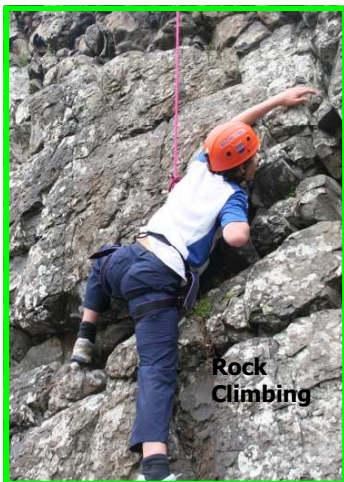


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Lochearnhead

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts



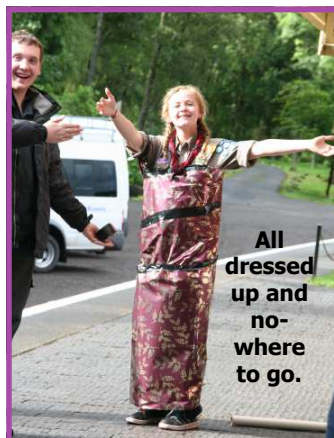
Rock Climbing



Catching up with the day's activities.



Ready to pipe in the Haggis



All dressed up and no-where to go.



Wild Camping on Ben Lawers

On Wednesday morning we set off towards Ben Lawers. Our packs were large and heavy and our faces were all a little nervous. After setting up our wild camp at 777m high we carried on up the mountain. The wind was powerful and gusty, the visibility poor and the incline pretty steep. We made the summit of Ben Lawers (1214m) and met the other patrol back at the tents for dinner. Wild cooking produced a good, filling dinner and then it was off to bed.

On Thursday the weather was similar and some of us went up to Meall Corraich. The patrol was proud to bag two Munros.

The High Rope - Our Life in their Hands

We had breakfast before driving by minibus to Benny Beg near Crieff which was a crag in a field. Geoff kitted us all out with harnesses and helmets. First we all had a go at traverse climbing along the wall. Then he put up some ropes and we did loads of extreme climbing on various parts of the rock face. Everyone had a go at belaying and holding the rope. We all had to trust each other. Then Geoff set up the abseiling wall which was a huge 30ft down the rock face. It was epic. The climbing and abseiling was a massive success. With lots of unusual sunshine and only a small amount of rain everyone had a brilliant time.

Half Empty Sails Patrol

Patrol A and B went sailing on the extensive Loch Earn (90 metres deep). Upon arrival we were put into our pairs and prepared our boats for use. After about five minutes of sailing the wind died down and we lost all speed and movement. We docked for lunch as the rain came so we all huddled around the fire successfully built by Nick. The rain stopped so we set off again and shortly after we were told to pull our boats together. I was called to the rowing boat in front and I was invested. Alex as always the Good Samaritan "helped" me off the boat and into the loch! Moments later the wind picked up and we flew around the loch. It was time to go but almost no one escaped dry. Which then brought an end to a very evenful and excitable day.

Shaun Warren

White Water Rafting

Patrol K got toggged up in their wetsuits, buoyancy aids and helmets and jumped into their raft with Amber and Josh at the helm and Rufus at the stern. It wasn't long before there were a few "man over-board" incidents, when playing a trust game where opposing paddlers had to lean backwards over the side of the raft with the aim of getting your head wet without falling in. Your partner locked paddles with you to prevent you flipping over. Well that was the idea! The first to fall in was Julian who discovered just how cold the water is!

After narrowly missing the bridge and the "Gravestone" rocks we navigated the rapids. We all high fived with our paddles and went on to the bigger rapid at the end of the course. We followed instructions of "Hold on and get down" as the raft spun and sipped into the frothy white water and we completed the navigation with all the cheeky Scouts still on board.

Two weeks before the District went off to Lochearnhead they found that they were short of tentage. Who came to the rescue? The ASU. We were able to provide the monies for three tents, that have since stood up to 65 mph winds, so I am told (i.e. post card from the station).

