

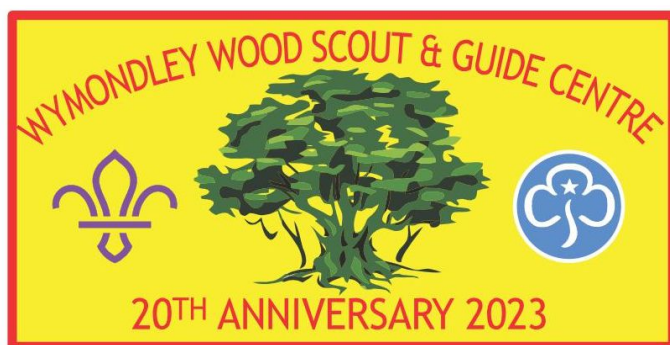


This year a number of milestone anniversaries will be celebrated.

2003 - 2023 20th Anniversary of Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre

2003 - 2023 20th Anniversary of Oak Eagle Explorer Scout Unit

1953 - 2023 70th Anniversary of 2nd Baldock Scout Group



(Extract from June 2003 Co-Ordinator No: 494) The full potential of Wymondley Wood was seen at the weekend when nearly four hundred Scouts and Guides gathered to meet the Chief Scout and Chief Guide.

Highlight of the day was the official opening of the centre by the Chief Scout, George Purdy and the Chief Guide, Jenny Leach accompanied by Stuart Kenny, Director General of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation. Other distinguished guests included Keith Emsall Chairman of Hertfordshire County Council, David Barnard, Chairman of North Herts District Council, Rosemary Brenham, wife of the Chief Commissioner of England, Roger Sands, County Commissioner Scouts, Tricia Dundas, County Commissioner Guides, Joy Hall, Anglia Commissioner Guides.



(Extract from November 2002 Co-Ordinator No: 487)

On Friday evening 18 October 2002 we had the first workshop for our prospective Explorer Scouts. It was held at the Sparhawke HQ of 8th Letchworth. We had sixteen young people in attendance along with a number of parents who had been invited to find out what the new section was all about.....

Extract from December 2002 Co-Ordinator No: 488)

Join the Explorer Scout on their first major expedition to the Malvern Hills in January 2003. Activities will include

Hike over the Malvern Hills
Kite flying on the hill top
Exploring the natural hill springs
Plus anything else you plan.

(Extract from December 2003 Co-Ordinator No: 499) A BIG vote of thanks goes to Chris King (DESC) and his team of Leaders and Helpers for their enterprise in setting up our new Explorer Scout Unit. Seventeen Explorers Scouts were invested on the sea front at Great Yarmouth on Saturday 29 November 2003 bringing the total membership to over thirty.....



2nd Baldock Scout Group was fifty years old in December 2003. The Scout Group Registration was signed by Mary Clare and was given the Registered Number of 31025 dated 24 December 1953 - Christmas Eve.

This year the Group will be celebrating 70 years

(Extract from A Century of Scouting by K.J.) Second Baldock had no Leaders for some time, but continued successfully with the help of Jeffrey Robson and other Letchworth District Rover Scouts and in October 1959 saw the foundation of the Mallory patrol with the first two Senior Scouts in the Catholic group, Michael Dilley and Clive Knights.

1961 was a historic year in other ways. The District gained no fewer than five new Queen's Scouts – Michael Dilley, who almost at once became Scoutmaster of Second Baldock troop;

8th Letchworth Beavers
Saturday 12 November
Science Camp - Hertfordshire Guide Centre - Cottered



We went to a Science camp on Saturday November 12th and we went to a Guide Centre with the Cubs to do Science experiments. One of our experiments was we had 5 cups and 3 of them had red, yellow and blue water in them, in between those were cups with nothing in. We put tissues from one cup to the next and overnight the dyed cups of water travelled into the empty ones and the red and the yellow one made orange and the yellow and blue one made green.

Another experiment that we did was we put alcohol on sand and it made wiggly little snakes. And one that didn't work was that we put celery in a cup with water and red dye to see if the dye would go up the celery but it didn't.

We watched a film and we even got hot chocolate, then we got ready for bed and slept in sleeping bags. It was very, very, very good fun!

Keelan - 8th Letchworth Beaver



We went to the Guide Centre in Cottered. We did some cool experiments. We did a water train of colours using water, food colouring and tissues. We sang songs around the camp fire. We also had hot chocolate and watched 'cloudy with a chance of meatballs'.

