



## St George's Day Parade and Service

### St George's Day Details

A presentation will be sent out shortly to all Sections and District Groups with more details for St George's Day. If not received please email:

**ed.hartley@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk**

### In Summary

- St George's Day Parade and Service will be in Baldock
  - \* The Parade will form up on the High Street. To be in place at 2pm for a 2.15pm Parade
  - \* We ask that parents either drop off or park on the High Street or maybe back of Tesco
  - \* Dress: all attendees on parade should wear full uniform
  - \* Note: As per POR weather conditions must take precedence over formality of dress
    - \* Individual Section Leaders to confirm locally with their own Groups nearer the date
- Scouts will parade to Baldock Catholic Church where a service will take place
- The Service will be of Christian theme led by Father Denis expected to start to 3pm
  - \* There will no parking at the Catholic Church, except for disabled parking
    - \* Email [enquires@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk](mailto:enquires@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk)
    - \* Note all cars must be parked by 2.10pm, due to road closures
  - \* A collection will be taken for Feed Up Warm Up during the service.
- **Dismissal**
  - \* After the service the Parade will form up around the Church lawn for presentations by District
  - \* It is estimated the dismissal will take place shortly after 4pm
  - \* In case of bad weather, the parade will be dismissed from the Church without presentations.
  - \* There will be refreshments in the Church Hall afterwards to which everyone is invited.



## Explorer Scout Hill Walking Weekend Peak District National Park 17 - 19 March 2023

Oak Eagle ESU had a great time at Glenbrook last weekend. A small group of keen Explorers, a few unit Leaders and some guest Leaders set off to the Peak District on Friday afternoon. We arrived at 9.30pm ready for a snack and then bed time

Saturday morning, two groups headed for the hills. Plenty of map reading, compass work and general hill walking skills were improved during the day. The weather was lovely and only a shower towards the end of the day required a waterproof jacket. Winhill, Ladybower reservoir, Crookstone Hill were all on route. Home for tea and cake and a visit from our good friend Geoff Nichols.

Sunday was a shorter day walk with more super weather. Micro Nav, river walks and a busy ridge with Mam Tor.

As always we had a great support team of leaders and we were lucky enough to borrow a minibus from Baldock Community. Many thanks to all those who came along and supported the weekend.

**Clair Calver - DESC**







I took part in this year's London Monopoly run with other scouts in 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock and we came 1<sup>st</sup> in our league and 79<sup>th</sup> out of over 1,000 teams. This is what we did:

Firstly, what is the London Monopoly Run? Well, it is an event that takes place every year (in London of course!) and Scout groups across the UK take part. The task is pretty much how normal monopoly would work but you use a mobile app. You need to go around London, trying to buy 'properties' which would be landmarks around the city. However, you need to be the first group there in order to buy it because, if another group buys it before you, you will need to pay rent for it. Don't try dodging the ones that are already bought because if you don't pay rent for it by the time the day ends, you will have to pay 1.5x more than what the rent was worth! Along the way, there will be random challenges that you can complete for money, and in the end, the group with the most money in their league or out of all the teams wins!

We arrived at the train station at around 7:00 am to leave for 7:30 am. While we were on the train, the 2 teams in 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock looked at their routes through London to see what the fastest method was to get through all the properties. When we arrived at London, we went to Jubilee Park which was the starting area and got ready to go to our first location. We visited many popular landmarks such as:

Trafalgar Square (the ice cream statue)

BT tower, Tate Modern, Leicester Square, And man more!

In the end, we came at the top of our league and below the top 100 out of every single team, and to finish it off, we got some McDonalds for dinner.

I found the Monopoly Run fun and I will probably do it again next year. I would recommend that you have a shot at it because you get to explore London and visit various landmarks.



