

Co-Ordinator

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

Message from the District Commissioner

Well here we are the end of another fabulous year of Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock. Our numbers look good, our programmes are brilliant and our Leaders and Helpers are just the best, most dedicated and committed group of adults you could want to help you run a Scout District. The quality of our scouting and the lessons of life it teaches our Young People have been very clearly demonstrated by members of BALiN Scout Network this year. Six of them have qualified for their Queen's Scout Award. This award, the highest achievable by a member of Scouting (under 25 years of age) shows a lot of commitment both within and external to Scouts and calls upon the experience they have built up through their years of service through the sections. You should all feel proud of their achievement and understand that in some small way you have all had a part to play in them attaining this award.

I have visited overnight camps, weekend camps, meetings in headquarters, meetings at Wymondley Wood and all sorts of varied activities and can honestly say that I have never seen a miserable face or a group of our Young People (or Leaders come to that) who have not been having a tremendous time, full of fun and laughter and really getting the best out of everything we do.

Our regular visit to Lochearnhead this year was, I can honestly say, the best one yet. Everyone who attended whether they were Young Person, Leader or Parent helper came back absolutely buzzing with excitement from a week (or in some cases 2 weeks) of non stop challenges, fun, activities, eating and everything else that went on up there. It truly was an excellent experience for all and we even had some sunshine this time! Our next visit is booked for 2017, we tried for 2015 and 2016 but there was not a 2 week slot available, so we will just have to wait for 2017, still it gives us plenty of time to plan it!!

On a more important note, as you should be aware by now, I am standing down at the end of 2012 having completed 5 years as District Commissioner. I have to say it has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve you all as the D.C. It can be a lonely and at times difficult role but the support of all of you has made it a part of my life that I will look back on with huge pride and satisfaction. This is without doubt the most friendly and cohesive District in the County. It is often commented upon and in most cases by members of scouting from outside our District. They want to know what the magic formula is. This is no easy question to answer, it is simply the attitude of everyone in the District. We are all committed to deliver Scouting to as many Young People as possible and none of us would stand by and see another section or group struggle. Magic formula? Could I tell other Districts how to do it? Not a chance because they don't have the team this District has – all of you backing them up.

I will sign off with a final and huge thank you for all that you have done this year and hope that you continue to deliver the best scouting in the County to our wonderful Young People.

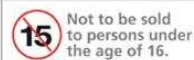
Chris King

County New Lottery Structure

Important changes to the County Lottery structure. We have now teamed up with the Unity Lottery scheme which the County think will benefit you and Hertfordshire Scouts. The good news for players in the Hertfordshire Scouts Unity lottery is that you will have a chance to win up to £25,000 every week. There are also smaller prizes of £1,000, £25, and £5 up for grabs every week. The Unity winning number is automatically generated each Saturday. Players have a 1 in 63 changes of winning a prize in the Hertfordshire Scouts Unity Lottery, with all players having an equal chance of scooping the £25,000 jackpot.

If your Group has any old literature please destroy it. Request the update literature and entry forms from Allan Patterson, District Chairman.

Email valallan.patterson@virgin.net **Telephone:** **01462 674533**



Subscription 2013

This year's subscription breakdown is:-

National £21.00

County £11.10

District £ 4.10

Total £36.20 per member.

An increase of 10p at County level and 10p at District level. National to stay the same as last year.

Congratulations to David, AESL with Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit and Roise Rafferty, ACSL with 1st Baldock (Templars) on the birth on their new baby boy - Matthew. We wish them well on their new addition to their family.



Is it time for a new challenge ?

Do you fancy a change of role within Scouting or taking on a role if you have not got one already?

The County is currently looking for a new District Commissioner for Letchworth and Baldock District. The role is a management role supporting Scouting within the District.

If you are interested then please contact me for more information:

Allan Patterson District Chairman

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Bag Packing at Iceland



Cub Scouts holding a bag pack at Iceland to help with the extra costs for Cubjam 2013. They raised a grand total of £363.57. Thank you to everyone for their help on the day.

Amanda Woolmer - Cubjam 2013 Contingent Leader.

Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre 10th Anniversary



The Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre 10th Anniversary commemorative badge is now on sale at a cost of £1.20 each.

It has been agreed by the County and District Commissioners that the badge can be worn on your Group neckerchief during the anniversary year.

It can be purchased from the Wymondley Wood Centre Tuck Shop or can be ordered via the Scout District Badge Secretary .

The next celebration planning meeting will be held on Thursday 17th January at Wymondley Wood for a 8:00pm start. All are welcome to come along.

New District Website

Over the holiday period the new District Website will be launched. The website address www.lbdscouts.org.uk will stay the same but if you had a login ID and password for the old website they will no longer work and you will need to re-register on the new database.

The new website gives us a platform that we can build on in the future to provide both members and non members with information and functions they require which the old website could not support.

By registering members can access the member area to see the District calendar facility which will help with planning across the sections and be able to read Co-ordinator on line. Also Leaders will be able to add news items and calendar entries following the video help files.

Information on the new website is easily updatable so if emails or telephone numbers or meeting times etc change, myself or the webmaster Gareth Howell can amend them quickly. Any updates of this type please let me know as they are taken from the current District Directory which will also need to be amended.

Members of the public, grant bodies and parents looking for information will see a reflection of

the fantastic Scouting being offered across the District and hopefully some adults may want to join us by volunteering!



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DISTRICT SCOUTS

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- Beavers 6 - 7
- Cubs 8 - 10½
- Scouts 10½ - 14
- Explorers 14 - 18
- Scout Network 18 - 25
- Scout Active Support 25+
- District Gang Show All ages



Could you be our new District Commissioner?

