

Co-ordinator

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Four members from Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit represented Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts at the 23rd World Jamboree in Japan. - Christian Allen, Daniel Branicott, Helen Inman and Rebecca Maynard,

The four spent 18 days in Japan. During the 18 days they spent time in Tokyo, at the World Jamboree Site in Kirara-hama and home hospitality (HOHO).



Helen Inman has kept a blog of her preparation for the World Jamboree and her experiences whilst in Japan. The programme consisted of:- Nature, Culture, Community, Water Day, Hiroshima, Peace Programme, Science, Global Development.

To read about Helen's exploits visit
<https://helenwsj.wordpress.com/>



8th Letchworth Scouts

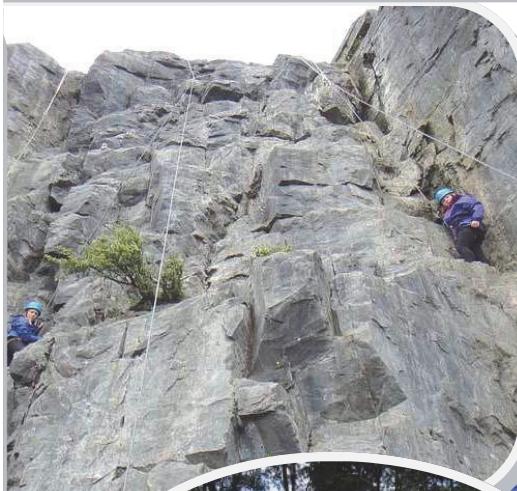
On the 27 July we travelled to the Plas Dolygaer, a Scout site in the Brecon Beacons. We did many activities whilst we were there including climbing, walking and pony trekking. However, my favourite was definitely the canoeing expedition. I shared a canoe with Mae and Rachel. We canoed 11k downstream to our overnight camp. We made our bivouacs which consisted of a canoe and a sheet to stop us getting wet. These were held up by the paddles. We were sleeping in a sheep field so it didn't smell very nice! We cooked our dinner on trangias, played spoons, went for a jog with Joe and then went to bed. The next day we canoed further down the river.

Rebecca



School Camp - Plas Dolygaer Scout Site

August 2015



We've arrived back after an amazing week at Plas Dolygaer, a Scout site in the Brecon Beacons. During the week we've all been climbing, pony trekking, hillwalking and played cutthroat games of spoons. We also went on a two day canoe expedition on the River Wye and bivvied overnight on the riverbank under canoes and tarps. Thanks to the canoe and climbing instructors from School Camp and the riding instructors from Cantref for ensuring everyone had an excellent time.

Claire Greener - SL

5th Letchworth Scouts Summer Camp Go Wild in Wales

Each summer, we try to give our Scouts a different camping experience. Over the four years they tend to be with us they get the opportunity for: a land activities camp, a water activities camp, an International camp, and Lochearnhead. This year it was land activities and we spent a week camping at Plas Pencelli near Brecon. This is an activity centre owned by Swindon Education Authority, but we only made use of the toilets and showers, plus their excellent instructors.

During the week, the Scouts did: two all-day hikes (one in the pouring rain), a day kayaking and canoeing, two days on an expedition including wild country camping at altitude; and a day rock climbing on the Gower Peninsula's sea cliffs. Add to that basic camping and it's a pretty full on week.



"Our trip to the Brecon Beacons was an action packed, week long adventure. We did many activities including rock-climbing, hiking, kayaking and shooting. My favourite activity was the high camp, where we camped in the hills miles from any sign of human life. At high camp, we had to pitch our tents that we had carried 2km up the mountain! We cooked our own food - soup, couscous, ginger cake and custard for tea; porridge and hot chocolate for breakfast. Waking up in the morning to the sound of the stream was wonderful.

"The week in the Brecon Beacons was an exciting one, and it will certainly be one I'll never forget."

"Toby (Collins)"



"I had a great time at summer camp. I especially enjoyed the bit when we hiked up Pen-y-Fan. It was tiring but I'm happy I did it as it was a big achievement for me because this is the first mountain I have ever hiked up! By Friday the week was almost over and all the Scouts got to go the seaside for rock climbing which was fun and it was a great end to the week.

"Thank you for everything"

"James (Franklin)"

5th Letchworth Cubs won the District Bell Boating Competition in July held at Fairlands Lake .

Well done to Ian Taplin ACSL at 8th Letchworth who took part in the Grand Union Challenge 100km walk. Ian completed the walk in 17 hours 44 minutes and 7 seconds. Ian was walking in aid of the Alzheimer's Society



A warm welcome to

Kimberley Hendry

ACSL 8th Letchworth

Helen Worboys

ACSL 1st Ashwell

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On a sunny Sunday afternoon 21 of the ASU enjoyed a Cream Tea at the Guide H.Q. We all sat in the garden and enjoyed scones, trifle and cake, all made by our members. The Cream Tea was started by Sue and Fred Lovelock and it's a tradition we have continued. With a raffle as well we raise money for our funds to help Scouting and have an enjoyable afternoon at the same time.

