

# Issue 616 July 2014 Co-Ordinator



## District Scouts Sedan Chair Races and Kon Tiki Boyd Field, Henlow

Over the weekend 30 May - 1 June six teams from four Scout Groups ( two from 7th Letchworth, two from 12th Letchworth, one from 5th Letchworth and one from 4th Letchworth) descended on Boyd Field together with a team of Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts. The first part of the weekend was taken up designing and making a sedan chair capable of carrying a Scout around an obstacle course. The overall winner of the races was 12th Letchworth Scout with 5th Letchworth (magnificent fifth) winning the best design.

The District Kon Tiki raft competition took place on the Sunday with Saturday afternoon set aside for raft construction and trial flotation with the opportunity to do any modifications / repairs.

Sunday morning the races were held and the results are as follows:-

1st	4th Letchworth
2nd	5th Letchworth
3rd	12th Letchworth
4th	12th Letchworth



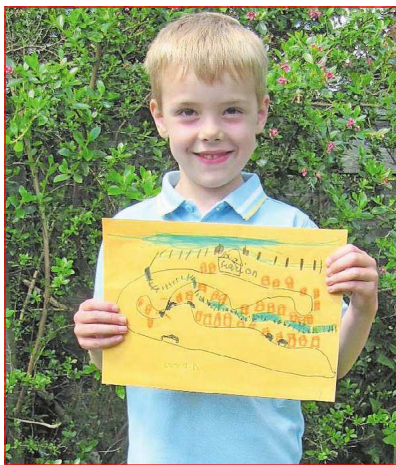
After the races the wonderful Oak Eagle Raft was the target of ' pirate wars '. Teams of Scouts on two separate rafts took it in turns to attack the Explorers. Everyone got very wet! Needless to say the Explorers remained intact and afloat. Oak Eagles were worthy winners of the pirate wars, there was no trophy, just fun and games.

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# Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts







11th Letchworth Beaver Scout Ewan Fearson was awarded a £50 prize for his sketch and is the youngest ever entrant to the Wolfson Prize, following in the footsteps of Letchworth Garden City master planners Raymond Unwin and Barry Parker who, after architect Ebenezer Howard's initial concept, went on to create garden cities around the world.

All of us at 11th Letchworth Scout Group are very proud to have Ewan in our Beaver Scout Colony and would like to say a big Well done to Ewan.

**Caroline 'Woodchuck' Northover  
BSL**

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It's not every day that you see a wall-paper pasting table, a garden bench, two slightly unstable chairs and some very dated parasols bobbing up and down on a lake in Henlow; let alone when they are accompanied by five Explorers armed with water cannons, paddles and various items of Tupperware. I guess you could say, therefore, that this year's Kon-Tiki competition provided humour not only from some sinking Scout craft, but also from the Explorer's slightly skewed ideologies whereby afternoon tea should have been made available from a water-born catering facility. Much to the disappointment of the *'Letchworth*



*Garden City & District Wild Water Swimmers'* the Explorers' craft proved to be unsinkable by just the three of them, despite the top heavy ornamentation that adorned it. Better luck next year...

However, excitement wasn't only to be found on the lake. When Hartley's tent, as well as that of Tart and Camilla, became the subject of a cruel practical joke involving some orange plastic fence rolls, they were laughing on the other side of their faces.

From the Explorers, we would like to thank you for letting us join in with this year's festivities and send our Kon-g-raft-ulations to all of the teams that took part.

**Alex Hawkins - Explorer Scout**

**Community Week  
1st Baldock Cubs  
(Templars)**

As part of the Scout Association Community Week thirty Cub Scouts from 1st Baldock (Templars) pack visited the North Hertfordshire Home - Templar Court in Baldock to plant some planters and they also got stuck into weeding the Winter Garden. In all, more than 100 plants - donated by B&Q - were planted by the Cubs during their visit.



**Cub Pack Weekend  
1st Baldock Cubs (Knights)**

1st Baldock Cub Pack (Knights) spent the week end of 30 May - 1 June at Boyd Field raft building and backwoods cooking. By the end of the weekend most if not all the Cubs will have achieved their backwoods cooking badge and time on the water stage 1 badge.



The Garden House Hospice discovered as part of a house clearance a Scout Association Hike report which refers to The Pot Hunters Trophy 1939. The book gives a full and illustrated account of the camping adventure of a 1st Letchworth Scout. The District have been contacted by the Hospice to see if it is something we would like for our archives.



# District Beavers Bangers and Bash

One hundred and sixty Beavers from nine colonies descended on Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre for the annual District Beaver Bangers and Bash. The late afternoon sun shone as the Beavers played a variety of games ranging from the trampoline, parachute games, and trying out the new forest traversing poles. During the games the Beavers were given a hot dog which was cooked by the Ex District Commissioner, Chris King, and served by members of the Scout Active Support Unit. After all the Beavers were fed it was the turn of the Leaders and Adults. The Beavers were also treated to a choc ice. As the evening draw to a close the Beavers gathered round the campfire and sang traditional campfire song.

Everybody had a fun packed evening and by the time they left they were talking about when next year's event will take place.

Thank you to 8th Letchworth who managed the traffic - air traffic controls at Luton Airport would have been proud. To the Leaders who bought their Beavers, to the young leaders who came and helped, to the Scout Active Support Members who helped with the catering, to the organisers for a well run evening and lastly to the Beavers themselves who did their Groups proud.



