

Co-Ordinator

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

Seasons Greetings



from all the team



As the last part of their Queen's Scout Award six members of Balin Scout Network held a presentation evening on Saturday 10 November at District HQ where they give an overview of their experiences and achievements towards gaining their Award.

The last element was a four day hike undertaken during the District expedition to Lochearnhead in August.

Well done David Nunnington, Hayley Palmer, Kim Martin, Joe Hartley, Chris Woor and Ross Taylor - well deserved.

Peak Assault

A report from the senior teams who took part in Peak Assault this year.
It is from a game on the way home - even Leaders have their moments

Two senior teams went to Peak Assault and in their rucksacks they packed....

Apples
Backpack
Coat
Drain pipes
Extraordinarily large fish
Flask
Garter
Hat
Ingredients for a curry
Jelly
Kitkat
Lantern
Maltesers
Nobbys Nuts
Onion bhaji
Parents
Queen of spades
Ravishing Cub Leaders
Sexy linguine
Trig point
Unexpected bottle of Disarano
Very important thermals underwear
Watch
Xylophone
Yacht
Zzzzzzzzzz



Young Peoples Focus Group

Six Cub Scouts and Five Scouts from 8th Letchworth Scout Group and a Scout from 7th Letchworth Scout Group were invited to Phasels Wood Activity Centre to try out activities and to give their opinions as part of the Phasels Wood Improvement planning.



Unfortunately they did not get past kit check..... :0(

HERE
COMES
TROUBLE



Congratulations to the proud parents dad, Nick Dean and mum Stephanie Marshall, ACSL 2nd Baldock who gave birth to a baby son, Ben , on 12 November 2012. He weighed in at 5.5 lbs.

The National Space Centre 1st Baldock



As 1st Baldock Scouts headed to the Centre we were filled with excitement. In the true Scouting spirit we sang the whole way there. When we got there the outside looked a bit like a spaceman's beehive. all silver. As we went into the beehive we were greeted by the activity leaders. We went on our exploration into the galleries. We started off by seeing the inside of a spacecraft and watching a takeoff. Then we moved onto planets and found out that if you had a bath big enough Saturn would float in it. Then we moved into the next gallery where we made our own newscasts. This was extremely funny to watch. After that we watched a movie in the planetarium which showed us how the astronaut trains, how they stand and what happens in space such as gravity. After we created paper rockets and fired them. Unfortunately mine was one of the lowest. We then created magnets. This was quite a lot of fun. After we went to the planetarium to look at constellations. Then the day ended and we went to bed, unfortunately waking up to go home. My favourite part of the trip was going into the planetarium and seeing what astronauts need to do their job.

Ashley Hunter - 1st Baldock Scouts

Children in Need

To raise money for Children In Need, 8th Letchworth Beaver Scouts all brought some loose change to the Colony meeting. They laid the coins out across the floor and managed to make just over 3 and a half lines across the hall. They then sorted the coins into 1ps, 2ps, 5ps, 10ps, 20ps, 50ps and £1s. The next job was to put the smaller coins into piles of 10p. Then put those piles into £1 piles.

In total we managed to raise £53.53 ! The cheque is on it's way Pudsey.

WELL DONE EVERYONE



2nd Baldock Scouts ...For Children In Need night 2B Scouts held a Family Bingo evening and raffle and sold Pudsey cakes they made themselves. It was a great evening and they raised £301.06.





District Active Support Unit

The District Active Support Unit has a wide range of skills amongst its 36 members. We would like to help you judge competitions, run a pack / troop evening or any thing else which would be of support to you.

We also have money which has been raised from events organised by ourselves. We would welcome requests of financial help from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and others - so please get in touch.

If you know anybody who would like to join us, please contact: -

Fred Lovelock email: fredlovelock@msn.com telephone 01462 672043 or myself Dave Upson, Scout Active Support Unit Manager, 01462 631047.



Three Scouts, Rowan Godfrey, Lucy Brewer and Annie Ferrari from 1st Baldock Scout Group organised the sleepover, included a volleyball tournament as the completion of the last 10 weeks volleyball training every Friday evening (with some notable exceptions) and a presentation on the effects of smoking.

See opposite the Scouts reviews.



Two Scout Troops from the District took part in this year's County Green Beret Challenge held at Lees Wood over the weekend of 16 - 18 November.

4th Letchworth came a creditable 20th, 5th Letchworth

(Patrol Jay) came 56th and 5th Letchworth (Patrol Zulu) came 113th. In the Assault Course element 5th Letchworth (Patrol Jay) came 4th. In total over 140 teams took part in this prestigious competition.

You can now e-mail the Scout & Guide Shop Manager, Nora Hitcham to make any enquiries about the shop.

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1st Baldock Scouts - Sleepover Fitness Challenge

Last night we had a Volleyball Tournament. I was on Tom's team with Owen, Nathan, Tom and John. I had lots of fun playing Volleyball with my team. **WE WON THE TOURNAMENT!** Then we walked back to the hut where we got a talk on how smoking is bad for you. They showed us about how much tar you smoke in a day. Then everyone got changed into their pyjamas and sat down to watch a film called Hunger Games! It was so long, it just went on and on for ages because it kept glitching. So in the end some people just went to sleep. Three hours later I went to bed. I fell straight asleep. I woke up at 6.37 am. I was so tired! Then we got changed, packed up and went home.

Henry Bennet

I found the sleepover great fun. It was very organised and well prepared. I liked the Volleyball the most because we won. I less liked the DVD we watched because it kept buffering but apart from that it was very good.

