

Co-Ordinator

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City - Walk the walk



Caroline Nunnington



On Sunday 19th May the sun shone as once again the Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts were out in force to support the Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City sponsored walk.

Leaders, Scouts from all sections and parents (not forgetting our four legged friends) walked the Letchworth Greenway to raise money for their Group and the Rotary Club. The Scouts keep 75% of the sponsorship with the remaining 25% going to the Rotary Club.

The refreshment bases at Norton Bury and Wymondley Wood were manned by members of 2nd Baldock Scout Group and 8th Letchworth Scout Group.

The District minibus plus driver was on hand at the checkpoints to ferry walkers who did not want to complete the walk back to Highfield School.

There was even an Oompa Loompa from 7th Letchworth alias Caroline Nunnington last seen at the Norton Bury checkpoint.

Well done to all of those who took part and supported the Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City.



Queen Scouts - Windsor St George's Day Parade by BaLin Network

We started our day at Windsor at the Victoria Barracks where we had to learn to march! Our section was 'Section I' and our leader was very funny and laid back. Firstly we had to have an uniform inspection which we all passed. After this we went to learn all the commands whilst marching. However, Ross Taylor and Joe Hartley went to be videoed about our Queen's Scout Expedition and memories so unluckily missed the practice and had no idea what to do in the afternoon!

Bear Grylls was on hand at the Barracks and gave us some advice 'not to pick our noses' or 'scratch our bums' in front of the Duchess of Cambridge.

After a quick lunch we assembled at the Royal Mews ready to parade through the castle to the Quadrangle. It was great to see so many people there to support us. We stood smartly in our sections waiting for the Duchess of Cambridge and Bear Grylls. Whilst we were waiting we formed two ranks so they could walk between us all. The Band of the Irish Guards and the Kingston & Malden Scout and Guide Band kept us entertained by playing some interesting music such as "Star Wars" and "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen. Our section leader quickly passed round the polos before the dignitaries arrived! The Duchess did not stop at every section and walked passed smiling at us all. Chris Woor and David Nunnington who were in the front row had hoped they could invite her to join a Balin meeting. Everyone standing in the back row in our section (Ross Taylor, Joe Hartley, Hayley Palmer and Kim Martin all from Balin Network) shook hands with Bear and he asked Ross about our expedition and told us all to stay on as Scout Leaders.

We then did a lap of the Quadrangle with our best marching. Joe Hartley managed to trip over a rope luckily we did not all fall down like dominoes! From the Quadrangle we marched down to Saint George's Chapel for a scouting related church service. It was our first chance to sit down all day though this was short lived as we rose for the first hymn, our singing was amazing as it resounded around the chapel. During the service we all renewed our promise with Bear.

After the service we re-grouped and our section leader gave us 2 small plastic stained glass windows, one for us and one to pass on to someone who we think should do their Queen's Scout Award. We then paraded through the castle and back to the Royal Mews. The route was lined with masses of people all there to watch us. This was unexpected as we thought it would be just family and friends. This was one of the best moments seeing everyone so proud of us.



Duchess of Cambridge and Bear Grylls

Thanks to everyone, too numerous to mention, who supported us through out our Queen's Scout Award. It was a fantastic day at Windsor. We have so many memories from the award which we will remember for the rest of our lives. We all recommend that Explorers and Network who have not considered doing the award, start planning now, it is a great opportunity and an amazing achievement.

**Hayley Palmer, Ross Taylor and
Chris (Bruce) Woor
BaLin Scout Network**

Message from Chris King

Time as ever is flying by, rumours are rife and changes are being made or planned for the District as we look to take Scouting on into future.

I thought now would be good to drop everyone a note to let you know exactly what is happening within the District Team so there is no uncertainty on how we are maintaining the flow of information and ensuring we are delivering the best possible Scouting in line with the requirements of the Scout Association rules and policies.

D.C Role - A County Appointment - Currently I have been advised that an Appointments Committee meeting is being organised by County in the near future to interview candidates for my replacement. This is good news and potentially we could have a new D.C in place by Mid June. In the mean time I continue to act as your D.C and should there not be a successful outcome from this Appointments Committee meeting I have advised the County Commissioner that I will continue to support you in the role. So until further notice please continue to send everything to me as you have over the last 5 years.