## 5th and 12th Letchworth Beavers

Martin McKaye and Chris Taylor both from Stevenage are taking part in this year's Mongol Rally in July. 12th Letchworth Beavers together with 5th Letchworth Beavers are supporting Martin and Chris on their charity challenge by making up shoe box parcels for orphans in Mongolia.

12th Letchworth Leaders invited 5th Letchworth Beavers to join them for a night of traditional lodge games run by 12th Letchworth DofE and Scouts from 5th Letchworth. Rebecca - BSL at 12th Letchworth taught the Beavers a bit more about where Mongolia is and how the team will be travelling there. They also learnt about the orphans that their donations of clothes, books, stationary etc. will be going to. We also asked the Beavers to bring a cake for us to sell at an Honesty Box cake sale at the end of the evening and we managed to raise £34.60 which has been given to the team to help with the cost of petrol.

**Rebecca BSL 12th Letchworth**



# 8th Letchworth Cubs and Beavers

After months and months of nagging by Akela and Baloo, the Beaver Leaders at 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth finally agreed, in principle, to taking the Beavers under canvas with the Cubs. Talk about 'strike while the iron was hot', within days, Tolmers had been booked for the following June !

June soon arrived and everything was in place for four Beavers to sleep over on the Friday night, stay all day Saturday and another four Beavers to come at lunchtime on Saturday and go home midday on Sunday.

The Beavers enjoyed climbing the coconut trees, rope-a-phobia, water wars, inflatable assault course and much more !

For four of them it was also their first taste of Akela's famous eggy bread. Even those whose parents said "they won't eat it" came back for seconds !

While there, the Beavers also completed the new Camp craft activity badge.

Here is what some of them had to say about their experience :

When I got to Tolmers I was scared but excited as well. The others were already on the rope-a-phobia so I waited my turn in the queue. It was fun watching the others while I waited. I was a bit scared on my go and when I got to the bridge I thought I was going to fall but I didn't and I was really proud of myself when I got to the bottom.

After tea (pasta – yummy!) we went on the inflatable assault course. On my last go the Young Leaders pushed barriers over on me and made it really hard for me, but I finally got past them and got to the end. On the way back to our camp we collected some wood for our Camp badge.

Later we went on the water wars and got soaked. I fired a water bomb and it hit the top of the catapult and it burst and got me soaked.

We got dry and went back to camp where the young leaders had made some fires for us. There was also some hot chocolate for us. We toasted some bread because

Dragonfly had forgotten the marshmallows.

By this time it was very late (10pm!) and we went to bed. I was sharing my tent with Will. I was so tired I went straight to sleep.

In the morning we found out England had lost against Italy 2-1.

Breakfast was good – cereal and then cooked breakfast of sausage, bacon, egg, bread and beans!

We packed up our tents in the rain.

The sun came out and we played on the inflatable mountain and slide. On the mountain we had to bounce the Young Leaders off before they could bounce us off. It was fun.

Then it was home time and all our parents came to get us.

This was my first time away from home without Mum, Dad and Roisin and it was EPIC!!!!

I'm looking forward to the next camp already!!!

Thank you Dragonfly,

Baloo,  
Akela,  
Bagheera,  
Hedgehog  
and the  
Young  
Leaders

**Oli**



# Achievements

## Chief Scout's Bronze Award



James Bridgen	12th Letchworth
Joshua Cotugno	12th Letchworth
Fraser McIntosh	12th Letchworth
Ayden Morrow	12th Letchworth
Leo Pugh	12th Letchworth
Max Robertson	12th Letchworth

## A warm welcome to

Joan Trulock ACSL 5th Letchworth

All I can say is the trip was awesome I have never slept in a tent before. It was a bit noisy! I really loved the water bombs and the bouncy tunnel with poles in.  
My best bit was having eggy bread. I have never had that before and it was yummy.  
I'm looking forward to my next adventure

**Charlie P**

I went to Tolmers on Friday night. When I arrived I waited for the other Beavers to arrive. We then went to the campsite and put away our things. We then went into the mess tent and had some cakes. It was then time to go to bed.

On Saturday morning, we got up played for a while before breakfast. Akela did the cooking and I ate some eggy bread and cereal. We then did some exercising with Mim. Now onto exciting bit. We did lots of fun activities such as climbing the coconut trees, playing on the inflatable assault course and rope-a-phobia. The best bit about my stay was when we did water wars and I got soaked. It was then time to go home, but I didn't want to as I had so much fun.

It was a great stay and I enjoyed spending time and making new friends with the Cubs.

**Maddi**



Cake made by an 8th Letchworth Parent



# Diary 2014

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

2 - 3	County Cub International Expedition
6 - 25	County 25 Degree South, South Africa 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	



Gabriel received the award after being nominated by his Beaver Scout leader Caroline Northover, from 11th Letchworth Beaver Scouts, for phoning the emergency services and getting his mum the medical treatment she urgently needed. Gabriel is now a Cub at 11th Letchworth Cub



**The District sends its congratulations to Liz Walker on her appointment as the new Hertfordshire Scout County Commissioner. We look forward to meeting her at events in our District and wish her success in her new post.**

**Gabriel Pizinas  
receiving his award at  
the County AGM on  
Monday 23 June 2014**

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