

Co-ordinator

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8th Letchworth Scout weekend at the Herts Young Mariners Base

Twenty plus Scouts and Leaders spent the weekend camping at Herts Young Mariners Base in Cheshunt. The camp was aimed at improving the Scouts water skills in preparation for the River Wye expedition in the summer. They brushed up their canoeing and sailing skills and all had a go at SUP boarding, something none of them had tried before. We all had a brilliant time and everyone tried really hard at the activities.

During the camp the Scouts were also working on their Photography Badge. They had prepped during previous weeks and were able to take recordings with a camcorder ready for editing into films at their weekly Scout meetings. They also took still photographs with both digital and 35mm cameras.

Extract from 8th Letchworth website.

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4th Letchworth Beavers build Bug Hotel for Wymondley Wood

In October 2014 Alan Mann ABSL at 4th Letchworth Beaver Colony asked if the Beavers could build a bug hotel at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. As Wymondley Wood welcomes all visitors to their site the committee thought it would be a great idea to have a hotel especially built for bugs. Two old rabbit hutches were found to form the bases of the hotel.

In May 2015 the Beavers together with Vicki Gage BSL, Alan Mann, ABSL, Jacob Tyler CSL and parents transported the new hotels to the site and they are now on the mound by the archery range.

Thank you to 4th Letchworth Beavers for the additional accommodation which we are sure the bugs, including hedgehogs will enjoy.



Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit - Great Barford Camp

We met at Arlesey train station on Friday evening. After a broken ticket machine and a few mad-dash moments, we were on our way to Sandy. When we arrived, our group set off, whilst the other two groups went about finalising their route. We were the first to arrive and put up our tents. That evening we enjoyed soup and hot chocolate, messed about with a rugby ball and slept. We woke to a cold Saturday



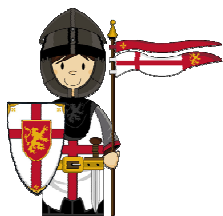
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In total 14 Explorer Scouts and 7 adults took part over the weekend.

morning, tucking into several bacon sandwiches. After breakfast, we split into two groups. Whilst the other group went rock-climbing, we made several geocaches with stuff we could find at the shop for £5. We swapped around and went rock climbing, in which I had a short 'trip' with gravity. After lunch, we went kayaking. After a brief lesson, we paddled down the river and back up to practice and then played a couple of games. We swapped our (now waterlogged) kayaks over to the other group and cleaned up. We packed up and left after an interesting weekend. **Tom Martin**

Oak Eagle Explorer Scout



Thank you to all who took part in this year's District St George's Day Parade and Service held at St Mary's Church in Ashwell. A special thank you to 1st Ashwell Scout Group for organising this year's event. The retiring collection of £400 will be donated a local Ashwell Charity, Diapalante.



Diapalante works with local partners on small community projects in West Africa. The name is taken from the regional Wolof language and means 'working together in solidarity'. For more information on Diapalante please visit their website. <http://www.diapalante.org/>



8th Letchworth's new trailer purchased with help from a generous grant from the Civic Trust and fundraising from the Group. Its first outing was with the Scouts to the Herts Young Mariners Base. The photo shows it at the refreshment base at Wymondley Wood for the Letchworth Garden City Rotary Walk on Sunday 17 May.



Annual Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City Charity Walk



Over 250 sponsored walkers, parents, family and friends many of them from 8th Letchworth, 5th Letchworth and 1st Baldock Scout Groups took to the Letchworth Greenway on Sunday May 17, 2015 to raise funds for local charities and their clubs.

Initial estimates are that this year's annual Charity Walk, organised by The Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City, has raised more than £9,000. A magnificent effort by all concerned. The Scout Groups keep 75% of the sponsorship with the remaining 25% going to the Rotary Club.



Well done to all who took part. The editor and the Badge Secretary were particularly proud of their 7 year old grandson, Cameron, who completed the 14 mile walk for the second year running.



