

# Co-Ordinator

### St George's Day Parade and Service

Once again the sun shone in Letchworth when over five hundred members of the Letchworth and Baldock District took part in this year's St George's Day Parade and Service. Howard Park Gardens was turned into a sea of blue, green, khaki and stone uniforms as the Scouts met to form up the parade.

Led by the Union Flag carried by Matt Hart, Assistant Explorer Scout Leader, the parade made its way to the Icknield Way, who were

time. The service had members of the 12th

We were treated to a young people of the

of St George and service was led by

Souza who

and invited

church,

David Levett,

Needham,

Representative

Alastair Stewart

Letchworth

Heritage

music and

provided by the

band.

After the service were reformed and Common where Chris King, District Aston before being the church for

There was a collection in aid Research Foundation.

Thank must go to 12th Letchworth Scout Group for running the event on behalf of the District, Gavin Conder who did an excellent job has Parade Marshall, Letchworth Garden City Church for making us so welcome, all the colour parties, police for providing traffic control and not forgetting the Leaders, helpers, parents and Scouts for making it an memorable day.

Letchworth Garden City Church in hosting the Service for the first been choreographed by Letchworth Scout Group.

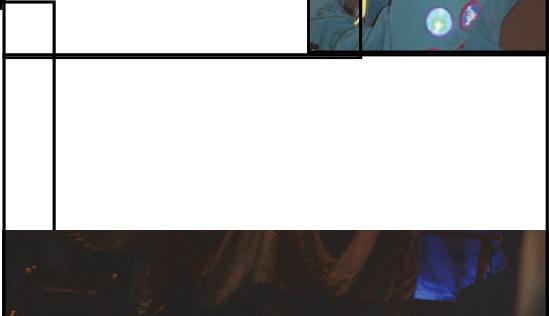
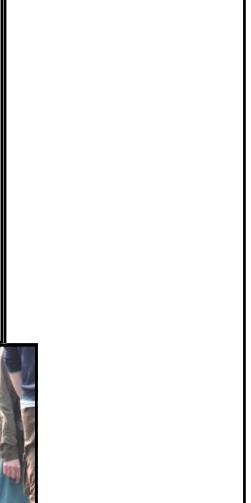
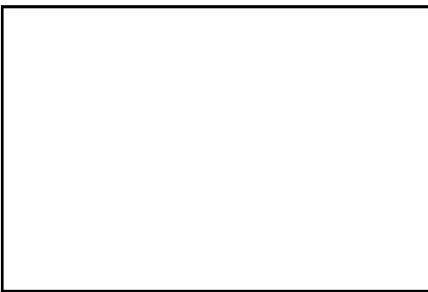
play preformed by the Group telling the story the Dragon. The Pastor Dominic Da welcomed the Scouts guests to the including Councillor Councillor Lynda Scout County Mike Aston and representing the Garden City Foundation. The vocals were Church's youth

