

Co-ordinator

Remembrance Sunday 2015

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County Scout Green Beret Challenge

1st Baldock Scout Troop

The Green Beret Challenge is a weekend competition for teams of six Scouts. In order to achieve the Green Beret Challenge, teams compete in four elements: Orienteering, an Assault course, Challenge Incidents (Daytime) and a Night Exercise.

On Friday 13 November, myself and five s other Scout went to Tolmers Activity Centre to compete in the Green Beret Challenge along with 147 other teams. This was the first time 1st Baldock had competed in this event for twenty years so this was a special occasion for us and we were proud to represent the troop.

We arrived late on Friday and met the team from 11th Letchworth who we were sharing our camp with. After hot chocolate and receiving our information packs it was time to settle down for the night.

Our first event was at 8.06 am and it was orienteering. This involved collecting stamps around a wood and following a map to find them, I think we did fairly well and managed to stamp 11 out of the 15 stamps in the allocated time. We then went into a field where a number of bases had been set up with different activities. We had to do a minimum of eight bases. The bases included quizzes, fire lighting, games and brainteasers. We worked well as a team and managed to complete approximately thirteen bases.

During the day we also had to complete an assault course which included scrambling under cargo nets, climbing, running and getting very muddy! We all enjoyed the activities although the weather wasn't what we had hoped for as it rained persistently all afternoon. We then returned to base covered from head to toe in mud. Once we had cleaned up the best we could we ate lunch and then carried on with the bases.



After our dinner we warmed up by the fire pit before going off to start our evening Activities. These started at 8.30 pm and included more puzzles and a hot drinks base where we enjoyed a warming hot chocolate! The night bases finished at 11.00 pm and we were all exhausted so we slept ready for Sunday.

On Sunday morning we ate breakfast then packed up camp. At 10.30 pm we made our way down to the field which now looked like a mud bath, there was not a blade of grass in sight! The team scores were announced and we came a respectable 75th which wasn't bad considering we hadn't taken part in the event for a long time.

Overall I enjoyed the event despite the weather and all the mud. My favourite thing was the assault course. If I could change one thing I would have made some of the bases more exciting because some of them were a bit boring.

Maisie Tomlinson
1st Baldock Scouts.

GREEN BERET CHALLENGE

Over the last few years I have set myself challenges. At a Leaders' social in the summer we decided to try something new fro the troop. Green Beret was that challenge. We linked up with 11th Letchworth Scouts who were sharing a camp with us.

The Scouts seemed to enjoy " the mud ", Some from other teams onsite were covered head to toe. Enjoyment all round, I think.

Out of the three groups from District that entered, we came a respectable 75th out of 150 teams, most of those were non competing. The objective for next year's Green Beret Challenge will be to improve on this year's position. After all 1st Baldock have not entered Green Beret for 20 years so not bad for 1st attempt.

Chris Lewis
ASL 1st Baldock



Final Results	
4th Letchworth (St Pauls) 'The Team'	71st
1st Baldock 'Baldock Crusaders'	75th
11th Letchworth 'Bacchus'	117th

District Arts and Craft Competition
Theme - All Thing Heraldic
7 November 2015 - 1st Baldock HQ

OVERALL WINNERS

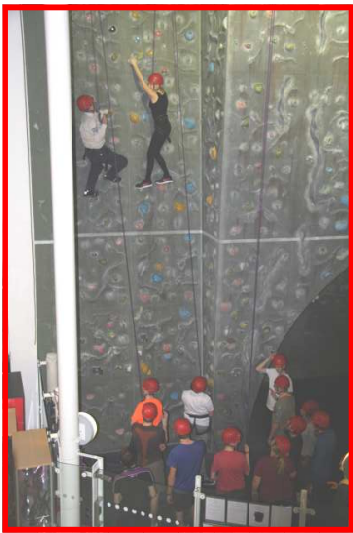
Beavers Joint 2nd Baldock and 8th Letchworth
Cubs 1st Baldock (Knights)
Scouts 4th Letchworth

Individuals

Explorer Scout Rob Coldrey
Adult Fiona Potts (CSL 1st Baldock (Knights))
Group 1st Baldock

Thank you to the judges Edmond Tickner, Peter Elmers and Wendy Tierney for taking on the difficult tasks for judging the entries .





A photograph of Ruby Doherty, Explorer Scout, being invested on 9 November by David Rafferty, AESL on the University of Hertfordshire Climbing wall in Hatfield.



Photo taken at the 8th Letchworth Beaver sleepover at Wymondley Wood on Saturday 21 November 2015 at 7.00 am. First snow of the winter season.

/activesupport

Five things you probably didn't know about the Letchworth and Baldock District Active Support Unit.

