

Co-Ordinator

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



The poppies in the field are swaying in the breeze
The poppies in the field are holding the golden keys
The poppies in the field, standing in amongst it all
The poppies in the field are watching each man fall
The poppies in the field are red as each man's blood
The poppies in the field are blooming in the mud
The poppies in the field, still standing strong and tall
The poppies in the field, a prayer for them all

Ruby E Doherty
5th Letchworth Scout



Rhythms of the World (ROTW)

Rhythms of the World was, as ever, a brilliant festival this year. For years ROTW has been a showcase of local talent as well as talent from around the globe. The bands at the festival cover a variety of genres such as Community choirs, DJs, World music and some new up and coming bands on the BBC Introducing Stage.

Oh, and it's all 'on our doorstep' in Hitchin. "But who organises it?" I hear you ask...

The festival is led entirely by volunteers and needs lots of help from people every year to get things running smoothly. Hundreds of volunteers are needed every year. People from all areas of expertise are needed. Photographers, ticket gate personnel, litter pickers, riggers, de-riggers, lighting & sound engineers, security, car park wardens, stewards, police, media and press liaison and a vast amount of others, are needed to make this all possible.

4th Letchworth Scouts stepped up to the mark this year, just as they have for previous years festival. The first aid marquee was provided by and set up by 4th Letchworth. They also helped by stewarding the public car parking at Butts Close as well as the parking within the Priory for traders and artists. It was a great fundraising opportunity. A small parking fee was charged for each vehicle entering Butts Close to park.



All this volunteering doesn't mean you have to work all day. Many volunteers give what time they can. I helped for a few hours each day and it did not take too long. In fact there was plenty of time to look around the rest of the festival and go to watch some bands. Furthermore, entry to the festival is free for the day that you are volunteering, so it's NOT 'all work and no play'.

I spent the rest of my day photographing bands in order to fulfil the skill aspect of

my Queen's Scout Award. A small selection of the photos can be found at ChrisWoorPhotography.co.uk or on the Chris Woor Photography Facebook page. Whilst photographing the artists, it was nice to meet up with fellow Scout George Budd from Oak Eagles ESU, who was taking photos for another publication.

The bands themselves were fantastic. Artists on Saturday included Young Knives and The Damned.

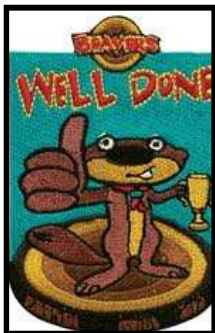
A Jamaican artist called Little Roy headlined the main stage on the Sunday night. That was great fun and really got the crowd going. The Sunday headliners on the BBC Introducing Stage were Don Broco and My Passion. I was massively impressed that they both managed to carry the same energy all the way through the sets.

Rhythms of the World is a great festival and the Priory is a great venue for it. It's a nice place to be and all the stages and stalls fit in perfectly. I would recommend that anyone over the age of 18 should definitely go along and lend a hand at this event. (ROTW is great fun and it's so easy to volunteer.)

Chris Woor
Scout Network



News in a flash



Nine Beaver Colonies attended the District Beaverlympics at Wymondley Wood in October. The special sports day was won by 5th Letchworth Beavers.

Scout Network member Ross Taylor took part in the Standalone 10 km run and raised nearly £200 from sponsorship money for BaLin Network. Ross did the 10 km in 54 minutes 26 seconds.

Two teams from The District Explorer Scout Unit - Oak Eagle entered the County organised 'Monopoly Challenge' in London. They had a very successful day finishing 1st and 3rd.

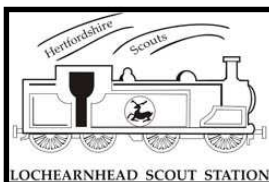


Next year's St George's Day Parade and Service will be hosted by 12th Letchworth Scout Group.



5th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth and 8th Letchworth Scouts entered the County Born 2B Challenged competition at Well End.

Congratulations to 8th Letchworth for winning the Training Team Section.



The next District expedition to Lochearnhead will be July / August 2017



Oak Eagles ESU entered two training teams and the District entered two senior teams in this year's Peak Assault. The location was Llanthony Priory in The Black Mountains on the north east edge of the Brecon Beacons National Park in Wales close to the border to England. Fifty five teams entered this year's event.



