



District Commissioner

As we come to the end of another Scouting year and what a busy year the District has had. Groups / Sections have been busy getting back to hands on Scouting after two years of zoom and social distancing. There have been plenty of activities within and out of District, with camps far and wide too. Groups have got together for some of these. It's nice to see all sections and Leaders sharing resources still at difficult times giving maximum young people the chance to get away. Numbers through lock down fell and we had two sections close, Beavers at 11th and Scouts at 7th but am glad to report that numbers are on the rise and the two sections are back up and running. I am sure that all the young people and parents appreciate all that you do to give them some enjoyable and memorable times and getting back to hands on Scouting.

The District has 5 young people going to the World Scout Jamboree next year. They have been working hard to raise funds to attend and attending camps and events to get to know others in their units. Please support them in any way you can as this is a once in a lifetime trip to make new friends and memories. Good luck to them all.

As you know I am stepping down as DC at the end of December. There is now due process in place to find my successor and hopefully they will be in place early January. I would like to thank my team and the District Executive for all their help and support over the past 5years. I hope I have left the District in a good position for the next DC to build on and take it forward. Thank you to all the Leaders for your help and support too, and for what you do for the young people of this District. I am sure you will give the new DC the help and support you have shown me, and I wish them well too. I will be staying in Scouting but not sure in what role yet depends on the new DC.

Take care and thank you.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wendy Tierney DC



We have just held the Cub Quiz which was postponed from November 2021 due to Covid!

There were 6 teams in total this year out of 10 Packs. We held the quiz Face 2 Face at 1st Baldock HQ which was good after having so long where we were unable to do so.

The questions were set by the 2nd Baldock team which won in 2020. The Cubs really enjoy the quiz of lots of general knowledge and some Scouting question We had the traditional picture round and some riddles as well.

The <u>winning</u> team with 64 Points was 1st Baldock Knights! Well done to the 3 Cubs in the team.

Traditionally the winning team set the questions for next year's quiz.

The scores were as follows:

1 st	1st Baldock Knights	64 points
2 nd	1st Baldock Templars	59 points
3 rd	5 th Letchworth	55 points
4 th	12 th Letchworth	54 points
5 th	4 th Letchworth	53 points
6 th	2 nd Baldock	51 Points

The scores were very close. Well done everyone for taking part. A very big thank you to the Leaders for giving up another evening so the Cubs could have a good time.

Amanda Woolmer
ADC Cubs

Thank you

A big thank you to all the Groups that have contributed photos, articles and news items throughout the year. Please keep up the good work and to those Groups that haven't had a mention recently let's hear what you are up to in the New Year.

Rita Hawkins - Editor





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Amanda Woolmer - ADC (Cubs) with winners 1st Baldock (Knights)

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Remembrance Sunday 13 November 2022







Remembrance Sunday in Ashwell and Baldock

4th Letchworth
Scout Group
attended a
Church Service at
St Pauls Church













Fields of Remembrance - Westminster Abbey Thursday 10 November 2022



On Thursday 10th November I had the privilege again to attend the Fields of Remembrance @ Westminster Abbey London with a very good friend and Scouting colleague Carol Denbigh from Elstree District. After placing the crosses in the Scouting plot and the two minutes silence the Queen Consort Camilla walked round and stopping to talk with various people on the way, Carol being one of these, Camilla was asking her about Scouting and Girls in Scouting. This made Carol's day as after attending last year she was taken very ill and ended up In hospital for 9 months and not knowing if she would be able to attend this year but with her determination she made it and then to be spoken to this was a big honour for her. We walked round to the side of the small chapel where there was a plot marked out in honour to the late Queen Elizabeth where the Queen Consort came to pay her respects. After she left, we were able to place a cross from Scouting. What a day we both had and all in the name of Scouting.

Wendy Tierney DC









SAVE THE DATE 17 - 19 November 2023 @Phasels Wood Activity Centre

4th Letchworth and 5th Letchworth Scouts along with 1st Baldock and 2nd Baldock Scouts joined other teams from the County at Tolmers Scout Camp and Activity Centre for the return of the Green Beret Challenge and everything that Green Beret offers even the plentiful amounts of mud.

The main event day brought the bases into play with a hive of activity throughout the day and into the night.

Out of the 144 teams, all of the District teams all represented themselves and their groups in the highest regard.