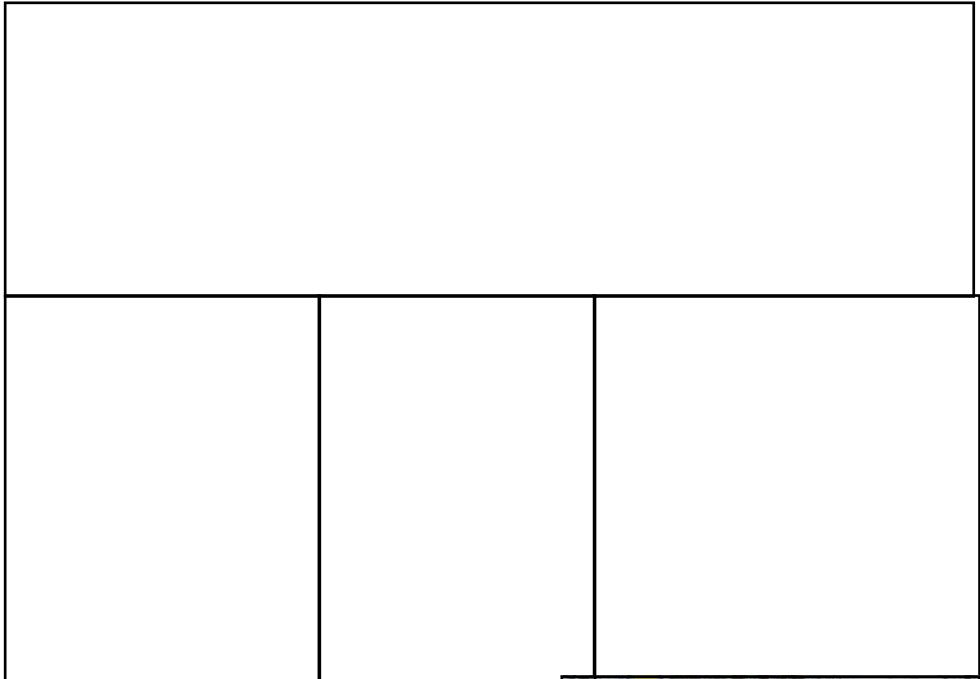
the colour parties marched to Norton they were addressed by Commissioner and Mike dismissed and returning to refreshments.

of JDFR - Juvenile Diabetes



## St George's Day in photos.





## 8th Letchworth Scout Winter Camp and Cub and Beaver Mad Scientist Weekend

### Friday 22 March 2013

When we got there on Friday, we unpacked our stuff. Later we went into the main hall to play a few games of winkmurder and Granny's keys. After that we had hot dogs and hot chocolate and then we went to bed. However, I couldn't sleep as the Scouts and the Young Leaders were playing Uno into the night. Who knew a card game could be so loud?



### Saturday 23 March 2013

On Saturday we started off the day playing some puzzles although most of them had a piece missing. Then we had Akela's egg'y bread, the best in the world with bacon and beans for breakfast. After that we did our first activity which was making sherbet. We had to use acid so we had to be very careful. When our sherbet was finished we were allowed to taste it and it was lovely. Then we did first aid. We had to do 'mouth to mouth' and 30 compressions. We learnt how to put somebody in the recovery position and learnt how to put on a bandage after a burn. Then we had lunch. We had chicken or tomato soup with a bread roll and crisps. Then we were allowed to go back to our rooms.

For the next activity we had to have a 2 litre bottle as we were going to be decorating it and making it into a rocket. We were going to launch them on Sunday. After that we made bouncy balls. We were allowed to choose from three colours, green, blue or yellow. There was no red left as Lewis used it all to make pretend blood when we were doing the first aid! After that we made a large Jenga tower which was taller than Ross.

Then we had dinner which was chicken, pasta and tomato sauce with carrots and peas. A little later we got ready for bed.

### Sunday 24 March 2013

The next morning we packed all our belongings and took them out into the hall. Some of us got to launch our rockets. However, I had to go home at 10 o'clock with my sister so I missed the big launch.

I had a brilliant time at the camp even though it snowed all weekend.

**By Rebecca (Cub Scout)**





The camp at the weekend was amazing especially because it snowed. As it was so cold and windy, we weren't able to camp outside so we had to sleep on the floor in the Centre with all the Cubs and Beavers!

On the first night, we had to cook our dinner in the shelter when the Beavers and the Cubs were inside in the warmth. We cooked on the new cookers which made it a lot easier because they are exactly the same as our cookers at home.

On Saturday, we were meant to be going to the RSPB in Sandy. However, they cancelled because of the snow. Instead, we went geo-caching and found one geo-cache. We also had great fun playing in the snow and having snow ball fights. We also made a snow fort for Jimmy the penguin.

On the second night, the Scouts had to cook the hot dogs and make the hot chocolate for the Beavers and the Cubs. In return Darren made us dinner because we didn't want to go outside in the cold again!

We all enjoyed the weekend, mainly because of the snow. Hopefully, next time we will actually be able to camp outside!

