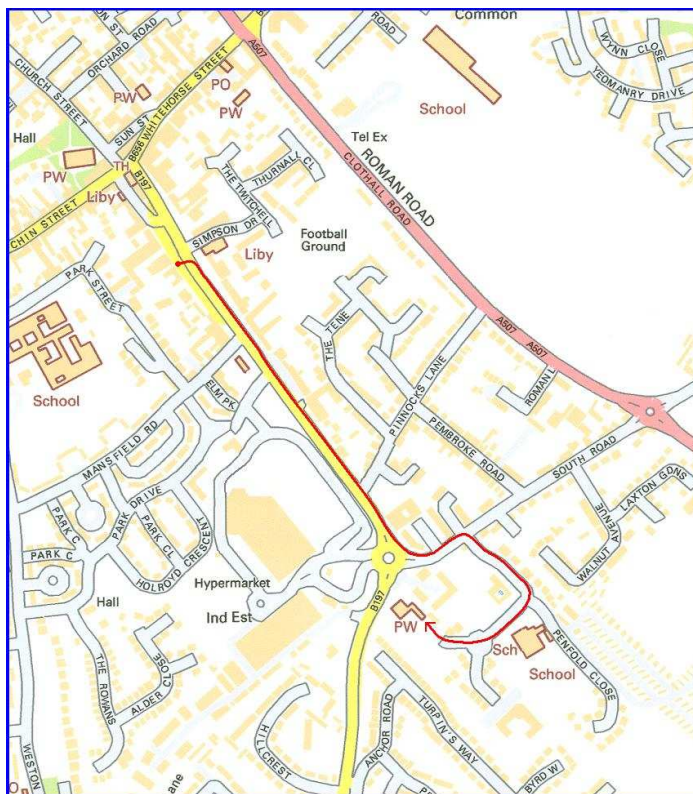


# Co-Ordinator

## St George's Day Parade and Service

### Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service is being hosted by 2nd Baldock Scout Group. It will take place on Sunday 22 April 2012 at the Baldock Roman Catholic Church of Holy Trinity and St Augustine Canterbury. The service will commence at 3.00 pm. The parade will assemble on the grass area of Baldock High Street outside Zeus Restaurant at 2.15 pm ready to move off at 2.30 pm following the planned route below. Further details of the service and other arrangements will appear in the next issue of Co-Ordinator.





# Friends of Baldock Green Spaces



**Helping manage  
Woodland and  
Wetland**



**Your chance to work outdoors and benefit our  
open spaces! Join us all day, or just for  
an hour or two for conservation tasks  
Sunday 4 March at Weston Hills**



**Meet at North Rd Allotment car park for Ivel Springs and Woodland Way entrance  
for Weston Hills at 10am, or phone 07817801616 for our location**

***Work includes woodland management, hedge planting and building dead hedges,  
checking bird boxes and keeping paths clear of litter, encroaching branches & scrub***

**Please wear suitable clothes and strong boots and bring food if staying all day. Tools,  
training, protective equipment and hot drinks will be provided.**

**Children welcome if accompanied by an adult.**

**For more information please contact Phil on 01462 895665 or 07817 801616 or email  
phil@charsley.org.uk**

**Work dates will also be posted on [www.baldockbuzz.co.uk](http://www.baldockbuzz.co.uk)**

**We will continue our thinning and coppicing, and using the resulting brush to make  
dead hedges. We also have a new area of ash to thin, and this will result in a lot of  
poles which would be excellent for Scout staves and pioneering poles. If any Scout  
Group is interested, please remember you will need to take them away.**

## Rodney Tiplady

### 1930 - 2012



Rod Tiplady went home on Friday 13 January 2012.

Rod was in Scouting for most of his life. He was invested as a Wolf Cub in the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Letchworth in 1937, but even before his investiture he was allowed to attend the 1937 Jamboree held at St Albans where our founder BP put in an appearance. According to Rod as he was not yet invested he had to stand at the back and only saw the great man's hat parading along the lines.

During the war the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> HQ was taken over by the army and the 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> moved to Bedford Road to share a hall with the 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Group. Rod moved up to Scouts and then became a Rover Scout. Like most of his generation he was called up for military service. Rod did his time in the Royal Engineers and he was posted to Germany where he carried on in Scouting as there was a Scout unit.

After he had "done his time", Rod held various appointments within Scouting.

