

# Issue 615 June 2014 Co-Ordinator



## Jamboree Gig



On Friday 23 May Hartley, DC, arranged a fund raising gig in aid of the World Jamboree Fund at The Settlement. As a District we are supporting four young people and have committed to raise £2,000 towards the cost of them going to Japan.

A great night was had by all as they listened to live music from Hartley's band, For One Night Only plus Rickshaw, Dog Attack and Simon Bennett from Biggles FM, who was spinning those floor fillers in between the bands.

Thanks go to Howdens Joinery for donating £200, for the Leaders and Supporters of Scouting who went along and had a great evening. The evening raised over £950 after agents' fees and bar stock. This is a fantastic amount towards the £2,000 we need to raise as a District.

Watch out for more fund raising events over the coming year. The Jamboree participants will also be organising their own fund raising together with their respective groups / units.

The venue, sound system, lighting and all the bands provided their services for free.



# Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts

# 5th Letchworth Scouts

Every year, Letchworth Rotary Club organises a 14 mile walk around the Greenway to raise funds for themselves and for those entering. As a group, we have used this event as our main fund raiser for several years.

This year, we did things differently. We wanted to have a camp, and we also wanted to take delivery of our new Jurte, a large "mess" tent based on a yurt and used widely by Scouts in Germany. We had seen these black tents at international events and have wanted one for ages.

We booked to camp at our local District site at Wymondley Wood. We spent the day doing a tracking hike with patrols taking it in turns to lay trails for the others to follow. It was very hot and we had to curtail it in the afternoon.

After Mark from De Jurte came along and showed us how to erect the new tent (still to be named), we had dinner and then lit a fire in the middle of the tent. It's OK, that's part of the design and one of the reasons we really wanted one.

On Sunday, the Scouts joined the Rotary Walk from Wymondley (after competing in the District Archery and Air Rifle competition) and did the whole 14 miles in just five hours (including stops). That's really good considering the heat.

The new tent is awesome, but it's going to need a bit of practice before we can get it up really quickly. Mark reckons about 45 minutes once we have the knack of it.

Cubs and Beavers were also walking the Greenway, so hopefully we've raised quite a bit of money for the Group.

**5th Letchworth Scout Group  
received £1,000 towards the  
cost of the Jurte from  
Councillor Terry Hones Herts  
County Council Locality  
Budget.**



# Garden City Walk



The Editor and Badge Secretary are very proud grandparents after their grandson, Cameron a new Beaver Scout at 8th Letchworth (joined on his 6th Birthday in April this year) completed the 14 miles Rotary Greenway Walk.

Well done to all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts including their parents/carers who took part to help raise funds for their Groups

18 Beavers, 17 Cubs and 8 Scouts plus Leaders and

parents took part from 8th Letchworth Scout Group and raised £1,700 after giving the Rotary 25% of the total raised.

5th Letchworth Scout Group also took the opportunity to raise funds by taking part.

Once again 2nd Baldock and 8th Letchworth provided refreshment bases at Norton Bury and Wymondley Wood respectively.



## District Beaver Scout Challenge

On Saturday 10th of May I went to the 1st Baldock Scout HQ to take part in the District Beaver Challenge along with Albert, Hannah, Aiden, Ryan and Nihal for 8th Letchworth Group. There were seven other Colonies from the District also taking part.

First we had a piece of paper with silhouettes of aeroplanes on which we had to match with pictures of aeroplanes outside and write their correct name underneath.

Then we had to Welly Wag which is throwing a welly as far as you can and seeing who gets the furthest.

Next we made paper aeroplanes and we had to throw them to see if they could fly and how far they could fly.

After that we did some skipping. We had 30 seconds to see how many skips we could do. The most I could do was 25 skips.



Everybody came back into the hall and we were given some goodies while we waited for the results ....

I jumped up from my seat and waved my arms in the air when 8th Letchworth were announced as the winners. YAY WE WON!!

