,' said Matt.



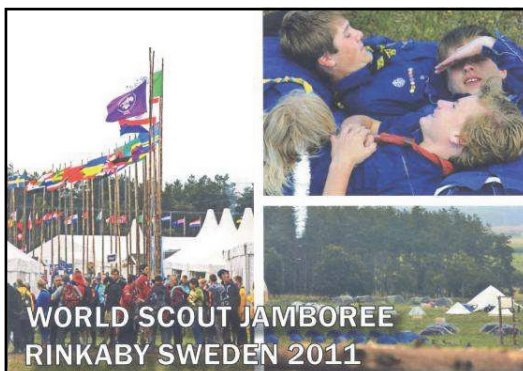
Stephen Fry sending the Scout Network on their way to Sweden.



Hello from the Jamboree

It's been great weather. Wet all the way to 40C+. All the staff and Scouts are having a great time. The atmosphere here is one of the best Scout ones I have seen yet. So many things to talk about my card isn't big enough. The site is massive. Not seen much of the Herts Unit but they have a busy programme. Having a great time here.

Matt Hart - part of International Service Team (IST)



22nd World Jamboree - Ringaby, Sweden

Extracts from George Budd's Jamboree Diary.

At the Jamboree

Just sending an email to you from the Jamboree site. I want to say thank you all for giving me this opportunity. Its amazing here! The most memorable moment so far was definitely 39,000 scouts standing in the opening ceremony, Scout sign in the air, in complete silence remembering those killed in the Oslo attacks. Today I was working on the Global Development Village (GDV) which is all about sustainability and international relations. It was really interesting. Last night we had dinner with some French, American and Spanish patrols. The food here is alright but unfortunately because we're cooking it it isn't amazing... I've also had food in the International Food Houses. I've had a Danish Pastry and some Czech meat pie thing. Copenhagen was amazing and the party on the last night was huge. Needless to say I still need to catch up on sleep... Yet again, thank you for giving me this opportunity.

A visit to Copenhagen

Tivoli is amazing. It is a lot like I would expect Disney Land to be like and we were told that Walt Disney built his theme park around the idea of Tivoli. But the best time to visit is in the dark. Thousands of fairy lights light the pathways and jazz is played out of the many band stands dotted around the park. All of the rides to the fore front of the park are old and wooden and it truly feels as if you are stepping back in time. The Tivoli staff wear military tunics and hats and they look very official. I think they were surprised by the sheer amount of Scouts visiting that day. As well as the 3000 UK contingent Scouts that were there, we also knew the Belgium, Irish and Bulgarian contingents were there. This meant that our first taste of international meetings happened before we even reached the site. In the middle of the Tivoli day we were taken by bus out of Copenhagen and to the North West. We were told we would be going on a boat cruise starting near the Little Mermaid. It was less than a boat cruise and more of a rib ride. It was amazing flying over the bay in parallel with the other boat. Even though the bay was pancake flat we still bounced around and had an amazing time! After we got off the boat we headed down the west coast of the Copenhagen peninsular and walked past the Little Mermaid. We were all truly surprised at the size of it, it was only a foot tall if that. I would have walked right past it if no one had pointed it out. After posing for the photo we headed down the coast for three kilometres. We headed past the Royal Palace where the soldiers on duty were parading. They weren't nearly as professional as the Horse Guards at Buckingham Palace! We walked around Copenhagen in patrols. We really enjoyed it and luckily, the weather shone through. We headed back up the coast and all around. We had lunch in the Botanical Gardens and walked to the house where Hans Christian Anderson lived.



**Yours in Scouting,
George Budd
Oak Eagles ESU**



28 July 2011 Was D Day, D being for Denmark

For the Letchworth and Baldock Contingent it was the start of a 26 hour coach and Ferry journey that

would take us from England through Holland and Germany to our camp site in Denmark from which we would travel to Sweden to visit the World Jamboree.

We were joining nearly 100 other Scouts from around Hertfordshire on a County Expedition. Spirits were high, especially among the parents who were looking forward to 10 days without their sons and daughters.

We travelled to Harwich where we met up with the other coach and embarked on the Stenna Hollandia for the voyage to Hook of Holland. The Scouts immediately took advantage of the facilities in the gaming zone, the internet café, cinema and shops. There was even outdoor basketball and a lively card school going on for most of the voyage.

We arrived in Holland in glorious sunshine and set off in the coaches for the long drive. Fortunately we had a good selection of DVDs. The journey seemed to go on for ever, stopping at a procession of service areas in different countries for supper, comfort breaks and breakfast. When waking up it was hard to know what country you were in.

Day 2 Arrived at our camp site, Naesby Centret, at 8 O'clock in the morning. There was no time to spare. We put all the tents up, and then had to move them. Then realised we wouldn't all fit, so our contingent was moved again, to its own little site, surrounded by trees. Perfect.