Assistant Cub Scout Leader 7th Letchworth

Assistant Scout Leader 7th Letchworth

Assistant District Commissioner - General Duties

Assistant District Commissioner - District Fellowship

He was awarded the Medal of Merit for meritorious conduct of an exceptionally high standard.

Rod was one of the stalwarts who used to travel up to Lochearnhead at the week-end to help set up the station. This was in the days before motorways, so it was not an easy journey. Then back to work on Monday morning. He also helped in setting up Norton Bury.

In his later years Rod was the second ADC Fellowship, and then he became the chairman until standing down in 2007. He still stayed in the Fellowship, and became a member of the ASU on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

Rod was always there for Scouting in whatever needed to be done or standing in when someone could not be at an event. He was one of the unsung heroes of this District and will be missed by us all. Our thoughts are with Sheila and the family at this time.



# *Gang Show Gang Show Gang Show Gang Show Gang Show*

## Letchworth & Baldock District Gang Show TICKET ORDER FORM

NAME.....

Group Name/Organisation.....

Contact Details.....

.....

**We would like to order the following tickets**

<b>for Friday evening 7:30 pm 23rd March at £5:00 per ticket</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>for Saturday afternoon 2:00pm 24th March at £5:00 per ticket</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>for Saturday evening 7:30 pm 24th March at £5:00 per ticket</b>	<b>£</b>

**Please make cheques payable to: Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show**

**This form should be returned to a member of the Gang Show team or post to  
114, East Road Langford Beds SG18 9QP**

**The Green House Community holds a undercover Market, Station Road,  
Wynd, Letchworth every Friday 10.30 am - 3.30 pm . There is a variety of  
stalls from Arts, Crafts and Collectables. Tables are £10.00 Bookings taken  
on 07799 058 003**

**Why not raise some fund for your Group / Unit**



## Sainsbury's

Active Kids 2012 is almost here! Register from Monday 30 January and make sure your group doesn't miss out. Vouchers will be available to collect from Sainsbury's stores, petrol filling stations or online from 15 February. **Visit:**  
[www2.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids/](http://www2.sainsburys.co.uk/activekids/)  
or call 0844 415 8440 (BT customers will pay no more than 5p per minute. Call costs from other providers may vary).

## A Diamond Jubilee souvenir



With the Diamond Jubilee just a few months away, celebrate with the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee Resin Bear** made especially to commemorate 60 years of the Queen's sovereignty, it's the perfect collector's item or gift.

Order from the Scout Shop.  
Ref No. 104249 £1.53 each



## Active Support Forthcoming Events

**Event:** Wine Tasting  
**Date:** Saturday 18 February  
**Venue:** Guide HQ  
**Time:** 7.30 pm onwards  
**Cost:** £5.00 per person



Bring bottle of wine for everyone to taste.  
 This is a get together evening for sampling and chatting  
 Cheese and crackers will be provided

**Event:** Bowling / Meal  
**Date:** Saturday 17 March (St Patrick's Day)  
**Venue:** Hollywood Bowl, Stevenage / Broadway, Letchworth  
**Time:** 6.30 pm  
**Cost:** £5.00 bowling (includes shoe hire) plus cost of meal



You do not have to bowl just come along and support the players. For those who would like to have a meal afterwards please let Sheila Tickner know if you are going and if you want a lift, by Saturday 10 March.

**Event:** River Trip  
**Date:** Saturday 12 May  
**Venue:** River Lee  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Cost:** £14.00 per person



Cruise along the River Lee with a Ploughman's supper provided.  
 Booking forms will be available nearer the date.

**Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council**  
**A.G.M.**  
**Date:** 10 May 2012  
**Time:** 7.30 for 8.00 pm  
**Venue:** District Headquarters  
 Icknield Way  
 All are welcome  
**RSVP: Janet Conder**  
**District Secretary**  
**01462 624365**  
**sec@lbdscouts.org.uk**

**A.  
G.  
M.**

 Girlguiding UK 

**THE WYMONDLEY WOOD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**CORDIALLY INVITES**  
 you to the  
**A.G.M. AND WARDENS' EVENING**  
 Monday, 16 April 2012  
 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm  
 Cheese and Wine Buffet  
 All Welcome  
**RSVP to Rita Hawkins**  
 Tel. 01462 643432 or email  
 ritahawkins@btinternet.com

## Scout Active Support Unit Report



The ASU started the New Year with two fund raising events. The first one was Sheila's book club held on Saturday the 8 January so that members who cannot make the Monday book club have a chance to come along and enjoy Sheila's hospitality and also exchange books.

