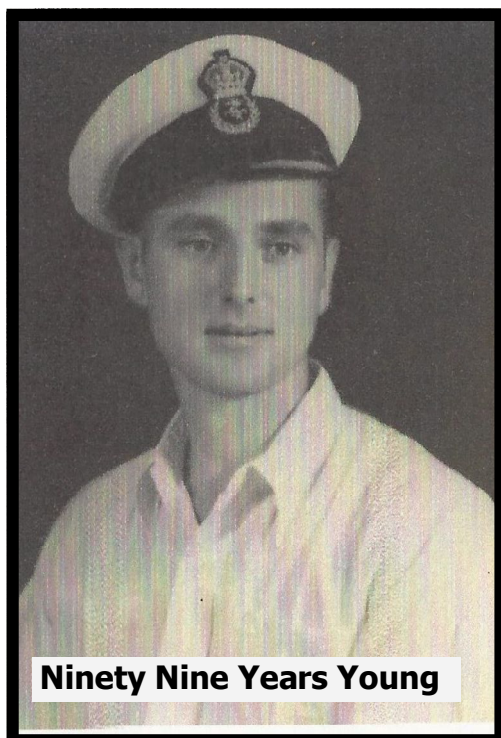
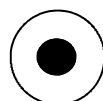


Co-ordinator

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Laurie Cook MBE 1918 - 2017



We were very sorry to hear that Laurie had died peacefully at Trembaths Care Home just after his 99th birthday.

Laurie devoted over forty years of his life to the service of Scouting.

He was appointed Assistant Scout Leader of the 1st 3rd Letchworth Scout Group in 1971 and he became Scout Leader in 1975 – a post which he held until he retired in 1983. During this

time many generations of Scouts enjoyed the fun and adventurous activities provided by Laurie including the annual camp which was always a highlight of the Scouting Year. Laurie served in the Royal Navy and the skills he learned there were invaluable to him in Scouting. His Scouts were always prominent in the District events such as camping, hiking and St George's Day Parades.

In recognition of his services the Scout Association awarded him the Medal of Merit in 1986 and the Silver Acorn in 1999. He received a forty year long service certificate.

Since retirement as a uniformed leader Laurie maintained his interest in Scouting through membership of the Scout Fellowship (now Active Support Unit). He was chairman of the Letchworth Fellowship which raises funds, helps at events, and provides practical skills e.g. repair and maintenance of Scout HQ's, according to the talent of its members. He was also a member of the District Executive Committee.

Laurie was particularly interested in gardening and for many years he grew bedding plants which he sold at an annual plant stall. The proceeds have been shared amongst local charities and Scouting has been able to use the money in a variety of ways including sending leaders and scouts on courses, sponsoring events and equipping troops.

He gave his time to other local charities with equal enthusiasm. Girl Guiding, the Royal Naval Association, Ernest Gardiner Day Hospital and the Allotment Association were all grateful for his support.

Laurie was a very popular person who was respected for his commitment and enthusiasm. He was extremely community minded. Everyone was proud when he was awarded the MBE for his service to the community in 1998.

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Census Figures

Letchworth & Baldock District 31st January 2017

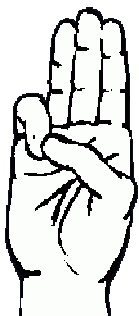
GROUP	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Explorers		Leaders		Assistants		Others		Group Totals		Census 2016 was	Census 2015 was	Census 2014 was
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F					
1st Ashwell	18	6	22	6	28	5			6	5					96		103	94	92
1st Baldock	31	12	39	11	28	13			9	10	1	1			155		163	153	136
2nd Baldock	12	0	18	2	16	0			4	6	1				59		58	56	61
4th Letchworth	19	4	23	5	13	5			5	4	1				79		77	73	70
5th Letchworth	16	6	10	2	19	5			6	5	2	1			72		72	70	68
7th Letchworth	17	6	26	2	13	4			5	4		1			78		78	81	88
8th Letchworth	19	5	22	9	15	11			9	9					99		106	98	98
11th Letchworth	10	4	6	10	15	6			3	5	6	2			65		53	55	52
12th Letchworth	15	12	19	10	16	9			3	6					92		84	73	75
Oak Eagle Explorers Network							28	17	5	1			12	5	51		60	65	70
TOTALS	157	55	185	57	163	58	28	17	55	55	11	5	12	5	863		858	829	821
Active Support District Personnel													15	14	29		31	29	34
													9	5	14		14	14	14
Grand Total															906		903	872	869