ADC Beavers - A D.C's Appointment - Vicki Gage formally stood down at the AGM after 10 years in the role and has now taken on the appointment of Beaver Scout Leader at 4th Letchworth, so we are currently without an appointed ADC. Once the new D.C is in role it will be their task to find someone to fill this role.

Until that time Liz Taplin has volunteered to act as the communication point for all Beaver matters, she will ensure any necessary information is distributed around the Beaver Team and also that I am kept up to speed with any issues that require guidance.

ADC Cubs - A D.C's Appointment - Wendy Tierney formally stood down at the AGM after 5 years in the role and has now taken on the appointment of District Cub Scout Leader, so as with Beavers we will be without someone in this role until the new D.C is appointed.

Until that time Ian Taplin has volunteered to act as the communication point for all Cub matters, he will ensure any necessary information is distributed around the Cub Team and also that I am kept up to speed with any issues that require guidance.

ADC Scouts - A D.C's appointment - We remain without anyone in this role as we have for the past couple of years despite numerous requests for a willing volunteer. Again this is a role the new D.C will need to look at filling once they are in position.

Until that time Jackie Hare will continue to act as the communication point for all Scout matters, she will ensure any necessary information is distributed around the Scout Team and also that I am kept up to speed with any issues that require guidance.

I hope this helps everyone understand how we are maintaining the structure of the District during these uncertain times and would like to assure you that the District Team will continue to support you and the young people whatever happens.

Chris King

District Scout Shooting and Archery Competition

SHOOTING RESULTS - Whalebone Trophy

1st Ashwell

Ben Read	28
Thomas Lambourne	30
Wiggs Baldwin	22
Ben Giles	0
Finley Lambourne	1
Joe Warren	0

Team Score 48

1st Baldock

Jonathon Warman	25
Joseph Sell	34
Joe Royal	37
Samuel Collins	17
Sam Prior	0
William Hall	25

Team (3rd) 52

4th Letchworth

Jack Mallard	11
Daisy Keeble	8
William Rodway	33
Theo Wray	4
Holly West	11
Daniel Money	0

Team 46

5th Letchworth

Julian Lewis Knowles	42
Callum Andrade	29
Daniel Davey	31
Simon Kitching	39
Ruby Doherty	22
Amber Davey	25

Team (1st) 57

7th Letchworth

Abigail Stewart	34
Ethan Carr	36
Tom Sharp	18
Nicholas Macer	22
Theo Fraser-Williams	30
Rebecca Jennings	0

Team (2nd) 53

8th Letchworth

RachelWwarren	35
Jack Taplin	30
Callum McCoy	13
Michael Stocker	7
Jay Lamb	27
Rhian Axford Garner	16

Team 35

Archery results:

Top Archer for 2013

Group

1	Daniel Davey	5th L	65 points
2	Tom Sharp	7th L	62 points
3	Michael Stocker	8th L	60 points
3	Ben Read	1st Ash	60 points
4	Sam Prior	1st B	57 points
5	Will Rodway	4th L	48 points

Team results

1	5th Letchworth	256 points
2	8th Letchworth	251 points
3	7th Letchworth	225 points
4	1st Ashwell	178 points
5	1st Baldock	167 points
6	4th Letchworth	154 points

Well done to 5th Letchworth Scout Troop who had a very successful day, winning the individual shooting (Julian Lewis Knowles), individual archery (Daniel Davey) and the shooting team event with 57 points. Their trophy cabinet is bursting at the seams.



District Beaver Challenge 2013

Saturday 11th May dawned bright and chilly, but for 45 selected Beaver Scouts, from Colonies in the District, the fun and excitement was just beginning.

8 Colonies' representatives and their Leaders gathered at 8th Letchworth HQ ready to battle for the title of "Best Beavers in the District". They were in for an afternoon of general knowledge questions, picture clues and outdoor events!

The afternoon was organised by Woodchuck, from 11th Letchworth, whose team had won last year and the competition was hard fought. The lead changed a number of times during the 2 hours, with all the Leaders sweating heavily in case their team won and they had to organise next year's event!

After the flag hunt, geography quiz and identifying the famous people picture round there was only 5 points between the first 2 places. The eventual winners were 1st Baldock (Wednesdays), with 4th Letchworth 2nd and 1st Baldock (Tuesdays) in 3rd.