Fred Lovelock scribe to the ASU.

12th Letchworth Group Camp - Tolmers Cub Scouts

On the weekend of 22- 24 June 2012, 12th Letchworth Scout Group went to Tolmers for their Group Camp. We were not the only group there as Enfield District had booked in for their District Olympic Camp on the same weekend. They kindly allowed us to join them (for a donation towards the costs!) with the result that our young people had the most amazing array of activities to experience. Cubs and Beavers slept in the new Norfolk Lodge, well equipped including a projector and screen for viewing the photos downloaded from that day, while the Scouts had a camping pitch just behind the lodge.

We provided each Cub with a card with eight spaces to record the activities they took part in, for use as part of their Outdoor and Fitness Challenge Badges. It was not enough! One Cub filled the eight spaces, went on to the bottom of the card, filled in the header space and then wrote up the sides!! They were exhausted at the end of it. I hear even the Scouts were falling asleep on the way home.!

I would like to thank all the adults who worked so hard to make the weekend a success, especially Christine Hart for organising the camp and Wendy Tierney for keeping everyone fed! Here is what the Cubs had to say about the experience.

Heather Waters

CSL 12th Letchworth



12th Letchworth Group Camp - Tolmers

Cub Scouts

The thing I really loved about Cub Camp was the Human Demolition Ball. I broke the camp record. I loved Camp. It was brilliant.
Theo

Cub camp was fun. We woke up at 7am had a yummy breakfast. There were loads of different kinds of activities and my favourite was wall climbing. There was abseiling from a really high tower and lots more.
Jennifer

I enjoyed Cub Camp because it was fun and I liked the rides. I didn't like leaving.
Sam

My favourite activity at Tolmers was the space ball. The reason I liked it was because of the rush of adrenalin. That wasn't the only thing I liked though because all of the activities were really good in their own way. As soon as I went into the camp I was excited. The thing I saw first was the dodgems. Firstly I thought there were bean bags because they were all covered up. When we got to the lodge we were staying in I was bursting to get going on the different activities. The next two days were a blur and I did most of the activities. I loved the shooting and got three bullets on the board. All too quickly it was time to go home. Every day was amazing.
Rhys

Laser Tag was by far the best thing. I also loved the water sphere. The water felt like wobbly jelly.
Miles

The camp was so cool. I did abseiling, tree climbing, laser tag, and much more. I loved the laser tag the most, but the best part about the camp was the wide game. Each pack had a country, ours was Madagascar. You went to their country flag and found out some information from the Leaders, but it was dark and it was very late.
Kristy

I enjoyed every moment. The breakfasts were cool. I ♥ Tolmers. The film was fun. I ♥ the bonfire, it was fun. I ♥ the disco, the castle (bouncy), dodgems and inflatables and bungee run. I ♥ the Rock (moving climbing wall)



The Letchworth and Baldock Scout Active Support Unit LONDON DAY

Sunday 30th June was one of showers, our ace planner Sheila got the weather right for our Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics. Not a drop of rain fell to spoil our Olympics events - Individual shooting, Shot Putt (horseshoes), Javelin (target darts), Boat Race (race small boats) and Team Relay Race (egg and spoon).

The shooting was with plastic guns and darts with a range of 4ft, Shot Putt about 20ft, Javelin 4ft, Boat Race was paper boat fanned along two 6ft tables, and the relay run over a distance of approximately 60ft. It was highly competitive. The winners each received an award, the awards ceremony was followed by a well earned tea/coffee and cake break.

