

Co-ordinator

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Commissioner's Commendation Award Peter Elmer - Scout Active Support Member

Our District Commissioner Hartley went to visit Peter Elmer recently. Hartley said, 'Peter has been unwell of late and so is unable to carry on his normal role and activities with our District Active Support Unit. I wanted to thank him for his many years of service to local Scouting. We had a chat about the expeditions we have shared to Lochearnhead Scout Station in Scotland where Peter and his wife Rose were always fantastic crew members. Rose told me what a special place the Scout station is for both of them.' Peter was presented with a Commissioner's Commendation Award and the appropriate badge and is pictured here.

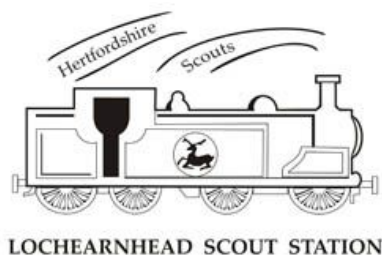
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Sadly shortly after receiving his award Peter 'went home'.



**Peter and Rose Ellmer
at Lochearnhead 2012**





Lochearnhead

I utterly enjoyed my week up in the idyllic mountains of Scotland. We arrived after a nine hour coach journey, which I will not be missing. We got out of the bus and found ourselves on the platform of an old Victorian railway station that looked straight out of a postcard, and trooped inside for a much needed breakfast. The food at the station is terrific - breakfasts include porridge, eggs, beans, sausages and bacon. After the refreshing food, we split up into our groups and headed off for the hills. Unlike other camps I had been on, when we were all hoping we would get the nice leaders, all the leaders at Lochearnhead were really friendly and supportive.

Over the course of the week we would keep to the usual routine: get up, breakfast, pack bags, head up to the hills whilst going over handy navigating tips and tricks, eat lunch, descend to a very filling and excellent three course dinner. There would be a wide variety of talks afterwards, ranging from how to differentiate mountain birds, to the nuisance of ticks.

We repeated this pattern with new and exciting changes for four days until it was time for the high camp, where we packed tents and hiked to a beautiful spot in the mountains and spent three days there. Walking through ice fields to mountain ridges and dense forests, we drank from fresh streams and camped at the foot of great towering mountains.

We returned tired but triumphant from the high camp, and were greeted back with a feast! A five course meal with traditional meals like haggis. After we had eaten until we couldn't move, we had a talent show. Each group had to come up with a sketch song or game to amuse the others.

The Leaders were mostly ex-scouts who like us, had come to Lochearnhead on previous times and had fallen in love with the rough charm of the Scottish hills, and had come to walk in them

again. The days were so packed that it felt like I was away for a month rather than a week. I learnt a lot, made new friends and am definitely coming back next year.

Theo Brignall,
Oak Eagle
Explorer
Scout



Sixers and Seconders Weekend

Since I joined 4th Letchworth Cubs I have been very busy.

I have a lot of fun, have learnt a lot and made lots of new friends.

I can now make rope, tie knots, start fires and throw an axe!

I've just got back from Sixers and Seconders camp.

It was the first time in my whole life that I stayed in a tent, outdoors, all night long.

I was very nervous about it but now I feel very proud of myself for doing it.

Cubs has taught me to be brave!

**Emily Thompson - 9 years old.
Cub since September 2016**



Darren ADC (Cubs) doing the Snake.



Jane Oppegaard from pure light holistic came and did some yoga with the Cubs as part of their Cubs Own. All of the Cubs and some of the Leaders (even our ADC) took part, they all thoroughly enjoyed it and had a really good time.

If any groups are interested in doing a session Jane can be contacted at the email address below.

janeoppegaard1967@gmail.com

Or via her website

<http://www.purelightholistics.co.uk/>



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Active Support Unit



The Active Support Unit will be holding their General Meeting Annually in July - the venue and date to be arranged.

This is an opportunity for the members to have a review of the year's events and help given to the Groups. Also a time for a cuppa and chat about Scouting in general.

The ASU are always looking for new members so please contact Sheila Tickner if you are interested in joining.

sheila.edmond@talktalk.net

KEEP CALM
WATCH THIS SPACE



Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity - SWCC Hedgehog Hospital

A massive thank you to Alfie and his Mum for arranging the collection of 366 newspapers along with cat/dog food from friends and family! They also brought in some cakes for the volunteers

😊 This is a fantastic way for young people to become involved in helping our hedgehogs!

11th Letchworth Beaver Scout Alfie Hough has been doing his hobbies badge over the Easter holidays and helping wildlife at the same time.

To find out more about the Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity - SWCC Hedgehog hospital visit

Sheprethhedgehoghospital.co.uk and why not sponsor a hedgehog

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Thomas Akerman	7th Letchworth
George Alexander	7th Letchworth
Luke Baldry	5th Letchworth
Emily Bennetto	7th Letchworth
Jacques Bernabe	5th Letchworth
Louie Grant	5th Letchworth
George King	5th Letchworth
Evelyn Loe	5th Letchworth
Finley Rayner	7th Letchworth

Wood Beads were presented by Hartley at the Sixers & Seconders Weekend held at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre.



Hayley Palmer	11th Letchworth CSL
Joni Trulock	5th Letchworth CSL
Jacob Tyler	4th Letchworth CSL

And the following Wood Beads were presented at the St George's Day Celebrations.

Mark Brewis	12th Letchworth ACSL
Rob Hemmings	1st Baldock ASL
Richard Young	1st Baldock ACSL

The Wood Badge is a Scouting programme and award for adults in the Scout Associations around the world. The Wood Badge course is designed so that adult Scouters can learn; in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. On completion, participants are awarded the beads to recognize their significant achievement in leadership and direct service to young people, and to welcome them to membership of the 1st Gilwell Park Scout Group.

Watch out for 8th Letchworth Scout Group at the annual Letchworth Garden City Rotary Club Charity Walk on Sunday 21 May. This is the 10th Anniversary of 8th Letchworth Scout Group taking part in this walk. To celebrate they will be taking part in fancy dress.

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Correction

Correction to last month's
edition of Co-Ordinator

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Louise Farquar ABSL at 8th
Letchworth was presented
with her Wood Badge and
not Fern Boughton as stated
in Co-Ordinator.

Apologies from the editor.

2017 Diary Dates 2017

May

- 1 May Day
- 6 ASU - trip to Capel Manor Gardens
- 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
- 30 Scout and Guide Shop closed

June

- 6 Scout and Guide Shop reopens
- 10 ASU Garden Book Club
- 10 - 11 District Activity Days Boyd Field
- 17 County AGM Phasels Wood
- 20 12th Letchworth AGM W Wood
- 23 - 25 Scouts Take Away Weekend Harmergreen
- 26 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting



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