



Co-ordinator

100 years of District Cubs

1922 October.

The first Wolf Cub meetings began on Tuesdays at the rear of the Phoenix Motor Works canteen in Letchworth. Cubmaster Hugh Gentle had a Pack of 32 boys aged 10-12 by Christmas.

1947 April.

First Letchworth Wolf Cubs were re-formed as an independent pack at the District HQ, Icknield Way, recently released from Army requisitioning. The Cubmaster was Arthur Scott who in 2006 became treasurer of Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Fellowship.

1952 January.

Basil Seymour joined Second Letchworth Wolf Cubs in 1937. Later he became a Scout with the Hitchin Grammar School Troop, then transferred back to the Second Letchworth Troop where he became Troop Leader and later Assistant Scoutmaster.

He joined the services as a Royal Naval Aviation Cadet and was sent to the USA for flight training. In Florida, Basil linked up with the Scouts again after visiting a local Jamboree. It was not long before his skills were recognised and he was the first British person to receive a US warrant when appointed District Commissioner for the Santa Rosa County Neighbourhood.

1950

An amazing lady deserves a mention here. Miss Beatrix Gore-Harvey from Letchworth was a real driving force and active person. She took on a number of ailing troops and packs and turned them around and all this work and energy came from a lady who was disabled and in a wheelchair. It was while she was running the Second Letchworth Troop summer camp at Houghton that news reached her of the award of the Medal of Merit "For exceptional service as an Invalid".

A course of rehabilitation at Watford enabled her to walk with great difficulty and in 1951 she was appointed District Cubmaster. Taking the Fourth Letchworth Cub pack and its leaders under her wing for training, she was away with them in Suffolk in May 1954 when she collapsed and died aged 36.

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1961 January 13.

The inaugural meeting of the Eighth Letchworth Wolf Cub Pack took place in Grange School Hall and was run by DCM Hannah Shannon. The Pack was formed to support Scouting in an area of post war housing expansion of Letchworth Garden City.

1962 October 17.

The inaugural meeting of the Ninth Letchworth (Catholic) Wolf Cub Pack was followed on 8 March 1963 with the addition of a Scout Troop. The Group closed in March 1970.

1971 October 5.

Judy Collins was the first Cub Leader of the Tenth Letchworth Cub Scouts that first met in the Jackmans Community Centre.

The Group was founded to cater for boys on this large new estate developed in the 1960s and a Scout Troop followed in 1973. The Group had many ups and downs leading to closure in 1988.

1978 June 6.

The first meeting of the Eleventh Letchworth Cub Scouts took place with 15 boys and met at Pixmore Junior School. The Leaders were Anne Lilley, Yvonne Porter and Clare Burton. The Cubs were: Christopher Chapman, Gregory Day, Paul Read, Peter Guy, Jasbir Dhadra, Hamraj Dhadra, Shina Singh, Balber Singh, Patrick Tomkins, Darren Riseley, Timothy Bourne, Ivan Heritt, Daljit Singh, Peter Smith and Purshatam Singh. They were all invested on July 4. Peter Norton DC and Harry Frankland ADC made the presentations.



**To help celebrate the Cubs 100 year anniversary on Friday 16 December 2016 the following schools agreed that children could attend school in their Cub uniform
Fairfield Park Lower School, Garden City Academy, Grange School, Lordship Farm School, Pixmore, St Nicholas (Norton) Stonehill and St Thomas Moore**

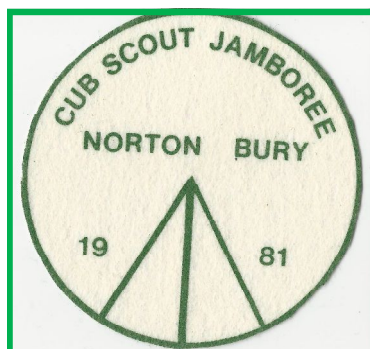
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1978 December.

Cub Scout Richard Lloyd of the Seventh Letchworth Pack won The Scout Annual competition for 1978.

He received a premium bond voucher for £25.

