



## District Commissioner - Wendy Tierney

The news the District has all been waiting for who is the next DC?? Well the new DC is Robert Coldrey.

Congratulations Robert, I am sure the whole District is looking forward to working with you and giving you the support while you build your team. I hope I have left the District in a good order for you to build on.

I would like to thank the District for all the help and support you gave to me in my 5yrs as DC, also thank you to my team and the District Executive for your help and support too. I will be still staying in Scouting but in what role not sure yet so watch this space.

Wishing Robert all the best in his new role.

**Wendy Tierney**  
Outgoing DC



**Venue:** St Francis Theatre

**Friday:** 10 March Doors open at 19:00 hrs for a 19:30 hrs start

**Saturday:** 11 March (Matinee) Doors open 13.30 hrs for a 14:00 hrs start

**Saturday:** 11 March Doors open 19:00 hrs for a 19:30 hrs start

Slightly modified logo:



### **Fire and Ice Camp - 13 - 15 January 2003 - Tolmers Activity Centre**

This camp should have been re-named Fire and Mud! As by the end of camp, the field was just a pool of mud because of all the rain. Everything was covered in it!

My first night was very cold, wet and I didn't sleep very well. In the morning we had a nice breakfast of sausage, bacon, beans and bread. After this we all started the fun activities. My favourites were shooting and human sized hungry hippos. I really liked trying to steal the other balls and just being flung backwards instead. We also played mini golf, fire lighting and pedal carts.

On Saturday night the fireworks were really cool, and we toasted marshmallows, these tasted great. I put all my clothes on to keep warm in the night, but I still woke up a few times.

The next day we tried to put the tents down and also keep them from the sludge....generally failing. Parents collected us then and home to a well needed shower and most of my clothes put in the bin.

Really great fun.

**Patrick Carey - 2nd Baldock Scout**



## 8th Letchworth Cubs Christmas Tree

Every year the Cubs create decorations for a tree at the Christmas Tree Festival held at the Free Church in aid of the Hospice. This year due to illness it unfortunately had to be cancelled. So the Cubs would not be



disappointed, Susannah Parry the Community Engagements

Schools and Colleges Co-ordinator at the Hospice invited us to decorate the tree at The Ernest Gardiner Treatment Centre.

The Cubs made Christmas trees with messages, and lolly stick and pipe cleaner reindeers plus a 40 foot paper chain to wrap round the tree.

We were invited on a Tuesday at the beginning of December for some Cubs to come and set up the tree.

It looked spectacular with all our decorations and the paper chain. It was topped off with our 8<sup>th</sup> Cubs angel!

Volunteers at the Hospice had made some lovely parcels to put under the tree, which were sadly empty ha ha.

It was a lot of fun and brought a lot of smiles to all the visitors at the treatment centre.

**Liz Taplin**  
**8th Letchworth BSL**





## Greenway Walk 2023

At an all District meeting held in January at the Broadway Cinema Stuart Sapsford, Executive Director - Communities, Culture and Heritage from the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation outlined plans to team up with the Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts to organise this year's Greenway Walk.



It will be open to all Scouts Groups / Units, and parents / carers. The walk will start and finish at Standalone Farm. Watch out for more details as they become available .

**Please keep 21 May 2023 free for this opportunity to raise funds for your Group / Unit.**

This year's District St George's Day Parade and Service is being organised by 2nd Baldock

The event will take place on Sunday 23rd April 2023.

The service will take place at the Holy Trinity & St Augustine of Canterbury Church, Baldock.



### Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 12 April 2023**

**Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre**

**7.15 pm - 7.30 pm start**

**Light refreshments will be provided**

**PLEASE PUT THE DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR**

An open invitation to all members of the Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts and Letchworth Garden City Guides.

All our welcome to the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Annual General Meeting. Come and look around the Centre and see what an asset the District has. Meet up with old and new friends.

It would be good to see a representative from each group attend.



## Mandatory First Response Training



### The District is running 2 First Response courses

Saturday 5 March 9.00 am - 4.00 pm 1st Baldock HQ

Saturday 18 March 9.00 am - 4.00 pm 1st Baldock HQ

Bookings through [\*\*Gill@lbdscouts.org.uk\*\*](mailto:Gill@lbdscouts.org.uk)

**Gill Palmer**  
**District Training Administrator**

### Annual membership fee for 2023

The District membership fee was discussed and agreed at our recent District Executive finance planning meeting so the following is the breakdown of the total cost to be paid for each Young Person listed on your census returns.

National	£36.00
County	£14.50
District	£ 5.00
Discount for prompt payment	- <b>£ 0.50</b>
<b>Total due</b>	<b><u>£55.00</u></b>



Both National and County have increased their cost by £1.00 but we took the decision to keep the District levy the same as last year.

**Badge Price Increase - Due to Wholesale Scout Store increasing the price of badges it is with regret that the cost of badges at the Scout Shop has increased approximately by 5p per badge from 1 February 2023. There is no increase in the cost of District and County badges for the time being.**

# Achievements



## Wood Badge

Jennifer Dorman

1st Baldock - Beavers

Katherine Chennells

1st Ashwell - Cubs

Kiran Robinson

1st Baldock - Beavers



Glenn Read - ESU Leader - Explorer  
Being presented with his Wood Badge



Jay Lamb - 8th Letchworth - Scouts  
Being presented with his Wood Badge



Martha Clampit - 5th Letchworth  
Presented with her Scout Commendation



Amanda Woolmer - ADC (Cubs)  
30 Years Long Service Award



## Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service

John Elkington

2nd Baldock



# Achievements



Clair Calver - Oak Eagle ESU  
25 Years Long Service Award



Stiofan Doherty - 5th Letchworth  
5 Years Service Award



Jenny George - 12th Letchworth  
5 Years Service Award



Peter West - 11th Letchworth  
Treasurer 5 Years Service Award



## Service Award

Darren Greener District Leader



## Service Award

Christine Hart ASU Member



## Chief Scout' Platinum Award

Zack Wake Oak Eagle ESU

# Diary Dates 2023

## FEBRUARY

- 5** District Scout Cooking Competition
- 8** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 9** District Executive Meeting
- 13 - 17** Half Term (Hertfordshire)
- 17** Weekend in the Peak District - [clair.calver@lbdscouts.org.uk](mailto:clair.calver@lbdscouts.org.uk)
- 16** Scout Shop closed for Half Term
- 22** Founder's Day
- 25** World Thinking Day / Founder's Day Tea and Cake
- 26** County Scout Cooking Competition - Tolmers

## MARCH

- 8** Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 9** District Executive Meeting
- 10** District Gang Show
- 11** Two performances District Gang Show
- 11** County Cub Bushcraft Day - Lees Wood
- 25** County Scout Triathlon - Lees Wood (Running, Shooting and Cycling)
- 25 - 26** District Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 26** ASU Meeting @ DHQ

## APRIL

- 7** Good Friday
- 10** Easter Monday
- 12** Wymondley Wood AGM
- 13** District Executive Meeting
- 23** St George's Day Parade - 2nd Baldock



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