

Co-ordinator

Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 8 November in 2015, is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

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Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts will again be attending the Remembrance Day Services held in Letchworth Garden City, Baldock and Ashwell.



Peak Assault 2015

This year we had two competing teams from Oak Eagles and two adult teams entered into Peak Assault. As usual there was lots of guessing as to where we might end up and about midnight we found ourselves in the Howgills on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales.

After very little sleep the kit checks started at 6.30am and the teams were off. It was a beautiful day and there were plenty of check points to find in the hills. All teams were very successful and took on the challenge of the steep climbs.

Saturday evening the Explorers stayed in a camp site further down the valley, fending for themselves and playing Frisbee. The adults returned to base and enjoyed dinner made by Hartley and Apryl and an afternoon nap.

Sunday was again a super day for being out and about and the teams set off with the idea of getting at least one check point under their belts before lunch. Another good day of fun and banter was had by all.

By lunch time the teams were all making their way back to base camp. We sat in the sun and watched the teams climbing down the sides of the hills towards us. With much cheering and waving as they made their way past us it was a great end to the event.

The results this year were very impressive. The Explorers were placed in 7th and 18th place and the adults were 4th and 7th. Very well done to all those taking part.

Thanks to Hartley and Apryl for being a great support team and to CK1 for driving the minibus.

Clair Calver - ESL

Peak Assault location for 2015 can be revealed as Sedbergh, Cumbria. The competition took place on the Southern areas of the Howgill Fells which straddle the Lake District and The Northern Pennines.



County Cub Cyclo-Cross 2nd Baldock Cubs

On Sunday the 11 October 2015, Me, Luke, Rhys and Paul went to a cyclo-cross event at Well End. It was really fun.

At first we had to do a lot of waiting around but luckily there was a big place for us to practice on. There was a course where you had to do 3 laps as quickly as possible. We were in races 3 and 5. Before the first race we walked around the course so that we knew where to go and to get familiar with it. In the first race we were in, we lost, but we had a team talk before our next race so we had a better chance of winning. Our technique was a fast person at the front and fast person at the back with two medium people in the middle. We tried this technique in our next race and we won.

After the race we had a go on the agility course which was an obstacle course you had to do on your bike. Then we had a hot dog and just played around on our bikes. Later we sat down to watch the presentation. We hoped we had won the tournament but we didn't, we came 19th out of 28 teams. Next year we're going to win it!!

William Murphy, 2nd Baldock

On Sunday 11th October me, William, Rhys and Paul went to the cyclo-cross event. We were in races 3 and 5. Before the races we did a speed test course and walked the track so we knew where to cycle. In our first race we were ok but sadly Paul skidded and fell off. Then in our second race we came first but we didn't come first overall. We came 19th overall out of 28 teams. My dad was a marshal and he enjoyed it. When we rode our bikes round the course I was particularly nervous. After our races we did the agility course which is like an obstacle course that you do on your bike. It was funny.

Luke Rees, 2nd Baldock

I was really petrified as it was my first cyclo-cross and I was on my brand new bike that I had never ridden before. It is much bigger than my old one! But I really enjoyed the cyclo-cross, it was fun and I only skidded once. We had a good team with William, Rhys and Luke.

Paul Price, 2nd Baldock



**Jamboree on the Air & Jamboree on the Internet 2015 @ Gilwell Park
8th Letchworth Scouts**



On Friday, 11 beautiful Scouts and 4 Leaders arrived at Gilwell Park. First of all we had to set up our tents, then we slept for 'some' of the night. On Saturday we used the internet and short wave radios to contact foreign Scouts. We spoke to Scouts in other countries like Australia and Malta. Our JID at Gilwell was 5GB55P. Rebecca and Millie also had a go at making Morse Code transmitters and we all tried film making with digital effects.

In the afternoon we did an array of activities in The Lid - climbing wall, high ropes etc. In the evening we went back to the campsite and played cricket for a bit and had dinner.

After dinner we were able to go back into the computer room to join in JOTI again. This time we talked to countries

where it was now daytime like Canada and Chile. Mark was presented with his Chief Scout's Gold Award by a Scouter from Canada via Skype.

On Sunday morning we cleared up our camp and went and found Baden Powell's statue where Ginny and Millie got invested. Then we all had our picture taken in front of the White House. Over the weekend, between the 11 of us we managed to talk to loads of Scouts in over 30 different countries across the world. Here are some of them:

Bosnia, Hungary, Ireland, Denmark, Netherlands, Germany, Australia, Finland, Malta, Madagascar, Portugal, Mexico, Indonesia, Sweden, Austria, France, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Egypt, Ukraine, Canada, USA, Scotland, Chile, Switzerland, Mauritius.