Richard had been a Cub Scout for two years and had already gained his Bronze and Silver Arrows as well as a number of Proficiency



Letchworth & Baldock District
Cubs attended.

The Gilwell Park International Scout Campsite

"HOLLYWOOD"

Cub Scout Fun Days



PROGRAMME

1991 June

Cubs from around the District packs descended on Norton Bury Scout & Guide Activity Centre for a fun packed activity weekend to celebrate their 75th Anniversary.



The County Commissioner, Paul Brenham visited the camp and helped cut the cake with a Cub and Anne Lilley ADC (Cubs).



A photo of Darren Greener as a parent helper at the 90th Anniversary Cub Camp at Tolmers in June 2006. After thoroughly enjoying the camp he became a Leader at 8th Letchworth

Darren was appointed ADC (Cubs) in 2016.

Scout Active Support

Twenty Three members of the Scout Active Support Unit attended the annual Christmas Dinner held on Saturday 10 December at The Broadway Hotel. Our thanks go to the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation for providing us with a grant towards the costs. As in past years there was a Secret Santa which raises money for a local charity. This year's



THE
BROADWAY
HOTEL & CARVERY

Secret Santa raised £100 which will be donated to the Stepping Stone Stroke Club.

2016 CHRISTMAS BLANKET BADGE



As a District we've ordered our Christmas cards from the Scout Association fund raising team. Guess what, we were entered into a draw and have won a rare 2016 Christmas blanket badge signed personally by Chief Scout, Bear Grylls. The badge was lent to 7th Letchworth Scout Group for a special Christmas Tree Festival decoration. When it was returned a competition was held via the Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Facebook

page. The entrants had to say what they loved about Scouting. The draw took place 23 December 2016 and the first out of the hat was Jill with Charlie (11) and Theo (9) from 5th Letchworth Scout Group.

From Charlie (11): My favourite things about Scouts are wide games and cooking. Wide games have shown me new ways to have fun and a great laugh. I love learning how to cook and make amazing meals. From Theo (9): I love the games, the camps and making friends. [From me, Mum (21, obviously): I can't wait to see evidence of these amazing meals Charlie says he has been making ... perhaps he could show his skills next Sunday ... ?] (Christmas Day)



District Mini Bus



The District is proud to announce that we have acquired a new District Minibus.

It is available for immediate booking through Jackie Hare as previous and the rates remain the same.

You can find Jackie Hare's contact details in the District Directory and also on the District Website in the minibus section.



8th Letchworth Scout Group

8th Letchworth Scout Group have been busy fund raising. In November the group collected unwanted clothes for the bag 2 school collection and raised £72 for the group. Also at the end of November they held their annual Christmas Fair which raised £462. In December they held a bag pack at Morrison's and raised £608.13. In total a massive £1,1142 in two months.

If very group did the same in the District that would raise in excess of £10,000 to help subsidise the camps and adventurous activities the young people enjoy doing.

2nd Baldock Scout Group

2nd Baldock Scout Group ran a Santa drive and had refreshments provided by the Scouts. The evening ended with presentation of Gold Awards to Chris Saunders and Lily Blyth. The final part was the presentation of a Scouting pewter mug, and a little something to fill it, to our Scout Leader Toby who is leaving us due to work commitments. Thank you Toby for all your input and thank you for continuing to be available in an emergency. We raised over £30 for Save The Children.



Are you a busy person, you don't know where time has gone, then you are just the person we need - As the saying goes "always ask a busy person". We are looking for an Scout Leader - full training will be given and you will be joining a team of dedicated and experienced Leaders.

