

Co-Ordinator

St George's Day at Windsor Castle

On Sunday 21st April I attended the Queen's/King's Scout Award parade. I was the only person in attendance this year across Letchworth and Baldock District. The event was to celebrate the achievement of completing my Queen's Scout Award in December 2022. In the morning those participating in the parade had to practice our marching skills to get them up to scratch to be showcased on the lawn in Windsor Castle that afternoon. That afternoon we paraded up to the castle and onto the lawn. We got to meet different people both prominent in UK Scouting as well as some of the famous ambassadors for the organisation. This part of the event highlighted the success made by everyone who had made it to this point. After this we paraded around the lawn for all of the parents in attendance to Windsor chapel. A special service then took place to reflect on the journey which was embarked upon for this process. A final parade round past the front open gates of the castle ended a special day to celebrate



these achievements. I want to thank those who helped me to achieve this award and supported me through my journey in Scouting to lead up to this point.

**Rosalind
Hartley
2nd Baldock
Leader and
Network
Member**

Patrol Camp - Boyd Field, Henlow, 1st Baldock, 2nd Baldock and 5th Letchworth join forces

In April I went to my second patrol camp. Unlike the usual camps, this one involved our patrol, 2nd Baldock, as well as 1st Baldock and 5th Letchworth!

We got together on Friday evening and helped put up the tents as we unpacked. The weather was sunny and warm, so we spent the rest of the evening chatting with friends or playing games. For dinner, all of us got hot chocolate and hot dogs and halloumi hotdog as a vegetarian option. Our lucky weather ended, and everything was soaked by the morning. That was it with the good weather we were hoping for! We had to have our breakfast in the food shelters. Breakfast was egg and bacon with sausages, and I really enjoyed it.

After breakfast, we started with the activities for the day. Orienteering (which was not one of my favourites) was first. We found a metal anchor in the field! Obviously, the patrol leader confiscated it.

Rafting was next. We built our own raft out of rope, empty oil barrels and a wooden frame. We were going to test our raft in the lake but the weather was too cold. We tried it in the lake, and it did float but we couldn't go on it.

This was followed by a classic activity - archery. We were trying to shoot a balloon full of sweets with a bow and arrows. We also did some shooting with an air rifle.

We also made some bread dough and cooked it on the campfire and put jam on it. It was delicious! We lit fires with flint and steel. The last activity was building a tarp shelter and building a catapult out of wood. For the tarp shelter, we were given a piece of paper with different tarp positions, and we had to make one out of it. It was really hard.

Then we had lunch. We were given bread and some sandwich options. We got to pick what we wanted inside of our sandwich. The Leaders also put some crisps and KitKats there (not in the sandwich). After lunch, they told us that we were going to be doing a campfire sketch. So, for the rest of the evening, we made up and practiced our campfire sketches. When it became dark, the Leaders made a giant fire, and we did our sketches around it.

We cooked marshmallows over the fire and made smores out of it. This was one of my favourite parts. We had some cake and hot chocolate after it and then went to bed. When we woke up, it was raining again, and it was really wet. We packed away our things and the tents after breakfast and we were glad to be home warm and dry!

Overall, it was a fun experience apart from the rain. Despite the weather, I will be going again the next year!



Mia - 2nd Baldock Scout



Grizzly's hair cut
keech.enthuse.com



Grizzly (Alan Mann) is fundraising for Keech Hospice and the Beavers at 4th Letchworth have chosen for him to dye his hair and beard Beaver blue!! He will then have all of this shaved off, possibly at the Beavers Bangers and Bash event in July. This will be the first time he has shaved off his beard in 21 years!!

Grizzly has asked for the fundraising page to be shared throughout the District if possible. We have a young person, who is the daughter of a 5th Letchworth Leader Nicola, who attends Keech Hospice so we decided this was a lovely charity to support.

4th Letchworth Cubs

On Friday 21st June, 4th Letchworth Cubs held a cake sale at Letchworth Train Station for the Great Get Together. They raised £150 for the Jo Cox Foundation.