With camp set the Scouts were straight off exploring and on the lake. In the evening the normal routine was cooking supper on an open fire, flag down and then chilling round the fire or doing an evening activity. Flag break and Flag down every day was a gathering of everybody on the site with a flag being flown of every country with Scouts camping there. The camp staff provided entertainment during the ceremony which concluded with the words 'Respect the Flag'.

Day 3 was activities on site. Carving, making steam boats, exploring and making friends with foreign Scouts and then in the evening a big camp fire where I got a pie in the face and Cameron Bradbury put 16 Marshmallows in his mouth and shouted "Funny Bunny" until they all came out.

Day 4 was Scouts Own followed by a morning hiking through the countryside to the village of Naesby for lunch. Then back to camp for more water activities, rafting, canoeing and submarines, which is the same as rafting but with less barrels. The Scouts had an early (ish) night and the Leaders then headed off for a Christmas Party with the other countries' Leaders.

Day 5 and the programme reached new heights with a visit to the Roskilde Viking museum. Here we saw how the Vikings lived, how they built their famous long ships, their crafts what they wore and much else. There were even five real long ships that had been salvaged from the sea near the museum. In the afternoon we went sailing in reproduction long ships. We had to row them out of the harbour before setting sail. Funnily enough the only time it rained was when we were in the boats. We set off in really hot sunshine, so when it rained it wasn't cold, which was fortunate as we had all left our coats on shore. As soon as we got back in the harbour the sun came out again.

Day 6 a train ride to Copenhagen on the super sleek and efficient double deck trains. In Copenhagen there was time for an ice cream as we followed the tourist trail to the Little Mermaid. We then visited the Tivoli Gardens and its world famous rides and attractions. Most of the Leaders were happy with a sit down, a coffee and an ice cream. Everywhere you went in Copenhagen there were Guides and Scouts on route to and from the Jamboree. There was just time for a few postcards to be sent before catching a late train home.

Day 7 the highlight of the trip, our visit to the World Jamboree in Sweden. The Scouts broke down into small groups and disappeared. With a 100 Krona in their pockets and strict

instructions to spend it on dinner. The Scouts really got into the spirit of things swapping badges, taking part in activities and taking the opportunity to mix with other young people from all over the world. I bumped into a group of our Scouts and was thinking, who is that American Scout? He looks like my son Alex. Then I realised it was my Alex. Here Dad look I swapped my Explorer Shirt with an American Scout. That's great son but what are you going to wear to Explorers?

We managed to find Alex, Tom, George and Adam from our Jamboree contingent and had a photograph together. Getting back on the coach with Scouts carrying bags of souvenirs and full of stories really made the journey worthwhile.

The day however proved to be far from over. On our return we found a BBQ had been prepared and we were fed with huge quantities of ribs until we couldn't eat anymore or so we thought. We were to find we would still be eating them 2 days later. After that the camp staff had one more surprise in store. Just after midnight the Scouts were awoken by a siren and then dragged from their beds in a wide game that found them taking the part of victims seized by human traffickers. They had to carry out activities such as being forced into running drugs and gambling to try and buy their freedom. The last of them were not freed until morning.

Day 8 was a late start and then free time to walk to the local town of Glumso for a final bit of shopping. Hampshire Scouts who were on site had organised an English day with cream tea, cricket and other activities. At the close of day the Scouts left camp to spend the night in wooden shelters around the lake. The leaders headed for the main building which had been transformed into the George and Dragon pub for the night.

Day 9. And sadly it was over. There was camp to strike. One

more chance to go on the lake. Then an evening meal for the whole expedition of take away pizza (have you ever had kebab pizza?). Then final goodbyes to their new friends and onto the coaches for the journey home. After another mind numbing coach drive it was on board the Stenna Britannica for the voyage back to England.

Day 10 Sainsburys, Stevenage exhausted.

Now that's an abridged report. I can't possibly recount everything. But I must mention the weather was glorious, the coach drivers were fantastic and the food was superb. The support from around the District with the loan of kit (1st B, 4th and 12thL) and Ron Smith for being home contact. The Scout Active Support and the Ken Hart Trust for supporting with donations which made the train journey and Tivoli Possible. Janet Conder for help with administration and sorting out the money and Dave Hawkins for giving us badges to swap. The four Bishop Stortford Scouts who joined us. Simon and Wendy Tierney, Fiona and Ed Potts for being the Leaders. Lastly the Scouts and by Scouts I mean Explorers as well for being Scouts and making the most of the Expedition.

Gavin Conder





Photos courtesy of
5th Letchworth
Scout Group

5th Letchworth Scout Group - Haarlem Jamborette

Tribute from parents

Dear Nick, Gareth and Tim

A big thank you to you all. Richard has come home saying how sad he is that camp is all over. I think that says it all, he had a really brilliant time.

