

# Co-Ordinator

## Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

### District Scout Cooking Competition

Three teams from the District entered this year's District Scout Cooking competition. A team of four Scouts had to prepare a three course meal for four people within a budget of £20. This year's theme was traditional cooking (just like Grannie).

Organiser Chris Lewis reported that all three teams worked well together. All teams were able to answer the questions the judges asked them with confidence and knowledge of the processes they had to complete in order to meet the serving time agreed with the judges prior to starting.

1st Ashwell took first place with 206 points, with 7th Letchworth in 2nd place with 188 points, and 4th Letchworth in 3rd with 169 points.

1st Ashwell will now represent the District in the County Competition on the 24 February in Stevenage, so we wish them well and hope that the team enjoy themselves cooking at county level.

Thanks to 1st Baldock for hosting the competition and judges Jeremy Croxford and Ian Shepherd for living on the edge and tasting all the dishes!

Well done to all, and good luck to 1st Ashwell on the 24 February.



**1st Ashwell Scouts - winners of the District Scout Cooking Competition**

# LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT CENSUS 31 January 2013

GROUP	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorers		Leaders		Assistants		Others		Group Totals	Census 2012		Census 2011		Census 2010		Census 2009		Census 2008	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		was	was	was	was	was	was	was	was	was	was
1st Ashwell	13	12	20	15	21	8			6	6	1				102	104	97	77	77	66	63	131	40	86	
1st Baldock	35	4	37	6	32	5			7	9	4				139	136	138	147	143	54	40	86	52	48	
2nd Baldock	13	1	18	3	13	3			3	5					59	63	59	46	54	98	77	95	93		
4th Letchworth	15	2	20	8	14	5			6	5	1				76	64	79	87	79	64	52	48	31		
5th Letchworth	9	2	17	2	17	7			6	5					65	79	57	64	52	48	31	26			
7th Letchworth	21	3	21	7	22	8			4	7					93	90	79	77	74	41	6				
8th Letchworth	23	7	17	15	14	7			9	8					100	96	89	78	67	54	36	36			
11th Letchworth	8	3	16	2	6	1			1	4					41	40	46	37	44	44	31	26			
12th Letchworth	15	9	20	8	18	0			2	6	2				80	78	64	64	74	41	6				
Oak Eagle Explorers Network							46	28	5	0			5	3	8	12	8	9	6	740	657				
TOTALS	152	43	186	66	157	44	46	28	49	55	1	7			842	829	770	736	740	736	740	657			
Active Support District Team													19	14	33	34	36	36	39	36	39	36	6		
													8	4	12	13	14	10	9	10	9	6			
Grand Total															887	876	820	782	788	782	788	699			

## District Census 2013

Once again the District membership has increased keeping us on an upward trend.

Thank you to all Group contacts for completing their returns in a timely manner.

Thank you also to Ron Smith for overseeing the compiling and ironing out the bugs of the District census and ensuring that we met the County deadline

## District Website

The updated District website has been up and running for a month. Members of the District are encouraged to register in order to be able to access the full content of the website.

If you experience any problems with the site or have any feed back please send it to Gareth Howell at [gareth@howell.name](mailto:gareth@howell.name)

Updates of information should be sent to Janet Conder at [sec@lbdscouts.org.uk](mailto:sec@lbdscouts.org.uk) or Rita Hawkins at [editor.co-ordinator@virginmedia.com](mailto:editor.co-ordinator@virginmedia.com)

## Gilwell Winter Camp



**Seven** Explorer Scouts, **six** warm-ish Coats (Oh Conor! was your coat at home?), **five** hours sleep, minus **four** degrees, **three** days, **two** nights, **one** pair of lost wellingtons, **zero** Leaders – how would we survive?

Wintercamp is an activity camp running right in the middle of winter. You can certainly expect the extremes of British weather – we could see our breath... even when we were inside the tent! With a great number of activities to pick from it was impossible to have nothing to do!