**By Jessica (Scout)**



When I arrived at Wymondley Woods I was a bit nervous but once I had seen a friend who is in Cubs I immediately felt better. I said goodbye to my mum and dad and went with Mim to make a bottle rocket. My bottle rocket had pink card round it. It had my name, my friend's name and my sister's name round it and the ages above.



After we did our rockets we went into a tent to make some sherbet and a bouncy ball. My sherbet was pink strawberry flavour and tasted delicious.

At bed time we got into our PJs and had some hot chocolate and a hot dog. Then light out to bed as we had a busy day.

In the morning I tried eggy bread, I wasn't sure I would like it but I did. I had a really nice day and can't wait for another. Thank you to all the leaders for making it such fun.

**Maddi (Beaver Scout)**

## **Wymondley Wood**

This year we celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The years fly by and it hardly seems ten years since our opening Jamboree when we were honoured by the presence of the Chief Scout and Chief Guide. The Centre has proved to be an outstanding success. Over 50,000 young people have enjoyed its facilities in that time.

In order to mark the anniversary we have constructed a gate at the entrance to the camp field out of pioneering materials and we are holding an activity weekend at the end of May followed by a barbecue as a thank you to everyone who has helped develop and run the site.

Maureen Kell, our booking secretary, reports the following groups were at Wymondley Wood in 212

### **In residence – between 1 and 5 nights**

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| Beavers  | 4  |
| Cubs     | 11 |
| Brownies | 22 |
| Guides   | 5  |
| Scouts   | 2  |
| Schools  | 7  |
| Others   | 9  |

(Trefoil Guild, Police, St John Ambulance etc)

### **Camping between 1 and 5 nights**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Scouts                    | 9 |
| Guides                    | 2 |
| Schools                   | 4 |
| Others                    | 3 |
| (DofE, Police Cadets etc) |   |

### **Day and Evening visits – between 2 and 12 hours**

|                    |    |                 |    |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Schools and others | 15 | Scouts / Guides | 98 |
|--------------------|----|-----------------|----|

This converts into 5,000 people approximately.

As you can see the Centre is fully used and in great condition considering the heavy use. Most groups treat it with respect and cause virtually no damage.

This huge number of users (mostly young people) are mainly supervised by volunteers.

Around 2,600 of these used the grounds free of charge.

We were pleased to host 'Happy Herts Go Wild', a weekend for Guides whose disabilities would make it difficult for them to participate in their own unit residential away days. The highlight of the weekend was a mobile farm where the girls were able to play with the animals.

In addition to Scouts and Guides we are pleased to host schools and youth groups from the St John, the Police and Connexions. This year for the first time, we welcomed the RSPB and the local RAFA commemorated the Centenary of the death of the two airmen who crashed near the centre.



We continue to develop the site. We are very grateful to Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation for installing a new gravity fed sewage system which is much more efficient and cheaper to operate. We also had to erect new fencing around the gas tank on the car park to comply with safety requirements

We acknowledge the support of Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and North Herts District Council and the wider community for their support, especially Councillor Keith Emsall for giving us a grant from his locality budget towards the cost of the gate.

The Ken Hart fund which was set up to acknowledge Ken's contribution to local Scouting and Guiding has been managed by the committee. It has been invaluable in helping young people to attend camps at home and abroad. Unfortunately the low interest rates of recent years have meant that we could not top up the fund sufficiently and it was reluctantly decided to use the remaining money for grants this year and close the fund.

Ken's family can be proud of the work of the fund and the wonderful experience it has opened up for many young people.

As always I must thank the management committee and wardens for the time they devote to the running of the Centre. It is your interest and enthusiasm which make the Centre such a success and I hope to see you all at the barbecue in May.

Bob Williams

Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre – Chairman



The District Scout Network will be attempting a world record at the Letchworth Festival in June. They will attempt to create the world's longest cable tie chain.

The current record stands at 5,000 cable ties but they would like to extend the record to 20,000. If successful the chain, by their calculations, will be at least 6 km long.

Please come along and support the Scout Network.