In the January's 20 15 edition of Co-Ordinator No. 621, page 6 an article listing the producers of the Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show had some incorrect information. Thank you to Jeff Robson and K.J. for bringing it to our attention. Please see below the corrections.

1955 Producer Fred COGAR Director Ernie CARDWELL

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1957 Producer Ernie CARDWELL Chairman of the Committee Fred COGAR

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1959 Producer Fred COGAR Stage Director Jim BRUCE Musical Director John BAKER

1960 Producer Fred COGAR Musical Director John BAKER

1961 Chairman Leslie BROWN (DC) Production and Musical Direction John BAKER

1962 Chairman Leslie BROWN (DC) Stage Director Jim BRUCE Musical Director John BAKER

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NEWS

Happy Anniversary District Website

The District Website was created on 11 June 2003 and launched on 21 December 2003 making it 12 years old. The Website went through an update in 2012.

County Lottery

Why not join the County Lotter? In the last few months I know of two members of District winning. This weekly lottery contributes to the Capital Appeal. 50p of every £1 that you invest comes directly back to Hertfordshire Scouts, paid to us monthly by Unity, our Lottery Managers. With prizes of up to £25,000 each week, it is an important fundraiser.

To join download the application form from the County Website.

<http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/county-lottery/how-to-join/>

Sixers and Seconders Weekend

At our sixers and seconders weekend I made loads of new friends. I had a fantastic time with all the activities. For example; axes and saws, archery, shooting, fire lighting



(it was yummy), bugs and rope guiding, cracker challenge, assault courses, partner work and lots of arts and crafts. On that last one we made scoobies! I can't wait until my next camp!

Chloe - 8th Letchworth Cub



Long Service Awards

Presented by Tony Hartley, District Commissioner at the District Annual General Meeting



Sara Rodway ASL 4th Letchworth



Simona Thomas ASL 4th Letchworth

Paul Tyler ASL 4th Letchworth



Apryl Goodwin District Secretary
Fiona Potts CSL 1st Baldock (Knights)



Rose Elmer Active Support Member
Allan Patterson District Executive Chairman



Brian Plater SL 1st Baldock



Achievements



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Katie Allerton	1st Baldock
Luke Bandy	1st Baldock
Nathan Ferrari	1st Baldock
Rachel Goward	1st Baldock
Thomas Keenan	1st Baldock
Sam Morgan	7th Letchworth
Imogen Stanley	1st Baldock
Reva Tilbury	1st Baldock
Maisie Tomlinson	1st Baldock



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Alfie Jeffrey	1st Baldock (Knight's)
William Judd	1st Baldock (Knight's)

Improvements at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

Since the Annual General Meeting held in May a number of projects have been completed.

1. Bug Hotel courtesy of 4th Letchworth Beavers (see page 2)
2. A new cooker
3. New front gates installed by Alistair Pollard
4. An ongoing programme of updating the benches around the site



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8th Letchworth Treasurer
out for a weekend paddle at
the Herts Young Mariners
Base.

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2015 Diary Dates 2015

June

- 2 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 6 General Meeting Annually - ASU
- 11 District Executive Meeting
- 12 7th Letchworth AGM
- 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
- 29 Wymondley Wood Meeting

July

- 3 - 5 District Walking Weekend Derbyshire
- 3 - 4 County Beavers in Tents Well End
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- 12 District Cub Bell Boating Competition
- 16 Scout & Guide Shop Closes
- 19 ASU Picnic Wymondley Wood
- 27 Wymondley Wood Meeting
- 30 - 1 Aug District Cubs International Trip

August

- 9 ASU Cream Tea Guide HQ

September

- 8 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 9 District Beaver Orienteering - Fairlands Park
- 25 - 27 DC Camp - Wymondley Wood
- 27 District Beavers Day Out - Paradise Wildlife Park
- 28 Wymondley Wood Meeting

**37 years ago on Monday 26 June 1978
11th Letchworth Scout Group was registered with
The Scout Association.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Also on that day

**First dedicated oceanographic satellite, SEASAT 1,
launched.**

**Brittany separatists bomb Palace of Versailles in
France.**