

Co-ordinator

St George's Day Parade and Service

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St. George, the patron saint of Scouting, was celebrated in style on Sunday by members of Scouting in Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell. The annual St George's Day parade was held in Letchworth and was organised by the local Cub team and centred around St George and the 100th anniversary of Cub Scouts, which is being celebrated this year.



The 500 strong parade started at Howard Gardens in the town and worked its way up Station Road and via the Broadway to Broadway Gardens. It was Led by the Assistant District Commissioners for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and closely followed by Hartley, the District Commissioner and local councillors. Each group paraded, led by colour parties bearing the relevant unit and group flags. An impressive sight.

Father James Garvey of St Hugh's Church conducted the service, assisted by Jackie Halter of St Michael's Church. Cubs led presentations on uniforms throughout the history of Cubs, games played by Cubs and, of course, on the story of St George and the Dragon.

Hartley said afterwards, "I am very proud today. Hundreds of young people and their volunteer leaders have turned out to celebrate the patron saint of Scouting. Many other adult volunteers have helped in the preparation and general organisation of the day. It was a humbling sight to take a peek as I did down Station Road, as I neared the top end, to see the whole road completely full of our young people and their Leaders.

Hartley D.C.

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Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit River Stort - 17 April 2016

On Sunday 17th April, Oak Eagle Explorers and 2 members of Network went for a day kayaking on the River Stort. We were led by instructors from Harlow Outdoor Centre who were great fun. We paddled from Spellbrook to Harlow and learnt or improved our skills on the way.. A fab day and we would certainly use the centre again for this and other activities.

Daniel Williamson said

"I found the kayaking really fun and I would gladly do it again if I have the chance. I had never done kayaking on a river before and enjoyed the experience. Our instructor David was helpful and gave clear instructions which made it very enjoyable."





Alan Mann 4th Letchworth Assistant Beaver Scout Leader has been raising funds for the 'Angels Support Group' They support parents of children with Autism and ADHD.



Alan Mann had his hair dyed in the autism colours and had it all cut off on 2 April 2016. Alan raised over £300 plus. His children also sold keyrings in the autism colours at their school.

Alan also had a stall at the May Day Extravaganza in Howard Park ad Gardens to raise even more money selling his multi-coloured keyrings.

IMC (Intermediate Mountaineering Course) Lochearnhead, Scotland

I went on the IMC in Lochearnhead during the first week of the Easter holidays and I really enjoyed it. I climbed my first Munro which was a challenge but fun and saw a lot of amazing views. I met other Explorer Scouts on the course who soon became friends. The best bit for me was high camp although I fell in a river and using ice axes. I would love to go on the IMC again and look forward to doing the AMC when I'm 16, so I can use and develop all the knowledge and skills that I learnt. Overall I really enjoyed the course and would recommend it to anyone who hasn't been before,. You learn a lot and have a lot of fun doing it.

Josh Gooch - Oak Eagle Explorer Scout



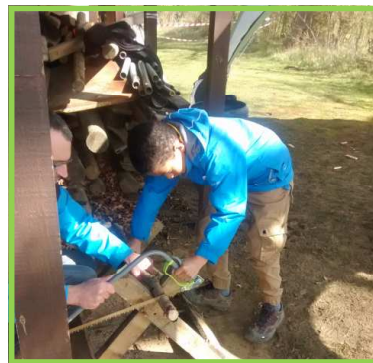
Sixers & Seconders Weekend - Wymondley Wood



This is why you bring Young Leaders to camp

I really enjoyed the shooting the axes and saws were fun too. Shame about the weather.

Laurie McGinn
4th Letchworth Cubs



Hi, my name is Sid and this is about some of things that I did at the District Sixers and Seconders weekend such as the night hike, the fire lighting, Knex and the assault course, which was hard but fun all at once. In the night hike it was funny when some Cubs stepped into a swamp so we had to walk on a log across it. I was on the lookout for the rest of the hike. Fire lighting was really interesting, we learnt what materials are good for starting a fire and keeping it going so we gave it a try with kindling shavings and matches. When I did the Knex we had to build something useful, I built a food carrier which is when you're on a long table or a circle. If you want to give someone food you would put it on the platform, push it and it would roll down and it will carry it and hopefully go to the person you want it to go to. Oh another thing it snowed and I was wearing three layers which was cold but everyone survived. All in all a fun weekend!

Sid Miller, 2nd Baldock



Last weekend the sixers and seconders of 7th Letchworth went to our special District camp. It was brilliant even though it was very cold and it even snowed on us.