I had a really great time and feel lucky to have been part of this fun afternoon.

**Maddi Harper**  
**8th Letchworth Beaver**

Eight Colonies braved the weather to gather at 1st Baldock for the annual District Beaver Challenge. There were lots of fun rounds including a quiz on badges and welly wanging !

Just before the final round it was neck and neck between 4th and 8th Letchworth. Once the dingbat scores had been added up, 8th were the clear winners ! They get to host next year. They have a tough act to follow as 1st Baldock set the bar high with the variety and fun aspect of all the challenges. I would like to thank Jacqui, Susannah and all the Leaders at 1st Baldock for giving us such a memorable afternoon. On speaking to parents later that evening, their children were still talking about how much fun they had had, even those who didn't win. Here's to next year !

**Liz Taplin - ADC Beavers**



# District Beaver Challenge



# Centenary of WWI

Frank Brittain, Hertfordshire Scouts County Archivist and Historian has a Boy Scout diary and photo that belonged to a Letchworth Scout with no name. Can you help identify the troop in the photo below ? If you can help please contact Frank.

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Extract from K.J.'s History of Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock District

Many people had felt that war was coming and a few didn't approve of what they thought were the "military ideas" of Baden-Powell's Boy Scouts. In June 1913, a company of "Boys' Life Brigade Scouts" was formed and recognized as the Third Letchworth Troop, to be run on more pacifist principles. Yet in that August of 1913, First Letchworth Scouts spent ten days camping in what would be called a jamboree. Sixteen boys had saved one pound each for the international camp at Ghent in Belgium, where they met and made friends with Belgian, French and German Scouts. Mr Reg March had been the troop's secretary but had taken on the leadership, with a former Patrol Leader, R.B. McGrew, returning as ASM in June.

After the Belgian camp, Reg March kept in touch with friends made there, and in particular with a young Belgian Scout named Jean-Pierre Kies. When the Kaiser's army invaded Belgium in 1914, Reg waited for days at Victoria station to meet Jean-Pierre among the crowds of refugees arriving. He brought him to Letchworth, where there was a large Belgian community throughout the war. Among those who stayed on Jean-Pierre Kies qualified as a doctor and lived the rest of his life in Letchworth.



When the war broke out, Percy Everett, who had helped B.-P. in the running of the Brownsea Island experiment and was appointed County Commissioner for Hertfordshire in 1908 wrote to all the newspapers in the county promising the "1,000 of our Scouts shall be at the disposal of the Chief Constable" for any sort of service at home. A "Scouts' War Book" was published costing a penny, with advice in "Helping the Empire in War Time", "What do to when raids occur", "How to treat Bullet and Bomb Wounds" and "Fire Fighting". Fortunately this district avoided the need for such heroic deed, but Boy Scouts were proved to be useful. Very few people had telephones in 1914, so the Letchworth troop acted as messengers to summon a meeting for Special Constables at the Estate Office. A Scout also called at the Police Station three times a day to ask the Inspector for any orders, and the keen lads proved of assistance in taking dispatches to Hitchin and elsewhere. Best of all, they helped to guard the reservoir in the Weston Hills day and night against possible spies and saboteurs.

On his way to reservoir duty one morning, a Letchworth Scout found a purse containing seven shillings in cash. Returning after his shift, he saw a notice outside a house offering a reward for the purse and contents, so he restored the property to its owner, but keeping the Scout Law he refused the reward. Some time later the owner stopped Reg Marsh in the street to thank him, for the Scout's action, saying she had not thought much of the movement before, but would not say or think anything to their detriment in future.