**Nivethan Seeralan - 2nd Baldock Scouts**

### Annual General Meeting Dates

<b>Centre:</b>	<b>Wymondley Wood</b>	<b>Group:</b>	<b>8th Letchworth</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 April 2023</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>27 April 2023</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>19.15 for 19.30 start</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>18.30 for 18.45 start</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Wymondley Wood Scout &amp; Guide Centre</b>	<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Sparhawke</b>
<b>Group:</b>	<b>7th Letchworth</b>	<b>District:</b>	<b>District</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 May 2023</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 May 2023</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>18:15 start</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>20:00 Start</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Wilbury Hall</b>	<b>Venue:</b>	<b>District HQ</b>
<b>Group:</b>	<b>2nd Baldock</b>	<b>Group:</b>	<b>4th Letchworth</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9 June 2023</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>19 May 2023</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Time:</b>	<b>18:45 for 19:00 start</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Church Hall</b>	<b>Venue:</b>	<b>St Pauls Church</b>





The Monopoly Run is a unique Scouting event held in London once a year. Scouts from all over the country take part in it. Some of them come from as far as Scotland! It is not the traditional monopoly board game which you are familiar with. The idea is the same: you

have to claim or buy properties and earn money by collecting rent. The difference is that you have to physically reach those properties, most of which are famous buildings all over London. The event lasts 6 hours so you have to be fit and fast. The teams are in leagues of 7 and the winning team is the one with the most money at the end of the day.

Our team of 5 scouts, a team leader and a parent began our adventure early on Sunday morning by taking the train to London. The event started at Jubilee Gardens and across the Thames. We had 30 minutes to plan our route and then we set off. While many of the locations were in a square mile near the starting point, there were some as far away as Kings Cross. If you wanted to win, you had to visit all locations otherwise you had to pay a penalty of 1.5 times higher rent. So, speed was essential.

We were using an app created especially for the game. It showed us how much of the board we visited and how much we owned, how much money each team in our leagues was on, whether we had any challenges or quizzes to complete. Towards the end of the run, after my team had visited every building, we tried to calculate whether we would win in our league. The app showed us that we had about 30% of the board but we were still \$1000 beneath the top team. However, the app also revealed that they had only paid us in one location meaning that they hadn't visited all the locations. Due to the penalty of 1.5 higher rent for not visiting all locations, we calculated that they would come lower than us. We had visited every location so we wouldn't lose any money.

We eagerly waited for the results. Finally, they arrived. We came first in our league and an impressive 79<sup>th</sup> out of over 3000 teams! The Monopoly Run was an unforgettable experience allowing us to visit London, get familiar with famous buildings there and gain confidence using trains and buses. We had to use strategy, we had to be fast and we definitely had fun while doing all that. The cherry on the cake was our exceptionally good final result .

### **Boris - 2nd Baldock Scout**





## County Scout Triathlon - Lees Wood

### 25 March 2023



This morning saw the return of the County Scout Triathlon event at Lees Wood Scout Camp Site. I was assisting the county team with the shooting element for the event.

1st Baldock Scouts attended alongside 11 other teams from the rest of the county and I am pleased to say that 1st Baldock won the event.

All teams incurred penalties mainly on shooting element, a great morning albeit very muddy.

**Chris Lewis - 1st Baldock**

Troop	Team	Start Time	Finish Time	Total Time	Shots missed	Missed Shot Penalty	Total	Position	Difference
1st Baldock	5	10:42:00	11:27:00	0:45:00	18	0:06:00	0:51:00	1	00:00:00
3rd Harpenden	6	10:44:00	11:30:00	0:46:00	20	0:06:40	0:52:40	2	00:01:40
Batchworth Sea Scouts	10	10:52:00	11:40:00	0:48:00	19	0:06:20	0:54:20	3	00:03:20
1st Tring Team 1	1	10:34:00	11:24:00	0:50:00	17	0:05:40	0:55:40	4	00:04:40
1st Little Gaddesden	12	10:56:00	11:48:00	0:52:00	19	0:06:20	0:58:20	5	00:07:20
1st Hertford	4	10:40:00	11:33:00	0:53:00	20	0:06:40	0:59:40	6	00:08:40
Ridgeway	3	10:38:00	11:32:00	0:54:00	20	0:06:40	1:00:40	7	00:09:40
Croxley Green Gade Team 1	9	10:50:00	11:45:00	0:55:00	19	0:06:20	1:01:20	8	00:10:20
1st Tring Team 2	8	10:48:00	11:47:00	0:59:00	20	0:06:40	1:05:40	9	00:14:40
1st Cuffley	7	10:46:00	11:46:00	1:00:00	20	0:06:40	1:06:40	10	00:15:40
8th North Watford	11	10:54:00	11:58:00	1:04:00	18	0:06:00	1:10:00	11	00:19:00
Croxley Green Gade Team 2	2	10:36:00	11:40:00	1:04:00	20	0:06:40	1:10:40	12	00:19:40



The Scout Association have produced a badge to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. This badge can be worn on the uniform for one year. It has been agreed that the District will purchase the badge for each member as per the last census. These badges have been pre ordered and will be distributed when available. If, after the distribution, groups require extra badges these can be purchased in the normal way via the Badge Secretary.

