

Co-ordinator

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Oak Eagle Explorer Unit

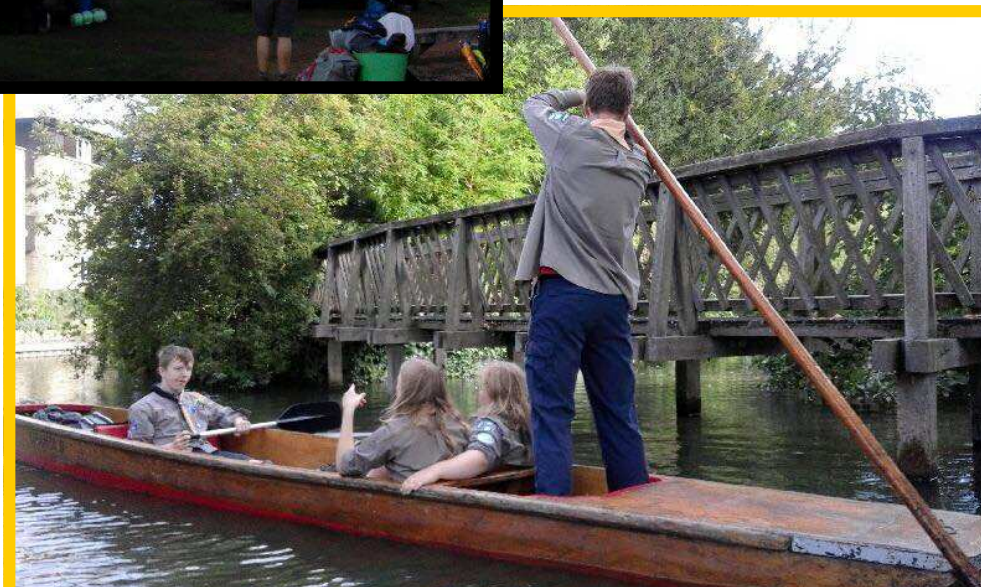
On Friday 23rd September a group of Explorers and Leaders went to Lode in Cambridgeshire to stay the night at Wicken Fen Wild Camp. This is a great place to stay with open sided log huts to sleep in, a camp fire and a compost toilet. That's it. No activities, no water, no wood pile. We walked in carrying most of our kit, slept under the stars and made our own entertainment. Who knew that you could play pancake tennis or roof top frisbee.

Saturday morning we packed up and went to Cambridge for a morning of punting on the river. Not as easy as it looks. There were a few scrapes and bumps, lost poles and plenty of wobbles but no one actually went for a swim. After a picnic lunch and frisbee games in the park we headed for

home. A short and sweet trip out with plenty of fun for all.



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Kickin' Around at 5th Letchworth HQ

Our Scout hut was shaking with grunts and groans last term as the 5th Letchworth Cubs were taught control, discipline and respect in the martial art of Tang SoDoo. Grandmaster John Brinda, assisted by Sonja Margetson, both from the Tang Soo Do International British Combat Association, engaged our Cubs in their art's history, some self-defence manoeuvres and a little competitive spirit. As you can see, they all took it very seriously! Next camp, Korea?

We've been fortunate enough this year to have had a fantastic series of guests join us on our pack nights and John and Sonja were no exception. They generously donated their time and expertise to teaching our pack (and, ahem, Leader), and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Hopefully nothing was broken over the summer!



If you are interested in speaking with John, you can reach him on john_tsdmdk@yahoo.co.uk.

Joni Trulock, CSL
5th Letchworth Cubs



2nd Baldock Scout Group



2nd Baldock Scout Group Committee with the help of a few Scouts ran a successful BBQ for the Balstock weekend.

After costs they raised a fantastic sum of £300. A big thank you to all who worked so hard.

2nd Baldock Scouts had a brilliant evening on 16th with a talk/show from Gang Show followed with a talk by a Metropolitan Police Firearms instructor on safety for the Master at Arms badge.

He then showed us a variety of confiscated fire arms (which were fakes) taken from people at Heathrow.

It was impossible to see the difference from the real article and we understood the problems the police have when confronted by a "fake" one.

The Scouts learned to respect fire arms and the police.

We will be following this up with a competition between ourselves and the police cadets in the spring.



Second Baldock (Catholic) Scout Group

**We have vacancies for Beavers (6-8), Cubs (8-11) and Scouts (11-15) boys and girls. Beavers meet Friday 6.00 to 7.15pm followed by Scouts 7.30 to 9.00pm
Cubs meet Wednesday 6.30 to 8.00pm. All meetings are in the Church Hall.**

We are looking for someone, male or female, over the age of 18, who is interested in becoming a Scout Leader as, unfortunately, our present Leader has to leave soon due to work commitments.

No experience is necessary as training will be provided, as will uniform.

Please contact our GSL Mick Dilley on 01462 730300 or dilleybros@btconnect.com



Six members of the ASU went to help at the District Beaver 30th Anniversary Celebrations at St Nicholas School. They were asked to run the 'Quiet Room', with drawing, painting bags and other quiet activities. At one time they had more in the room than in the Disco. Two members Edmond and Mike learnt a new skill, making Loom rings. They were entertained for the whole time with the Beavers and several hundred small elastic rings.

