

# Co-ordinator

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On Sunday 26 April members of the Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts descended on the sleepy village of Ashwell for their annual St George's Day Parade and Service.

The Donkey Meadow in Ashwell had been mowed in readiness for the vehicles to park on. With the police in attendance and adult members from 1st Ashwell Scout group marshalling the vehicles onto the field. Chris King parade marshal managed to get the 400 plus young people and Leaders into formation ready to move off promptly at 2.30 pm. The parade marched to St Mary's church where the service was conducted by Reverend Robert Evens, Rector of Ashwell, Hinxworth and Newnham. 1st Ashwell Scout Group performed the story of St George and the Dragon to the congregation. The retiring collection was donated to the Diapalante, a local Ashwell Charity, which works with local partners on small community projects in West Africa.

Graham Woolley, the County representative, said a few words and the parade was dismissed from the churchyard.

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# Letchworth and Baldock District Census 31 January 2015

## Letchworth & Baldock District 15th February 2015

GROUP	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorers		Leaders		Assistants		Others		Group Totals	Census 2014		Census 2013		Census 2012		Census 2011		Census 2010 was
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		was	was	was	was	was	was			
1st Ashwell	15	9	27	4	21	10	5	3							94	92	102	104	97	77				
1st Baldock	44	6	53	4	16	10						1			153	136	139	136	138	147				
2nd Baldock	13	2	14	1	15	3	4	3				1			56	61	59	63	59	46				
4th Letchworth	14	8	20	3	15	4	5	3				1			73	70	76	64	79	87				
5th Letchworth	11	2	16	5	17	5	6	7					1		70	68	65	79	57	64				
7th Letchworth	19	6	19	8	16	4	3	6							81	88	93	90	79	77				
8th Letchworth	21	7	21	9	13	12	7	8							98	98	100	96	89	78				
11th Letchworth	7	5	12	4	17	2	3	5				1	1	1	55	52	41	40	46	37				
12th Letchworth	11	6	15	7	19	5									73	75	80	78	64	64				
Oak Eagle Explorers Network							36	24	3	1	1		6	5	11		79	67	54	50				
																8	8	12	8	9				
TOTALS	155	51	197	45	149	55	36	24	47	51	2	3	7	7	829	821	842	829	770	736				
Active Support District Personnel													16	13	29	34	33	34	36	36				
													8	6	14	14	12	13	14	10				
															872	869	887	876	820	782				

Hertfordshire Scouts now have 16,916 members which is an increase of three from last year. As a District we have increased our numbers by three.

Breakdown of the Sections is as follows:-

Beavers increase of 16

Cubs decrease of 18

Scouts increase of 26

Explorers decrease of 3

Leaders decrease of 6

Assistants decrease of 3

Network stayed the same

Others decrease of 2

SAU decrease of 5



**COMIC  
RELIEF**

## 2nd Baldock Scouts

**COMIC  
RELIEF**

2nd Baldock Scouts came to the meeting on Red nose Day with faces painted and then they decorated little cakes in the meeting. Hartley judged the best face, Emma Gooch with Lucius and the best set of 6 cakes won by Jack Allen.

The leaders then made teas/coffees and the Scouts sold a cuppa with a cake and also raised some sponsorship.

Total raised and sent to Comic Relief was £83.



## Gang Show 2015

It's a year or two since I was invited to review the District Gang Show. At the time of writing, I haven't been asked to do it this year, and perhaps you may see why. However, it has been a highlight of my year ever since the third production in the mid twentieth century. I hadn't seen the first two (entitled "Our Show") at the old Co-operative Hall in Eastcheap, but somehow I got involved with painting backcloths for the larger stage at St Francis' Theatre, where it renamed itself as the District Gang Show, produced by the unforgettable Fred Cogar with Jim Bruce and Ernie Cardwell. In a year or two I got other odd jobs such as make-up assistant, and keeping people quiet!

backstage. And there followed small parts in sketches, and even performing (with Bob Day) a song about bus-conductresses which I wrote to the tune of "Lilli Marlene." John Baker at the piano was the entire musical backing to this and everything else. And this is the interesting bit: **No-one used microphones.** In any sketch by Ralph Reader or anyone else, teenage boys (and later, girls) of Letchworth and Baldock could all project their voices clearly and audibly to the back of the auditorium. I reckon they still could today, and not stand around with those microphones almost stuck up their noses.

K.J.

Gang Show this year was in my opinion, and I have been involved in more than most, the best we have done. I think the reason is we had a very young Gang this year and they were all very keen. We did all our rehearsing at 1st Baldock HQ every Saturday with microphones which I think gave the gang the confidence they all needed.

Thanks to everybody involved with the show; stage crew, costume people, front of house, network, thanks to everybody and big thanks to all producers for all their hard work over the past year. I would like to thank the District groups for coming to see the show and see if next year, we could fill all three performances.

**Dave Upson**  
**Gang Show Chairman**



## Patrols, 4 companies, 1 evening of fundraising: head to head.

Each patrol was challenged with setting up their own business, electing a chairperson, a project manager and a treasurer. Each business had to devise a fundraising idea to generate as much profit as possible at our troop AGM.

With their company name, logo, slogan and pitch ready they entered the Dragons Den to ask for permission and funding to run their project.

