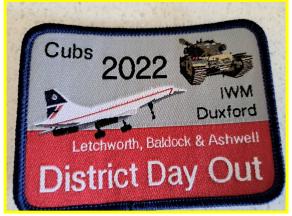
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Co-Ordinator

District Cub Day Out
Duxford Imperial War Museum
2 October 2022



On the 2nd October over 100 Cubs from the District went on a District Day Out to Duxford Imperial War Museum. Some travelled by a red rouble decker bus which was very exciting for the Cubs and even the Leaders.

While at the IWM the Cubs worked towards their Air Activity badges. We were very lucky with the weather. It was a lovely sunny day so we were able to sit outside for lunch and the Cubs could play on the play area.

They had the opportunity to make paper aeroplanes and get their flight passports stamped.

All of the young people were very well behaved. A good day was had by everyone.

Everyone attending will receive a District Day Out (DDO) badge.

Amanda Woolmer - ADC (Cubs)







County Scout Peak Assault 14 - 16 October 2022

Peak Assault was back after 3 years. It was quite a challenge to get to the start line. We needed new tents and lots of kit plus the usual gas, food, wellies.....



We had 2 teams ready for action. Team A were unaccompanied and stepped up to the challenge very confidently. Team B had a walking Leader to help them along.

We set off from Letchworth early on Friday evening. We arrived at a farm in the middle of Dartmoor at midnight. It was dark, muddy and steep but luckily not raining. We put up our tents, sorted the kit and got to bed about 1.30am.

Alarms went off at 5.30am. After breakfast we headed off to kit check at 6.45am. At kit check every little item on the kit list is checked. Water bottles, shoe laces, torch batteries, sleeping bags, boots all get checked for suitability for the hills. If anything is missing or not suitable, the team gets delayed until the issue is sorted.

Then the teams get maps and grid references to plot a course in the hills, to find check points.



Saturday was a training day and Sunday was the competition. Both teams did very well on both days. Saturday night was spent in another field across the valley from base camp. Teams have to camp, cook their hot meals and stay warm and dry. Despite some rain and rather windy weather all went very well. Sunday the teams are up again at 5.30am, and had porridge, hot crepes and a hot drink. Tents down and rucksacks packed and off again. This time for the competition. Three and a half

hours round the hills finding clickers and stamping the right box on the score sheet. Check points can be at a tree, a big stone, or just a dip in the ground.

Then back to base camp where the support team were providing very welcome soup, hot dogs and a place to sit down.

County Scout Peak Assault 14 - 16 October 2022 Hexworthy - Dartmoor





The award ceremony at lunch time was great. Even though we didn't need to build a shelf for any trophies, the teams came in with great scores. Team A came 5th out of 15 and Team B were 4th out of 20. These are very good results for novice teams and the Leaders are very proud.

Big thanks to our support teams and well done everyone.





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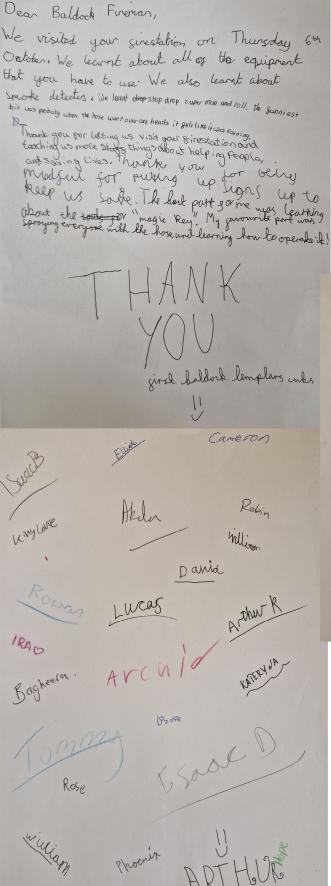






November 2022 No: 708

1st Baldock Cubs (Templars) Fire Station Visit



Dear Baldock Fireman

We visited your fire station on Thursday 6th October We learnt about all of the equipment that you have to use. We also learnt about smoke detectors We learnt stop drop super man and roll. The funniest bit was probably when the hose went over our heads it felt like it was raining



Thank you for letting us visit your fire station and teaching us more things about helping people and saving lives. Thank you for being mindful for putting signs up to keep us safe. The best part for me was learning about the "magic key" My favourite part was spraying everyone with the hose and learning how to operate it. THANK YOU

1st Baldock (Templars) Cubs

12th Letchworth Beavers Road Safety



Ian, a Beaver Scout Leader from Hitchin and a member of the Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre Committee, visited 12th Letchworth Beaver Colony. It was a great evening teaching the Beavers Road Safety. They all seemed to have fun learning about types of crossings and how to be seen in the dark. The Beavers can be seen in Ian's RAC van.