In August nineteen members had a very enjoyable time at their annual Cream Tea. This was held for the first time at Ann and Rod's garden. The sun shone and it did not rain. However, they were unable to put up the Gazebo as it was very windy, we did however manage to keep everything on the tables most of the time. They also held a raffle

and had enough prizes for everyone to have one. A big thank you to Rod and Ann for their generous hospitality.



9 - 11 September 2016

**Lynne Smith - Well done
2nd Baldock Scouts.
Sterling Job.**

One really BIG THANK YOU to the Scouts for doing such a sterling job of keeping the Market Square in Baldock litter free throughout Saturday and Sunday - Top Job.



CHARGES

JANUARY 2017

CENTRE

OVERNIGHT

DAY RATES

(Kitchen
activity room
and committee
room)

District Meetings

WITHIN DISTRICT		OUTSIDE DISTRICT		NON SCOUT/GUIDE	
EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM
£7.00	£175.00	£9.00	£225.00.	£11.00	£275.00
Charges to be agreed with the booking secretary in advance				£35.00 or £10.00 per hour as appropriate	
Free		£10.00 per hour		£10.00 per hour	

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

January 2017

Executive Committee News - Induction and Training

Inductions are key to ensuring any new Executive Committee member understand their role and responsibilities. Any new volunteer joining the Executive Committee from this year's AGM are required to complete Module 1 Essential Information for Executive Committees. This provides the basic information everyone needs to know to fully understand their role.

Essential Information for Executive Committee Members is a mandatory module that covers the Fundamentals of Scouting, but also provides more specific information on the responsibilities of Executive Committee Members, enabling them to carry out their role effectively. This module covers:

- The Fundamentals of Scouting
- Executive Committees and trusteeship in Scouting
- Safety in Scouting
- Safeguarding - child protection

Learning methods available:

- Course
- Small group
- One to one
- E-learning



Well Done to 8th Letchworth Scouts and 12th Letchworth Scouts for taking part in the County

Born 2B Challenged Competition:-
8th Letchworth mmm Eggs and Bacon
12th Letchworth Junior
8th Letchworth Legitimate
12th Letchworth Senior.

Don't forget to let the editor know if you will be doing anything for Stand Up To Cancer, (21 October 2016) Children In Need (18 November 2016) and / or Red Nose Day (24 March 2017)

8th Letchworth Scout Group held an Anniversary Quiz and raised £203.40. Well Done.

Young Leader Training Modules - 2016

Date	Module	Module Title	Location	Times
20 October	H	Programme plans plus	DHQ, Icknield Way	1900hrs - 2100hrs
17 November	I	What did they say / Awards and Badges	DHQ, Icknield Way	1900hrs - 2100hrs
15 December		Catch up / Sign off session	DHQ, Icknield Way	1900hrs - 2100hrs

Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Baillie Bruce	1st Baldock (Templars)
Scarlett Northcott	1st Baldock (Templars)



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Jack Allen	2nd Baldock
Callum McGreath	2nd Baldock
Jonathan Wing	2nd Baldock
Lucas Wong	2nd Baldock



Chief Scout's Diamond Award

Joe Royal	Oak Eagle ESU
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Admin



As a District we are aware of our responsibilities to yourselves on our group executive committees.

One of those that we are keen to fulfil is to make you aware of your individual and joint responsibilities while you serve on these vital support mechanisms for local Scouting. Without you there would be no local Scouting and your role is very much appreciated.

Please come along to an informal evening that has been arranged. We would love you to meet other Executive members from other groups and to get to know us on the District Executive too. We will have brief presentations and discussions on; The Appointment Process and Vetting, Group Accounts and Records, How You Can Be A More Effective Committee and lots more useful and interesting stuff. Plus there'll be tea and biscuits!

When. Thursday 13th October 2016. 7.30pm for 8pm start.

Where. District Headquarters Building, Icknield Way, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 4GY

Open to. All with an interest and certainly Group and District Executive Committee Members.

Please indicate if you can attend by emailing me direct on dc@lbdscouts.org.uk

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5th Letchworth Cubs
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2016/17 Diary Dates 2016/17

October

- 3 District Team Meeting
- 8 8th Letchworth Quiz
- 8 ASU - Visit to Jordan's Mill
- 9 County Cub Cyclocross
- 13 District Admin Evening
- 16 District Cub Day Out
- 14 - 16 Peak Assault
- 14 - 16 JOTA / JOTI
- 16 District Cub Scout Day Out
- 20 Scout & Guide Shop AGM
- 21 Stand Up To Cancer
- 25 Scout & Guide Shop closed for half term
- 31 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

November

- 1 Scout & Guide Shop Reopens
- 13 Remembrance Day Parade
- 18 Children In Need
- 18 - 20 County Scouts Green Beret Challenge
- 26 Explorers/Network Monopoly Challenge
- 27 8th Letchworth Christmas Fair
- 28 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

December

- 10 ASU Christmas Dinner
- 13 County - Network Christmas Meal
- 16 District Cub Promise Renewal Party

January 17

- 11 County Network Quiz Stevenage
- 28 - 29 District Training Weekend for Locheadhead

February

- 5 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 12 County Beaver Leaders' Skill Session

March

- 4 - 5 County Explorer Chiltern Challenge
- 12 Scout Triathlon Lees Wood
- 18 County Cub Bushcraft Day



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