5th Letchworth Cubs

When Cubs want to they really step up and take things seriously. We were lucky enough at 5th Letchworth to have paramedics come in to provide first aid basics to our pack. Apart from being too young to know the song *Staying Alive*, and throwing Akela under a hypothetical bus, they did well to demonstrate that they believe this to be an important and serious area to learn in order to look after each other.



The following activities will have taken place this week (Monday 27 March 2017) by 5th Letchworth Scout Group



Three new Cubs Brooke Harvey, Elliot Chatterton and Finian Wallman were invested into 5th Letchworth Cub Pack.

Beavers - planting bulbs at a care home
Cub - Fitness badge
Scouts - meeting at Wymondley Wood with Woolgrove School.

7th Letchworth Cubs

In Cubs, for the last two weeks we have been doing the DIY badge. This included making bird boxes, sanding wood, using screws and hammering nails.

We really enjoyed this because we got to use hammers, screwdrivers nails etc.

Billy Rich and Luke Kendell



8th Letchworth Cubs

A Cub's view of a year at 8th Letchworth

First of all I would like to say someone shouts a lot ,not mentioning names Akela (D.G)
But he does make the best eggy bread ever, so I think we'll let him off.
This year so far I have enjoyed the District day out at Woburn Safari Park,
Lots of hikes, shooting and spending the morning cleaning up Norton Common.
I'm looking forward to the mad scientist weekend in March.

Charlie - 8th Letchworth Cub



**Congratulations and well done to Fern Boughton,
8th Letchworth ABSL on completing her Leader
Training and receiving her Wood Badge at 8th
Letchworth AGM**

4th Letchworth Scouts

This term Scouts has been packed with exciting activities. We had a shooting competition at A Different Calibre in Letchworth. Everyone had so much fun shooting the targets and seeing who could get a bullseye. For some Scouts this was the first time that they had ever been shooting. We all had 20 bullets each and the scores were added at the end.

Winning team was Stags.

Winning individuals were: 1st place - Joe Palmer, 2nd - Nathan James and 3rd - Freddie Hartley. They all did some amazing shooting.



Also, this term we enjoyed a relaxing, fun session of Yoga which was provided by Jane Oppegaard, Yoga, Meditation and Energy Lifestyle Coach, who was also at the DC camp this year.

We all found the Kundalini Yoga enjoyable and fun. It helped strengthen our body and improve our balance

(lots of wobbling round, falling over and plenty of laughter). Not only was it good for the body but it was also good for the mind. The relaxation techniques were helpful too, especially for the older Scouts to help them relax more before their exams.

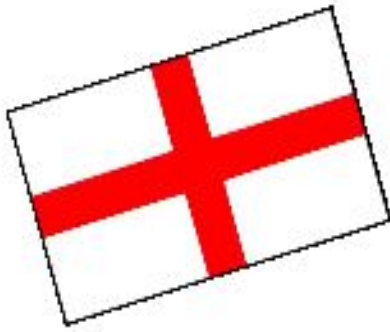


Scouts were lucky enough to have a drumming workshop with Rhythmicity. They had an African drum gathering in the hall, where they learnt how to use the drums to beat out different rhythms and sounds. Once we had learnt our rhythm we managed to all play together and with some teamwork we achieved a fantastic sound. We also tried playing cowbells, woodblocks, maracas, tambourines and triangles, along with the drums which sounded like an African tribal ceremony. Everyone concentrated very hard to the beat and all joined in. It was a very good Scout meeting. This would be great to play around the camp fire at a Scout