This was part of the Cubs engaging with the local community for their platforms for change badge. More information on the platforms for change badge can be found at the following link www.scouts.org.uk/supporters/the-rail-industry/



The Rail Industry
scouts.org.uk

Mersea Island Sailing Week 25 May - 1 June 2024

During the May half term, three Senuna Explorer Scouts went to Hertfordshire Scouts' Mersea Island sailing week. There were many courses to choose from for different degrees of experience and, as we had some experience, we completed 'better sailing' and 'seamanship' following the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) syllabus. We camped a short bike ride from the beach and sailed in tidal estuary and coastal waters every day, with instructors from across the county. The course consisted of rigging a boat and being able to adjust how you rig the boat according to the weather conditions, returning to a mooring, adjusting the centre board and the trim according to the point of sail, and choosing the best route to sail depending on conditions. We also had to demonstrate a dry capsized and inversion, so we all got wet at least once. There were also taster elements to further courses where we hoisted and dropped a spinnaker, completed a day sailing trip and doing two different races. On this camp we also connected with other Explorers from across Hertfordshire and made lots of friends. I would recommend anyone considering this camp as it was great fun and everyone there was so friendly.

Edward Kendrick, Senuna ESU





1st Ashwell PL and APL Camp

I'm not going to lie, I'd say this was my favourite camp so far. It wasn't so busy that we didn't have time to ourselves but it wasn't so independent that we got bored and did nothing all day. We got to do axe chopping, rifle shooting (and much calmer activities). Despite the fact I arrived a day late due to being unwell, I still got to go on little walks through the woods, use my knowledge of knots to make a hand washing station and even play a very tiring game of aeroball! Even though I'm not a huge fan of bugs and wet grass, this camp made me completely forget about my worries and enjoy the outdoors to its fullest. My favourite part of the camp was either helping to cook our delicious dinner for the group or chopping wood (safely) with axes.

I hope the next set of patrol leaders and their "assistants" enjoy the camp next year as much as we enjoyed ours. We're all so grateful for our wonderful leaders because without them this couldn't happen. Thank you so much!

Megan Richards - 1st Ashwell Scout



Achievements



Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Molly George

Oak Eagle ESU

Service Awards



Jeff Mason

11th Letchworth

Katherine Pennell

2nd Baldock

Wood Badge



Ed Hartley

2nd Baldock GLV (GSL)

Rosalind Hartley

2nd Baldock ASL

Jeff Mason

11th Letchworth

Chris Pennell

2nd Baldock ASL



Armed Forces Day in
Letchworth Garden City
- Saturday 22 June
2024.

Oak Eagle Explorer
Scouts running a
bottle tombola
and teddy tombola as
well as selling home
made cakes, The money
raised will go towards
their summer expedition
to The Isle of Wight,

Diary Dates - 2024

JULY

- 6 - 8** County Explorer Chilli Fest - Well End
- 7** Car Parking at Willian Fete (Fund Raiser) - 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
- 8** District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 9** Wymondley Wood Meeting
- 11** Beavers Bangers and Bash - Wymondley Wood
- 11** District Trustees' Meeting
- 14** 12th Letchworth Scout Group AGM
- 18** Scout and Guide Shop closes at 8.00 pm for the Summer
- 26** Olympic Games in Paris 2024
- 27 - 3 Aug** Essex International Jamboree

AUGUST

- 17** ASU Cream Tea - Wrayfield Farm
- 17 - 25** Come To Tolmers (CTT)

SEPTEMBER

- 9** Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 12** Scout and Guide Shop 6.00 pm opens for the Autumn Term
- 13 - 15** Activity Spectacular at Phasels Wood (ASAP)
- 17** District Lochearnhead Planning Meeting - Wymondley Wood
- 18** County Beaver and Cub Activity Day - Tolmers 10 am - 5.00 pm
- 21** District Beaver Day Out
- 22** ASU Meeting

OCTOBER

- 1** District Scout Leaders' Meeting - Online
- 5** District Scout Nightjar (Night Hike)
- 6** District Cub Day Out
- 11-13** County Peak Assault
- 13** District Cub Shooting Competition - Boyd Field, Henlow
- 20** 12th Letchworth registered 20 October 1981

NOVEMBER

- 10** Remembrance Sunday
- 15 - 17** Green Beret

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