

# Co-Ordinator

### Laurie Cook celebrated his 94th Birthday

Laurie Cook a member of the Scout Active Support Unit celebrated his 94th Birthday last month on the 7th February 2012. Also on the same day Arthur Scott and Jeff Robson celebrated their own special birthdays.

Laurie celebrated his birthday in Hitchin hospital surrounded by family and friends, where he is still recovering from his fall just before Christmas.



Laurie with his daughter Jean and Geoff Smith, SL 5th Letchworth



If you would like to visit (I am sure that he will be pleased to see you) he is in Hitchin Hospital which is in Talbot Street off Oughton Head Way SG5 2JZ

Visiting times are between 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm everyday.

## What's Cooking

### District Cooking Competition - 5 February 2012

With deep snow having fallen overnight and having braved the icy roads to get to the venue, three teams of aspiring chefs competed in the District Scout cooking competition on Sunday 5 February.

At stake, the honour of representing the District at the Hertfordshire Scouts cooking competition. The task - to produce a three course meal for a patrol of four people (and a small taster sample for the judges) with a maximum budget of £18.00

The theme of the event was "The Queen's Jubilee" and menus had to be themed to represent this.

Three teams made it to the cook off and sympathies to the two teams who had to pull out due to the snow and ice.

Competing against each other were 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth, 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock and 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth.

The competition was judged using strict rules that all teams had been issued with prior to the competition and using a score sheet that covered menu and costings, team work, hygiene and cooking, table layout, food and timings.

The only cooking equipment allowed was that to be found in a normal camp situation and only two gas rings and a grill were allowed.

After two hours of preparation and cooking the teams presented their dishes for judging and all three teams are to be commended on their efforts and the standards achieved.

There were no cut fingers or burns so the first aid box was not needed and "finger food" was not on the menu!

The judges were treated to a variety of dishes including "Regal Chicken" "Palace Plaice & Charles Chips" and "Welsh cakes with English strawberries & cream" and "Eton Mess" accompanied by Pimms and fresh lemonade

After a very close competition the results were 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth in third place, 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock in second and 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth in first.

All three teams are to be commended on their efforts and the standards achieved and it was inspiring to see the team work and commitment that all the competitors had put into the competition.

Well done to everyone and good luck to 7<sup>th</sup> when representing the District in the Hertfordshire Scouts Cooking Competition.

1st:	7th Letchworth	161 points
2nd:	1st Baldock	137 points
3rd:	4th Letchworth	120 points



**Jeremy Croxford**

## **7th Letchworth Scout Sleep Out**

7th Letchworth (St Thomas') Scouts have a history of sleeping out in cardboard boxes. We have participated in the St Albans Sleep Out at The Abbey twice before but due to a fun packed Autumn Term were unable to participate last year. It was therefore put forward at a Patrol Leaders Meeting (all aged 13 and 14) that one event they would like to do this year was their own sponsored Big Sleep in aid of the homeless with all proceeds going to North Herts Sanctuary.

After much organising by Leaders, and help from Jenny Jones of the Green House Community Market and local authorities, the Big Sleep Out took place at The Green House Community Market, Letchworth on Friday 17 February between 7.30 pm Friday and 7.00 am Saturday. Fifteen Scouts ranging in age from 10 - 14 years old and consisting of girls and boys plus four Leaders turned up with their cardboard boxes and sleeping bags in preparation for a night's sleep in the cold. Due to the ages of the children safety was a key point in organising this event and resulted in luxury homelessness, though the time of year and location we had chosen gave our mission a touch of reality, and raised awareness and empathy by the Scouts for those who do not have a roof over their heads. In the words of one Scout "to be 'Homeless' must be awful".

Finally, 7th Letchworth Scouts would like to say a huge thank you to Jenny Jones of The Green House Community Market, Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation, Lee Boswell - Town Centre Manager and everyone who has sponsored and supported this event.

