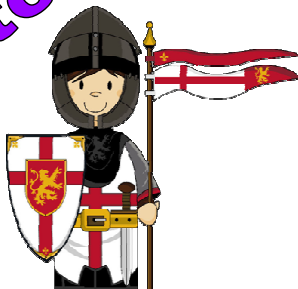


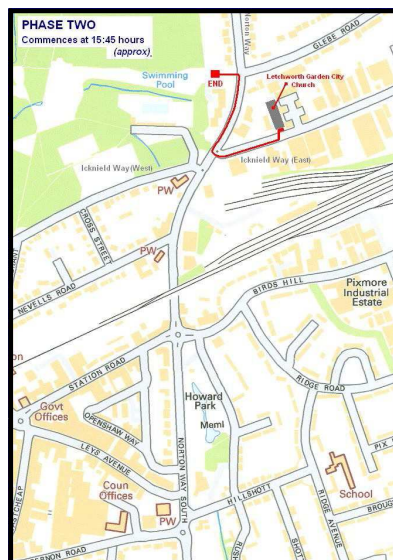
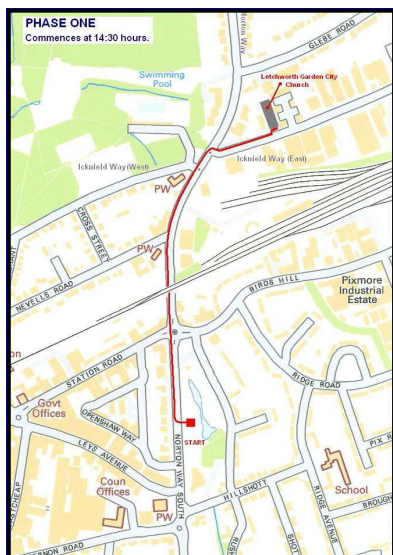
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## St George's Day Parade and Service

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service is being organised by 4th Letchworth Scout Group on behalf of the District. The parade and service will take place in Letchworth Garden City on Sunday 27 April 2014.

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  
District website  
when available.

# Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts



## Grant Applications

### Groups around The District have been busy applying for grants

Notably,

5th Letchworth received £1000 towards the cost of a new mess tent from Councillor Terry Hone's Herts County Council Locality Budget.

7th Letchworth received £220 to help them replace camp cooking utensils and pots and pans. This came from Councillor Lorna Kercher's Herts County Council Locality Budget.

District Headquarters via The District Executive Committee applied for £800 towards the cost of a new fence at the side of their building. Again this came from Councillor Lorna Kercher's Herts County Council Locality Budget.

Finally 1st Baldock and 2nd Baldock made a joint application to the Baldock Area Committee of North Herts District Council and were successful in gaining over £1,500 towards new camping equipment.

Tony Hartley, District Commissioner said "I have always advocated stronger links between Scouting and our local political representatives at both District and County Council level. I attended the Baldock Area Committee meeting on the evening of Monday 6 January and was warmly greeted by all the local councillors there. They listened with interest to my short update on Scouting in Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell. The above grants will testify to the benefits to all of us in maintaining those links. However, this is a two way street and I have spoken about the benefits of Scouting to our locality and our general availability to help and to be present at local community events. Our thanks must go to all the people involved at the councils and assure them that these grants will improve and secure Scouting in our area."

Groups are reminded to advise our District Commissioner / Chairman of any grants they are applying for so he can coordinate them and avoid any double applications.

### REMINDER

**The District Scout & Guide shop closes for Easter Tuesday 1 April 2014 at 8.00 pm and does not reopen until Thursday 22 April 2014 at 6.00 pm. If you need any items relating to the District St George's Day Service and Parade please ensure that you either visit the shop or email Nora, Shop manager, in plenty of time in case the items need to be ordered. Email: [shop@lbdscouts.org.uk](mailto:shop@lbdscouts.org.uk)**

# GS 2014

The number '2' is replaced by a logo for 'GANG SHOW' featuring a stylized figure in a green and red outfit.

Letchworth and Baldock Gang Show will perform their fast moving variety show three times over the weekend of 28 and 29 March 2014 at St Francis College Theatre, Broadway, Letchworth.

Tickets are all priced at £7.00 each and are **only available online at**

**[gangshow.ticketsource.co.uk](http://gangshow.ticketsource.co.uk)**

Group discounts codes are available, which allow two adults free entry with a booking from a school or uniformed organisation. To obtain your code or for further information email [gang.show@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gang.show@hotmail.co.uk)

Check out their website: **[gangshow.webplus.net](http://gangshow.webplus.net)**



**The Gang Show cast during rehearsals**



Thirty members of the District Scout Active Support Unit enjoyed the Christmas Buffet. Hartley, District Commissioner also attended the festive evening.

The 'Secret Santa' raised £110 for the Stepping Stone Stroke Club.

Fred Lovelock the 'scribe' for the Unit until a few months ago is in a residential home in Stevenage and is settling in well. Anne Lilley has offered to take over taking the minutes and Sheila Tickner has kindly offered to produce the Active Support Unit newsletter.