Well done to 1st Baldock (Wednesdays) and everyone else who took part in such a friendly manner. Thanks must go to all the Leaders for giving up their Saturday afternoon and especially to Woodchuck for doing such a great job coming up with the questions.

Vicki Gage - BSL (4th Letchworth)



Top three

Group	Points
1st Baldock (Wednesday)	154
4th Letchworth	148
1st Baldock (Tuesday)	143

At the Letchworth and Baldock District Scout AGM Laurie Cook MBE was made an honorary member of the District Executive Committee in recognition of his long service to Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock .

To Stanage and beyond

Early one morning, just as the sun was rising, I heard a lady singing,..... "get in the mini bus!"
"No Goodie, wrong seat, you're driving."

And Geoff said it's going to snow!"

Up the M1 to Sheffield where we picked up Geoff from his castle and after a quick cuppa and a chat it was off to Stanage Edge. Whoop, whoop!

There was a chit chat about group management, we did some bouldering, kit fitting, belaying, climbing and it really did snow.

Eventful moments were when Goodie fell off and Ross saved his life with an inch to spare. To keep it in the family, Clair fell off too and flailed around like a Beaver. Ant being the saviour this time.

Elvis's legs were seen dancing on the rock face and then a whole wedding party came along for a bit of climbing and some photos.

Later on, we spent the sunny afternoon doing some abseiling, rescue practices, used nuts, hexis, friends and threads and there was some great lead climbing. Then it was back to the castle bunk house for a lovely pie and a climbing quiz.

Sunday morning the boys had a lie in until the tea was in the pot. Porridge, muesli and bacon rolls set us up for the day. Off to Sheffield Foundary indoor climbing centre for a looky see at planning indoor sessions. Then back to another part of Stanage for more fun. It was very windy but sunny. We practiced more scrambling, rescues, left handed top belaying and abseiling. The climbing took on some interesting styles using a chimney, bridging, smearing, hand jams and some quite knarly moves. Climbing etiquette and bunny ear knots were also learnt.

Leaders from Network, Explorers, Scouts and Cubs took part in the weekend. Jackie Hare, SL 7th Letchworth and Goodie (Simon Goodwin) SL 4th Letchworth gained their artificial wall, single rope permits. Ant (Anthony) Brown, ESL Oak Ealge was awarded his artificial walk supervisor permit. Bruce Woor, Scout Network and ASL 11th Letchworth, Ross Taylor Scout Network and ACSL 8th Letchworth and Clair Calver ACSL 7th Letchworth gained valuable experience and everyone had a great time.

Big thanks to Geoff, who is part of the County Team and was part of the District Expedition to Lochearnhead in 2012, and Julie Nicholl for their wonderful hospitality and for a great weekend of educational climbing fun





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NETWORK

* Scouts and Explorers entering as a Group must
have at least one 18+ to accompany them.

How do you keep 24 Beaver Scouts Quiet?

Well that's a question many a leader has asked. Our answer, have a sponsored silence in aid of Red Nose Day. 12th Letchworth Beaver Scouts raised £426 and the added bonus was the peace and quiet.

We were silent for 45 minutes. It was really fun. We played games. Some of us failed. It was hard to do.

Jasmine Bagnel

At Beavers I did a sponsored silence because it was red nose day. It was quite stressful but I got through it. We played lots of games but without talking, it was really funny because I had to do sign language. It was also really funny because some people couldn't help themselves and I had to tell them to be quiet with sign language! I was really pleased because I saved £20 myself.

Daniel Waynforth, aged 7


8th Letchworth Scouts Setting Geocaches around the Greenway

8th Letchworth Scouts have been doing their Navigator Badge and have been setting geocaches around the Greenway and surrounding paths.

Thank you to Elizabeth Towler of LGCHF who was interested in what they were doing and gave permission for them to use the Greenway to hide them.

Congratulations to Bruce who was first to find three of them!





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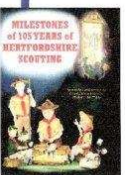
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8th Letchworth
5th Letchworth
Oak Eagle ESU
11th Letchworth
Gang Show
7th Letchworth

Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre 10th Anniversary - A message from present and past County Commissioners

Dear All in Letchworth and Baldock.