In April 1915, First Letchworth suffered a casualty. Local poultry keepers were contributing eggs to help wounded soldiers, and the Scouts made regular collections. Four of them were at the Scoutmaster's lodgings in Ridge Road one Saturday afternoon, and while he was out of the room they noticed a revolver on the mantelpiece. Robert Copping picked it up out of curiosity, and it went off, injuring Arthur Van Hooydonk, the twelve year old son of a local factory owner. Dr Wilson and

Dr Ledward were called and Arthur was taken to the temporary hospital in Pixmore Avenue, and then to Addenbrook's in Cambridge where an x-ray showed the bullet just touching his spine. He was soon out of danger and was home again in two weeks.

In "The Scout" magazine, B.-P. praised one troop which had been steadily doing good public service during the war years, including Special Police and Fire Brigade duty, Red Cross working parties, and such dull jobs as weekly collection of waste paper and jam jars, and the growing of vegetables for the Fleet. This had been done, the Chief added, by the First Baldock Troop in Hertfordshire !

Much of the Baldock Scouts' enthusiasm was obviously due to their having an inspired Scoutmaster in Cyril Bishop. It may have been his idea, in the year after the war, to raise money for charities (and good publicity for the troop) in a novel way which the local papers called "a rather curious" feature and "most unique". It was a "Penny Trail", first laid along the pavement of White Horse Street on 10 May 1919, carefully guarded by about thirty Boy Scouts who kept the coins "in military alignment" and were afterwards able to send £11/14s to the YMCA. The stunt was repeated during the next few years, raising funds for St Dunstan's home for blinded soldiers, and for the Baldock Memorial Bed in the new Letchworth Hospital.

Later still, the "Mile of Pennies" idea became popular with many other fund-raising organizations: but it does seem to have been a Baldock invention in the first place !





Rose Elmer try her hand at rifle shooting at the recent County ASU event at Tolmers.

## SASU Events Diary

Sunday 13 July

Picnic at Wymondley Wood  
further details to follow



Sunday 10 August Cream Tea Afternoon at  
Anne Lilley's, Lordship Lane,  
Letchworth Garden City.  
Cost £5.00 Time 2.30 pm

Mainstream Scouting in the District seems to forget the adult Scouts in the background who go quietly on with their Scouting and are the backbone of the District. Who are they? – well if you guessed the Scout Active Support Unit, you would be right. Between them they have years of experience. The Scout and Guide shop would not run if it wasn't for the SASU and Trefoil Guild, the excellent service you get from the Scout Badge Secretary would not be there. They help at camps particularly at Lochearnhead where they provide the catering team and spend up to 11 hours a day cooking, cleaning and ensuring there is tea and coffee on tap all day and all with good humour. Wymondley Wood is also worthy of a mention as 50% of the committee are SAS members and devote hours to its efficient running and up keep. Organising the front of house at the gang show and helping at district events with refreshments and car parking allows the leaders and adult helpers to concentrate on the events knowing that the SAS have it covered. Even the District magazine, Co-Ordinator is put together by a SAS member. They also provide financial help to groups and individuals. All in all the SAS members are a great bunch.



# District Scout Archery and Shooting Competition

## Rifle team scores:

1st place	5th Letchworth	59 points
2nd place	7th Letchworth	52 points
3rd place	4th Letchworth	30 points

Total was based on the overall score of 300

## Individual Rifle scores:-

1st Place	Oscar H	5th Letchworth	39 points
2nd Place	David B	12th Letchworth	37 points
3rd Place	Connor Mcfarlane	7th Letchworth	32 points
4th Place	Toby Anderson	1st Baldock	31 points
4th Place	Joe Royal	1st Baldock	31 points
5th Place	Daniel W	1st Ashwell	28 points

## Archery Individual Scores :-

1st Place	Will Hall	1st Baldock	57 points
2nd Place	Ethan Carr	7th Letch	55 points
3rd Place	Freddie W	5th Letch	50 points

## Archery Team Scores :-

1st Place	5th Letchworth	194 points
2nd place	7th Letchworth	171 points
3rd place	1st Ashwell	165 points

## Leaders Competition:-

Paul Tyler	4th Letchworth	26 points
Ben Coates	11th Letchworth	24 points

Seven teams took part in the annual District Scout Archery and Shooting Competition held at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre.