Born 2B Challenged— Harmergreen Wood 8th Letchworth Scouts

I have been to the Born 2B Challenged camp and this is what I did. My mum dropped me off at the wood. After that we had a picture taken and we had to name our group. We called our group Popcorn. Also we had to wait for the truck to pick up our luggage. Then we went to our group site. We had quite a big piece of land, to put two tents up, a dining shelter and a storage tent.

Next we had to put all of those things up. It was quite boring but at least we did get some help from the Explorers. I made some friends well they were Explorers but oh well. Their names were Hattie and Friendwell it was not his name, I just wanted to call him that because I did not even know his name.

The next day in the morning we had to cook breakfast. That day we got marked on our cooking, the scary part. We had to cook sausages and beans. Then we had to cook a three course meal. We had to cook cous cous for a starter. Then we had to make meat balls for main and for dessert swiss role with strawberries and cream.

After all the hard work we had a camp fire sing song.

The last day of camp we had to clear up all the things we put out in the first place. It wasn't the best thing but it wasn't the worst. It has been the best camp I have ever been to.

All the work paid off. After all we had won and we got a badge.

Mae - 8th Letchworth Scout



The District Scout Active Support Unit has been busy. Three members helped at the District Beaverlympics Day with refreshments, selling raffle tickets and squash and biscuits for the Beavers at half time Members also enjoyed a night out at Henlow dogs and a tea and coffee afternoon at the District HQ.

Forthcoming events are:-

Saturday 10 November - Bowling at Stevenage followed by a meal at the Broadway Hotel

Saturday 8 December - Annual Christmas Dinner at the Guide HQ

Saturday 18 January 2013 - Burns Night at the Guide HQ.

The ASU are now sending their newsletter by email to the members who have requested it. This will help with the costs and also the delivering of the newsletter round the District. The first newsletter went out in October via email and was a great success.

Beaverlympics

A damp and slightly chilly afternoon saw Beavers from nine Colonies arriving at Wymondley Wood for this year's Sports Day.

In homage to the summer's fabulous events we changed the name of our Sports Day but the rules remained the same - 1) have fun 2) play fair 3) do your best. With some Colonies fielding small teams, some of the children competed in every event - including running, hoop skipping, obstacle course and, of course, our infamous water race! (For the uninitiated, this involves the whole Colony relaying water from a bucket to a 6 pint milk bottle using a cup with holes in it and trying not to end up soaking wet. The winners are the Colony with the most water in the bottle after 5 mins!) All the children participated in good spirits, cheered o-n by their parents, Leaders and Colony supporters, and many stickers were earned. In the end the final scores were pretty close, with the top 3 being - 1st - 5th Letchworth 2nd - 1st Baldock (Tuesdays/Wednesdays) 3rd - 4th Letchworth Congratulations to 5th Letchworth, who get to keep the trophy for 2 years.



My thanks go to all the Leaders who helped run this fun event (especially those who helped clear up at the end) and particularly to the lovely ladies from Active Support, who gave up their Saturday afternoon to serve refreshments and sell raffle tickets. Thank you.

Vicki Gage (ADC - Beaver Scouts)

CHRISTMAS FAIR

8th Letchworth Scouts

Sparhawke

(in the grounds of Grange School)

Sunday 25 November

12 – 3 pm

• Christmas Raffle and Auction

• **Cake Stall**

• **Tombola**

• **Tea/Coffee & Mince Pies**

• **Christmas crafts & gifts**

• **Fun & Games for all the family**



If you would like to have a stall at our fair please email susan.platten@ntlworld.com

to book as we have limited spaces. Cost £5.00 per stall.

A Day in the Life of the Lochearnhead Kitchen

The day starts at 6.30 am when the sun is just rising over the hills at the far end of the Loch, after admiring the view you go to the kitchen. Porridge on, sausages and bacon in the oven, tins of beans and tomatoes to open, the view outside is forgotten. We are now having to make the big decision – poached or fried eggs? Poached are easier, you can poach eggs 12 at a time, cut the mushrooms and don't forget the hash browns to go in the oven

Cereal out, porridge and yoghurt all set, start to make the toast 'I like mine dark' wait for the bell to sound and the first rush of feet.