Many congratulations on the 10th birthday of Wymondley Wood.

Wymondley is an amazing asset benefitting not only your District but other Scout and other communities, enhancing greatly the image and reputation of Scouting.

Very many thanks to all who devote time, energy, passion and resources into making Wymondley such a success.

Rikki Harrington

2013 Scout County Commissioner

We remember with great affection the Opening when we brought the then Chief Scout George Purdy to perform the ceremony along with the Chief Guide. It was one of the highlights of my time as CC. Perhaps, sometime soon, we will be able to come and say an informal hello to the team who have run Wymondley Wood with such success over the years and say a personal "Thank you" and "Well Done" for delivering so much fun to so many young people there over the last 10 years. It just doesn't seem possible that 10 years have past since that day in 2003!

With best wishes to everyone for a great success, please pass on our good wishes to all concerned.

Roger Sands

2003 Scout County Commissioner

A warm welcome to



Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Katie Goodwin
Emma Hart

Oak Eagle ESU
Oak Eagle ESU

James Berry	2nd Baldock	ASL
Katherine Chennells	1st Ashwell	ACSL
Kelly Grant	1st Baldock	ACSL
Karen Mills	1st Ashwell	ABSL
Joe-Dee Starr	8th Letchworth	ABSL
Chris Woor	11th Letchworth	ASL



**Congratulations to Lisa Eke BSL
8th Letchworth on gaining her
Wood Badge**



Three Beaver Scouts
from 11th Letchworth
receiving their
Chief Scout's Bronze
Award from Vicki Gage
(ADC, Beaver Scouts)

Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Owen Drummond	7th Letchworth
Tyler Greateorex	7th Letchworth
Maddie Hayes	11th Letchworth
Fred Johnstone	7th Letchworth
Noah Masters-Rushen	7th Letchworth
Joseph Miles	11th Letchworth
Gabriel Piznas	11th Letchworth
Liam Rayner	7th Letchworth
Karlo Rogers	11th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Wilf Bates	1st Ashwell
Chloe Connolly	1st Ashwell
Jack Connolly	1st Ashwell
Bryony Fleming	1st Ashwell
William Bruning	1st Baldock
Joel Evans	11th Letchworth
Luke Garner	11th Letchworth
Harrison Greal	11th Letchworth
Thomas Ten Hove	1st Ashwell
Max Hutson	1st Ashwell
Felicity Massie	1st Ashwell
Izzie Reed	1st Ashwell
Dylan Slater	11th Letchworth
Daniel Ward	1st Ashwell
Joshua Ward	1st Ashwell
Joe Warren	1st Ashwell

Chief Scout's Gold Award



Abby Northover	11th Letchworth
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Diary 2013

JUNE

4	Scout and Guide Shop Opens	
7	4th Letchworth AGM	
13	District Executive Meeting	
16	County Cub Water Day	Fairlands Lake
18	District Beavers Bangers and Bash	Wymondley Wood
21	2nd Baldock AGM	Catholic Church Hall, Baldock
22	7th Letchworth Scout Group 75th Anniversary	
22 / 23	BaLiNet World Record Attempt	Letchworth Festival
24	County AGM	Broxbourne Civic Hall
24	Wymondley Wood Meeting	
27	12th Letchworth AGM	
29	Scout Active Support Unit Picnic	Forest of Marston

JULY

7	County 'On Yer Bike' fund raiser	Oaklands College
6 / 7	Kon Tiki - Scout Section Rafting Challenge	
11	District Executive Meeting	
13 / 14	Gilwell 24	
14	County Beaver Scout Cyclo Cross	
14	District Cub Scout Bell Boating	
16	Scout & Guide Shop Closes of the summer break	
20	Lions Day	Broadway Gardens
28	Scout Active Support Unit Garden Party	29 Sanderling Close
29	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	

SEPTEMBER

5	Scout & Guide Shop Reopens	
12	District Executive Meeting	
18	District Beaver Scout Orienteering	Fairlands Valley
21 / 22	County Cub Scout Night Hike	

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Congratulations to Peter and Amanda Woolmer, CSL 7th Letchworth on becoming grandparents for the second time to a lovely granddaughter Matilda . Not forgetting Steven Woolmer (ex ACSL at 7th Letchworth) and Ann the parents.