

Co-ordinator

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I have now gained my Queen's Scout award.
Was it easy? no
Was it fun? let me think yes
Would I do it again? most definitely
I have come away with learning and pushing myself into doing things that I didn't think I was capable of doing.

I have met people and made friends who I would have not otherwise crossed paths with.
So if you have the opportunity to do the Queen's Scout Award, I say go for it, you have nothing to loose.

Emma Hart - Explorer Scout

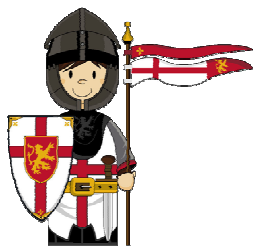


TRAINING DATES



Date	Day	Time	Venue	Module
22 nd January	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module A - Prepare for take off
26 th February	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module B - Taking the lead
26 th March	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module C - That's the way to do it
12 th April	Sunday	0930 – 1130	DHQ Icknield Way	Module A - Prepare for take off
23 rd April	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module D - Kids behaving badly
28 th May	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module E - Game on
25 th June	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module F - Making Scouts accessible
23 rd August	Sunday	0930 – 1130	DHQ Icknield Way	Module A - Prepare for take off
6 th September	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module G - Programme plans
17 th September	Thursday	1900 – 2100	DHQ Icknield Way	Module H - Programme plans plus
13 th December	Sunday	0930 – 1230	DHQ Icknield Way	Module I - What did they say Module J - Awards and Badges

* Module K – First Aid master class will be organised separately



St George's Day Parade and Service Sunday 26 April 2015 St Mary's Church Ashwell

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service is being organised by 1st Ashwell Scout Group on behalf of the District. The parade and service will take place in Ashwell on Sunday 26 April 2015.

The parade will form up from 2.00 pm at the Meadow on the High Street (West of the shops and pubs but on the straight road that runs through the village.)

The Parade will move off at 2.30 pm taking a route around the village to St Mary's Church. The Service will start at 3.00 pm and end approximately 3.45 pm.

The dismissal will take place on Hodwell outside of the church finishing between 3.45 pm - 4.00 pm





**Hayley Palmer,
11th Letchworth Cub Leader
and friends visit Tarli the
calf elephant**

Hayley won a fantastic prize for naming the calf elephant at Woburn Safari Park. The prize included a stay at the Woburn Hotel and a VIP experience for four people to meet the elephant herd, the calf and the elephant keeper team.



Hayley with friends Allie Matthews, Kim Martin and Leann Smith spent the weekend as guests at Woburn Safari Park.

This is what Hayley had to say

"Relaxing in our 5 star Hotel for the night. We had an amazing day at the Safari Park meeting all the animals and getting up really close. Had a cuddle with 'my' elephant Tarli who wanted to play, shame we couldn't bring her home. Great day and great company".



Allie "Still can't believe it all!! It was so awesome and so much fun".

Leann "Such an amazing day!! Words cannot describe the day we had yesterday and the experiences we had!! Hayley thank you so much for choosing us to experience it with you!!! Cant wait to go back and see her in a few months and see how she has grown"

Kim "Cannot thank Hayley enough for inviting us to join her for a VIP day at Woburn and getting to meet so many animals up close and meet her baby elephant Tarli! Literally couldn't have asked for a more amazing day!! Still buzzing from everything we got!

District News

ADC (Cubs)

Please be aware that Diana Cornell has had to temporarily step down from her role as ADC Cubs due to a health issue. I'm sure you will join me in wishing Diana a speedy recovery. We hope to see her back to full health in good time.

In the meantime, Darren Greener, CSL 8th Letchworth has been asked to step into the role on a temporary basis. He will be supported by myself, Wendy Tierney and Amanda Woolmer, together with the leadership team and District Executive. Thank you.

Hartley - DC

Darren Greener

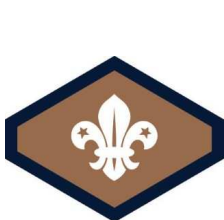


Badges

As you are hopefully aware the Section programmes will be changing during the year. The Scout Association via Scout Shops Limited will be changing the badges accordingly. Either by redesigning current badges, introducing new badges and withdrawing some of the badges. In order to ensure that we do not hold out of date badges when the old programme ceases in September 2015

1. Old style badges, will not be replaced, new style badges will be ordered for stock i.e. Chief Scout / Challenge badges
2. However, old style badges can be ordered up until September 2015 on request.
3. Badges being withdrawn, once stock has been used, will be ordered on request until September 2015.
4. Badges introduced for the new programme will be in stock shortly.

Dave Hawkins - Badge Secretary



Chief Scout's Service Awards



Andrew Clarke	ASL	7th Letchworth
Richard Platten	ASL	8th Letchworth
Mark Smith	ASL	1st Ashwell
Caroline Waters	CSL	12th Letchworth



Fiona Potts	CSL	1st Baldock (Knights)
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Barry Dickson	CSL	7th Letchworth
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All are welcome to the Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Date: Monday 27 April 2015

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.

8th Letchworth Scout Group would like to invite you to their open evening and AGM.

Date: Monday 2 March

Venue: 8th Letchworth
HQ, Sparhawke

Time: 6.45 for 7.00
Start

ALL WELCOME



John Churchill

8 March 1928 - 27 December 2014

We were sad to hear of the passing of John Churchill after a long illness. John was GSL at 5th Letchworth for a number of years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Edward Ogilvie

5th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Matthew Charles

5th Letchworth

Oliver Peacock

5th Letchworth

Harrison Thompson

5th Letchworth

Michael Truloch

5TH Letchworth

Charles Varley

5th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Matthew Inman

2nd Baldock

Chief Scout's Platinum Award



Robert Coldrey

Oak Eagle Explorer
Scout Unit

Robert Coldrey being
presented with his Chief
Scout's Platinum Award by
Liz Walker, County
Commissioner



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A number of amendments
to POR came into effect
on 1st January 2015.

They can be found on
The Scout Association
website.

Ian Taplin, ACSL, 8th
Letchworth is undertaking
the Grand Union Challenge a
100 km charity walk in aid of
The Alzheimer's Society in
memory of Liz Taplin ADC
Beavers mother, who passed
away recently. He hopes to
complete the walk in just
under 20 hours.

To sponsor Ian please go to:
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2015 Diary Dates 2015

February

- 1 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 2 ASU Book Club 2.00 pm
- 7 ASU - Heritage Museum talk - War years
- 12 District Executive Meeting
- 12 Scout Shop closes for half term
- 15 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 23 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 24 Scout Shop Reopens
- 28 - 1 Chiltern Challenge - Phasels Wood

March

- 2 8th Letchworth AGM
- 2 ASU Book Club 2.00 pm
- 16 County Scout Triathlon - Lees Wood
- 22 County Cub Bushcraft Activity
- 26 Scout Shop closes for Easter
- 27 Queen's Scout Award Dinner - Gilwell Park
- 27 - 28 District Gang Show
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

April

- 23 Scout Shop reopens
- 26 St George's Day Parade and Service
- 27 Wymondley Wood AGM

May

- 8 - 10 District Cubs Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 15 4th Letchworth AGM
- 15 11th Letchworth AGM

