

Co-Ordinator

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

New Year's Message

Hello to you all and welcome to 2012. I hope you have all had a peaceful and enjoyable break over Christmas and had time to reflect on the year gone by, probably like myself, wondering where it went, activities everywhere, so much fun and amazingly busy. It has been an extremely busy year for everyone in the District, from the smallest Beaver to the oldest Network member (not forgetting all our terrific team of Adult Leaders and supporters), everyone has been out and about having some great fun and learning new skills. A huge number of Chief Scout's badges have been awarded across the sections and a Queen's Scout as well. It demonstrates to everyone the level of Scouting you deliver every week. We have had our largest ever number of young people experiencing travel and Scouting on an international level. They have been to Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Swaziland. If you want to find out more of their experiences get in touch and I am sure they will come to your section and tell everyone about it. These experiences are often spoken about as "life changing". I know this is a much used term but I truly believe, having talked to our Young People, that it is a true statement. They have met, talked to, camped with and undertaken activities with Scouts from all over the world and now have a true insight into the differences between nations. Scouting really does teach our Young People true values and above all friendship.

As 2012 dawns I have no doubt plans are already in place for camps, interesting programmes and fantastic activities. This year we have the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics so ideas should be flowing. I am looking forward to another amazing year of Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock. This year also sees us again visiting the superb Lochearnhead Scout Station for another action packed two weeks. When the station first opened in 1961 we were the first District to visit, how fitting that we are there to help celebrate the station's 50th anniversary. There are still plenty of spaces for adult help on the trip, if you are interested please get in touch.

I just want to say a huge thank you to everyone for your continued commitment and dedication to our Young People which contributes hugely towards making our District the envy of many with it's quality and an example for them to follow.

Together let us make this coming year the best one ever.

Chris King D. C

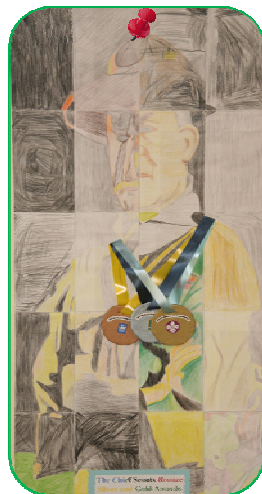
District Arts and Crafts Competition

Theme - The Olympic Games

The District Arts and Crafts Competition which was organised by the Beaver Section took place at 1st Baldock Headquarters on Saturday 26 November 2011. We thank the judges for spending the morning looking at all the exhibits and coming to some very difficult decisions. The winners were:-

Beaver Section	-	8th Letchworth
Cub Section	-	1st Baldock
Scout Section	-	4th Letchworth

And the overall winners were 4th Letchworth Scout Group. The event is held bi-annually and in 2013 will be organised by the Cub Section.



District Cub Scout Quiz

These are the results for the District Cub Quiz held on Friday 25 November 2011 at the District H.Q.

Seven packs out of the ten took part.

Thank you to all the Leaders and parents who helped on the night. Thank you to Heather and Anne from 12th Letchworth for setting the questions.

Also a big that you to all the Cubs who took part for being so well behaved.

7th	22 points	2nd Baldock
6th	30 points	8th Letchworth
5th	31 points	4th Letchworth
4th	36 points	12th Letchworth
3rd	38 points	5th Letchworth
2nd	40 points	1st Baldock (knights)
1st	45 points	7th Letchworth



As 7th Letchworth were the winners they will set the questions for next year.
Well done to the 7th Letchworth team.

Wendy Tierney - ADC (Cubs)



Well done to 8th Letchworth Scout Group who have been busy fundraising in the weeks before Christmas.

They held their annual Christmas Fayre at their Headquarters and raised £746.07. They moved onto Morrison's where they held their annual bag pack which raised a further £844.04.

I am sure that a lot of hard work went into organising both events by the Leaders and supporters of 8th Letchworth Group but I am sure they would say it was worth it.

Subscription 2012

This year's subscription breakdown is

National	£21.00
County	£11.00
District	£ 4.00
Total	<u>£36.00</u> per member.



Groups will soon be receiving information on completing the census and the payment date.

Scout Active Support Unit

The ASU first event of the year (2011) was Sheila's book club, thereafter we held some form of activity every month.

We tried out two new ones. The first was a Burn's night supper, this was so successful that we are doing it again this year. The second was the Saints day dinner, this too was very well attended, however, we do not intend to hold one again this year.

The one event that was fully booked was the Saturday afternoon cream tea trip on the river Lea. Our top planner got this one spot on including the weather.

We finished our social activities with the Christmas dinner. Thirty three members sat down to this. It should have been thirty six but our president Laurie Cook had a fall in Morrison's and broke his hip, so he and Jean did not make the dinner, and Rod Tiplady did not feel up to it. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

At the dinner our secret Santa raised £100.00 that we are donating to the local charity MS Therapy.

From all in the ASU we wish everyone in the Scouts in Letchworth & Baldock District

A VERY HAPPY and SAFE NEW YEAR.