Good luck to you all tomorrow. The washing machine is clogged with all Richard's mucky clothes! Thank goodness I was able to get his case tonight because I dread to think what state it would have been in otherwise.

If anyone finds a red stuff bag for a sleeping bag its probably Richards. He also thinks he may have left a grey fleece on the minibus and lastly if anyone finds a cookie monster hat then that's also Richards. Not bad considering!

Thanks also to Geoff for transporting them to and from the ferry and organising the trip.

Off to bed now for three hours sleep before we leave to catch our ferry from Dover to France tomorrow morning. Many thanks again

Caroline and Graham Galbraith

Hi Nick, Tim, Gareth and Geoff

We'd also like to add our thanks for taking Samuel with you to Haarlem again this year. We haven't had many details out of him yet...but I know he has had as fab a time as everyone else. We are eagerly awaiting the details, whatever they may be!

You are a fantastic group of leaders and you do an excellent job. I hope you can now get a well earned rest and thanks again.

Caroline and Andy

Nick, Gareth, Tim & Geoff

Many thanks to you all.

I know what hard work goes into both the organisation and preparation and then during the camp itself. Joe had a fantastic time and says it was even better than last time, which judging from his comments after the last one I hadn't thought possible!

Enjoy the rest of your well earned break – hopefully you've got a bit of time to yourselves before you're back to work!

Claire

Hi Nick, Tim and Gareth

Just like to say a big thankyou. Hayley has come home full of stories and said she had a fantastic time better than last time a great end to her Scout days. As you saw she got a bit upset I think she's really going to miss it. Specially the fun with Nick and Tim you do make them have a good time. She said they were already planning what they can do so they can go on the next one.

Sandra

Nick, Tim, Gareth

Thanks so much for leading the trip to Haarlem. Ruth loved it. So many stories already and many to come I'm sure. What a great experience for all involved.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Andrew

PS Thanks to Geoff for driving too!



Photos courtesy of Gavin Conder

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Quotes from the young people.

At the Jamboree we met up with other Hertfordshire Scouts and found out what Scouting is truly about.

Finlay Lohoar Self

My favourite part of the trip was the visit to Copenhagen. This had magnificent feats of architecture with shops you couldn't find in London. The people I met really surprised me as the whole site was multi lingual, even the younger Danish children were learning English.

Chris Gray

I had a lovely time in Denmark. The hikes were fun. The scenery was beautiful. The camp atmosphere was very cheerful and there was lots to do. My favourite part was the trip in the Viking Long Boats. I loved the Jamboree, the atmosphere was brilliant and everyone was very friendly and cheerful. I would definitely go to Denmark again with the Scouts and I would also go to the Jamboree again.

Joe Dee Starr

The best bit was the food or 'lickings' – Meat, veg and gravy casserole. The camp site was awesome. I especially liked the Jamboree because I got to meet lots of people and try new things.

Nic Watson

The camp site was great. One of the best bits was when we got to sleep in the shelters by the fire.

Nick Brewer



Dr Leonard Richmond Wheeler

B.A., M.Sc., Ph.D. (Lond.), F.L.S.

1888 to 1948

During the refurbishment of DHQ a number of certificates relating to a Dr L. Richmond Wheeler (LRW), a Scout Master with 1st Letchworth Scout Troop in 1909, were found decaying in a cupboard. One of these was for the award of a Silver Wolf, Scouting's highest award. These certificates are signed by Baden Powell. Being quite fragile they are now safely stored. Copies of them now hang in the meeting room, a

reminder of, as it turns out, an important character in the development of Scouting.

An enquiry with the County archivist revealed little other than that L Wheeler had received a Silver Wolf in 1925.

So I embarked on a search to find out about this Pioneer of Scouting in Letchworth.

LRW was born 23 July 1888 in Highgate London. The son of the Rev Arthur G Wheeler and Dorothy Wheeler. He was educated at Malvern House School, Littlehampton, Brighton Technical College and the University of London.

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He subsequently became a teacher and took up a post at Stephenson's School in Barrington Road Letchworth, Hertfordshire, where he also resided. This is now St Christopher's School.

It was during this time that LRW began his association with the Scout movement being appointed a Scoutmaster at 1st Letchworth Scout Troop on the 2nd July 1909. He was also at some point the Hon. Secretary for the Letchworth Local Scout Association

On 9 January 1913, aged 24, he sailed to Antigua in the West Indies, to take up the post of Science and Maths Master at the Grammar School, Antigua, British West Indies. Here he continued his association with the Scout movement. Being appointed on 25 June 1913 a Scoutmaster with 1st Antigua (Grammar School) Troop. He was also the Hon. Secretary for the Antigua Local Scout Association.

In 1914 he joined the Colonial Service and was transferred to Queens Royal College, Trinidad.

During the Great War LRW served with both the Army and the RAF.

