

# Co-ordinator

## Nora Hitcham celebrates 20 years at the Scout and Guide Shop

### Inside this issue:

Welcome to our afternoon tea. We are here to acknowledge and celebrate Nora's 20 years as manager of the Scout and Guide Shop.

The shop was the brainchild of Eric Oldham. It was launched in 1968 in a room at the rear of the Council for Social Services in Gernon Road. All stock was stored in boxes and the "changing room" was behind a Venetian Screen!

In 1977 it moved to 1st 3rd Headquarters in Icknield Way where the stock could be displayed on open tables but ever growing demand led to the opening of a purpose built shop in 1989.

In the meantime Ruth and Peter Baker took over the shop in 1978 and continued to manage it in a most efficient manner until Nora Hitcham succeeded them in 1994.

It is quite remarkable that in nearly 50 years of trading the shop has had only three managers showing incredible commitment on their part.

The shop plays an important part in the life of our Districts. Most of those smart Scouts and Guides who we see on parade will have had their uniforms supplied by the shop. It is a place where volunteers from the SASU and Trefoil Guild can meet and chat as they serve customers. The shop gives those customers good value for money but at the same time it earns a surplus which it distributes to the Scout and Guide Districts. During Nora's time as manager the Districts must have benefited by at least £75,000- a magnificent contribution to our wellbeing. In recognition of her service she has been presented with the "Chief Scout's Commendation" and a Girlguiding Hertfordshire Good Service Award. We endorse these awards by thanking Nora for her commitment and enthusiasm and for her

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efficiency and cheerfulness. She has been a true servant of the Districts and earned our respect and admiration.



## Peak Assault 2014

**P** Persistent Rain  
**E** Extremely windy  
**A** Agile team members  
**K** Krikey it's tough this year

**A** Actual Real Africa and Mike  
**S** Sunshine made a rainbow  
**S** Sweets to eat  
**A** Aspirations started high  
**U** Unfortunately they dipped  
**L** Luckily we weren't last  
**T** Tired out now

The location for this year's Peak Assault was Pooley Bridge Northern Lakes, near Penrith.

Peak Assault is Hertfordshire Scouts most challenging competition organised for members of the Scout Association aged 14 and over and is now in its 47th year. The competitors must use their orienteering skills, physical ability and mental strength to navigate their way across unforgiving terrain 'clipping' as many checkpoints as they can within the allotted time. The competitors must also carry all the equipment they will need for a night on the hills.

There are three competition classes, Explorer (14-18) Network (18-25) and Senior (25+). The District had a training team and competitive team in the Explorer class and a team in the Senior class.

Hartley said " Great weekend, hurricane over night and non stop torrential rain".



Explorer Scout training team came 14th

Explorer Scout competition team came 27th

Senior team came 14th.

In total 63 teams took part over the three classes.

## Nights Away Notification (NAN Form)

**Calling all Leaders.** Could all Leaders please note that all completed NAN Forms must go to Amanda Woolmer - Nights Away Adviser as well as Hartley.

Amanda's contact details are as follows:

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# Tolmers Summer Camp 2014

## 5th Letchworth Scouts

Summer camp 2014, was one of the best I've been to. The activities were amazing, and I wouldn't have been able to do a lot of the them if I hadn't been at camp.

One of my favourite activities was the land Zorbs. We were strapped into huge plastic bubbles, like massive balloons. Everyone ran around and tried to knock each other over. Most people got a few bumps and bruises but it was definitely worth it!

Another of my favourite activities was rope-a-phobia. An assault course, but 10 feet in the air! My first attempt at this was quite scary, but after a couple of goes I found it really fun! I think the best bit was at the end, there was a fireman's pole that you had to hold onto then slowly slide down.

Another great thing about this camp was that everyone from different counties camped near each other so it was easy to make friends with new people. Overall I think this was a really good camp for people to go on. It was a great chance to meet new people, and to spend time with the people you already knew. If I had the chance, I would definitely go on this camp again!



**Ruby Doherty, 5th Letchworth Scouts**

**Felix big brother to Benjamin**



The District will be running a Christmas post scheme this year for the areas covering Letchworth, Baldock, Ashwell, Wallington and Newnham. Basically the SG6 and SG7 postal areas.

To start the process the young people within the Scout Groups were asked to design a festive stamp. The winning design will be produced as a stamp and used for the Christmas post service.