Friday the 13th was a very black day for us, as long serving member of Scouting Rod Tiplady went home.

On Tuesday January 17th Dynamic Dave Upson went along to help support the 12th Letchworth Cubs. We have drawn up a roster to help out at the 12th until Easter.

On Saturday night the 21st of January thirty members of the ASU sat down to a traditional Burn's night supper of Haggis and Neeps. This year we had the services of a piper. Alex Hawkins, Oak Eagle Explorer, to pipe us into supper, and to perform the very important roll of piping in the Haggis. Three times around the hall, then Eddy Furry did the traditional address to the Haggis. After the supper Edmond did the Toast to the Lassies and Lesley Farmer did the response. Tea and coffee was served the raffle drawn. Then Eddy recited the Immortal Memory.

Auld Lang Syne was sang,  
the hall cleared and we  
wended our way home.

### **Fred Lovelock (Scribe to the ASU)**

Footnote: Alex was so impressed with the young piper when he visited Lochearnhead as a young Scout that he came home and learnt to play the bag pipes.

### **Private Vehicle Use**

**Are you covered travelling to and from Scout Meetings and events.**

**To check whether your insurance company covers you please go to**

**<http://scoutinsurance.co.uk/privatecars.html>**

**Once there click on the link which takes you to a chart of insurers to show which companies cover you for volunteer driving and which companies want to be contacted.**



## A.G.M. = Annual General Meeting

### A.G.M. = A Good Meeting

How to ensure that your AGM runs smoothly. Like many things in Scouting, you just need to be prepared.

**SET THE DATE** - Get the date in the diary well in advance and publicise it well.

**INVITATIONS** - Notify the District so they can send someone along. As soon as the date is set, invite local officials, local councillors etc. Send the invitations out six weeks in advance of the date especially to parents so they can put it in their diary.

**SHARE IT OUT** - Make sure that people are on hand to meet and greet and direct visitors. Make sure that there are people there before and after the AGM to get the chairs out and tidy up afterwards. Have someone responsible for providing refreshments - set a budget.

**ADMINISTRATION** - Make sure that you have minutes of the last year's meeting and enough copies as well as the agenda to give out. You will also need an Annual Report and Accounts pack.

**ON THE NIGHT** - Reserve seats at the front for the VIPS. Make sure that everything you need is to hand. Are you presenting prizes or thank you gifts.

**FORMAL MATTERS** - Make sure that the formal part of the meeting is carried out, and minuted accurately. Follow the agenda. And then relax.

**INCLUDE THE YOUNG PEOPLE** - A short presentation by Beavers, Cubs or Scouts is a good thing to include, but keep it short. Don't allow every Beaver, Cub and Scout to do something; otherwise you will be verging on boring the audience.

**PRIZES / AWARDS** - Everyone likes to see their son or daughter receive a prize / award / badge.

For more information please visit The Scout Association website - [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) and search Annual General Meeting.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO

**Caroline Catherall BSL 11th Letchworth and Paul Northover ASL 11th Letchworth who tied the knot on Friday 20 January 2012.**

**I also understand from a certain Beaver person the Caroline celebrated a special birthday. 20th Anniversary of her 20th birthday.**

# DIARY 2012

## 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
16	District Cub Swimming Trials	
19	County Scout Cooking Competition	Stevenage HQ
14	Scout and Guide Shop Closed for Half Term	
21	Scout and Guide Shop Re-Opens	
23	District Cub Swimming Trials	
24 - 26	Lochearnhead Training	Wymondley Wood
27	Wymondley Wood Meeting	107 Spring Road

## MARCH

3 - 4	Mid Herts Night Hike	
5	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
26	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood
26	8th Letchworth Scout Group AGM	8th Letchworth HQ
30 March - 1 April	Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
31 March - 1 April	County Back to Basic Skills Day	Harmergreen Wood Campsite
31	District Beaver Day Out	RAF Hendon
31	County Cub Swimming Gala	
31	District Scout Night Jar Competition	

## APRIL

12	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
18	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
16	Wymondley Wood AGM	Wymondley Wood
22	St George's Day Parade and Service	Catholic Church, Baldock

## MAY

10	District AGM	DHQ
12	District Beaver Challenge	8th Letchworth HQ
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