Wow! Cooked breakfast with 'Yes please', 'No thanks', 'More toast please'

The duty crew arrive after breakfast to do the washing up.

The Scouts make their own packed lunch with plenty of fillings to choose from. They fill two baps each and take a cereal bar, crisps and don't forget the fruit.

10.15 am has arrived, it is quiet on the station now the Scouts have left for their days activities. It is time for the kitchen staff to have their breakfast and chat about the day ahead.

Vegetables need to be prepared, cakes and puddings to make, scones, flapjack, chocolate brownies, jam sponge for the evening meal and bread pudding for packing up.

At 4.30 pm peace and quiet is over. The Scouts have arrived back after a full and enjoyable day of activities and help to clear some of the cakes and goodies that have been made, just in case they go bad!

6.30 pm has soon come and it is time for the evening meal of soup followed by meat pie and vegetable all of which disappear, only to be followed by jam sponge and custard. The duty patrol arrive to wash up whilst we have our dinner.

9.30 pm Biscuits and hot chocolate are served for the Scouts at the end of their day

Our day is coming to an end. We sweep the floor, wash up the mugs and lay out the sausages and bacon for the morning,

10.30 pm Time for bed, set the alarm and think only 13 more days left.

Peter and Rose Elmer A.S.U

Young Leader Wins Award



Frances Bettridge a Young Leader at 11th Letchworth Beaver Scout Colony has been awarded The Howard Cottage young mentor of the year 2012 for her hard work and dedication for this years' Street dance and for mentoring the younger dancers.

Frances received her award on Wednesday 17 October at Howard Cottages Residents and Partners Celebration.

As part of the award the pantomime horse in this years Gordon Craig production of The Adventures of Robin Hood will be named 'Frances'.



Achievements

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Tom Baxter	1st Baldock
Lucy Brewer	1st Baldock
Annie Ferrari	1st Baldock
Ben Milligan	5th Letchworth Scouts
Bradley Moore	5th Letchworth Scouts

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Joshua Gooch	2nd Baldock
Oscar King	2nd Baldock



A warm welcome to

Catherine Ashelby	1st Baldock	Colony Assistant
Hayley Palmer	11th Letchworth	ASL
Adam Westbrook-White	1st Ashwell	ASL

Wendy Tierney has joined Simon Goodwin and Amanda Woolmer as a Nights Away Adviser.

Gavin Conder has taken on the role of Assistant Explorer Scout Leader with responsibility for Young Leaders.



Hayley Palmer, Chris Woor, Ross Taylor, Joe Hartley, Kim Martin and David Nunnington all members of BaLin Scout Network will be holding a Queen's Scout Award Presentation at the District HQ on Saturday 10 November 2012.

(see photo opposite of the famous six striding towards Lochearnhead Station in August 2012)

Diary 2012

NOVEMBER

5	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	
6	Scout and Guide Shop reopens	
8	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
10	Queen's Scouts Presentation	District HQ
11	Remembrance Sunday	
15	Wymondley Wood 10th Anniversary Meeting	Wymondley Wood
16	District Cub Quiz	DHQ
16 - 18	County Green Beret Competition (Scouts)	Lees Wood
25	8th Letchworth Scout Group Xmas Fair	8th Letchworth HQ
26	Wymondley Wood Meeting	Wymondley Wood

DECEMBER

3	Explorers Christmas Meal	Stevenage
8 - 9	Christmas Tree Festival	Letchworth Free Church
13	Scout and Guide Shop closes for Christmas	
13	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
18	District Scout & Guide Shop opens	
27 - 30	S.P.A.D.S. Dick Whittington Pantomime	St Francis Theatre

JANUARY 2013

10	Scout and Guide Shop reopens	
18	Burns Night - Scout Active Support Members	Guide HQ



The show will take place at St Francis Theatre, Letchworth Garden City on 15 March 2013 and 16 March 2013.

Tickets will be £7.00 each - discounts for Groups.

Buy 10 tickets, get two free.

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There will be a meeting at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre on Thursday 15 November at 8.00 pm to start to plan the 10th Anniversary celebration of the opening of the Centre.

You are welcome to come along and tell us your ideas on how to mark the occasion. All ideas welcome.

Look forward to seeing you there.

**Bob Williams
Chairman.**