This is:

5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth does **THE APPRENTICE** /Dragons Den!



So lets meet the 4 companies and hear their sales pitch:

**Lemonge (cake sale and competition):** Come along and have a treat. Your diet doesn't count when you're with us. Have some scummy cake and delicious lemonade, and guess the weight of the cake!

**The patrol with a name no one could remember (photobooth):** "Hey good looking'" Wanna show your smile off? Then come and have your scouting moment captured in 1-click

**Bear Grills... (BBQ):** Can't be bothered to cook? Don't spend your money on any expensive takeaway, try the best BBQ in Spring Road. Don't eat before you come!!

**Letchworth Pellets (Air rifle shooting competition):** Get your aiming game on and see if you can beat the best with an air rifle. Highest score wins a prize..

The incentive to the Scouts was simple; whatever profit they made (minus the percentage they had agreed to give back to the troop for the loan of the upfront funding, and their overheads) they could spend on a troop activity!

**So how did it go?** The evening was a huge success with all 4 companies working extremely hard to promote their business and raise funds.

**How much money did they make?**

By the end of the AGM the combined takings of the 4 companies was £300!

The patrols agreed (in a very Scouting way) to combine their profits. This leaves them with just over £100 that they plan to use to book a local swimming pool for the evening for a pool party!  
*Not bad for a night's work ay?*

A massive well done must go out to all the chair people, project managers, treasurers and hard workers who made it possible. You really did exceed our own expectations! Well done!

**Sir Nick Sugar — ASL 5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth**



## 2nd Baldock Cubs



The editor's phone rang and it was Mick Dilley GSL at 2nd Baldock inviting her to a special presentation for Diana Marshall CSL. Armed with her camera she went to the hall not knowing what to expect. The group were making a presentation to mark Diana's 35 years as CSL with 2nd Baldock. They presented her with a card which was signed by everyone in the Group, a

bottle of bubbly, a standard rose bush and a cake.



Congratulations to

Nick Howell 5th Letchworth ASL

Tim Stroud 5th Letchworth ASL

who received their Chief Scout's Length of Service Award at the 5th Letchworth AGM



Simon Tierney

It was with sorrow that we heard the sad news of Simon's death and we send our deepest sympathy to Wendy and her family.

Simon devoted his time to Scouting and gave over twenty years' service as a Cub Leader at 2nd Weston Scout Group and later to Letchworth and Baldock District as the District Training Administrator and Manager of the District minibus.

In 2011 he was awarded the Medal of Merit for his outstanding service to the movement.

He had a quite and pleasant personality and he will be missed by his many colleagues in Scouting.

# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Joshua Baguley	4th Letchworth
Lilly-Rose Chandler	4th Letchworth
Marcus Collins	5th Letchworth
Charlie Markarian	8th Letchworth
Marcus Thompson	5th Letchworth

## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Max Allen	1st Ashwell
Murphy Covington	1st Ashwell
Arin Dosanjh	12th Letchworth
George Elkington	2nd Baldock
Noah Elkington	2nd Baldock
Taye Huckle	1st Ashwell
William Kingsbury	1st Ashwell
Paul Price	2nd Baldock
Henry Thompson	1st Ashwell

## Chief Scout's Platinum Award

George Packham	Oak Eagle ESU
Rebecca Maynard	Oak Eagle ESU



A little known fact about one of Letchworth & Baldock stalwarts . Kenneth Johnson better known has K.J. "The FIRST CHARITY WALK was organised by Kenneth Johnson of Letchworth, Hertfordshire and held on 26 December 1959. The intended route was along the Icknield Way from Letchworth to Yatesbury, Wiltshire. Twenty men and one girl each paid 1s to enter, and sponsors guaranteed so much a mile. Ten of the participants gave up after 13 miles, three after 22 miles, one after 25 miles, four on reaching Princess Risborough, and the remaining three including Johnson himself, covered 50 miles, giving up at Ewelme, Oxfordshire. About £20 was raised." Taken from The Shell Book of First - Patrick Robertson 1974.

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## 2015 Diary Dates 2015

### May

- 1 - 4 County PACE - Scouts
- 8 - 10 District Cubs Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 9 District Beaver Challenge - 8th Letchworth
- 14 District AGM
- 15 4th Letchworth AGM
- 15 2nd Baldock AGM
- 15 11th Letchworth AGM
- 16 Gang Show AGM
- 17 Letchworth Rotary Greenway walk
- 20 1st Baldock AGM
- 21 Scout & Guide Shop closes for Half Term
- 28 Young Leaders' Training Module E DHQ

### June

- 2 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 6 General Meeting Annually - ASU
- 16 District Beavers' Bangers and Bash
- 17 1st Ashwell AGM
- 19 - 21 Patrol Leader Activity weekend
- 20 County Cub Water Activity Day
- 25 Young Leaders' Training Module F DHQ

### (IMC) Intermediate Mountaineering Course

I have been asked to write a few words on the trip to Lochearnhead, Scotland as it is here that I spent the first week of my Easter holiday.

On the trip I learnt so many things such as navigation, map reading, ice axe skills and hiking techniques. The week itself has to be one of the best weeks of my life as I made so many unforgettable memories and friends. The views were just breathtaking and everyone was so refreshed by the Scottish air.

**Megan Shipton - Oak Eagle ESU**