My favourite part was having a hot chocolate and watching the film after a busy day doing experiments. We had so much fun.

Gracie Allen - 8th Letchworth Beaver

Princess of Wales Carol Concert

On a snowy Tuesday evening I received a phone call from one of my Jamboree Unit Leaders to go to a confidential event on the Thursday, so with only 2 days' notice and no idea where I was off to, I gladly put myself forward to go.

I soon found out later I would be going to the Princess of Wales Carol Concert!

I quickly gathered my uniform and got ironing. It took me a second to realise, as a full-time shorts wearer, I didn't own any scout trousers so had the choice of choosing my dad's or sister's pair - my sister's it was. I arrived at Westminster Abbey on 15th December alongside some others from a fellow Hertfordshire unit and a pack of Cubs from Ely.

We were all quickly briefed on our roles within the service which was the lighting of the audience members candles by the members of the Abbey. During the service, we lit people's candles twice, and it was amazing!

Unfortunately, I didn't get to meet the royals personally but witnessed a Cub have a conversation with the Princess of Wales in Welsh! Overall it was a brilliant experience put forward by Chris James (Head of UK Scouts branding).

And it really goes to show why to not miss any opportunities you may receive in Scouting - even if they are 2 days before they are meant to happen!



**Freddie Hartley - Oak Eagle Explorer
Scout and 25th WSJ UK Contingent:
Unit 23**



Well done to Freddie and all the Scouts who took part in the **#TogetherAtChristmas** Carol Service at Westminster Abbey, hosted by our Joint President, HRH The Princess of Wales, in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen

The District Executive agreed to make a donation of £350 for camping equipment to Hazel Frost, who runs a Scout Troup for underprivileged children in Argentina. Martin and Hazel Frost were members of the congregation at St Mary's Church in Baldock, but went to live in Argentina over 10 years ago with a missionary society. They run a Scout Troup there. Baldock Guides have recently made a donation to them which was used to buy them a much needed patrol tent. (Hazel was a Guide), Once Hazel has purchased the camping equipment needed photos will be sent over and will be published in Co-Ordinator.

Phil Charsley - District Treasurer

District Cub Leaders enjoy a Christmas Meal

On 5th December the District Cub Leaders enjoyed their first Christmas meal together since the pandemic.

It was great to see everyone and catch up in a more social setting than the usual camps and meetings.



We would like to invite all Leaders, Executive Members and other adult supporters in the District to take part in a whole District meeting.

When: Thursday 5th January @ 6pm for 6:30pm start

Where: Broadway Cinema, Letchworth Garden City

This meeting will include a presentation of awards and talk by Letchworth Heritage.

Please RSVP below to give us an indication of numbers

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Correction to last month's edition.

Gang Show dates are Friday 10 March and Saturday 11 March and not as stated as Friday 11 and Saturday 12.

Apologies for the wrong dates - incorrect information was on the paperwork

Achievements



YouShape Award - Cubs

Felix Howell	1st Baldock
Jacob Killick	4th Letchworth
Harry Mortlock	1st Baldock



Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Evelyn Burton	2nd Baldock
George Evans	1st Baldock
Matthew Ironmonger	1st Baldock
Henry Lynam	1st Baldock
Ewan Mather	2nd Baldock
Dominic Mattia	12th Letchworth
Luke Weeder	2nd Baldock



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Alex Davis	8th Letchworth
Flavio Vieira	8th Letchworth



Welcome to

Ben Norman	4th Letchworth ABSL
Andy Clarke	7th Letchworth ACSL

Diary Dates 2023

JANUARY 2023

- 5** Whole District Meeting - Broadway Cinema - 18:00 for 18:30 start
- 11** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 12** District Executive Meeting
- 12** Scout Shop reopens 6.00 pm
- 13 - 15** Fire and Ice - Tolmers Scouts / Explorer couts
- 28** County Monopoly Run - London

FEBRUARY

- 5** District Scout Cooking Competition
- 8** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 9** District Executive Meeting
- 13 - 17** Half Term (Hertfordshire)
- 16** Scout Shop closed for Half Term
- 22** Founder's Day
- 26** County Scout Cooking Competition - Tolmers

MARCH

- 8** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 9** District Executive Meeting
- 10** District Gang Show
- 10** Two performances District Gang Show
- 11** County Cub Bushcraft Day - Lees Wood
- 25** County Scout Triathlon - Lees Wood (Running, Shooting and Cycling)



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