The next meeting of the book club is on Monday 10 February from 2.00 pm until 3.30 pm at Anne Lilley's home.

The ASU have been asked to help Front of House at the Gang Show which they have done for a number of years. Look forward to seeing you all there with your Colony, Pack, Troop or Unit.

**For those Groups who propose to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War in August 2014 Frank Brittain the County Archivist has an illustrated talk he has prepared detailing the lead that Hertfordshire Scouts took to provide support to the Home Front.**

**Contact Details for Frank are:**

**Tel: 01727 860086 / 07850 818600**

**Email: [archivist@hertforshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:archivist@hertforshirescouts.org.uk)**

**You can also find information in the Milestones of 105 years of Hertfordshire Scouting Book and the DVD which each group received recently and its 'Roll of Honour' appendix.**

**Look out in the book and DVD for 1914 August 28 when an article appeared in the local newspaper 'The Citizen' about a Scout and the first Scout law, a Scout's honour is to be trusted, was upheld.**

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

**Date: Monday 28 April 2014**

**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.**

## Explorer Belt Presentation



All the Explorers gave an inspiring presentation regarding their experiences travelling to and whilst in Morocco. Of particular note were their observations regarding public transport, shopping, clothing and food. Of course the toilet facilities also featured as standard!

They seemed to have experienced a massive contrast in culture and way of life whilst travelling a relatively short distance from mainland Europe. Religion, way of life, working lives and indeed poverty, all were so interesting to hear about. They really did immerse themselves into the country and its culture.

Thankfully all returned safe and sound despite numerous cash and camel swaps offered for the female contingent!

**Hartley**



**Alex Hawkins, George Bedford, Kristie Coe, Katie Goodwin,  
Conor Stevens, Sam Nobbs, Andrew Laing**

# SCOUTING MEMORIAL PROJECT



The Scouting National Project is a national campaign run by Scouting volunteers to raise awareness of "Remembrance" and is fundraising to build and maintain a Scouting memorial to remember members who have given service to Scouting and their community, especially those who have suffered through conflict.

The Scouting memorial will be situated at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. This is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance

A key part of the project is the Memorial Badge. The aim is to have as many Scouts and supporters across the UK wearing the badge and sharing what the project is about. You can order your badges on line <http://www.tsmp.org.uk/badge.htm>

## Suggested donation

Cloth Badge £1.00 each and the Pin Badge £2.00 each

## What does it mean

**Arrowhead** - reflects service to Scouting

The Green **Border** represents the Arboretum

**Lest We Forget** reflects military remembrance

**Olive Branches** represent peace

Capital letters gives it the Gravitas It Deserves.



Three members of the District two of which are Scout Active Support members celebrate their birthday on 7 February

Laurie Cook, Arthur Scott and Jeff Robson and between them they will be celebrating 256 years.

Also in January the District Explorer Scout Commissioner celebrated a special birthday and will now be able to get free prescriptions, and claim winter allowance

Wishing all of them a Happy Birthday



# Achievements

## Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Leila Brown	4th Letchworth
Jamie Furze	12th Letchworth
Lorenzo Gartlan	11th Letchworth
Sophie Hardin	12th Letchworth
Michael Trulock	12th Letchworth

## Chief Scout's Silver Award



Emma Gooch	2nd Baldock
Gage Harrigan	2nd Baldock
Katie Lickford	2nd Baldock

## Chief Scout's Gold Award



Jonathan Warman 1st Baldock

Congratulations to Simon Thomas on his recent marriage to Camilla on Friday 27 December 2013.

Vicki Gage organised a Guard of honour from the 4th Letchworth Scout Group where Simon is a Leader with the Scout Troop.

Apryl Goodwin, District Secretary, and Simon Goodwin, Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts) were matron of honour and best man respectively. The guests included Hartley, District Commissioner.



# Diary 2014

## FEBRUARY

2	District Cooking Competition - Scouts	
13	District Executive Meeting	District HQ
17 - 23	District Scout and Guide shop closed for half term	
22	Robert Baden-Powell Birthday (Founder of Scouting)	
23	County Cooking Competition - Scouts	Stevenage District HQ
24	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	
25	District Scout & Guide Shop opens	

## MARCH

2	County Chiltern Challenge - Explorers	Phasels Wood
3	8th Letchworth AGM	8th Letchworth HQ
10	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	8th Letchworth
11	District Team Meeting	Wymondley Wood
16	County Scout Triathlon	Lees Wood
28	District Scout & Guide Gang Show	St Francis Theatre
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## APRIL

1	District Scout & Guide Shop closes of Easter	
10	District Executive Meeting	
12 - 13	District Cubs Sixers and Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood
24	District Scout & Guide Shop reopens	
24	District Scout & Guide Shop Meeting	
27	St George's Day Parade and Service	
28	Wymondley Wood AGM	
29	District Team Meeting	
30	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	

### DC, Best Man and the Groom



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