

Co-ordinator

Hello and I hope you all had a lovely restful Summer break. As we start another term, it's great to see so much planning going into the programmes.

Yes, I'm excited by your plans and I know you guys and the young people will be too.

Just a couple of diary reminders.

The weekend of **Friday 12 September** the District be hosting The DC's Camp at Wymondley Wood. This is your chance to pop along or stay the weekend. Up to you. On the Saturday we will have opportunities for you to brush up on your Scouting skills. Sessions will be held on backwoods cooking, fire lighting, knots, axes and saws and many other things. We will have local countryside expert, Tim Little, on site. He will be leading sessions into the local countryside demonstrating what you can show and share with your young people.

Our regional development officer, Glen Brooks, will be on site and running sessions on "The Role of the GSL" and "Adult Recruitment". Everything is provided to you free of charge, including food. There is

a £6 per night charge if you're staying over either in the house or in the camping field. Full programme to follow shortly by email.

Saturday 25 October is our very special District 100 Year World War One Remembrance event. Please see the email sent out previously for all the details.

We look forward to seeing you at both of these events and around your Groups and the District.
Thank you for all you do.



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Hartley - District Commissioner

8th and 12th Letchworth enjoying a campfire at Wymondley Wood

See page 5 to see what the Beavers thought of their sleepover.

District Beaver Scout Day Out - County Fun Day at Tolmers

The Beaver District Day Out this year was to the County Fun Day at Tolmers.

103 Beavers, 15 Leaders, 10 parents, 1 Young Leader and 3 Duke of Edinburgh students all set off in the sunshine ready for a fun filled day.

I think our District made up roughly 10% of everyone there.

It was a pirate theme and the activities included coconut climbing trees, indoor and outdoor climbing walls, water wars, bungee run, bouncy castle, two inflatable assault courses, pedal go karts, trampolines, sucker cross bows, nerf guns, aeroball and crafts.

All the crafts were also pirate themed – bandanas, eye patches, parrots, rope, hats, badges and lots more.

There was even a 4d pirate experience which involved being blindfolded and led, bare foot, through various 'substances' !

At lunch time we were entertained by a pirate show, which was very funny.

Here is what some of our Beavers had to say about the day

Thank you Dragonfly and Woodpecker, Robin, the parent helpers and the Young Leaders for taking us to Tolmers for the Beavers' District Day out . I had a great time. There was so much to do.

I enjoyed the bean bag tossing game and the inflatable assault course a lot, but my favourite thing was climbing the coconut trees. I had so much fun I can't wait to go again next year.

It was the best day of my Beavering life.

Ben



I liked it because it was good and we all got to dress up as pirates. We got to make our own pirate stuff like parrots, hats and eye patches. The best bit was the rock climbing and we climbed high up then dangled on the ropes and climbed back up again.

William



Six adults and four Explorer Scouts from the District leaving the District Headquarters to join the County South African Expedition "25 Degrees South" for the next 19 days.

Adults: Clair Calver, Apryl Goodwin, Katie Goodwin, Simon Goodwin, Jackie Hare and Steve Milligan.

Explorer Scouts: Helen Inman, Ben Milligan, Bradley Moore.

**Huge congratulations to Will Cooper
of 8th Letchworth Beavers who has
just clocked up 7 nights away !**

We are sure that this is some sort of record for a Beaver, who isn't a Leader's child.

His tally is made up of

December 2012 – Wymondley Wood sleepover with 5th & 12th Beavers

March 2013 – the infamous snow weekend at Wymondley Wood with 8th Cubs

April 2014 – Wymondley Wood with 4th Beavers

November 2013 – Wymondley Wood with 12th Beavers

December 2013 – Wymondley Wood with 5th Beavers

June 2014 – Tolmers under canvas with 8th Cubs

June 2014 – Wymondley Wood with 12th Beavers.

Will has managed this impressive amount due to the fact that he has always been the first to say yes if someone has had to pull out at short notice.

He has been an amazing Beaver Scout, who has always put 200% into everything he does.

We are sure that he will go on to have many many more adventures when he Moves On to Cubs in September.

Akela – get that badge order in now !

Congratulations also go to Maddi Harper and Hannah Treagus who have earned 5 nights away each while in 8th Letchworth Beavers.

Dragonfly, Otter, Hedgehog, Woodpecker and Robin

Ready for take off - see page 4



First Baldock Scouts - Up Up and Away



On Friday 27 June, nine of the oldest Scouts from the First Baldock Troop went up to the Nene Valley Gliding Club just south of Ramsey, Cambridgeshire for an experience we aren't likely to forget.

After a rush back from School, we braved the Friday night traffic and the last cars arrived at the airfield at about 5.15 pm.