Dictated by all of the Scouts in between our chicken korma and pudding,

penned by Ellie





GS 2016
it's fun... it is!!!
 at
St Francis' Theatre,
 Broadway, Letchworth

Friday March 18th
 7:30pm
Saturday March 19th
 2:00pm & 7:30pm

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Once again the District will be running the Christmas Postal Service. We are looking for volunteers to deliver the cards, If you can help in any way please contact Hartley.

More details to follow via facebook, emails, website and Co-Ordinator shortly.

4th Letchworth Quiz Night

Quiz

Saturday 10 October saw seven teams of intrepid Quiz explorers convene at 1st Baldock HQ for an evening of fun, friendship and fiendishly difficult questions set by Ann Gutteridge. Everyone enjoyed the quiz and their choice of meals provided and served by our lovely Letchworth parents. A total of £250 was raised for Group Funds for a

range of projects, including subsidising our Beaver Colony's Christmas trip to the Broadway Cinema to watch a private screening of Minions.

The next quiz will be on Saturday 16 April 2016, make a note in your calendar.



Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre

Increase Charges from 2017

The charges for the hire of Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre will increase from 1st January 2017. This is the first increase since January 2014. The new charges effect from January 2017 are as follows:

<u>CENTRE</u>	WITHIN DISTRICT		OUTSIDE DISTRICT		NON SCOUT/GUIDE	
	EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM
<u>OVERNIGHT</u>	£7.00	£175.00	£9.00	£225.00.	£11.00	£275.00
<u>DAY RATES</u> (Kitchen activity room & committee room) <u>District</u> <u>Meetings</u>	Charges to be agreed with the booking secretary in advance				£35.00 or £10.00 per hour as appropriate	
	Free		£15.00		£25.00	

NOTE:

"District" includes Letchworth and Baldock Scout District

Letchworth Garden City Guide District and Baldock Guide District

"Minimum" - Less than 25 people in the house overnight

The camping fees have also increased by £1,.00.

Within District £3.00 per night and outside District and non Scout/Guide £4.00 per night.
There will not be an increase to the charge for the use of the grounds.



Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Adam Ashelby	1st Baldock (Knights)
Oliver Geere	1st Baldock (Knights)
George Hill	1st Baldock (Knights)
Oliver Kitchener	1st Baldock (Knights)
Jeremy Nunn	1st Baldock (Knights)
George Wakefield	1st Baldock (Knights)
Marcus Wilson	1st Baldock (Knights)
Christine Wright	12th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Calum Boor	2nd Baldock
Kayleigh Eccles	2nd Baldock
Christopher Wing	2nd Baldock

Steve Walsh	11th Letchworth Group Treasurer
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Members of the Scout Active Support Unit (ASU) and friends had a day out on Saturday 17 October to Bletchley Park. Bletchley Park during World War II was where Alan Turing and his team broke the Enigma code which was thought to be unbreakable. They are credited with shortening the War by at least two years.



LETCHWORTH ENIGMA

This is a partly constructed "Letchworth Enigma" mounted on an assembly jig. The middle commutator has been wired with all 104 connections, and the wires have been trimmed for display.

The Bombe contains 36 Letchworth Enigmas

The ASU spent the day wandering around the site visiting the various huts, the museum, the Mansion and watching a demonstration of the Bombe in action. The Bombe is still used to break Enigma Ciphers sent by GCHQ - in the last two years 17 encoded messages have been received and all have been deciphered within 1.5 to 5 hours

To find out more about Letchworth's part in breaking the Enigma code just search Letchworth Enigma on the internet and a number of interesting articles are available.

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Diana Cornwell has agreed to take on the role of Letchworth & Baldock District Web Administrator with Gareth Howell still holding the position of Web Master.

Over the next few months you should see the District website being more vibrant with up-to-date news of forthcoming events, articles on events that have taken place, news from County and any new legislation that executive committees need to be aware of plus much more.

So if you have a problem adding an article, photo or calendar date to the website please contact Diana who is there to help and guide you.

2015 Diary Dates 2015

November

- 1 District Cub Day Out
- 2 Book Club - ASU
- 3 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 7 District Arts & Craft Finals Day
- 8 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 District Executive Meeting
- 13 District Young Leaders' Training
- 13 - 15 County Scout Green Beret - Tolmers
- 20 District Cub Quiz - Ashwell
- 29 8th Letchworth Christmas Fair
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

December

- 1 District Beaver Christmas Show
- 5 ASU Christmas Dinner
- 10 District Executive Meeting
- 15 Scout & Guide Shop closes for holiday

January 2016

- 11 District Beaver Leaders' Meeting
- 12 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 24 District Scout Cooking Competition

February

- 7 County Scout Cooking Competition

March

- 13 County Scout Triathlon
- 18 & 19 Gang Show - St Francis Theatre

April

- 15 - 17 District Sixers and Seconders weekend
- 24 St George's Day Parade and Service
Broadway Gardens

May

- 22 Rotary Greenway Walk



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