## Argentinian Scout Group - update

Arrived back from summer camp late Saturday night, and today is a bank holiday - Mardi gras, known as "Carnaval" here.

We spent your money in the lead-up to camp. The exchange rate is favouring us wonderfully at the moment, something to do with our current president thinking he can print his way out of a crisis, resulting in very high inflation and also the sliding of the peso in relation to probably every global currency. This is probably not good news for the country as a whole, especially since wages are nowhere near keeping up with inflation, but it certainly works to our advantage for bringing in outside donations.

So the upshot for us is that we were able to put your donation to good work. First we bought another patrol tent. We are gradually replacing our ancient igloos with Canadian style tents. The igloos were very cheap, and they have got to a point where they break if you look at them, and they've been fixed many times. Then we bought a replacement heap of family-sized saucepans for patrol cooking. And finally we bought a set of decent walkie-talkies. Everyone is very excited about the walkie-talkies because they have high novelty value, although actually tents and cooking gear are probably more important(!) but they are a good addition to our hiking kit, especially when groups are out in places that don't have a mobile phone signal.



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## Fifth Letchworth Scouts

At a recent Scout meeting, we walked round Letchworth completing a chip shop survey to find out the best chip shop in Letchworth. We used a series of criteria to assess them: Volume of Chips, Taste, Texture, Price, Customer Service and Presentation, plus any extra comments. The overall winner was USA Fried Chicken, who, as you'll see in the photo, won a certificate signed by all Scouts and Leaders! Personally, I enjoyed it because it was good fun walking around the community trying food from restaurants I'd never been to before, and I would definitely do it again.

### Wilbur - 5th Letchworth Scouts





The Letchworth Garden City Greenway Walk is a fund raising event, run in conjunction with Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell Scouts and the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.

## **Garden City Greenway Walk - 21 May 2023**

Fundraising benefits Scouting and all proceeds go to the your group.

The walk is 13.6 miles along the normal Garden City Greenway route, with six checkpoints

### **Start / End - Standalone Farm Car Park. Toilets Available.**

1. Base - Nortonbury - Breakfast food & light snacks. Toilets available.
2. Checkpoint - Baldock A1M bridge
3. Checkpoint - Woolgrove School Allotments
4. Checkpoint - Manor Wood
5. Base - Wymondley Wood - Hot food, drinks and snacks. Toilets available.
6. Checkpoint - Highfield Road, traffic lights

Frequently asked questions and sponsorship form can be found on the District Website.

**[www.lbdscouts.org.uk](http://www.lbdscouts.org.uk)**



## **District minibus.**

For anyone who is not already aware on the 1<sup>st</sup> March The District minibus was found missing from DHQ. After some calling around to ensure it had not been taken for maintenance, we unfortunately were left with no option but to conclude that it had been stolen.

This was quickly reported to the police. To do our bit and speed up the process of finding our beloved minibus we created a Facebook post on our LBD Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LBDScouts>)

This allowed people across the country to keep their eyes peeled for the bus.

As a bit of a surprise to us all... this worked!

The post at the time of writing has over 35,000 views having been shared by hundreds of people.

As a result, the minibus was found by a member of the public on a residential street in the local area. We promptly informed the police who attended and recovered the minibus.

The minibus is currently awaiting an assessment by our insurer. We hope to have an update with good news in the near future, at the time of writing there are no further updates of when we will get it back!