After our well earned break our Manager dynamic Dave presided over our General Meeting Annually. (no boring elections of officers, the manager gave his directive and we obeyed)

The Guide HQ was festooned with Union Jack Bunting, the tables laid out with red, white and blue table napkins ready for our London Day Pie and Mash dinner. Before sitting to eat we toasted "The Queen". The pies had a Union Jack on the top crust, it seemed a shame to eat them, but we did washing



down with a good English Ale. The dessert was strawberries and cream followed by tea/coffee accompanied by After Eight Mints. The raffle was drawn. Then to keep the London theme we sang some good old Cockney songs starting with "Maybe its because I'm a Londoner" and finishing with "Me and my gal". There then followed a true or false quiz, all about the Queen. The evening was rounded off with the singing of the National Anthem.





With your Group meeting again after the summer break, it's an excellent time to let parents know about Scouting in Hertfordshire and the Capital Appeal.

The quality of our County Centres and the facilities they can offer depends upon the success of The Appeal.

Already the County has been able to buy the freeholds at Phasels Wood and Tolmers and it is now seeking to develop all the seven Centres - Harmer Green, Well End, Orchard Farm, Coetmor Mill, Phasels Wood, Tolmers and Lochearnhead,

Please contact Allan Patterson, District Champion **email valallan.patterson@virgin.net** or visit the County Website **www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk** for more details or to request / download a lottery form.

Fred's Cream Tea

18 members of the ASU went to Fred's for our Annual Cream Tea in August. The weather stayed fine and we had an enjoyable afternoon doing what the ASU do best, just being relaxed and having plenty of social interacting (that's having a good chatter). Many thanks to Lesley, Rose Pete, Ann and Jim for their time and effort in making the afternoon a success.

P.S We hope Fred can make his cream tea next year.

**Sheila Tickner
Planner ASU.**

Seen on a recruitment poster at one of the Scout HQs in the District

"Are you brave enough to take on Scouting?"

"Invasion of the children".

Melissa Mroch 21 helped build a box pyramid representing each of the Olympic events in the elaborate finale. Melissa was a Scout in Baldock and also for many years appeared in the Letchworth & Baldock District Gang Shows



A warm welcome to



Richard Brain	GSL	1st Baldock
Matt Hart	ASEL	Oak Eagles ESU
Nicola Rumbold	ABSL	1st Baldock

Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Matty Bellamy	12th Letchworth
Lee Caine	1st Baldock (Tues)
Owain Fleming	1st Ashwell
Oliver Lewis	12th Letchworth
Luke Marshall	1st Ashwell
Naomi Marshall	1st Ashwell
Molly Neighbours	12th Letchworth
Alex Parkin	1st Baldock (Tues)
Toby Woodisse	12th Letchworth
Adam Yianni	1st Ashwell

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Eira Bagenal	12th Letchworth
Sabrina Benjamin	7th Letchworth
Archie Broadbent	7th Letchworth
Ethan Corr	7th Letchworth
Lily Coward	7th Letchworth
James Devine	1st Baldock (Knights)
Oliver Firth	12th Letchworth
Ben Jenkins	7th Letchworth
George Johnstone	7th Letchworth
Thomas Keenan	1st Baldock (Knights)
Connor McFarlane	7th Letchworth
Isaac Roberts	7th Letchworth
Harry Stolen	7th Letchworth
Hope Woodward	7th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Charlie Castle	8th Letchworth
Helen Inman	1st Baldock
Libby Mellor	8th Letchworth
Rory Myner	7th Letchworth
George Spary	4th Letchworth

Diary 2012

SEPTEMBER

5	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	5th Letchworth HQ
7	Scout and Guide Shop Reopens	
8	SASU Picnic	Stockwood Park, Luton
10	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
13	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
21 - 24	County London Monopoly - Explorer/Network	London
22 - 23	County Cubs Night Hike	
24	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood
28 - 30	County Born 2B Challenged - Scouts	Harmer Green
29	District Beavers' Olympic Games	Wymondley Wood

OCTOBER

7	County Cyclocross	
11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
17	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
25	District Scout & Guide Shop AGM	DHQ

NOVEMBER

5	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
11	Remembrance Sunday	
16 - 18	County Green Beret - Scouts	Lees Wood
23	District Cub Quiz	TBA



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