Fred Lovelock (Scribe to the ASU).



Peter Norton, Letchworth and Baldock District Commissioner from 1976 - 1984 celebrated his 80th Birthday last year. Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts wish him all the best for 2012.



Wishing Laurie Cook, Roger Comley, Eileen Philips and Rod Tiplady all a speedy recovery.

Laurie is currently recuperating at Hitchin Hospital after having a fall and breaking his hip just before Christmas.

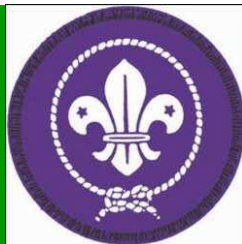
8th Letchworth Scouts Ivel Springs

The Scouts spent a chilly and slightly damp Sunday in December helping the Friends of Baldock Green Spaces and the Countryside Management Service at Ivel Springs. They've learnt how to lay a living hedge as well as weaving branches in, to hold it into position while it grows and making fence posts. They've completed service hours towards their Community Challenge Badge as well as completing parts of their Forester and Global Conservation Badges.



Scout Badges

As from January 2012 Scout Shops Limited have increased the price of all 57p each badges which include World and Challenge Badges to 58p each. The new prices will be implemented when the Scout Shop reopens on Tuesday 10 January 2012.



Gang Show 2012

Venue: St Francis College
Date: Friday 23 March 7.30 pm
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Price: £5.00 per ticket.

Special Offer buy 10 tickets and receive 2 free tickets.

This is a fantastic District event when both Scouts and Guides join together to provide a fun packed evening of entertainment.

Why not make it your Colony / Pack / Troop / Unit meeting for that week.



To book your tickets please request an order form from gang.show@hotmail.co.uk

Ticket Office: 14 Chatterton, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 2JU

New Support Materials for Group Executive Committee

Updated versions for Group Executive Committee members were released at the end of October. There are now fully up-to-date support packs for the Group Chairman, Group Treasurer, Groups Secretary and Group Supporter, and all can be downloaded from the Member resources section of www.scouts.org.uk



Scout Community Week

From 14 - 20 May 2012, up to 40,000 Scouts will take part in a massive community volunteering and fundraising initiative, on a scale not seen since Scout Job Week ceased 20 years ago.

Scout Community Week supported by The Scout Association corporate partner B&Q will see Scouts working on community projects, from volunteering in hospitals to building wildlife hotels and campaigning on community issues.

To find out more, or to register your own Group, visit www.scouts.org.uk/scoutcommunityweek.

Everyone who raises money as part of Scout Community Week will receive an exclusive B&Q Scout Community Week 2012 badge.

In partnership with: 

Updated Adult Training Resources

Modules 13 and 21 are being updated, and new versions will be available at www.scouts.org.uk/trainersresources.

Modules 13 and 21

Growing the Movement for Section Leaders and Managers respectively

Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Ed Bennett	7th Letchworth
Jack Bowman	12th Letchworth
Miles Brewis	12th Letchworth
Sam Crooks	12th Letchworth
Jack Ellis	1st Baldock
Luca Gray	7th Letchworth
Dominic Jenkins	7th Letchworth
James McNally	7th Letchworth
Kieran McNally	7th Letchworth
Simon Middleton	7th Letchworth
Caitlin O'Connor	1st Baldock
Dominik Robertson	7th Letchworth
Owen Truby	1st Baldock
Ella Waynforth	12th Letchworth
Felix Welch	7th Letchworth
Elliot Winchester	12th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Theo Brignall	12th Letchworth
Daniel Cusden	12th Letchworth
Shaun Daly	8th Letchworth
Angus Drew	8th Letchworth
Charlie Edwards	8th Letchworth
Nathan Ferrari	1st Baldock (Knights)
Danny Henderson	12th Letchworth
Ryan Kirk	8th Letchworth
Kim Onslow	1st Baldock (Knights)
Tristan Rodway	8th Letchworth
Samuel Toomds	8th Letchworth
Jessica Twena	8th Letchworth
Pavan Vaghela	12th Letchworth
Reece Wagstaff	8th Letchworth
Stanley Woodisse	12th Letchworth
Molly Wright	8th Letchworth

DIARY 2012

JANUARY

5	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	District HQ
9	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
10	Scout & Guide Shop re-opens	
12	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
15	Friend of Baldock Green Spaces	Ivel Springs, Baldock
18	District Team Meeting	DHQ
21	Scout Active Support - 'Burns Night'	TBA
30	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Spring Road
31	District Lochearnhead Meeting	District HQ

FEBRUARY

4	Watford V Barnsley (Scouts and Guides Day)	Vicarage Road
5	Friends of Baldock Green Spaces	Weston Hills, Baldock
5	District Scout Cooking Competition	1st Baldock HQ
9	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
12	County Conference – Q Tips	Kimpton School
19	County Scout Cooking Competition	Stevenage HQ



District Arts and Crafts Competition - Victoria Sponge Category.
Spot the odd one out - quote from the Scout Leader who made it "Had a blond moment"

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