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SCOUTS REMEMBER THE FALLEN



Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

District Arts & Craft Competition

This year it was the turn of the Cub section to organise the District competition. We thought we would put a new spin on it and see if we could bring Scouting Art to the people.

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation kindly lent us a shop in the Arcade in Letchworth to hold the competition and with the help from the Love Letchworth team we got going.

Janet Conder worked wonders and produced an eye catching display in the windows. Scouting in the past and the present, posters and uniforms all made local folk stop and take a closer look.

The Arts and Crafts Competition was held on Saturday 9th November Edmond and Peter, the judges, were impressed by the standard of the entries. There were some very imaginative ideas all put together with care and skill. Scouting was represented in many ways including paper mache, models, pictures, pioneering and even on Twitter.

Thank you to all the Leaders who helped at the shop from all sections, Beavers to ASU. Thanks to all the young people who entered their work and helped show how great Scouting is in the area.



Here are the results of the Arts and Crafts Competition.

Presented by Hartley

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| Beaver Colony: | joint 4th and 11th Letchworth |
| Cub Pack: | 1st Baldock (Knights) |
| Scout Troop: | 5th Letchworth |
| Group: | 8th Letchworth |
| Explorer Scout: | Alex Conder |
| Scout Network: | Hayley Palmer |



Cub Scout Ambition Comes True

On the 1 November KJ was listening to the "Today" programme on the radio. There was an interview with the Vice-president of the Chief Fire Officers Association, Peter Dartford.

"Quite an unusual name", perhaps, but one which sticks on the memory. I went to my primitive index to the Scout Notes and found a list of the very first Cubs who were invested in the 10th Letchworth pack; and yes, Peter Dartford was the same name. This is the best part, he was known to Scouters for having a great ambition to be a Fireman."



After mentioning the coincidence to Frank Brittain, Count Archivist. Frank wrote to Peter Dartford. Below is an extract from the letter received by KJ from Peter Dartford.

"I have received a letter from Frank Brittain advising me that you recognised my name when I recently appeared in the media promoting fire safety messages.

Firstly it was very nice to hear that you were still involved in the Scout Movement in Hertfordshire. It was also good to recall the great time I had as part of the 10th Letchworth Scout group. As you may recall, my Dad, William (Bill) was the Leader of the Scout Troop for many years. You will also recall that I was keen to join the Fire Service and in 1981 I joined Hertfordshire Fire Brigade as a part-time Fire-fighter and in 1982 became a full-timer. I progressed through the ranks serving at a number of stations including Baldock, Stevenage, Hertford and St Albans. In 1996, I commanded the rescue operation at the train crash in Watford and in 1999 I moved to Staffordshire, on promotion.

I was fortunate to continue to progress my career in the north Midlands and became the Chief Fire Officer and Chief executive of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue in April 2008. I am also the Vice President of the Chief Fire Officers Association, and I will become President of the Association next year.

I have no doubt that much that I learned and experienced in my early years through my involvement with the Scout Movement provided a solid foundation on which I built my career. I remain very grateful to all of those who helped to provide the opportunities I enjoyed, as I'm sure I would not have achieved what I have without that positive encouragement.

Peter Dartford

Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive





Letchworth and Baldock District Scout and Guide Gang Show

Dates: Friday 28 March 2014
Saturday 29 March 2014

Times: Friday 7.30 pm
Saturday 2.00 pm and 7.30 pm

Venue: St Francis Theatre, Broadway
Letchworth Garden City SG6 3PJ

There are 68 young people registered to perform in the 2014 show
We do not run auditions.

All the young people are members of the Letchworth and Baldock Scout or Guide Districts.

The average age of our cast is 11 years old

Tickets remain at £7.00 each and are available **ONLY** online at

<http://gangshow.ticketsource.co.uk/>

Scouting and Guiding Groups can apply to gang.show@hotmail.co.uk for their unique discount code which will allow them to purchase 2 free tickets for Leaders attending the performance with the young people

Children In Need



8th Letchworth
Beavers played
the games that
came in the
fund raising
pack and raised
£27

Edmond Tickner and Peter Ellmers from the Scout Active Support Unit (SASU) were asked to judge the District Arts and Craft Competition. Both are amateur painters, Peter is also a good cook, his bread pudding is the best the editor has tasted. Edmond has also produced a number of models made out of scrap metal. He made the trophies for the District Scout Kon Tiki competition.

Both Edmond and Peter were impressed with the levels of the entries and also the diversity.

**Scout Active Support
Saturday 16 November**

WOW 1015 Years ! What an Achievement

Twenty nine members of the Letchworth and Baldock Scout Active Support Unit got together at the Scout District Head Quarters in Icknield Way to thank Fred Lovelock for his contribution as the Scout Active Support 'scribe', who has decided to take a less active role in the Unit. The members tucked into homemade cakes and copious cups of tea and coffee whilst reminiscing about their Scouting experiences. It was during the afternoon that they realised that between them they had done 1015 years of Scouting and Guiding – amazing and still counting. (if Laurie Cook had attended we could have added another 50 years) One member, Arthur Scott has been in Scouting 73 years.