For more information please contact: Mick Dilley GSL, 2nd Baldock at

dilleybros@btconnect.com

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Elizabeth Robson	12th Letchworth
Evie Scaplehorn	12th Letchworth
Jamie Sinclair	12th Letchworth
James Sneddon	12th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Freddie Hartley	2nd Baldock
Callan Ince	2nd Baldock
Sid Miller	2nd Baldock
William Murphy	2nd Baldock
Liam Palmer	2nd Baldock
Luke Rees	2nd Baldock
Jake Smith	1st Baldock (Knights)



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Lucy Allen	7th Letchworth
Thomas Blythe	7th Letchworth
James Fisher	7th Letchworth
Emily Walls	7th Letchworth



Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts - a morning of paint ball fun and games

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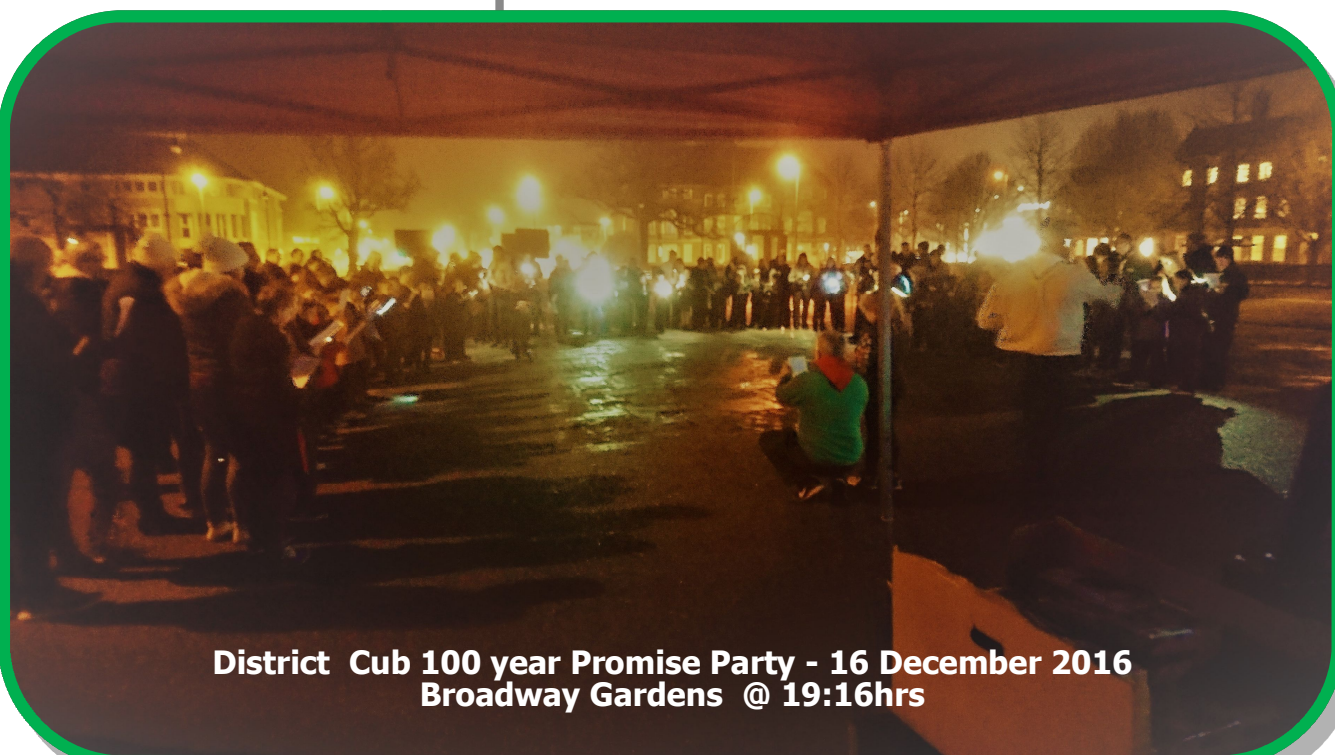
- 10 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 12 County Network Quiz Stevenage
- 12 District Beaver Leader Meeting 11th HQ
- 12 - 15 DC's Camp Wymondley Wood
- 22 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 23 District Commissioners Meeting - Well End
- 25 Burn's Night
- 28 - 29 District Training Weekend for Lochearnhead
- 28 Chinese New Year
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

February

- 5 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 12 County Beaver Leaders' Skill Session
- 22 Founder's Day
- 27 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 28 Shrove Tuesday

March

- 4 - 5 County Explorer Chiltern Challenge



**District Cub 100 year Promise Party - 16 December 2016
Broadway Gardens @ 19:16hrs**



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