The Scouts and the parents then had an informative and interesting safety talk with the three instructors and the site manager, Roger. The talk of safety parachutes gave everyone the jitters though! After this everyone went up to the landing strip, past the huge winch which was to get us up in the air later on. The Scouts went up before the parents. Four Scouts managed to get up into the air before a heavy downpour and thunder which meant we could not fly for half an hour.

You had to get strapped in to the glider and the instructor went through some features of the glider before the winch man got the signal to reel in the rope and you were up in the air before you knew it. (0-60 in 3 seconds). After the rain delay everyone had a go (or in some cases two!).

All of the people that had experienced the gliding said that they had really enjoyed themselves and that it had been great fun.

John Goward, First Baldock Scout Troop



8th and 12th Letchworth Beaver Sleepover

I really enjoyed my time at Wymondley Wood a few weeks ago.

It was nice because it was fun when we cooked marshmallows on a fire. My best thing there was sleeping in our sleeping bags.

It was really interesting when I first started because it was been my first time camping with Beavers.

I am very curious when my next adventure comes with my beavers.

Harry

I was excited and a bit nervous as it was my first time going to a sleep over. The Leaders made me feel very welcome and I soon settled.

We were shown where we were sleeping and made our beds. Then we helped the Scouts build some tents. We had a camp fire and ate marshmallows and did some planet spotting. It

was great fun. I saw the planet Mars. it was quite a late night.

The next day breakfast was lovely. There were sausages, toast, cereals and much more. it was all yummy.

We played outside on the climbing frames in the morning before waiting for our parents to collect us. I was exhausted but enjoyed every part of the sleep over. I can't wait till I can go to another one.

Ryan



Congratulations to Derrick and Christine Hart on becoming grandparents to their first grandchild Theo born 9 July and weighing in at 8lbs 13oz.

District Cub Scout Bell Boating

Sunday 13 July 2014

Fairlands Lake

Seven Cub Packs, Leaders and parents armed with picnics, raincoats, sunhats and sun cream headed to Fairland's Lake for the annual District Bell Boating competition.

After the fiercely fought competition it was the turn of the Leaders and parents to have a go. It nearly ended in disaster with the red boat looking like it was about to sink at one point before some of the bigger men shuffled around.

5th Letchworth Cubs won the competition with 1st Baldock (Knights) in second place, joint 3rd were 8th Letchworth and 12th Letchworth and in joint 5th place were 7th/11th Letchworth and 1st Baldock (Templars)

A great day was had by all.



**Winners
5th Letchworth Cubs**

District 100 Poppy Event
Saturday 25 October 2014
Broadway Gardens

To commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the start of WWI the District will be holding an event at Broadway Gardens on Saturday 25 October starting at 10.30 am. We will be joined by the Royal British Legion who will be launching their poppy appeal at the same time.

The format of the event is as follows:-

The young people will be forming a circle and passing decorated paper plate poppies around the circle with the idea that the circle will remain in place for 100 minutes. The Beaver Section will form the first circle and will be replaced by the Cub Section, followed by the Scout Section and finally by the Explorer Scouts and Young Leaders.

Each Section will be required to stay in the circle for 25 minutes.

The Royal British Legion have asked if the Network Scouts and any adults would like to help selling poppies.

The charge for each participant will be £1.50 which will be donated to the Royal British Legion Appeal - all participants will be receiving a poppy.

Section	Time
Beavers	10.30
Cubs	10.55
Scouts	11.20
Explorer Scouts and Young leaders	11.45

The event will finish at 12.10 pm.

For further details please contact

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2nd Baldock Scout Group 60th Anniversary

2nd Baldock Scout Group celebrated their 60th Anniversary in style. New and old friends came together on the 18 July at the Catholic Church Hall, Baldock to help the Group mark 60 years. They swapped stories about their summer camps, international experiences and reminisced about their time with the Group . The guests were treated to strawberries and cream and a glass of bubbly from the Dilley's local vineyard in France. .

You cannot mention 2nd Baldock Scout Group without mentioning the Dilleys. Mick Dilley GSL has been with the group over sixty years. Both Mick and Deb have received the Silver Acorn for specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding service.

Here's to the next 60 years.



Chris King DESC, presenting 2nd Baldock Beaver Scouts with their Chief Scout's Bronze Award.

8th Letchworth Scouts Summer Camp - Powburn, Northumberland



The Journey There was a buzz of excitement in the air. The parents took one last photo then we boarded the mini bus. After six hours we were there. We all ran inside and started unpacking. The week had started!

Georgia

Hillwalking Today we went on a long hillwalk. Our group headed towards Linhope Spout. A large waterfall where Chris King presented Adam Marvell with his Gold Award. Afterwards we trekked up Hedgehope Hill. Finally we reached the top and ate lunch in blistering winds with all our waterproofs firmly on.