He enlisted as a volunteer in the Trinidad Local Forces (equivalent to today's Territorial Army) on 1 January 1915, seeing active service in the Middle East.

In 1917 he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and by the 20 April 1918 he was a pilot with the newly formed RAF. He remained with the RAF serving with 47 Squadron. The Squadron at this time was stationed in Greece until April 1919, when it was dispatched to Southern Russia to help General Denikin's White Russian forces defeat the Bolshevik armies. LRW remained with the RAF until 27 August 1919.

On 7 January 1920, now aged 31, LRW returned to Trinidad and Tobago.

Immediately on his arrival he resumed his Scouting career and was appointed as the Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago. It was whilst holding this post that on the 15 October 1921 he was awarded the Medal of Merit for good services to Scouting.

LRW did not remain long in Trinidad. By 1922 he

had been transferred to the Education Department, Malaya taking a teaching post at The Malay College, Kuala Kangsar, Perak, Federated Malay States.

It appears that LRW was a founder of Scouting in Perak and in 1922 was appointed as a Scoutmaster with 1st Kuala Kangsar (Malay College) Troop. No doubt because of his abilities he was appointed District Commissioner for Perak, Federated Malay States on 25 July 1926.

On 4 November 1925 after 16 years of exceptional service LRW was awarded Scouting's highest honour, The Silver Wolf. This was especially notable as he received his award from Edward, Prince of Wales.

In 1930 he married his wife Doris Milligan the third daughter of Dr and Mrs. R.A. Milligan of Northampton. They were to have two sons both born in Malaya in 1931 and 1932.

He also held posts of Headmaster and Inspector of Schools, F.M.S and until his retirement in 1938 Inspector of Schools Penang.

LRW remained with the Scouts seeing the formation of modern Malaya from the old Federated States. He was to serve as assistant Commissioner for Malaya from 14 December 1927 until August 1938. This coincided with his retirement and return to England, where he settled in Seaford Sussex. With the advent of the World War 2 he once again donned the uniform of HM Armed Forces. He served in the Home Guard and was commissioned as an officer in the Air Training Corps. He also lectured to the Forces on the British Empire and Malaya.

LRW was a respected Entomologist and author publishing many books including one on Scouting, "Scouting in the Tropics"

LRW went home on 25 September 1948 Aged 60 years.

Gavin Conder

If anyone is interested I have compiled a biography for LRW that I am happy to send out.

Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Sebastian Simmons 1st Baldock

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Ira Johal 4th Letchworth

Joshua Ryan 4th Letchworth

Lochearnhead Meeting Change of Venue

The venue for the next District Lochearnhead meeting on 11 October has been changed from the DHQ to Wymondley Wood starting at 8.00 pm.

Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)

Vacancy - Due to the resignation of Gavin we need to find a new ADC (Scouts). If you are interested in the role or would like to nominate someone please contact Chris King.

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Scout Active Support Unit

Dates of the activities that are planned from now until February 2012 for your diary

Monday 1 October

Sheila will be hosting the first of her book club meetings. 50 p for tea/coffee and cakes. 14:30 hrs - 16:00 hrs. 116 Icknield Way, Letchworth

Saturday 15 October

General Annual Meeting 19:00 hrs for 19:30 hrs Venue to be confirmed

Monday 7 November

Sheila's book club 14:40 hrs - 16:00 hrs

Monday 5 December

Sheila's book club 14:30 hr - 16:00 hrs

Saturday 10 December

Christmas Dinner at the District Guide HQ.
Cost £10.00 per head

January 2012 A Burn's Night Supper - Date and cost to be confirmed

February 2012 Cheese and Wine night - Date to be arranged



DIARY 2011

OCTOBER

9	6 - 14 County Cyclocross	Well End
11	District Lochearnhead Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	District Scout shop meeting and AGM	District HQ
13	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
14 - 16	County Peak Assault Competition - Explorers	TBA
15	SAS General Annual Meeting	TBA
24	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood
25 - 28	Scout Shop Closed - Half Term	

NOVEMBER

1	Scout Shop Opens	
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
13	Remembrance Sunday	Various Venues
18 - 20	County Scout Green Beret Competition	TBA
27	County Skills Day	Hobbs Hill Wood School
28	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood



It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to our next Gang Show.

Planning for Gang Show 2012 is almost complete and we're almost ready to start rehearsals.

With that in mind we would like to visit all the Groups in the District and have a chat about the show and encourage our young people to join in.

This year we are doing things a little differently and, we have produced a short promotional video to show everyone what Gang Show is like.

We would very much like your support, and ask that you nominate a date and time for us to visit, some time between 26 September and 28 October. The presentation and video will take around 30 minutes.

We will try and accommodate everyone's request as far as possible but we may have to change a date if several of you request the same.

Thank you in anticipation of your support - The Production team
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