

Co-ordinator

District Scout Cooking Competition

Four troops - 1st Baldock, 2nd Baldock, 4th Letchworth and 11th Letchworth took part in this year's District Scout Cooking Competition held at 1st Baldock HQ on Sunday 22 January 2017. The theme was the America's Cup Bermuda. The smell of curry and fish filled the room and banana fritters were a favourite. The judges, Wendy Tierney and Jeremy Croxford had a difficult time in determining a winner from the entries. All the teams had their good points but 1st Baldock team were slightly ahead and were awarded 1st place. They will now go on to represent the District at the County Scout Cooking Competition in February 2017. The judges felt that the other three teams were of the same standard and therefore they were no 2nd and 3rd placings.

Good luck in the County Competition.

Thank you to Chris Lewis, ASL
1st Baldock for organising the event.

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MENU

Prepared by First Baldock Scouts

ALL ABOARD

Bermudan Orange Punch

MOTORING OUT

A fresh crispy Bermudan Farmers'
Salad

SETTING SAIL

Hoppin' John - a classic Bermudan
dish of rice and pork

FINISH LINE

Sweet Banana Fritters with a drizzle
of honey



Beth McCallion, Elizabeth Grocott,
Hope Briggs and Isobel Geere with
Chris Lewis organiser of the competition



First District competition of the year for Scouts came and went. Four troops were represented in this year's cooking competition with a theme of America's Cup Bermuda.

The winning team from 1st Baldock will represent the District at the next stage at the County competition to be held at 1st Stevenage HQ. I feel honoured to organise this competition on a yearly basis, and to present the trophy to the winners. I guide them where I can at County level, even if it's just a boost of encouragement.

Chris Lewis
Organiser



5th Letchworth Cubs

One small step, one giant suit!

In our continued efforts to keep the programme varied (and exciting) at 5th Letchworth, we had a visit from Paul Hill of Sirius Astronomy. I met Paul over the summer and he kindly agreed visit us in November.

We took to the skies to have a quick look at what was out that evening (it was so cold the lenses of the telescopes kept fogging up!). We also enjoyed a whole host of other things which included - simulating rocket fuel, conducting pressure experiments (with marshmallows, not Cubs!), trying on actual training spacesuits, watching classic space footage and listening to stories of Tim Peake and other astronauts.

Even the parents had a chance to see a chunk of



actual Moon rock and a tiny piece of Mars. It was a special week.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to Paul Hill from Sirius Astronomy.
He's truly a star!



**Joni
(Akela)**

11th Letchworth Cubs World Challenge

11th Letchworth Cubs have been working hard on their World Challenge badge. As part of this we concentrated on the refugee crisis and displaced people. For this we joined in with the Oxfam "Message in a Book" scheme. The Cubs made a second hand book collection and each wrote a message, which is put in a book when they are sold by Oxfam (not necessarily one we donated). We took the books to Oxfam in Stevenage. Many thanks to Kathryn Keogh Oxfam Manager who gave us a shop tour and told us all about donations when we delivered the 12 boxes of books! She was so passionate about her job it was difficult not to buy the whole shop! It was a great project which Cubs and Leaders alike found challenging because of the controversial subjects it raised with many difficult questions being asked. Below is a flavour of the messages written by the Cubs ...



Thank you for buying this book ...

...to help families who may have been separated or have no food, water, safety and education. It's important they get the good life they deserve because some may be babies, toddlers or children.

Amelie

.. the book you bought will buy lots of things to help people with no home and help them to survive. We should care that people have nowhere.

William

...the money raised will go to help provide clean water, food crops, blankets, pillows and medicine. One day they will be safe.