Angus & Tristan

Coasteering Today we went coasteering and 'trust me' it's fun but the worst part is getting your wetsuit off. Getting into the pool at first is absolutely freezing cold! But you'll get used to it. The best bit is jumping into the water. I must say it was awesome all round.

Riley

Rock Climbing Today we went to Corby Crag to do rock climbing. First we went to get our harnesses. We went to a big rock and another rock so we could take it in turns to climb and abseil. After about five hours we got our harnesses off and had fish/ sausages and chips

Jack

Kielder Observatory After a long day of climbing on steep rocks we headed out to Kielder Observatory. Kielder Observatory is a massive wooden building in the middle of a field. We were trying to get our astronomy badge. We had a talk about the stars and space. Unfortunately it was cloudy so we couldn't see anything through the telescope.

Angus

Hillwalking Today we went hillwalking and passed lots of hillforts. We climbed The Cheviot, the highest mountain around. The view from the top was AMAZING.

Jay

Rafting Today, in the morning our fishing trip was cancelled because of rough sea but we saw them filming the lifeboat for BBC Coast. In the afternoon we went to a lake in Druridge Country Park and went rafting. We were split into two groups and we had to build our own rafts and have a big race. **Mae**

Surfing & Body Boarding We went SURFING! Everybody did really well bearing in mind for some of the people it was their first try. Almost everybody managed to stand up every time they caught a wave.

Molly & Rebecca

At the recent Scout Active Support 'Cream Tea' held at the Scout Headquarters Hartley , DC, presented James Martin, Sheila Tickner, Edmond Tickner and David Hawkins with their Chief Scout Long Service Awards in front of over twenty five members of the SASU. Between them they have completed ninety years of service to Scouting.



**Congratulations to Helen Gray,
BSL, 7th Letchworth on gaining
her Wood Badge**

It was a very proud moment for 8th Letchworth Scout Group. Two of their young people, who have been through Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with them, then returned to the Cub Section as Young Leaders were awarded their Young Leader Belts by Chris King, DESC. As well as helping every week and on plenty of weekends with the Cubs, they have also had to complete training modules and assessments in their own time. This is a fantastic achievement and they are the first in Letchworth and Baldock District to do this. Congratulations and well done from all of us in the District

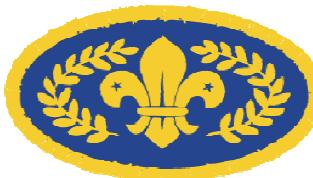


A warm welcome to



Dale Haxton	ASL	7th Letchworth
Michael Hodge	ACSL	1st Baldock (Templars)
Sharon Horner	ACSL	1st Baldock (Templars)
Mary Kitching	ACSL	11th Letchworth
Adam May	ABSL	11th Letchworth
Sarah Plater	ASL	1st Baldock

Achievement



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Samuel Bates	1st Baldock (Templars)
Matty Bellamy	12th Letchworth
Tyler Colbeck-Davis	2nd Baldock
Sam Cusden	12th Letchworth
Jamie Dickens	5th Letchworth
James Franklin	5th Letchworth
Ben Gascoine	7th Letchworth
Ben Niles	2nd Baldock
Matthew Olley	5th Letchworth
Peter Robson	2nd Baldock
William Scarborough	2nd Baldock
Holly Scoot	4th Letchworth
Bethany Thompson	2nd Baldock

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Adam Marvell	8th Letchworth
Jack Taplin	8th Letchworth

Kenda MacDonald	ASL	1st Ashwell
Danny Ryall	ACSL	8th Letchworth



John Hicks District Scout Active Support

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2014 Diary Dates 2014

September

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| 4 | Scout & Guide Shop Opens |
| 10 | District Beaver Leaders' Meeting
1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive |
| 11 | District Executive Meeting |
| 20 | County Cub Night Hike
Hemel Hempstead |
| 26 - 28 | County Born 2B Challenged (Scouts)
Harmergreen |
| 28 | County Beaver Family Fun Day
Paradise Park |
| 29 | Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting |

October

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| 12 | County Cubs Cyclocross
Well End |
| 14 | District Team Meeting |
| 17 - 19 | County Peak Assault |
| 18 - 19 | JOTA / JOTI - to sign up email
jota@scouts.org.uk or joti@scouts.org.uk |
| 23 | District Scout & Guide Shop AGM
District Scout Headquarters |
| 26 | District 100 Poppies |
| 27 | Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting |

November

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| 13 | District Executive Meeting |
| 14 - 16 | County Green Beret (Scouts)
Phasels Wood |
| 24 | Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting |

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www.lbdscouts.org.uk