We all started off our weekend adventure at District Headquarters with our mission of having fun, surviving and finding Billy, we were all clean and smelling nice – well as nice as Explorers can smell. Two lovely parents drove us to Gilwell Park, where we signed in and found a delightful muddy spot right next to the noisy generator to pitch – the generator may well have been 'the perfect' colour and meant that we didn't have to use our torches but it also meant that sleeping was nearly impossible!

Saturday Morning came around and after breakfast the activities began! During the day we took part in dodgems, waltzers, jacob's ladder, climbing, 4x4 riding, fan descender and argocarts as well as many others (including looking for Billy). We had a brief break for our lunch of pasta before returning back to the fun! During the morning poor George's wellies went missing and he spent the rest of the weekend trying to locate them. Whilst waiting for an activity to start Elena and Katie were asked to model the new line of iscout polo shirt dresses – and they looked amazing! The evening entertainment consisted of a disco, cooking our delicious chilli and crunchy rice - **YOU CAN'T BE TOO FUSSY AT CAMP**, and six indoor cinemas all showing different modern films.

Sunday brought the first and only time we did any washing up, we also ate another breakfast and as much of the leftover food as possible – who felt sick first? We all visited the chip van for breakfast butties and chips, after that we packed up our kit and the tent and headed home with two other volunteering parents – hard luck Goodie and Michaela – you got the muddy and smelly ones.

**Katie Goodwin**  
**Oak Eagle Explorer Scout**



## Gang Show



The young cast of the Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show are dancing with joy after hearing the news that they have been awarded £1500 from the Letchworth Community fund and a further £500 from the Baldock Community fund.

The grants are earmarked to pay for the group's stage and rehearsal hall rent.

The show with a cast of local Brownies, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Explorers from Letchworth and Baldock groups have been rehearsing their fast moving family variety show since October half term. With a mix of singing, dancing and sketches, the young cast are working extremely hard learning all their words and movements.

The three performances are at St Francis College Theatre, Broadway, Letchworth SG6 3PJ on Friday 15 March with a 7.30 pm curtain up and two shows on Saturday 16 March with the curtains going up at 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm.

Tickets are £7.00 each available at David's Music, Eastcheap Letchworth or direct from the Gang Show team on 01462 671183 or [gang.show@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gang.show@hotmail.co.uk)

**Come and ride the crest of the wave with us.**

**We would like to say thank you to the local councillors for supporting our grant application and would appreciate your help. The team rehearse at 1st Baldock Scout HQ every Saturday 2 pm until 5 pm. On Saturday 16 February we were at St Francis Theatre (SG6 3PJ) for a full stage rehearsal. If you would like to visit us and see for yourselves exactly how hard these young people work and how much fun they have you would be very welcome. Many Thanks Apryl Goodwin, Scout Leader and Gang Show backstage crew, Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts**

## News

1st Ashwell Scouts - Richard, Abbie, Charlotte and Harriet represented the District at the County Scout Cooking Competition held at Stevenage District HQ on Sunday 24 February. Twelve teams from around the County took part. 1st Ashwell finished in tenth place. The competition was won by St Albans District who were represented by Redbourn Troop

The District has made a donation to the Capital Appeal of £1,000.00 which will be used towards the kitchen renovations at the County Centre at Lochearnhead station in Scotland.

The District has a long association with Lochearnhead and was the first District to visit the Station when it opened in 1962 - over fifty years ago.

We have had a number of Expeditions to the station over the years.

### Raise money for your Group and for the County Appeal

"On Yer Bike" - 7 July 2013

For more information keep watching Co-Ordinator, Headlines and Hertfordshire Scout's Website

[www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk](http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk)



## AGM and GMA

All are welcome to the Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: 22 April 2013  
Venue: Wymondley Wood  
Time: 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

There will be an opportunity to look around the centre and chat with members of the committee and wardens. Light refreshments will be available.

Make a note in your diary for this year's General Meeting Annually (GMA) and barbecue of the Letchworth and Baldock Scout Active Support Unit

Date: 11 May 2013  
Venue: District HQ  
Time: 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm  
Cost: £7.00 per head

Come along and see what the Active Support Unit can offer to Groups and the District.