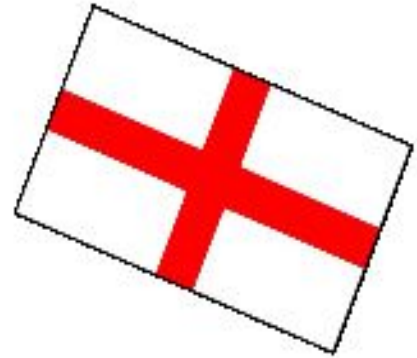


camp out.

And finally, this term we congratulate Joe Palmer for achieving his gold



ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE



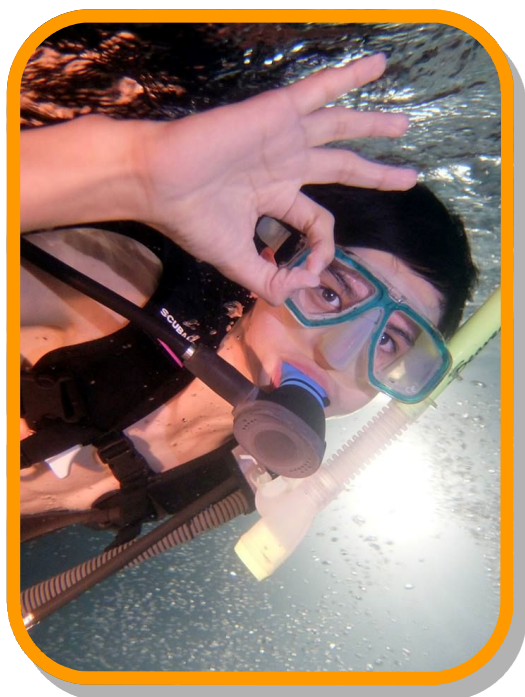
Sunday, 23 April 2017

Arrival 2pm, Parade 2:30-3:45pm

Line up in Howard Park

- On arrival look for 5th Letchworth. They will give you a laminated sign with your group number and some tape to temporarily fix it to your flag pole so your group can more easily find you
- District will lead the parade
- Line up in Groups (each section led by its colours). Order:
 - 5th Letchworth
 - 7th Letchworth
 - 8th Letchworth
 - 11th Letchworth
 - 12th Letchworth
 - 1st Ashwell
 - 1st Baldock
 - 2nd Baldock
 - 4th Letchworth
 - Oak Eagle Explorers
 - Balin Network
 - ASU
- A Samba drum will set the pace.
- The order of 'service' handouts will be given to you as you arrive at Broadway Gardens
- Stewards will guide each group's colours down the middle of Broadway Gardens to their flag stands and the rest of the group will be guided around the outside to stand behind their flags.
- There will be an introduction, the story of St. George performed by the Imajica Theatre Company, some singing, and the renewal of promises.
- After the groups are dismissed, there will be a table in the park handing out cakes (under a gazebo if necessary)
- There will be tea and biscuits at St. Michaels Church for dignitaries and anyone interested in popping in for a hot drink.
- There will also be various paracord keyrings & woggles for sale as well.

2nd Baldock Scouts take the plunge



Hydroactive Dive Centre - PADI Scuba Diving Centre

Well done to all the Scouts from 2nd Baldock

Thirteen eager scuba divers in the making!

We look forward to seeing you all again soon for more 😊

Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit



Explorer Scouts from the Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit had a great evening recently climbing at the Hatfield Campus of the University of Hertfordshire

While there four Explorer Scouts were invested into the Unit.



Hertfordshire Scouts Unity Lottery...