1. We have two members who have been awarded the Silver Wolf.
2. We have three members who have been District Commissioners
3. We have three members who are twins
4. One member has an MBE for their service to the community including Scouting
5. Four members have been editors of Co-Ordinator

and all members are passionate about Scouting and have and still are contributing to the District whether it is manning the Scout & Guide Shop, providing refreshments at District events, sitting on committees, judging competitions or occasionally having the odd social event..

Congratulations to Helen Inman on achieving her Queen's Scout Award. Helen is a member of the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit. Helen completed the final part of the award when she gave a presentation to the District on Monday 16 November in front of her peers and guests from County and District. Refreshment were available to help raise funds for the county International trip to Africa in 2016.

HITCHIN DISTRICT SCOUTS

TRAINING MODULES – 2015-2016



All Appointments	Section Leaders, Assistant Section Leaders
Managers - GSL, AGSL, ADC, DESC, Network Commissioner	Supplementary

MODULE	TITLE	DATE
7	Scouting for All	Wednesday 13 th January 2016
8	Skills of Leadership	Thursday 28 th January
9	Working with Adults	Tuesday 9 th February
11	Administration	Thursday 18 th February
12A	Delivering a Quality Programme	Wednesday 9 th March
12B	Programme Planning (Leaders only – GSLs/ Managers/ADCs may attend if they wish-not compulsory)	Thursday 24 th March
13/21	Growing the Section (can combine these two modules for Leaders and GSLs/ADCs/ Managers as they are very similar)	Wednesday 20 th April
14	Young People Today	Thursday 28 th April
15	Challenging Behaviour	Tuesday 10 th May
16	Introduction to Residential Experience (this is only the theory part of the module, for those wanting the Nights Away Permit they need to do Module 38 as this incorporates 16)	Thursday 19 th May
17	Running Safe Activities	Wednesday 8 th June
18/27	Practical Skills (can combine these two modules for Leaders GSLs/ADCs/ Managers as they are very similar)	Thursday 16 th June
19	International – this module is changing	TBA

TIME : 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm **VENUE :** Hitchin District Scout Headquarters,
Grove Road, Hitchin

If you wish to attend any/all of these Modules please visit the Hertfordshire County Training Website to book your place.

www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/about-adult-support/training/

Achievements



Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Christian Allen	Oak Eagle Explorer Unit
Simon Kitching	Oak Eagle Explorer Unit
Jay Lamb	Oak Eagle explorer Unit
Joe Royal	Oak Eagle Explorer Unit

A warm welcome to



Georgia Adcock	8th Letchworth	ACSL
Carole Brewer	2nd Baldock	ABSL
Meika Cavanagh	11th Letchworth	BSL
Ben Constable	1st Ashwell	ACSL
Rebecca Crombie	7th Letchworth	ASL
Joseph Greener	8th Letchworth	ASL
Hazel King	8th Letchworth	ABSL
Philip Lown	8th Letchworth	ACSL
Clare Major	8th Letchworth	ABSL
Stephen Pitt	8th Letchworth	ABSL
Emily Roberts	7th Letchworth	ACSL

Please see opposite schedule for Training Modules being run in Hitchin Scout HQ between now and the middle of next year.

Could you please ensure all of your new Leaders are made aware of these, booking information is detailed on the sheet. Also please remind them to let their training advisors know of their attendance or if they are unsure of who that is to let me know so I can keep central records up to date.

Details of all other training modules can be obtained from the County website.

Module 10 – 1st Response I have scheduled 3 further courses for next year, the dates will be 13 February, 7 May and 8 October. These will all be led by Claire Greener and held in District HQ

I shall be trying to organise Safeguarding and Safety Training modules to be held within the District as the year progresses.

Any requirement for specific modules not listed, please get in touch and I will see what can be organised.

Chris King

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Let's help the Cub section
celebrate its centenary in 2016.
Watch out for list of events.

2015 Diary Dates 2015

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
- 13 Module 10 - 1st Response

March

- 13 County Scout Triathlon — Lees Wood
- 18 & 19 Gang Show - St Francis Theatre
- 19 County Cub Bushcraft Day

April

- 15 - 17 District Sixers and Seconders weekend
- 21 District Scout & Guide Shop Meeting
- 24 St George's Day Parade and Service
Broadway Gardens
- 29 - 2 May PACE (Scouts) - Tolmers

May

- 8 Scout Archery & Shooting Competition TBC
- 10 Module 10 - 1st Response
- 22 Rotary Greenway Sponsored Walk
- 28 - 2 June CubJam—Gilwell

June

- 11 Scout Kon-Tiki Raft Races TBC
- 24 - 26 Peak Practise - Orchard Farm
- 25 County Beavers In Tents - Well End
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