## SAINT WHO AND THE WHAT?

Nowadays it's not easy to become a Saint. First, you have to be dead; then you have to do at least a few miracles, before you get your certificate from the Pope.

Centuries ago, it must have been a lot easier. Just look at a map of Cornwall, for instance. There are dozens of places called after people with unlikely names such as Blasey, Erth, Ive and Pinnock, who all got a Saint's badge. Obviously it was the done thing, and any large organisation, such as a kingdom, decided to appoint a Patron, to keep up with that other lot down the road, and this explains the official positions of Andrew, David and Patrick, all with towns named after them in this country alone. But what about George? Yes, the one alleged to kill dragons, if there were any.

The name "George" comes from the Greek word "Georgos", meaning something to do with Earth - either the planet (as in Geo-graphy) or what it's made of (Geo-logy) and how to measure it (Geo-metry). And Georgos literally meant a worker with the earth, a farmer.

Because nobody talked proper in them days, the letter G came to be pronounced in different ways, hard for games, or soft for gerbils. Sometimes it was so soft that it sounded like Y - as it still does in the way Norwegians call their country Norge, pronounced "Nor-ye". In other parts of the world, the G made a "CH" SOUND LIKE THE Scottish "loch" or the Irish "lough" (which is the same thing still spelt with a "g"). German names like Hedwig, Ludwig, or Leipsig also make that "g" into "ch" like a cat when it is annoyed.

Meanwhile, the English (like Norwegian) G could be pronounced like Y, or even K in the same word! This could explain how "Georgos" (the Greek) evolved into other names like "Yorick" (Alas, poor Yorick,: in Hamlet) and by leaving off the end, possibly into "Yuri", as in the astronaut Gagarin or the spoon-bender Geller.

Anyway, the English "g" went on being different with games and gerbils, and poor old "Georgos" turned into something like "Jawj", which has done well enough for one patron saint and six kings.

However, that "Y" sound didn't go away. Round about the fifteenth century, the word for "drain" was actually written "Drayne". If you pronounce that "y" as a consonant instead of a vowel, it comes out rather like "gragn". So there it is. Centuries of not listening properly have forgotten that Georgos was a farmer, who cleared the drains on his piece of earth. That would be a much more useful job than killing imaginary animals.

**K.J.**

**St George's Day Parade and Service - Sunday 21 April @ Letchworth Garden City Church.**

**Change of e-mail address for Badge Secretary and Co-Ordinator Editor**  
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# Achievements

## Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Aiden Drew	8th Letchworth
Samuel Gobey	7th Letchworth
Spencer Gordon	8th Letchworth
Freya Lewis	8th Letchworth
Jessica McFarlane	7th Letchworth
Barney Martin	1st Baldock
Aimme Reeve	8th Letchworth
Alisha Reeve	8th Letchworth
Kieron Reeve	8th Letchworth
Ginny Rodway	8th Letchworth

## A warm welcome to



Glenn Read	ABSL	4th Letchworth
Jayne Thorpe	ABSL	8th Letchworth
Jacob Tyler	ACSL	4th Letchworth
Jacqui Wakefield	ABSL	1st Baldock

Congratulations to Matt Hart who has taken on the role of District Adviser International. Matt, AESL has come to the role with a wealth of experience. Matt has taken part in two World Jamborees, undertook challenges while travelling around Lichtenstein, Austria, Southern Germany, Northern Italy and Switzerland. Matt also took part in Hertfordshire Scouts Expedition to Swaziland in 2009.

So if a Group is thinking of taking their young people for a day trip to France or an expedition to Chile please contact Matt who will be able to provide the necessary support and advice.

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# Diary 2013

## MARCH

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

## APRIL

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

## MAY

9	District AGM	District HQ
11	District Beaver Challenge	11th Letchworth HQ
11	Scout Active Support BBQ & GMA	District HQ,
11	District Scout Shooting Competition	Wymondley Wood
18	ASSET - Active Support Social Event	Tolmers
19	Rotary Greenway Walk	
23	1st Ashwell AGM	
24 - 27	Wymondley Wood 10th Anniversary Celebrations	

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**neckerchiefs.**