Lottie and Erin

.. this is what happens to your money, Oxfam makes wells for clean water, gives seeds for crops, schools, but most best thing is THEY SAVE LIVES! See what happens if you just give a little bit. **Dominika**

Gill Palmer ACSL 11th Letchworth Cubs

Photo - delivering the books to Oxfam with Elizabeth Mann, Kathryn Keogh, Alan Mann and Gill Palmer

St George's Day Parade and Service

Date: Sunday 23 April 2017

Assembly Point: Howard Park,
Norton Way South, Letchworth Garden
City SG6 1RY

Assembly Time: 14:00 hrs



The Parade will move to Broadway
Gardens for 15:00 hrs

Parade Dismiss Approx.
15:45 hrs

From Cub to GSL

On 24 December 1953 2nd Baldock Scout Group was registered. In August 1943 a baby boy called Michael James Dille came into this world. Mick joined 2nd Baldock Cubs which was run by May Clare and Father Ruman ran the Scouts. He went on to Scouts and then Senior Scouts and became a Rover Leader and also a Scout Leaders. On his eighteenth birthday he was presented with his warrant by Les Brown the then District Commissioner at a camp in St Ives. Mick has stayed loyal to his roots at 2nd Baldock and became their Group Scout Leader in January 1991. A role that he continues to the present day. Mick has been a Leader continuously now for 55 years and was awarded the Silver Acorn in 2010 for specially distinguished service.

Cubs celebrated their 100 year anniversary in 2016 and Mick started his Scouting life in Cubs and is still going strong after 63 years. Quite an achievement.



9 Jan 17 Three Explorer Scouts, Isabel Wroe, Simon Kitching and Ben Milligan receiving their Explorer Belt following their expedition to Croatia last summer

2017 SUBSCRIPTION

HQ £26.50

County £13.50

District £ 4.70

TOTAL £44.70

There is a 50p discount per paid member for prompt payment.

Deadline 3 March 2017



CALLING ALL APPOINTED LEADERS

Chris King , training administrator , has arranged two First Response courses to be run within our District for this year.

Course 1 Sunday 2 April 12 places available to be held at DHQ, Letchworth

Course 2 Sunday 17 September 12 places available to be held at DHQ, Letchworth

Please remember that this is one of the Mandatory Training Modules that ALL appointed Adults within Scouting must hold. If you are not sure if yours is up to date, log onto Compass and check your records.

Spaces are limited to 12 on each course so if you need to get up to date, get yourself booked on quickly. If necessary we may be able to run a 3rd course later in the year but that will be dependent on requests for attendance and more importantly availability of our Trainer.

To reserve your place please email Chris King on desc@lbdscouts.org.uk or chris.king33@ntlworld.com

Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Kacey Butler	11th Letchworth
Erin Coates	11th Letchworth
Marcus Collins	5th Letchworth
Olivia Melvern	5th Letchworth



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Lily Blyth	2nd Baldock
Chris Saunders	2nd Baldock



CONGRATULATIONS

During the festive break Wendy Tierney, District Cub Scout Leader became a grandmother. Her new grandson is called Logan Simon. Mum, dad and baby are all doing fine.



Dates

Friday 31 March

7.30 pm - 9.45 pm

Saturday 1 April

2.00 pm - 4.25 pm

Saturday 1 April

7.30 pm - 10.00 pm

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2017 Diary Dates 2017

February

- 5 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 9 District Executive Meeting
- 9 Scout & Guide Shop closes
- 12 County Beaver Leaders' activity badge day
- 21 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 22 Founder's Day
- 27 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 28 Shrove Tuesday

March

- 4 - 5 County Explorer Chiltern Challenge
- 6 8th Letchworth AGM
- 12 County Scout Triathlon Lees Wood
- 18 County Cub Bushcraft Day
- 24 Red Nose Day
- 24 - 26 Training Camp (Lochearnhead)
- 27 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 30 Scout & Guide Shop Closes
- 31 - 1 Apr District Gang Show

April

- 1 - 2 District Sixers & Seconders
- 2 District First Response Course DHQ
- 6 District Executive Meeting
- 7 County Queen's Scout Award Dinner
- 8 District Officer's Meeting Well End
- 20 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 23 St George's Day Parade and Service
- 25 Wymondley Wood A.G.M.
- 28 - 1 May PAW Tolmers
- 28 - 30 Oak Eagle ESU Camp Great Barford

May

- 11 District AGM
- 14 District Scout Shooting & Archery Competition
- 21 Rotary Sponsored Greenway Walk



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