Ian Buck - BSL





1st Baldock Cubs (Knights)

A thank you to our Firefighters

On the 4^{th} October 1^{st} Baldock (Knights) Cubs went to Baldock Fire station. On their return the Cubs have worked together to write this letter to our local Firefighters.

Dear Baldock Fire Station,

We at 1^{st} Baldock (Knights) Cubs would like to say a huge thank you for an amazing fire station visit on Tuesday last week. Not only was the visit informative and fun but also taught all of us some essential potentially life saving skills.

We all enjoyed the tour of the fire engine and the fire hoses were a firm favourite. The passion and dedication you all have for your job in the community shone through. All the cubs have remembered 'stop, drop, roll' and have been reminding their parents to

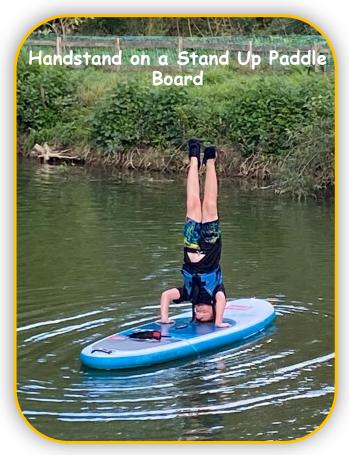
test their fire alarms and smoke detectors.





November 2022 No: 707

2nd Baldock Scouts Boyd Field Camp



30th September 2022 Friday

On Friday, the 30th of September, we all arrived at Boyd campsite. When we arrived, it was about 6:30 pm and it was raining very heavily. Due to the unexpected bad weather, we couldn't really do much but after the rain stopped we put our stuff in the tents and unpacked, then we all headed to the tent to do some grid referencing in preparation for the next day. After that we all had a choice between hotdogs and cowboy stew to eat. I chose hotdogs, which were really nice. Then we spent some time roasting marshmallows and having s'mores. When we finished that, we all went to bed to get some energy for the next day.

Saturday 1st October 2022

In the morning we all enjoyed bacon and sausages for breakfast. There was also cereal if you wanted it. The weather was a big improvement from yesterday because it was now really sunny. After that we did some mapwork, in which we had to find some coordinates in the local area. We all split into groups of 2 or 3, I was in a group of 3. For us, the first coordinate we had to find was a church nearby. The second set of coordinates were supposed to lead us to a river of some sort but me and my group couldn't find a way to get to the river which was on the other side of the trees . We spent a lot of time wandering around which didn't do anything, except to confuse us more. After we did eventually finish, we went back to our camp and then, after a short break, we did wall climbing, which I really enjoyed. There were four levels: Green, which was the hardest, black, second hardest, blue and finally red, which was the easiest. Everyone went on at least 2. After we finished, we had lunch . For lunch we had a ham sandwich, tomatoes and fruit. The final activity we did was waterboarding, which was basically standing on a board in the water. It was really cool. After getting changed and putting our swimming costumes underneath we put on safety jackets and got on a board. Previously I had never waterboarded before so I really enjoyed it. I also did not fall off my board which was a relief because I didn't really want to get soaked in lake water. After finishing the session, we all packed up and put down the tents. Then we all went to play 'capture the flag' and then, after a really fun camp, we went home.

Ilena Wong - 2nd Baldock Scout

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Diary Dates 2022 / 2023

NOVEMBER

- 5 Guy Fawkes
- 9 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 10 District Executive Meeting
- 13 Remembrance Sunday
- 14 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 14 HM The King's Birthday
- 18 20 Green Beret Tolmers
- 26 Monopoly Challenge London
- 30 St Andrew's Day





DECEMBER

- 6 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 8 District Executive Meeting
- 14 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 15 Scout Shop closes for Christmas 8.00 pm
- 17 Farmer's Christmas Lights Tour
- 21 Shortest Day

JANUARY 2023

- 11 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 12 District Executive Meeting
- 12 Scout Shop reopens 6.00 pm

FEBRUARY

22 Founder's Day

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