Chris Lewis - 1st Baldock ASL





District Results

Team 112 5th Letchworth (Maddjito)

Team 126 5th Letchworth (Jacquardi & Coke)

Team 116 1st Baldock (Baldock E.T)

Team 119 4th Letchworth (St Pauls) (May the Fourth) 39th

Team 113 2nd Baldock

77th

Full results can be found on the Hertfordshire Scout Website

Some Stats -	Total number of teams:	144	Number of competing teams:	103
	Number of non competing	teams: 41	Number of Scouts:	814
	Number of supporters:	195	Total number of bases open:	106

Place





The Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show is back after a 3 year absence.

The show will take place at St Francis College Theatre

Friday 11 March 7.30 pm Saturday 12 March 2.00 pm Saturday 12 March 7.30 pm

This year's Production team are:

Phil Ross - Chairman.

Patrick Tyler - Director.

Gavin Sharp - Technical Director.

For rehearsal details and how to become a member of the Gang please contact:

Rehearsal Contact Number 07342 131 552





Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

The Oak Eagle Explorer Scouts have been busy at St Nicholas Church in Norton recently.

We met on a Saturday morning and helped to tidy the church yard. We cleared leaves, edged the pathways and clipped the grass.

There are public footpaths that go through the church yard and they were cleaned up. There was ivy growing up the walls that causes damage so that was removed. Some memorial stones were disappearing under the grass and we uncovered those and we weeded some graves too. The lich gate was swept and made tidy.

The members of the church were very grateful for all the hard work and we had a fun morning in the sunshine

Clair Calver - ESL







8th Letchworth Quiz Night Friday 9th Dec 2022 2022

8th Letchworth Scout HQ SG6 4PY

Doors open at 19:00 (19:15 start)

£3 per person (Family friendly)

Teams of up to 6 adults

To book tickets now please email Jay@eighthletchworthscoutgroup .co.uk

Payment can be made with cash via your section leader or BACS when your team is confirmed.

 Bar with alcohol, snacks & soft drinks

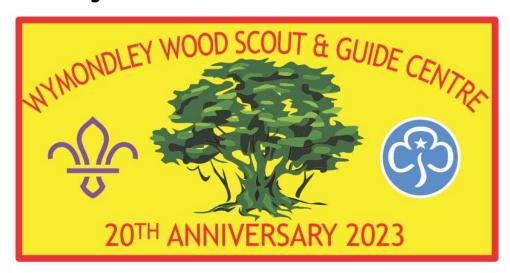
 Cash/ card payment available

Interval games for all the family



Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary in 2023. Look out for the new blanket badge which will be on sale at the Centre in the New Year. The Centre is run by a team of volunteers who give up their time as wardens, part of the maintenance team as well as Committee Members.

We are always looking for volunteers to join us to help maintain and run a great asset to the Scout and Guide Districts. Please contact Rita Hawkins, Secretary at rita@lbdscouts.org.uk



Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre has a new website link

https://www.wymondleywood-scoutandquide-centre.com/

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Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award



Cameron Burrows 7th Letchworth

James Chatfield 7th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Silver Award



Matthew Clark 2nd Baldock
Zavier Lemaiture 2nd Baldock
Henry Pedersen 2nd Baldock
Felix Purcell 2nd Baldock
Tom Stokes 2nd Baldock



GSK Plc Volunteer Day at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

Each year GSK (Stevenage) give their employees a day off to undertake volunteering work in the community.

This year sixteen volunteers offered their help at Wymondley Wood. By the end of the day all the paintwork below the dado rails had been given two coats of paint and the outside store had been cleaned and tided.

We are extremely grateful for their help in maintaining the quality of the Centre and the interest they showed in our activities.

Bob Williams - Chair

Diary Dates 2022 / 2023

DECEMBER

6 District Scout Leaders' Meeting

8 District Executive Meeting

15 Scout Shop closes for Christmas 8.00

pm

17 Farmers' Christmas Lights Tour

21 Shortest Day



JANUARY 2023

11 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

12 District Executive Meeting

12 Scout Shop reopens 6.00 pm

13 - 15 Fire and Ice - Tolmers Scouts / Explorer Scouts

28 County Monopoly Run - London

FEBRUARY

22 Founder's Day

26 County Scout Cooking Competition - Tolmers

MARCH

11 County Cub Bushcraft Day - Lees Wood

25 County Scout Triathlon - Lees Wood

(Running, Shooting and Cycling)

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