Dec 18, 2012
Category: District

Letchworth & Baldock District is looking to recruit a new District Commissioner.
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Tags :

RESOURCES

- Calendar of Events
- District Headquarters
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- Tents to Rent
- Links to Other Sites

Wymondley Wood 10th Anniversary celebrations

Dec 12, 2012
Category: Wymondley Wood

Join us over the weekend of 24th-27th May, 2013.

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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Forthcoming Events

- ASU Burns Night Supper**
All Day
Burns Night Supper.....
- Scouts District Cooking Competition**
All Day
Scouts District Cooking Comp.....
- Mid Herts Night Hike**
All Day
Mid Herts Night Hike.....

Please take the time out to have a look around the new site and please register.

If you experience any problems with the site or have any feed back please send it to Gareth Howell

at gareth@howell.name any updates of information should be sent to myself at sec@lbdscouts.org.uk.

Janet Conder
District Secretary

District Cub Scout Quiz

16 November 2012

There were seven teams in the District Cub Quiz this year and they were all very well behaved. The questions were set by the winning team from last year, 7th Letchworth. There was a mix of general knowledge and Scout questions.

The results were as follows:-

1st	1st Baldock Knights	95 1/2 points
2nd	5th Letchworth	84 points
3rd	4th Letchworth	75 1/2 points
4th	2nd Baldock	75 points
5th	12th Letchworth	74 1/2 points
6th	7th Letchworth	69 1/2 points
7th	8th Letchworth	63 points



1st Baldock Knights will be setting the questions next Year.

1st Baldock Knights with their trophy

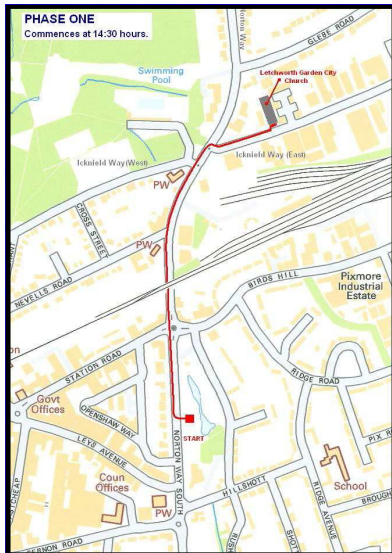
Wendy Tierney ADC Cubs presenting the trophy



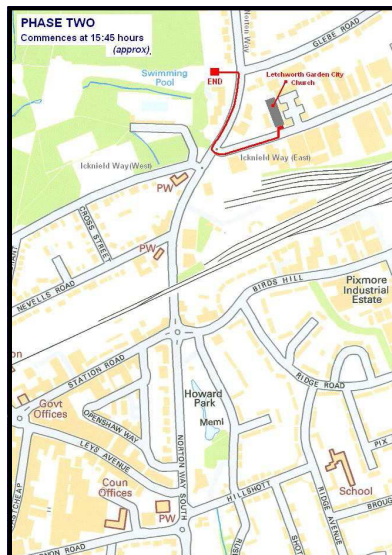
St George's Day Parade and Service

21 April 2013

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service is being organised by 12th Letchworth Scout Group on behalf of the District. The parade and service will take place in Letchworth Garden City on Sunday 21 April 2013.



The parade will start from Howard Park (Paddling Pool) and make its way to the Letchworth Garden City Church in Icknield Way for the service. After the service the parade will reassemble and make its way to Norton Common, Norton Way, where it will be dismissed.



Further detail will be published in Co-ordinator and will be posted on the new District website when available.

8th Letchworth Scouts went to one of our local homes for the elderly, Kingfisher Court. They entertained the residents with enthusiastic renditions of carols and Christmas songs, accompanied by two of the Scouts on keyboard and guitar and a plethora of percussion instruments played by both Scouts and audience! They shared tea, mince pies and chocolates before a finale of 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas'

Thank you to the residents, staff and visitors of Kingfisher Court for letting us visit and entertain.



Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



John Grose	12th Letchworth
James Newland	12th Letchworth
Eva Taylor	12th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Rhys Belcher	12th Letchworth
Abigail Cobb	12th Letchworth
Prenay Johal	12th Letchworth
Eva McCabe	12th Letchworth
Callum McCreath	12th Letchworth
William Newham	1st Baldock
Karen Rogers	8th Letchworth
Kristy Weller	12th Letchworth
Daniel Williams	12th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Daniel Barnicott, 1st Baldock
being presented with his Chief
Scout's Gold Award by District
Commissioner, Chris King.



A warm welcome to



Toby Blyth	2nd Baldock ASL
Wendy Woodisse	12th Letchworth Pack Assistant

Diary 2013

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

3	District Scout Cooking Competition	1st Baldock HQ
14	District Executive Meeting	DHQ
23	Watford FC Scout and Guide Day	Vicarage Road
25	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	

MARCH

2 - 3	Mid Herts Night Hike	
4	8th Letchworth AGM	8th Letchworth HQ
14	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
15 - 16	District Scout & Guide Gang Show	St Francis Theatre
16	District Beaver Day Out	
23	District Scout Night Jar	
25	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	

APRIL

11	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood
12 - 14	District Cubs Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
21	District St George's Day Parade and Service	
22	Wymondley Wood AGM	Wymondley Wood
25	Scout and Guide Shop Meeting	District HQ

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**8th Letchworth Scouts raised £541.94 from their
Christmas Fayre held in November.**

**Scout Active Support Unit at their Christmas
dinner raised £135 from their 'Secret Santa'. The
money will be donated to Stepping Stone Stroke
Club - A social club for stroke sufferers and their
carers**