## **7th Letchworth Scouts**

### **County Scout Cooking Competition Stevenage HQ - 19 February 2012**

Thirteen teams from thirteen Districts around the County took part in this year's County Scout Cooking Competition. Representing Letchworth and Baldock was 7th Letchworth Scouts. After the all points were added 7th Letchworth came a creditable sixth. Well done to all the Scouts who took part.

Congratulations to 12th Harpenden (St Nicholas) for winning this year's cooking competition. Once again the top six were within sixteen points of each other showing that the result could have gone to any of them.



## 5th Letchworth Scouts Half Term Day / Night HIke

5th Letchworth Scouts went on a hike!

We met on Saturday (11 February) at Letchworth train station. We loaded all the kit in a van and then all the Scouts got on a train from Letchworth and set off for Royston. We got off the train and walked all the way to Royston Heath where we did lots of sledging. After that we were all very tired but we still had a long walk ahead of us. We walked for ages and then arrived at Sandon where we tucked in to our tea. We had chicken soup, that was quite nice, lots of vegetable. After that we got our head torches on and everything efficient for a night hike. We walked, I think it was about seven miles, well it felt like 7 miles!!.. We got to Cottered and got our kit from the van, we were all extremely exhausted! We got our beds out, the girls were sleeping in a small room and the boys all slept in the main hall. We stayed at a Guide HQ that used to be a school. It was cool the Guides let us stay there. I slept next to Tom Rice and Oscar was above me! We all bundled on Jack and had a massive mattress fight! We went to bed still scoffing lots of sweets; I forgot to put my pyjamas on because I was so tired, I slept in my clothes! We got to sleep about 1 am. When we got up we had a game and then had breakfast. We had porridge (interesting...ok with lots of sugar) and then cooked breakfast, sausages and stuff...that was cool! We packed up our bags, tidied up and washed the floor, filled up flasks, put the kit in the van. Nick's Dad was sorting the van. We set off again on a long hike ....it took forever to walk all the way to Baldock Tesco's, where friends and family met us.

And that's what we did when we went on our hike!

**Daniel Townsend  
5th Letchworth Scout**



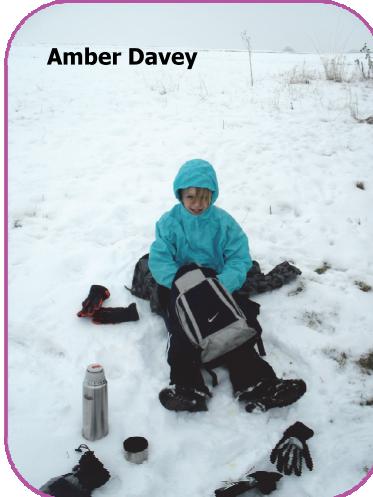
**Letchworth Garden City Station**

**This was our first winter camp for years, and certainly one we'll repeat!**

**I must pass on our thanks to First Capital Connect who allowed us all (21 people!!) to travel between Letchworth and Royston free of charge! This enabled us to keep the cost of the camp to a minimum and ensure as many Scouts as possible could enjoy this adventure!**

**Nick Howell  
Scout Leader**

**Amber Davey**



Going on the night hike in snow and cold weather meant that you had to put lots of layers on to keep warm.

We started out at Letchworth Train Station and caught the train to Royston. From there we went walking over the fields, where the snow drifts were higher than me!! (I'm 4' 7"). We walked to the top of the steep hill and then down the other side where we met the van with all our sledges in. We then put our rucksacks on our sledges and walked to the top of the hill. We had lots of fun on the sledges, but I didn't fall off once! Although it felt like I would many times. We then went to another hill that was steeper and this was even faster and I still didn't fall off!!

Daniel (my brother) and I had a race down the hill and Daniel fell off his sleigh almost as soon as we started!!! So I won – of course!

After that we walked another 5-6 miles to where we ate dinner, which was soup, and then after that it was almost dark, we carried on walking. We walked over 6-8 fields

and ended up in Cottered where we were sleeping for the night. I was glad we reached this as my legs felt like they were going to fall off!