If you would like to help on either day, or for us to put up a poster about your Scout Group or even sponsor us, please email [WorldRecordAttempt@BaLiNetwork.co.uk](mailto:WorldRecordAttempt@BaLiNetwork.co.uk) or message our facebook at [www.facebook.com/Balinetnetwork](http://www.facebook.com/Balinetnetwork)

### **Thoughts on the Windsor Queen's Scout Parade from a parent's point of view ....**

Having got up at some ridiculous hour for a Sunday we arrived in Windsor about 9.30, met up with the Letchworth and Baldock contingent (14 of us supporters) and dropped the "kids" off at Victoria Barracks. Then a gentle morning to ourselves drinking coffee, window shopping or visiting the castle. We almost all managed to meet up again for lunch, which was a very hurried picnic as in the end we only had about half an hour. However some members of our group still managed to raise the tone with table, table cloth and napkins!

We then went to the castle through what seemed liked security gates 1-2-3-4..... but probably not that many! The day was beautiful and we stood in the Quadrangle waiting for the off. Bear Grylls came round and talked to everyone asking about our children and if we were enjoying the day. All the marching Scouts, the bands, the music just made us all feel so proud of them. I am sure some of us "welled up at times"! The Duchess of Cambridge looked beautiful as always with a green coat and a "small bump" just showing!

After the marching we sat outside the St George's Chapel and listened to the service. Canon Mark Russell Chief Exec of the Church Army gave a wonderful address telling all what an inspiration they were and how each one of them was amazing. Outside at the end of the service Bear Grylls also told them how fantastic they were and how proud he was of them giving them challenges to go out and inspire others. As they paraded down through Windsor we cheered from a vantage point on the "Don't walk on the grass" bit of wall (oops) we just all thought they were wonderful. One of my proudest moments as a parent. At last I think that as they disappeared round the corner they had finally begun to realise that Yes - they are amazing and Yes - they have achieved and they should be Proud, follow your Dreams you can do it!

**BaLiNetwork Scouts view point in June's edition of Co-ordinator.**

**See photo on page 10**

**Gillian Palmer – Proud Mum**

## Snippets

7th Letchworth Scout Group recently held a bag pack in Letchworth Sainsbury's to raise funds for their 75th Anniversary Celebration. They raised £345.

Their next fund raiser will be a cake stall in Letchworth Town centre on Saturday 11th May.

If you are in  
the town  
please visit  
their stall and  
buy some  
cakes.

Members of the District Scout Active Support Unit where present at front of house at the District Gang Show. They ran a raffle and sold sweets at all performances. They raised £267 from the raffle of which £160.20 went into their funds and the sweets made £46.89.



11th Letchworth Scouts held a Table Top Sale to raise money for the Troops trip to the Nene Valley Railway Centre near Peterborough. They sold bric a brac, clothing and homemade cakes. The day raised £90.00 - Well done. Hope you enjoyed your day out.

The District has donated £1,000 to the County Capital Appeal to be used towards the refurbishment of Harmer Green.

**To Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council , District Scout Active Support Unit, Letchworth Lions and the Letchworth Trefoil Guild for financially supporting the Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre 10th Anniversary Celebration in May 2013.**

The retiring collection at the District St George's Day Service raised £178.05 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Did you know that the District website was created on 11 June 2003 and launched on 21 December 2003. We have come a long way since then with the launch of the revamp website last year - Well worth a visit

## A message from the Badge Secretary

Please remember that you need to complete a 'blue card' when a young person achieves a Chief Scout Award. The completed card then needs to be sent to the address at the bottom of the card or you can simply e-mail [scout.badges@virginmedia.com](mailto:scout.badges@virginmedia.com) with the required details. I have handed out over three hundred cards in the last two years and only a fraction have come back. If they are not sent back the young person's achievement is not recorded at District or County level. Please do not let the young people miss out on the recognition of their achievement.

Hertfordshire Queen Scout's pictured at the Windsor St George's Day Parade.

Six members of our own Scout Network took part.