Why not tap into all this experience, The Scout Active Support members are there to help, whether judging competitions, help with fund raising or just an extra pair of hands at your meetings.

Members of the unit are actively involved at the Shop and Guide Shop, Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre, the District Executive, District Gang Show, the Badge Secretary and even the editor of Co-Ordinator



8th & 12th Letchworth Beaver Scout joint Sleepover

My Beaver sleep over was awesome, I loved my dinner, we even had cakes!! The midnight walk in the dark was my favourite All the games and choosing my bed was cool and I can't wait to go again

Charlie Pitt 8th Letchworth

I really liked the bedtime walk. We went on a long adventure with our torches. I heard fireworks all the way. We went round Wymondley Wood and went to the Bonfire. We sang lots of songs. My favourites were "I know an old lady who swallowed a fly" and the repeat after me songs.

Joseph Lee 12th Letchworth

At Wymondley Wood my favourite game was the king and queen game. I loved the breakfast in the morning, I had coco pops.

Jamie Furze 12th Letchworth

My favourite thing at Wymondley Wood was sitting at the campfire and singing songs. It was very calm and nice. I loved it because it there was no shouting or chatting. It felt like I was at home but without my toys.

Michael Trulock 12th Letchworth

7th Letchworth Cubs had bring and buy sale in November, for a little boy called Will Horton. He is a great lad who loves riding in a 'sit-ski' with his Dad and being out and about like all young boys.

Will's family are raising money for Tree of Hope Charity. Will needs an operation that they hope will reduce the impact of his Cerebral Palsy.

The sale held on a Cub evening and was great fun, very noisy and raised just over £100.

Well Done



A Group of volunteers spent one Saturday morning in November tidying the woodpile at Wymondley Wood. Within the woodpile the following items were found: -

1. garden shed complete with felt roof and a Wendy house
2. fence complete with bared wire
3. fences with metal stakes
4. assortment of other pieces of metal, including relay switches
5. a number kitchen units and worktops
6. empty milk bottles and other glass items
7. part of a sofa.

The volunteers were rewarded for their efforts with tea, coffee and bacon butties. Thank you to them for helping and making the woodpile look tidy.

The Wymondley Wood committee would like to remind people that only suitable wood is required and it is sourced from authorised suppliers.

Please do not use it as a dumping ground.



Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

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| Will Cooper | 8th Letchworth |
| Joseph Hales | 4th Letchworth |
| Sam Hartley | 4th Letchworth |
| Felipe Jesalva | 4th Letchworth |
| Lily Johnstone | 8th Letchworth |
| Alec Lowe | 4th Letchworth |
| William Mann | 4th Letchworth |
| Lilia Dempsey | 4th Letchworth |

A warm welcome to



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| Mark Brewis | 12th Letchworth ACSL |
| Charlotte Figgis | 1st Ashwell ABSL |
| Katie Goodwin | 11th Letchworth ACSL |
| Karen Hollidge | 1st Ashwell ABSL |
| Darragh Lane | 7th Letchworth BSL |
| Hannah Tan | 5th Letchworth ACSL |
| Russell Wake | 4th Letchworth ACSL |
| Rosalind Wing | 2nd Baldock Sectional Assistant |

Our condolences go out to

Rose De Roeck, Active Support Member whose husband Nigel De Roeck died following a car accident. Nigel was member of the County Water Activity Team.

Helen Doherty, 5th Letchworth ASL, whose husband died following a long illness

Paul Tyler, 4th Letchworth ASL, whose father has died following a long illness.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the loved ones left behind.

Diary 2013 / 14

DECEMBER

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| 1 | 8th Letchworth Christmas Fair | 8th Letchworth HQ |
| 7 | County Winter Wonderland - Beavers & Cubs | Phasels Wood |
| 12 | District Executive Finance Meeting | District HQ |
| 12 | District Scout & Guide Shop closes for Christmas | |
| 14 | District SASU Christmas Buffet | Guide HQ, Icknield Way |
| 16 | County Scout Network Christmas Dinner | Hatfield |

JANUARY 2014

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| 9 | District Scout & Guide Shop reopens |
| 9 | District Team Meeting |
| 13 | District Cub Leaders' Meeting |
| 27 | Wymondley Wood Meeting |

FEBRUARY

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| 2 | District Cooking Competition - Scouts |
| 13 | District Executive Meeting |
| 23 | County Cooking Competition - Scouts |
| 24 | Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting |

Peacock butterfly photographed at Wymondley Wood in November



GREEN BERET CHALLENGE

RESULTS

Position Troop

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|------|---|
| 25th | 7th Letchworth (Magnificent Seventh) |
| 30th | 4th Letchworth (Mellow High) |
| 80th | 8th Letchworth (Wolf) |

5th Letchworth entered a non-competing team as one member of the team fell ill at the last moment and they couldn't get a replacement.



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Balin getting ready for Green Beret

1. Packed my tent and blanket
2. Burgers for lunch
3. Blindfold pick-up-sticks