We were sleeping in the lounge of the pre-school/girl guides hut. All the boys had one room and us girls had another room. As there were only 4 girls we had lots of room! We went to sleep at 10pm and woke up 7am. We then had breakfast, which was sausages and beans – yum!

After breakfast we then had another walk to Baldock Tesco's where we were meeting our parents. I have never been so pleased to see my mum in her car as my legs were so tired! I really enjoyed the night hike! Thank you to all the Leaders for a fabulous time!

**Amber Davey**  
**5th Letchworth Scouts**



### **St George's Day Service and Parade**

This year's service and parade will take place at the Catholic Church, Baldock on Sunday 22 April. The parade will assemble in the High Street opposite the Community Centre at 2.15 pm. Further detail when available will be posted on the District Website. All uniformed members of the Scout Movement are reminded that full uniform must be worn on the Sunday for the Parade and Service. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall after the dismissal.

## "Pounding the Streets" Mid Herts - The Howard Centre



Mid Herts were out in force raising money towards the County Appeal at The Howard Centre on Saturday 18 February. After weeks of selling footprints which were decorated by the purchaser they were laid out at The Howard Centre. This is one of the many imaginative ways that Districts and Groups are supporting The Appeal to purchase and development Tolmers and Phasels Wood activity sites.



Does anyone out there have a lawnmower and /or strimmer that they could donate to the Letchworth District for use at their Headquarters. Spring is just around the corner and the grass is growing.

Please contact Janet Conder, District Secretary if you can help.

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## Letchworth & Baldock Lion's Fun Day

**Broadway Gardens, Letchworth Garden City**  
**Saturday 21 July 2012: 10 am- 4pm**

**Concession for charity £10 Per – 12 foot space.**

\*Cheques to be made payable to Letchworth and Baldock Lions Club.

For a booking form please contact : Harry Lote, Letchworth and Baldock Lions Club, 3 Townley, Letchworth, SG6 2RP. Tel No: 01462 686795. Mobile: 07902 504469.

# Achievements



Congratulation to the following Leaders on  
gaining their Wood Badge.

Susannah Goward	1st Baldock	BSL
Derrick Hart	12th Letchworth	ASL
Caroline Northover	11th Letchworth	BSL
Tim Stroud	5th Letchworth	ASL
Ross Taylor	8th Letchworth	ACSL
Paul Tyler	4th Letchworth	ASL
Richard Warren	1st Ashwell	ABSL
Heather Waters	12th Letchworth	CSL
Ben Whittaker	7th Letchworth	CSL



Mick Dilley      2nd Baldock      GSL



Anne Lilley      Scout Active Support Member



Roger Comley      Scout Active Support Member



Peter Ellmers      8th Letchworth      GSL  
Rob Hemmings      1st Baldock      ASL  
Julie Speltinckx      Scout Active Support



Irene Coldrey      1st Baldock      ACSL  
Darren Greener      8th Letchworth      CSL  
Chris Woor      Network Scout



## A warm welcome to

Louise Farquar	ABSL	8th Letchworth
Zeke Hill	ABSL	8th Letchworth
Elizabeth Potts	ACSL	1st Baldock

# DIARY 2012

## MARCH

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|--------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 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         |
| 27                 | District Lochearnhead Meeting           | Wymondley Wood            |
| 29                 | Scout & Guide Shop Closes for Half Term |                           |
| 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

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|----|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 12 | District Executive Meeting         | DHQ                      |
| 18 | District Team Meeting              | Wymondley Wood           |
| 16 | Wymondley Wood AGM                 | Wymondley Wood           |
| 17 | Scout and Guide Shop Reopens       |                          |
| 22 | St George's Day Parade and Service | Catholic Church, Baldock |

## MAY

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| 10 | District AGM                    |  |
| 12 | District Beaver Challenge       |  |
| 13 | County Cub Football Competition |  |
| 14 | District Cub Leaders' Meeting   |  |

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**Edmond Ticker and Peter Elmer at the  
Scout Active Support Burns Night**