



## Co-ordinator

# District Scout Cooking Competition

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This year's competition had to be one of the toughest themes for the judges to assess the teams. There were many variations of soups, stews and other staple foods from either the home front or the dinner table during 1914.

Seven Scout Troops took part in this year's District Competition held at 1st Baldock HQ on Sunday 1st February. The competition was won by 7th Letchworth who received The Tippet Trophy to and will represent the District at the County event on the 15th February.

The teams were judged on their overall teamwork, the understanding and interpretation of the theme and the resulting three course meal.

1st: 7th Letchworth

2nd: 1st Baldock

3rd: 2nd Baldock

A big thank you to the Scouts who took part, the Leaders, parents who assisted on the day, and most importantly, the judges — Jeremy Croxford, District Executive Member, Wendy Tierney, District Scouter and Paul Middleton from the local Royal British Legion and his son a former 1st Baldock Scout. See you again next year.

Chris  
Lewis  
Organiser

7th Letchworth came fourth in the County Cooking Competition, out of nine teams, scoring 161 points out of a possible 205 points. Winners were 2nd Ware (St Marys) with 179 points.

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Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts  
Cooking Competition 2015  
7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scouts

## Menu

Minted Pea Soup

Trench Stew with dumplings

Rice pudding  
Served with foraged Blackberries

Homemade lemonade



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Cooking  
Competition**



## 1st Baldock Beavers Space Camp

On a very cold weekend at the end of January, First Baldock Beavers launched from Wymondley Wood and went out into space. (Ok, we watched a video of it all). 'Vulture' organised a fantastic camp. We watched how astronauts sleep, cook, relax and clean their teeth in space. The highlight was a visit from Letchworth & District Astronomical Society where the Beavers compared the size of our solar system to familiar objects and learnt all about the planets. Best of all, it was a lovely clear evening so they viewed the full moon through a telescope, seeing all the craters. The Leaders got to see Jupiter and three of its moons. The next morning the Beavers made their own models of the solar system to take home as a memento. They also paced out a scale model of the solar system around the field - did you know that if the sun was a football by the archery area, you would have to walk twice round the whole site to get to Pluto (a pinhead)? We then landed our spacecraft and went home, tired but happy.

This is what Freddie had to say about it:

I liked looking through the telescope. I could see the craters on the moon. It was exciting. I am interested in learning about astronomy.

**Susannah Goward BSL**  
**1st Baldock (Tuesday)**



## Explorers' Coetmor Expedition

### A slightly dodgy Limerick

There once was a Scout trip to Wales;  
In search of Snowdonian trails.  
They set off in good time,  
And hoped they would rhyme,  
This article that does entail.



A shout-out on radio two,  
And after a stop for the loo;  
They set off again,  
The remarkable ten,  
Arriving in time for a brew.

The next day begun at first light;  
The conditions seeming alright.  
To the Glyders they went,  
As Goodie was spent,  
He took the trip down from the height.



The ice grew thick as they trekked,  
Emily's Feet began to look wrecked.  
A blister or two -  
There's always a few.  
At least there's no tent to erect.

The Explorers headed back to the mill,  
And for dinner they had their fill.  
After the games, and cleaning remains,  
They planned their route for the hill.



At dawn they set off in the van,  
Headed to the top of Tryfan.  
They scrambled and climbed,  
As the landscape inclined,  
Determined to prove that they can.

Yet soon the weather closed in,  
Thickening cloud that was thin.  
The wind grew harsh,  
Under foot was a marsh,  
As resilience grew from within.

It was now time for a short break,  
And a decision on the route they would take.  
They brought out the maps...  
And the lunch baps,  
To ensure the calorie intake.





They soon began the climb down.  
With Tryfan their jewel in the crown.  
They headed back to the bus,  
And finally thus,  
There was a communal frown.

There is one note left to say;  
A sort of homage to pay.  
To the leaders who drove,  
And with us did rove:  
"Can we Return Some Day?"

The trip had now reached its end.  
Only the journey home did pend.  
With Simon Asleep,  
There wasn't a peep,  
And calmness did transcend.

Written by Alex Hawkins  
Photographs taken by Simon Kitching

Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts



## Future Events

Event: G.M.A. (General Meeting Annually) followed by a birthday party for Anne Lilley and Peter Elmers.

Date: 6 June 2015

Venue: TBA

Time: 2.00 pm — 5.00 pm

There will not be a cost.