There were lots of different activities to take part in. My two favourites were the match stick rockets and rifle shooting with Wolfie - even though I didn't hit the target.

We slept in tents and we shared our tent with 3 cubs from 12th Letchworth and it was really nice getting to know them.

The food was very yummy. My favourite was Amanda's eggy bread- I had three slices.. It was a great weekend.

Sebastian Allen - 7th Letchworth Cubs

Bottle rockets

were made by all of the Cubs attending the weekend, some flew very well. The Cubs got very wet when they launched and some were like damp squids and didn't go very far at all. But everyone had a fun time make and launching their Rockets. **Amanda**

Well, it was cold and snowing at Sixers and Seconders camp! But we still did fun outdoor activities. I learned how to make rope - I didn't know how to do that before. It was also really fun to see friends from other packs again.

Michael Trulock - 5th Letchworth Cubs

Quiz Night

4th Letchworth Scout Group

On Saturday 16 April, 8 teams congregated at St Michael's Parish Hall, in Letchworth, for a battle of the brains.

Anne Gutteridge had written the questions for 4th Letchworth's fund-raising Quiz Night, which saw teams from the Gang Show, Letchworth City Chorus, District ASU, 4th Letchworth Scout Group parents, Wool n Things in Baldock, and elsewhere, stretching their knowledge to the limit.

It was neck and neck all the way through rounds with questions on politics, geography and female singers to name but a few. Finally though, the Gang Show team came out on top.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the event, or who attended, and helped us to raise £250. This money will help to subsidise children from 4th Letchworth, who are attending various activities over the next few months.

Our next Quiz Night will be held at St Michael's Parish Hall on Saturday 17th September. Contact Vicki Gage to book your tables at this great event.



Sponsored Lego evening — 8th Letchworth Cubs and Beavers

The 8th Letchworth Cubs and Beavers held a joint sponsored Lego evening where they made various models (see 8th Letchworth website for some photos) The money raised was donated the Jackie's Place. In total they raised £533 which was presented on Thursday 28 April to representatives from the Dropin Centre.



Our trip to St. Catherine's Nursing Home

5th Letchworth Cubs

5th Letchworth Cubs went to visit Saint Catherine's Nursing Home. When we arrived, we introduced ourselves to the residents there. We all sat down while one cub played some tunes on his guitar; they were all very good. We then chose a resident to spend our time with during the visit. We started off by playing a selection of board games. Everybody enjoyed playing them.

Some Cubs [including myself] were asked if we would like to make cups of tea for the residents. I enjoyed the responsibility of making the tea and we even had biscuits! The residents were all very friendly to us.

At the end, we all sat down and had some photos taken with the residents. We said goodbye to the residents and left. The trip to Saint Catherine's Nursing Home was very enjoyable and I would recommend it to anyone in the future.

Oliver Peacock

5th Letchworth Cubs



A year in the life of a Ashwell Cub

Ashwell Cubs had a fantastic summer camp at Harmer Green where they enjoyed a range of activities including fire lighting, den building, night walk and tug of war in the rain! They were the District General Knowledge Quiz Champions last year but in defence of the title in November claimed a gallant 3rd place. Their trip to Fairland's Valley Park in July for water activities was not the planned activity – strong winds meant they were unable to canoe or sail and so they built rafts instead. Other trips and activities included ice skating, bowling, a

Shuttleworth visit, a karate evening and a night walk stargazing. We also had a great weekend at Wymondley Woods in January where we had all weather thrown at us including snow!

Along with Ashwell Scouts and Beavers we have also raised a staggering £2500 since October for a Defibrillator for Ashwell. The money was raised by doing a village car wash and a sponsored swim.

**Helen Worboys - 1st Ashwell
Assistant Cub Leader**

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2016 Diary Dates 2016

May

- 3 District Beaver Orienteering Evening
- 7 District Beaver Challenge
- 7 ASU - Cream Tea Cruise
- 8 Scout Archery & Shooting Competition
- 10 Module 10 - 1st Response
- 10 4th Letchworth AGM at Wymondley Wood
- 10 5th Letchworth AGM
- 12 District Scout Council AGM
- 19 YL Training Module 'E' Game on
- 22 Rotary Greenway Sponsored Walk
- 23 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 28 - 2 June CubJam—Gilwell

June

- 11 Scout Kon-Tiki Raft Races TBC
- 16 YL Training Module 'A' Prepare for take off
- 24 - 26 Peak Practise - Orchard Farm
- 25 County Beavers In Tents - Well End
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July

St George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle



Helen Inman



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