**Robert Coldrey**  
**District Commissioner**  
**[rob@lbdscouts.org.uk](mailto:rob@lbdscouts.org.uk)**



# Achievements



## Congratulations to:

Katherine Chennels    1st Ashwell    Cubs  
Tom Wonnacott    5th Letchworth    Scouts  
**for achieving their Wood Badge**



## Chief Scout Commendation

Katherine Chennels	1st Ashwell Cubs
George Muge	7th Letchworth Cubs
Hayley Palmer	7th Letchworth Cubs

**Robert Coldrey, District Commissioner is delighted to announce that Hayley Palmer will be taking on the role of ADC (Beavers) . She will carry on with her role of District Network Commissioner. Email: Hayley@lbdscouts.org.uk**



## John Hicks 1942 - 2023

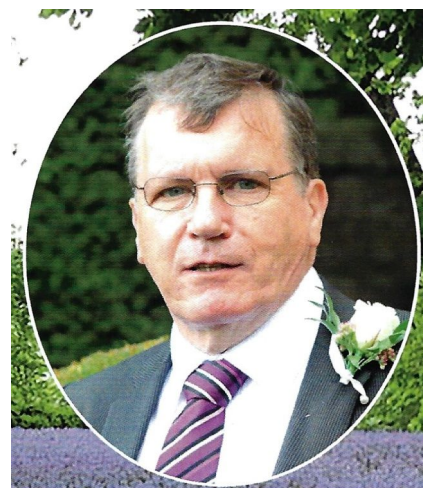
We were sorry to hear the sad news that John Hicks had 'Gone Home'.

We will remember him for his cheerful personality and his enthusiasm for Scouting, but most of all for his stories of Scouting and his life.

John was involved with 7th Letchworth Scout Group as an Assistant Scout Leader with Roger Comley in the early eighties.

His love of singing led him to his involvement with the Gang Show, and in the nineties John became involved with the District Scout and Guide Shop and was often seen behind the counter. Eventually taking on the role of Badge Secretary until 2008. He helped at the shop and selling the badges one night a week until the Covid pandemic.

As an active member of the Scout Fellowship (ASU) he took part in various social activities.





# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Gold Award

Alejandro Hutton	5th Letchworth
Harry Yates	5th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Harry Bailey	12th Letchworth
Jasper Bentley	4th Letchworth
Ciaran Bevan	12th Letchworth
Amelie Boulstridge	8th Letchworth
Elwen Holt	5th Letchworth
Owen Kenny	12th Letchworth
James Sexton	12th Letchworth
Rosie Stoten	4th Letchworth



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Henry Cloote	12th Letchworth
Jude Elliot	12th Letchworth
Alice Hampton	5th Letchworth
Atticus Hodgson	5th Letchworth
Ffion Holt	5th Letchworth
Ethan Jarvis	5th Letchworth
Marley McCallum	5th Letchworth
Hallie White	5th Letchworth
Noah Wilderspin	5th Letchworth



# Welcome to

Katie Jeoffroy	4th Letchworth	ABSL
Sophie Malone	4th Letchworth	ASL
Jeffrey Vernon	11th Letchworth	ACSL

# Diary Dates 2023

## APRIL

- 7 Good Friday
- 10 Easter Monday
- 12 Wymondley Wood AGM
- 13 District Executive Meeting
- 20 Scout Shop reopens
- 23 St George's Day Parade - 2nd Baldock
- 27 8th Letchworth AGM



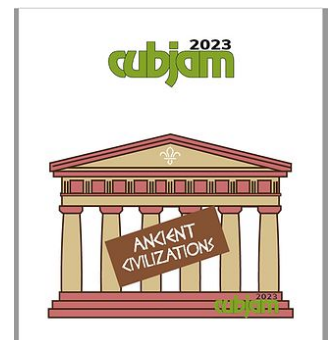
## MAY

- 6 King Charles III Coronation
- 7 Coronation Big Lunch
- 8 The Big Help Out
- 19 7th Letchworth AGM
- 11 District AGM
- 19 4th Letchworth AGM
- 21 District Scouts Greenway Walk
- 27 - 2 June Cubjam - Phasels Wood



## JUNE

- 9 2nd Baldock AGM
- 10 District Beaver Challenge
- 11 District Scout Shooting and Archery Competition
- 17 County AGM
- 18 ASU Meeting @ DHQ
- 24/25 County Beavers in Tents (BiTs) - Well End



## JULY

- 15/16 County Beavers in Tents (BiTs) - Wymondley Wood

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