If you would like to join us in the ASU, not just for Cream Tea but to do as our name suggests Scout Active Support Unit, to give support to Scouting in the District please contact us. Ask Apryl Goodwin, District Secretary for the contact names.



Future Events

Date: Saturday 19 September Date: Saturday 17 October

Venue: Swiss Gardens

Venue: Bletchley Manor

Cost: £6.00

Cost: TBA

Book Club:
7 September, 5 October and
2 November
at Anne's



8th Letchworth Cub Pack Summer Camp - Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre

4 August - 9 August 2015

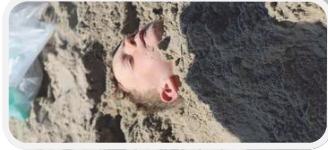
Ferny Crofts was such an amazing experience. I was so nervous and excited at the same time as it was a long time away from my family, but I can honestly say every part was enjoyable. We started the week by arriving at the campsite and setting up all the tents, and getting in. The next day we did some activities like crane building, abseiling, rock climbing and the zip wire and many more. My favourite that day was abseiling. I was so pleased I was brave enough to do it. We had a day trip to monkey world which was brilliant seeing all the different monkeys. We also had a trip to the beach, the weather was perfect we built dams in the sand and played in the

sea, and at the end of the day we were treated to sausage and chips and an ice cream, YUMMY!

On the Saturday we did some more activities like rafting in a messy boggy lake, it was great fun but my nickname now is "pond stink" according to my parents. The food was delicious. We were fed really well. Akela your egg bread is amazing, and Fern made a very good hot chocolate.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this experience one to remember and looking after us so well.

Ryan



Camp was awesome! I especially enjoyed the raft building and crate stacking. Monkey World was really good. Thank you to all the Leaders for a great camp. It was my longest Cub camp and I was a bit worried about being away from home for so long, but it was **Will**.



Two weddings held at Gretna Green over the summer break.
CONGRATULATIONS

Gilwell 24

This year I went with my Explorer Unit to Gilwell 24. After arriving and setting up, we took a small while to explore the site. We took part in several activities including scuba diving, the bag drop, a large water slide down a hill and various fair ground rides. In the evening we went to the disco in the centre of the site. The next morning we went to the closing ceremony, with music, videos of the weekend and a couple of selfies. We then left by minibus

Some highlights from the weekend included: A large volleyball game with Explorers from multiple units in Hertfordshire taking on Explorers from Wales (sad to say we lost); watching a light show on the side of the building at midnight to Uptown Funk, and trying to keep up with a fast paced Macarena after 3 hours sleep.

Thomas Martin

Go Outdoors have for some time offered 10% discount for people with Scout Membership (take necker along as id) They now offer 15% discount to adult Leaders on production of their membership card.

Worth carrying membership card with you as Cotswold, Blacks etc. also offer discount.

I've been asked to remind you all, that whilst you are planning your next terms programme. REMEMBER THAT ACTIVE SUPPORT UNIT (ASU) ARE THERE TO HELP.

The unit are always happy to assist, to share their skills with the District or pop into a camp and make lunch or spend some time doing some craft.

Drop them an email or pick up the phone. (Contact details in the District Directory) They are a fantastic resource and we are lucky to have them.

Apryl Goodwin - District Secretary

Oak Eagle @ District Walking Weekend

3-5 July 2015

The journey up to the Peak District was chatty and we arrived in time for hotdogs and bed, without getting wet in the thunderstorm.

After a good breakfast we set off with Goodie and Fiona. We were all excited to start our walk and we were dropped off in Edale,

After a steady start we were faced with a sharp incline of surrounding rocks. Our lunch was very nice and we stayed on the path to avoid unnecessary erosion. Midges were a pain. I repeat they **were** a pain. Before we were eaten alive we climbed down some rocks and walked down Jacobs Ladder to our campsite and to meet the rest of the Explorers. Beth enjoyed her trip, each and every one of them.

We played ultimate Frisbee, played in the stream and cooked lots of lovely food.

Sunday morning after a very midgey breakfast we packed up and set off again. We walked back towards Man Tor and met our lift home. On the way we stopped for an ice-cream and to meet with the other Explorer team who were walking on their own as part of their platinum award.

We all had a great weekend!

By Katie Allerton, Rose Muge, Fred Ward and Beth Aird.