Chris Woor

David Nunnington

Kim Martin

Hayley Palmer

Joe Hartley

Ross Taylor

Five Scouts from  
1st Baldock Scout  
Troop being  
presented with their  
Chief Scout's Gold  
Award by Chris King,  
District Commissioner.

WELL DONE.

# Achievements

## Chief Scout's Bronze Award



|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Toby Cooper             | 8th Letchworth           |
| Arin Dosanjh            | 12th Letchworth          |
| Liam Galley - Coulthard | 1st Baldock (Wednesdays) |
| Bryony Gibbon           | 12th Letchworth          |
| Daniel Prior            | 1st Baldock (Wednesdays) |
| Edward Stacey           | 1st Baldock (Wednesdays) |
| Harry Tarran            | 8th Letchworth           |

## Chief Scout's Silver Award



|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Lucy Allen         | 7th Letchworth        |
| Dylan Daniel       | 1st Baldock (Knights) |
| Eva Dennis         | 1st Baldock (Knights) |
| Lewis Drummond     | 1st Baldock (Knights) |
| Cameron Eliason    | 1st Baldock (Knights) |
| Connor Macfarlane  | 7th Letchworth        |
| Charlotte Quiggins | 7th Letchworth        |
| Joshua Uche        | 7th Letchworth        |
| Emily Walls        | 7th Letchworth        |

## Chief Scout's Gold Award



|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Christian Allen | 7th Letchworth |
| Sam Collins     | 1st Baldock    |
| Ashley Hunter   | 1st Baldock    |
| Samuel Prior    | 1st Baldock    |
| Joe Royal       | 1st Baldock    |
| Joseph Sell     | 1st Baldock    |

**Wishing Scout Active  
Support member  
Sheila Tiplady a speedy  
recovery after her  
recent operation.**

**Where have all the blue cards gone  
Gone in boxes every one  
When will they be returned  
When will Leaders ever learn**

**To the tune of Where Have All The Flowers Gone by  
Peter, Paul and Mary. If you don't know who they  
were ask your mum and dad or google them.**

# Diary 2013

## MAY

|         |  |                    |
|---------|--|--------------------|
| 3 - 6   | County Scout PACE                              | Tolmers            |
| 9       | District AGM                                   | District HQ        |
| 11      | District Beaver Challenge                      | 8th Letchworth HQ  |
| 11      | Scout Active Support BBQ & GMA                 | District HQ,       |
| 11      | District Gang Show AGM                         | 1st Baldock        |
| 12      | District Scout Shooting. / Archery Competition | Wymondley Wood     |
| 13      | District Cub Leaders' Meeting                  | 8th Letchworth HQ  |
| 13      | 11th Letchworth AGM                            | 11th Letchworth HQ |
| 13      | Young Leaders' Training Module F               |                    |
| 14      | 5th Letchworth AGM                             | 5th Letchworth HQ  |
| 18      | ASSET - Active Support Social Event            | Tolmers            |
| 19      | Rotary Garden City Walk                        |                    |
| 20      | Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting               | Wymondley Wood     |
| 23      | 1st Ashwell AGM                                |                    |
| 25 - 27 | Wymondley Wood 10th Anniversary Celebrations   |                    |
| 25 - 31 | CubJam   |                    |
| 28      | Scout and Guide Shop Closed - Half Term        |                    |

## JUNE

|         |   |                       |
|---------|---|-----------------------|
| 4       | Scout and Guide Shop Opens                  |                       |
| 13      | District Executive Meeting                  |                       |
| 16      | County Cub Water Day                        | Fairlands Lake        |
| 18      | District Beavers Bangers and Bash           | Wymondley Wood        |
| 22      | 7th Letchworth Scout Group 75th Anniversary |                       |
| 22 / 23 | BaLiNet World Record Attempt                | Letchworth Festival   |
| 24      | County AGM                                  | Broxbourne Civic Hall |

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**Correction to last month's article on the Mid Herts Night Hike - instead of five teams from three troops it should have read six teams from four troops. 1st Baldock, 4th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth and 8th Letchworth.**