This weekly lottery contributes to our Capital Appeal. 50p of every £1 that you invest comes directly back to Hertfordshire Scouts, paid to us monthly by Unity, our Lottery Managers. With prizes of up to £25,000 each week, it is an important fundraiser. We are always looking for new members. Only those over the age of 16 may join.

Scout Groups! You can make 25% on the lottery chances sold by your Scout Group. All chances are priced at a £1 per week.

Hartley has your Group sales code. He also has stocks of the recent leaflets for you to promote sales. Why not make it one of your fund raising events for this year.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE HERTFORDSHIRE SCOUT WEBSITE

<https://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/>

2nd Baldock Scouts



Scouts from 2nd Baldock Scout Troop raised funds for Comic Relief by doing a sponsored cycling marathon. The Scouts took turns on three exercise bikes over a period of an hour.

Details of their fund raising efforts will be in the next issue of Co-Ordinator.

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Annual General Meetings

Details of District and Group Annual General Meetings.

Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre

Tuesday 25 April 2017

Wymondley Wood 7.30 for 8.00 pm

District

Thursday 11 May 2017

District HQ 8.00 pm

1st Baldock

Tuesday 16 May 2017

1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive 7.00 pm

5th Letchworth

Wednesday 17 May 2017

5th Letchworth HQ, Spring Road

7.00 pm

7th Letchworth

Wednesday 17 May 2017

Wilbury Hall 7.00 pm

11th Letchworth

Friday 19 May 2017

11th Letchworth HQ,
Rushby Mead 6.30 pm

2nd Baldock

Friday 19 May 2017

Catholic Church Hall, Baldock

Gang Show

Saturday 20 May 2017

1st Baldock HQ, Park Drive

5.00pm

This is an open invitation to everybody in the District to come along and see what your District, Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre and the Groups have achieved in 2016. It is also an opportunity meet old and new friends and do some networking.



Chris King has arranged a First Response course to be run in our District on Sunday 17 September to be held at DHQ. Please remember that this is one of the MANDATORY TRAINING MODULES that ALL appointed Adults within Scouting must hold. To see if there is a space available please email Chris King

chris.king33@ntlworld.com

Achievements



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Sam Atkinson	1st Baldock
Theo Baker	1st Baldock
Abigail Gage	1st Baldock
Jamie Jarvis	1st Baldock



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Joe Palmer	4th Letchworth
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Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Joshua Gooch	Oak Eagle ESU
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A warm welcome to

Daniel Grocott	CSL	1st Baldock (Knight's)
Francesca Stocker	ASL	4th Letchworth

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8th Letchworth Beavers
and Cubs with their Chief
Scout Award Certificates
presented at 8th
Letchworth Scout Group
AGM held in March by
Hartley, District
Commissioner.

2017 Diary Dates 2017

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 Officers' Meeting - County led	Well End
14	Good Friday	
17	Easter Monday	
20	Scout & Guide Shop reopens	
23	St George's Day Parade and Service	
25	Wymondley Wood AGM 8.00 pm	
28 - 1 May	PAW	Tolmers
28 - 30	Oak Eagle ESU Camp	Great Barford

May

1	May Day	
11	District AGM 8.00 pm	
14	District Scout Shooting & Archery Competition	
16	1st Baldock AGM 7.00 pm	
17	5th Letchworth AGM 7.00 pm	
17	7th Letchworth AGM 7.00 pm	
19	11th Letchworth AGM 6.30 pm	
19	2nd Baldock AGM	
20	Gang Show AGM, 1st Baldock HQ 5.00 pm	
21	Rotary Sponsored Greenway Walk	
22	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	
29	Spring Bank Holiday	

June

10 - 11	District Activity Days	Boyd Field
17	County AGM	Phasels Wood
20	District Beaver's Bangers and Bash	
23 - 25	Scouts Take Away Weekend	Harmergreen
26	Wymondley wood Committee Meeting	



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