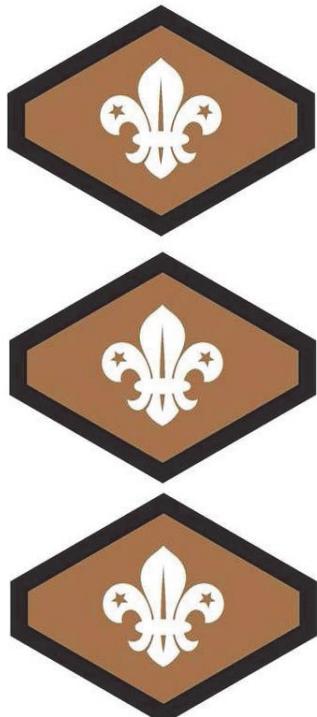


During the summer break members of the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit went to Kandersteg in Switzerland for their summer expedition.



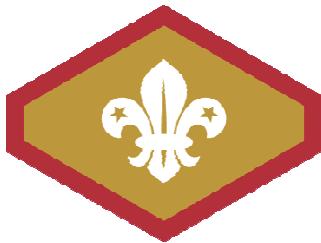
8th Letchworth
Beavers at
Wymondley Wood
being presented
with their Chief
Scout's Bronze
Award from Liz
Taplin, Assistant
District
Commissioner -
Beavers

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Louis Adam	4th Letchworth
Honor Bentley	12th Letchworth
Rishi Bhandal	4th Letchworth
Abigail Clark	8th Letchworth
Everlyn Eastwick	12th Letchworth
Matilde Ellis	4 th Letchwrth
Ryan Ellis	8th Letchworth
Lauren Gumbrell	8th Letchworth
Libby Gumbrell	8th Letchworth
James Hazzard	8th Letchworth
Oliver Kersley-Allinson	4th Letchworth
Theo Levy	8th Letchworth
Bridget Mann	4th Letchworth
Elizabeth Mann	4th Letchworth
Cameron McMahon	8th Letchworth
Emily Pagett	12th Letchworth
Harrison Rowley-Bennett	8th Letchworth
Adrian Sonander	4th Letchworth
Noah Stanbridge	8th Letchworth
Connor Thomas	8th Letchworth

Achievements



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Ben Buky	2nd Baldock
Nathan James	2nd Baldock
Sam James	2nd Baldock
Ryan Kirk	8th Letchworth
Lauren Purkis	8th Letchworth
Adam Taplin	8th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

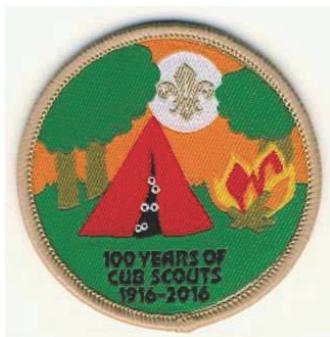
George Anthony	5th Letchworth
Jasmine Bagenal	12th Letchworth
James Bangs	12th Letchworth
Thomas Beardsall	12th Letchworth
James Bell	8th Letchworth
Stanley Byrne	8th Letchworth
Matthew Dowsett	1st Baldock (Templars)
Liam Ellis	8th Letchworth
Liam Galley-Coulthard	1st Baldock (Templars)
Teague Gardiner	1st Baldock (Templars)
Rory Gillham	1st Baldock (Templars)
Maddie Hayes	5th Letchworth
Mason Hobbs	8th Letchworth
William Honeysett	8th Letchworth
Charli Kelland	12th Letchworth
Alex Kilby	1st Baldock (Templars)
Tom Kilby	1st Baldock (Templars)
Callum Lawrence	8th Letchworth
Fraser Mitchell	5th Letchworth
Lewis Park	8th Letchworth
Guy Roylance	8th Letchworth
Alfie Scaplehorn	12th Letchworth
Edward Stacey	1st Baldock (Templars)



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2015 Diary Dates 2015

September

- 6 Young Leader Training - Module G
7 Book Club - ASU
8 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
9 District Beaver Orienteering - Fairlands Park
17 Young Leader Training - Module H
19 Active Support Unit trip - Swiss Gardens
19 County Cub Night Hike
25 - 27 DC Camp - Wymondley Wood
25 - 27 County Scout Born2B Challenged
27 District Beavers Day Out - Paradise Wildlife Park

October

- 3 - 11 National Scout Community Week
5 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
6 Book Club - ASU
16 JOTA / JOTI
17 Active Support Unit trip - Bletchley Park
20 12th Letchworth Scout Group 34th Anniversary
22 Scout & Guide Shop AGM
26 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

November

- 1 District Cub Day Out
2 Book Club - ASU
7 District Arts & Craft Finals Day
8 Remembrance Sunday
12 District Executive Meeting
29 8th Letchworth Christmas Fayre
30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go to Jackie Hare SL
7th Letchworth who lost her dad recently and her mum
Barbara Crombie who was Co Editor of the County
Magazine HSG and Wymondley Wood Secretary and
warden for many years who has lost a husband.