The first team arriving at 7.45 am and the last team just before lunch.

5th Letchworth Scout Troop retain three out of the four trophies.

Thanks to Chris King and his team for the archery and to Dave Upson who assisted with the rifle shooting.

**Chris Lewis**  
**Organiser**



# Awards Awards Awards



Vanessa Baxter	ACSL 1st Baldock
Diana Cornell	ADC (Cubs)
John Elkington	ASL 2nd Baldock
David Fabris	Treasurer 7th Letchworth
Phil George	SL 1st Ashwell
Simon Lambourne	ASL 1st Ashwell
Kim Martin	Scout Network
Andrew Masson	CSL 1st Ashwell
Hayley Palmer	CSL 11th Letchworth
Rosie Rafferty	1st Baldock
Phil Scoot	ESL Oak Eagle
Jacob Tyler	CSL 4th Letchworth

Tony Hartley	District Commissioner
Stuart Wylie	Gang Show Member

Gareth Howell	GSL 5th Letchworth
James Martin	ASAU Member
Carolyn Nunnington	7th Letchworth Member
Rose Elmer	SASU Member

Geoff Smith	ASL 5th Letchworth
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Ron Smith	Appointment Advisory Secretary
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## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service.

<b>Paula Dille</b>	<b>BSL 2nd Baldock</b>
<b>Phil George</b>	<b>ASL 1st Ashwell</b>
<b>Simon Lambourne</b>	<b>ASL 1st Ashwell</b>
<b>Michael Myner</b>	<b>Treasurer 8th</b>

# Achievements

## Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Sebastian Allen	7th Letchworth
Scarlett Andrews	7th Letchworth
Thomas Beckerley	11th Letchworth
Stanley Cooper	7th Letchworth
Ewan Fearson	11th Letchworth
Charlie Hurst-Muggeridge	11th Letchworth
Jack Hurst-Muggeridge	11th Letchworth
Rohan Jimerez	11th Letchworth
Harvin Kandola	7th Letchworth
Freya Maddams-Wilkinson	7th Letchworth
Jamie Parkhouse	7th Letchworth
Imogen Rose	11th Letchworth
Amy Stanton	7th Letchworth
Noah Welch	7th Letchworth
Teddy Welch	7th Letchworth

## Chief Scout's Silver Award



Christopher Sporton	1st Baldock (Knights)
Owen Truby	1st Baldock (Knights)

## Chief Scout's Gold Award



Thomas Sharp	7th Letchworth
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## Award of Merit

Vicki Gage BSL 4th Letchworth  
 Ian Hunt GSL 12th Letchworth  
 Fiona Potts CSL 1st Baldock (Knights)



## Bar to the Award of Merit

Ron Smith Appointment Advisory Secretary

# Diary 2014

## JUNE

- 3 Scout and Guide Shop re-opens
- 7 Active Support Unit General Meeting Annual plus games afternoon, quiz and Fish and Chips dinner - Guide HQ
- 7 District Fundraising / Fun Day outside WH Smith
- 10 12th Letchworth AGM
- 12 District Beavers Bangers and Bash Wymondley Wood
- 13 District Executive Committee Meeting
- 13 2nd Baldock AGM
- 13 - 15 County Scout Activity Weekend Orchard Farm, Staffordshire
- 23 County Scout AGM

## JULY

- 8 District Team Meeting
- 12 County Beaver Day Tolmers
- 13 District Cub Bell Boating Fairlands
- 13 Active Support Unit Picnic Wymondley Wood
- 14 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 17 Scout & Guide Shop Closes for the summer break

## AUGUST

- 2 - 3 County Cub International Expedition
- 10 ASU - Cream Tea - Anne Lilley

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 Scout & Guide Shop Opens
- 10 District Beaver Leaders' Meeting 1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive
- 11 District Executive Meeting

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