Owen Marvel

Last night we had a Volleyball Tournament. We only played two games, because we were running out of time. Unfortunately, we didn't win, Tom's team did. We then went back to the Scout Hut, where Rowan, Lucy and Annie gave a small talk about smoking and how it is bad for you. There was also an Award Ceremony for the best team, best player etc. We then watched the Hunger Games before going to bed. Overall, I found the night enjoyable. In the morning we were woken at 6.30 and eventually got up at 7.00 and had hot dogs for breakfast and went home.

Stuart Dougal

I enjoyed the sleepover because we did Volleyball and it was fun playing it even though we didn't win. Last night we went to Brandles School to play Volleyball then we played 4 games and 1 final. Then we came back to the Scout Hut and saw a presentation about NOT to smoke. Then we got some freebies. After that we got some sweets and watched a movie (the Hunger Games (12).

I fell asleep halfway through the movie.

Then next day we woke up at 7:00 then we had a choice of sausages, rolls, beans and coco snaps pops. After that we washed up and got into our Scout uniform and then at 8:00 sharp it finished.

Joe McNichol

I was very satisfied by the sleepover today. I found it great fun and well organised. We started by playing a Volleyball Tournament, our team didn't do particularly well yet it was exciting none the less. The Tournament did overrun which meant we didn't get all that many games in but we still all got 2 games and all the games were fun for those involved.

We later returned to the Scout Hut where we watched 'The Hunger Games'. It was good however the occasional buffering ruined it a bit as it meant we missed 5 to 10 minutes of the movie.

We also saw a presentation on smoking. It involved an 'odd' video advertising anti-smoking and a presentation involving being shown tar in a jar, which showed the amount of tar that the average smoker consumes every year. We also saw a baby bottle filled with tar which symbolised the effects of smoking whilst pregnant.

Eventually we all got in our sleeping bags at around two in the morning and awaited the time we would finally fall asleep. It was unfortunately quite a long time until this happened. This was bad because it meant that, when we were rudely awoken at a time between 6.30 and 7.00, we were very tired indeed.

To sum up I enjoyed myself at the sleepover despite a few of the downsides and would enjoy more of the same in the future.

Max Piner

Remembrance Sunday



**Act of Remembrance and
Commitment Service at
The War Memorial,
Letchworth Garden City
Other ceremonies took
place in Baldock and
Ashwell.**

Nancy Baker has 'Gone Home'



5 November 1921 - 2 November 2012

At John's funeral I quoted the Scout Promise and I would like to repeat it now because I think it epitomises Nancy and John's relationship with one another and with the wide community.

On my honour
I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to the Queen
and to help other people.

Given Nancy's desire to serve God and the community the Scout Association provided an ideal route to satisfy those wishes.

I have always been impressed by the quality to Scout Leaders – ordinary people from all walks of life with a love of children and a desire to help them develop their personalities to the full – and Nancy was up there with the best of them.

She was tremendously proud of the 7th Letchworth Cub Pack. She gave the boys adventure and excitement whilst enabling them to develop their individual talents. She taught them to work and play together, to respect one another and to become good citizens.

Nancy was a strict disciplinarian but was always consistent and fair and totally loyal to her Cubs.

She was very competitive and had high standards. She wanted her Cubs to win District trophies but always maintained that competing was more important than winning – it was great to win but equally satisfying to lose with honour.

There was no one so proud as Nancy as when she stood in the midst of her Cubs performing the Grand howl, or when they were attending Church parade or marching smartly through town on St George's day.

Those Cubs are now grown men in their 40s and 50s but when I meet them they still talk of Nancy with respect and affection.

In recognition of all this the Scout Association awarded her the Medal of Merit for "outstanding service" to the movement – an honour bestowed on a select few.

Extract from a tribute given by Bob Williams at her memorial service.

Diary 2012 / 13

DECEMBER

3	Explorers' Christmas Meal	Stevenage
8	Christmas Dinner - Scout Active Support Members	Guide HQ
8 - 9	Christmas Tree Festival	Letchworth Free Church
11	PLP Evening	District HQ
13	Scout and Guide Shop closes for Christmas	
13	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
18	District Scout & Guide Shop closes	
27 - 30	S.P.A.D.S. Dick Whittington Pantomime	St Francis Theatre

JANUARY 2013

10	Scout and Guide Shop reopens	
10	District Executive Meeting	
17	Wymondley Wood 10th Anniversary Meeting	
18	Burns Night - Scout Active Support Members	Guide HQ
28	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	

FEBRUARY

3	District Scout Cooking Competition	
14	District Executive Meeting	
23	Watford FC Scout and Guide Day	Vicarage Road



Wymondley Wood 10th Anniversary 24 - 27 May 2013 Celebrations

- Saturday** - Activity Day for Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies and Cubs
- Sunday** - Activity Day for Guides, Scouts, Senior Section, Explorer Scouts and Scout Network
- Monday** - Barbecue for Wardens, Leaders, Guests and supporters of Wymondley Wood
- Campfire on all three days.**

Overnights available for Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies and Cubs on the Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday evening for Senior Section, Explorers and Scout Network.

The cost for a days activity will be no more than £10.00 per participant - **activity depended**
There will be no extra charge for the accommodation however, you will need to make your own catering arrangements.

You are invited to attend the next meeting on

THURSDAY 17 JANUARY 2013 AT WYMONDLEY WOOD AT 8.00 PM

7.45 pm for 8.00 pm