The quality of the entries was of a high standard and made it impossible to choose just one design as the overall winner. It was decided to have joint winners and both designs will be produced as stamps.

Thank you to all the Groups who took part and congratulations to Lucy Fox, 11th Letchworth Beaver Scout and Miles Brewis, 12th Letchworth Scout. Both have received a Science Museum "build your own" kit.

Delivery dates will be around the two weeks of 8 December and 19 December with the closing date for "Scout Post" Friday 5 December, sorting days 6 and 7 December.

For more information contact Chris Lewis, 1st Baldock ASL or Hartley, DC.

**Lucy Fox**



**Miles Brewis**





## District Scouts - Poppy Event

Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts helped the Royal British Legion to launch this year's Poppy Appeal in the Letchworth. To commemorate the centenary of the start of the 1st World War Scouts from the District congregated at Broadway Gardens. Each section, starting with the Beaver Scouts, formed a circle and passed decorated paper plates around the circle for 25 minutes. The Beavers were followed by the Cub Scouts, then the Scouts and finally the Young Leaders and Explorer Scouts making 100 minutes in total. At the end of the event the paper plates were laid in the shape of a poppy.

All the participants donated £1.50 and received a cloth poppy badge. All monies raised went the Royal British Legion.



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

## 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scout Group

### Sparhawk

(in the grounds of Grange School)

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014

### 12 – 3pm



- Christmas Raffle – prizes include a tablet and a hamper
- Cake Stall
- Tombola
- Tea/Coffee/Cakes & Scouts Homemade Paella
- Christmas crafts & gifts
- Fun & Games for all the family

If you would like to have a stall at our fair please email [susan.platten@ntlworld.com](mailto:susan.platten@ntlworld.com) to book as we have limited spaces. Cost £5.00 per stall and a donation for the raffle



Adam a Scout at 8th Letchworth has a very talented Grandma. She has been busy knitting poppies so that everyone at 8th Letchworth can have one. She has very kindly donated them all to the group at no cost. These will be on display along with collection boxes for donations at the section meetings. All money raised will go to the British Legion Poppy Appeal. The Scouts will wear their poppies on Remembrance Sunday.



## Chief Scout's Silver Award



Oliver Devine	1st Baldock (Knights)
Johnny Phillips	1st Baldock (Knights)

### Scout Active Support

The District Scout Active Support Unit held a Beetle Drive at the Guide HQ in Letchworth. In all twenty two people attended, which included members of the Trefoil Guild. As well as taking part in the Beetle Drive there was Dingbat challenge during the interval and the evening concluded with a game of Call my Bluff. All in all a very enjoyable evening.

The Scout Active Support Christmas buffet will take place on Saturday 13 December at the Guide HQ at a cost of £.10 per head.

### Scout Active Support

## Fund Raising for the World Jamboree

Both 1st Baldock Beaver Colonies had a bring and buy sale this week to fund raise for the World Jamboree. It was very well supported by parents and Beavers. We raised a combined total of £180.

Over the weekend of 18/19 October Dan, Helen and Rebecca who are attending the World Jamboree in Japan held a bag Pack at Sainsbury's. They managed to raise an amazing total of **£1138** (with a large bag of coppers still to be counted!)

A huge thank you to everyone who helped over the weekend. Thank you very much again as we could not have done this without you,

**Helen Inman - Jamboree Participant**

A quiz night was held on 27 September at 1st Baldock HQ in support of Explorer Scouts attending the World Jamboree. The night raised just under £600.

Thank you to all the teams that took part and supported our Explorer Scouts.

**Letchworth &  
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## 2014 Diary Dates 2015

### November

- 3 SASU Book Club
- 4 Scout and Guide Shop reopens
- 13 District Executive Meeting
- 14 - 16 County Green Beret (Scouts)  
Phasels Wood
- 15 SASU - Subs
- 24 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 28 District Cub Quiz

### December

- 6 SASU Book Club
- 6 County Air Activity Day
- 6 County Winter Wonderland - Phasels Wood
- 11 District Executive Meeting - Finance
- 13 SASU Christmas Buffet
- 16 Scout & Guide Shop Closes
- 16 County Network Christmas Dinner

### January 2015

- 8 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 13 County Network Quiz
- 16 - 18 Fire & Ice (Scouts/Explorers) Tolmers

### February

- 1 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 15 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 21 Japan Theme Monopoly Run (County)
- 28 - 1 Mar County Chiltern Challenge (Explorers)