In July there will be a picnic -  
date and venue to be arranged

9 August 2015 cream tea -  
venue and time to follow.

G.M.A.

6 June 2015

All Welcome



Twenty one members of the Active Support Unit visited the Letchworth Heritage Museum to hear a talk by Josh the Curator on "Sirens, Silk & Spitfires". A fascinating afternoon. Rose De Roeck



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Some Ideas For AGMS With A Difference

1. **Include the young people** - A short presentation by Beaver, Cubs or Scouts is a good thing to include.
2. **Prizes** - everyone likes to see their son or daughter receive a prize. Approach a local business for a small amount of money to sponsor your annual Group Awards.

Think up some snazzy titles or topics for them: most activity badges earned, most nights away in the year, best attendance, most cakes baked.

3. **Family Competition** - Hold the GAM before, during or after a quiz night, rounders match or race evening.
4. **Family Camp** - you could always slip the AGM in on Sunday morning after breakfast.
5. **Guest Speaker** - Invite a really inspirational speaker who people would be interested to come and hear,



**Have you bought your tickets yet! There is still time. Come along and help celebrate The Letchworth & Baldock Gang Show 50th performance. Tickets are available from Tickets Source at £7.00 each. <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gangshow> or visit the Gang Show**



### Hannah Moules

We were sorry to hear the sad news that Hannah has passed away and we send our deepest sympathy to Peter and his family.

Hannah gave distinguished service to the Cub section over a period of 40 years starting in the late 1940s as Cub mistress at the 6<sup>th</sup> Letchworth (Salvation Army) Group. In 1953 she restarted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Letchworth Wolf Cub Pack meeting at the District Headquarters in Icknield Way.

She opened the 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Wolf Cub Pack in 1961 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Baldock Wolf Cub Pack in 1964.

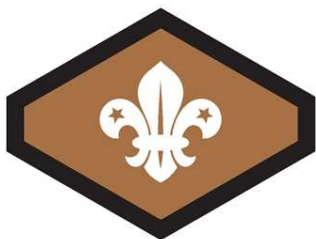
She was appointed ADC ( Wolf Cubs ) in 1963. She resigned from this post in 1967 when she moved to Bedfordshire and continued her service to Wolf Cubs in Steeple Morden and Stotfold.

When she returned to Letchworth in 1975 she became Cub Leader at 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scout Group and remained involved with the Group until she retired in 1997.

She also helped behind the scenes at the Gang Show helping at the box office and with publicity.

In recognition of her outstanding service Hannah was awarded with the Medal of Merit in 1964 and in 1988 she was presented with the Silver Acorn by County Commissioner, Paul Brenham.

# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Jude Davies	4th Letchworth
Oscar Davies	4th Letchworth
Luca Dempsey	4th Letchworth
Toby Hales	4th Letchworth
Thomas Saunders	4th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Matilda George	1st Ashwell
John Grose	12th Letchworth
Connor Hardy	1st Baldock (Knights)
John Lindop	1st Baldock (Knights)
Sam Lindop	1st Baldock (Knights)
Freya Marshall	8th Letchworth
James Newland	12th Letchworth
Zak Popplewell	1st Baldock (Knights)
Toby Richards	1st Baldock (Knights)
Ethan Robins	1st Baldock (Knights)
Matthew Robson	12th Letchworth
Samuel Tiplady	1st Baldock (Knights)
Toby Woodisse	12th Letchworth
Emily Woods	8th Letchworth

## A warm welcome to



Stephen Danes	ASL	7th Letchworth
Stiofan Doherty	ABSL	5th Letchworth
Dean Lovelock	ASL	11th Letchworth
Fiona Richards	ABSL	1st Ashwell
Louise Young	ABSL	1st Ashwell
Richard Yung	ABSL	1st Ashwell

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# 2015 Diary Dates 2015

## March

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

## April

- 12 Young Leaders Training Module A DHQ
- 16 District Executive Meeting
- 23 Scout Shop reopens
- 23 Young Leaders' Training Module D DHQ
- 26 St George's Day Parade and Service
- 27 Wymondley Wood AGM
- 30 District Beaver Leaders' Meeting

## May

- 8 - 10 District Cubs Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 9 District Beaver Challenge - 8th Letchworth
- 14 District AGM
- 15 4th Letchworth AGM
- 15 11th Letchworth AGM
- 17 Letchworth Rotary Greenway walk
- 28 Young Leaders' Training Module E DHQ

