



Letchworth And  
Baldock

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## **DISTRICT WALKING WEEKEND**



Glenbrook Outdoor Activity Centre is located in the beautiful Derbyshire Peak District between the villages of Hope and Hathersage.

### **Journey there-**

The journey was really fun. At first I was really worried, I only knew 4 people on my bus. After 5 minutes I was talking to Grizzly (Alan). It was a good conversation. I asked 'how long till we are at the services' But every time he said "20 minutes." Time was stopped. Then we started playing a card game, 21. I didn't even know these people. We played for about 1 ½ hours. When we stopped at the service station we bought things. I bought two milkshakes. When we got back on we all learnt things about each-other. By that time, I knew Kieron's rugby friend and his friends- Will, Charlie and Edward.

### **The first night-**

Once we got to the place where staying we unloaded the bags from the trailer and took them into the rooms. I was in the biggest room with Poppy and Alisha. We unpacked and did our bed then we went upstairs. Upstairs there were comfy chairs and small tables to the back corners. In the middle there were dining room tables and chairs so we all sat down and had a biscuit and a drink. Not very long after, we went to bed. The sleep was alright, although I heard the other girls – Sophie, Elizabeth, Bridget and Cerys

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For those of you that attended the District AGM and took home a AGM pack you might have noticed that the **Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre** report by the Chairman, Bob Williams was incomplete.

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The next day-

The next morning, I was woken up to Alisha and Poppy talking at 5.30 IN THE MORNING!!! I was so annoyed. But I got ready and went up-stairs. No-one was up there except for Poppy, Claire, Alisha, me and Mike. We soon got jobs. We had to ask the Leaders when they came up for tea or coffee. Of course, I was the person shouting 'Tea or Coffee' and Poppy was the maker. After an hour we all had breakfast, which was amazing. We then got ready to go out walking. The dreaded part of the weekend. But it wasn't that bad. Before we even left I had tripped over. We walked a bit and we came across the dam. It is amazing. It was massive. We walked next to the huge rock structure. We had our lunch and we also had an ice-cream.

Thanks Chris. After our ice-cream we did a bit of route planning. We route-planned all the way from one side of the map to another. Then we did some safety courses. I now know what to do if someone falls of a cliff or injures themselves. Once we finished, Grizzly made us fold up a safety blanket and a foil blanket. They were tiny and so hard to do. Once we were done, the boys found a den. It was right next to the reservoir. We saw loads of little ducks. After about four hours of waiting there Claire finally came to our rescue. When we went back home no-one was there. We had showers and went upstairs. We had dinner and played rounders. It started raining after we did our route plan so we stayed upstairs and played cards.



The last day-

We woke up early and got ready. We had to pack today. For me it was quite easy, although I know for the other girls, who had a floor-drobe, it must have been hard. We had breakfast. It was amazing again. We went outside to drive to where we had to start walking. On this walk I was with Chris and Claire. We started to walk down Pennine Way. We past loads of sheep. We named them all Jeffrey Squad, The Grand Sheep and Bob. We walked back and got ready to leave. I had already packed so I only needed to put it in the trailer. We then did another safety course till the others got back. When the others got

back we all sat down near the fire area. There was actually no fire, and we just talked about random stuff. When the Explorers got back we had lunch. Unfortunately a banana got murdered.



Rest In Peace

Banana

Killed by Charlie

14.5.18

best time. I immediately ran to the children's play area. It was recommended for 5 year olds. So I decided to have a go. It was so fun until I got kicked out. I brought some mints and got scammed in a claw machine! The evil machine didn't give me a toy!! When we got back on we continued to play hangman.

The ride home-

**Written By Aimee Reeve**

It was really fun. We played hangman and we just played a game when we stopped at the service station. I had the



I took part in the District walking weekend in Derbyshire. We walked on two different days on the 1<sup>st</sup> day we walked for 6 hours and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day we walked for 3 hours. On the first day we walked over lots of different hills eventually making our way back to the minibus. In the middle of the walk two girls got invested on the top of a hill. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> walk we focused on one hill called Win Hill. We walked up it and met another group. Then we walked down the other side of the hill. Once we finished we headed back and had lunch together. Then we got on the minibuses and headed home.. I really enjoyed the weekend because I made lots of friends and learnt lots of valuable skills.

**Seb Allen - 7th Letchworth**



# District Scout Shooting and Archery Competition

## Results

### Top Scout Shooters: out of 50

#### Position

1st	George Wakefield	1st Baldock	38
2nd	Noah Elkington	2nd Baldock	36
3rd.	Lillian Shapland	1st Baldock	27
	Toby Woodisse	12th Letchworth	27
	Oscar Wade.	12th Letchworth	27
4th	Oscar Johnson	4th Letchworth	26
5th	Edward Fish.	1st Ashwell	24
6th	Ginny Rodway	8th Letchworth	19

#### Team score ( whale bone trophy ) air rifle :

1st	1st Baldock B	121
2nd	2nd Baldock	119
3rd	12th Letchworth	109
4th	1st Ashwell	104
5th	1st Baldock A	82
6th	8th Letchworth	68
7th	4th Letchworth	65

Explorers top gunner: Josh Haywood 26

### Scout Archery Trophy:

Team : 8th Letchworth 209

#### Individual:

1st	Murphy	1st Ashwell	57
2nd	Ryan	8th Letchworth	55
3rd	Ginny	8th Letchworth	54
4th	Paul	2nd Baldock	43
5th	Freddie	2nd Baldock	41

Explorers Archer: Toby Collins 57

#### Leaders trophy:

1st	Ed Hartley.	2nd Baldock	40
2nd	Graham Price	2nd Baldock	37
3rd	Christian A.	Scout Network	35
4th	Fiona Potts	1st Baldock	34



## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The figures provided by our Booking Secretary, Maureen Kell show that Wymondley Wood retains its position as one of the most popular venues in the County.

### GROUPS IN RESIDENCE – between 1 and 6 nights

<b>Scouts</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Cubs</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Guides</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Brownies</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>Rainbows</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Schools</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>4</b>		

### CAMPING – between 1 and 5 nights

<b>Scouts</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Guides</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Schools</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2</b>				

### DAY VISITORS

**Schools and others 14**

### EVENING VISITS

**Scouts / Guides 69**

This means that over 5000 young people enjoyed the facilities of the site and they were all supervised by volunteer leaders devoted to the ideals of Scouting and Guiding and determined to provide outdoor adventure in a safe environment to the young people in their care.

All this is only possible because of the commitment and hard work of our Wardens. They ensure the smooth running of the Centre and enable our visitors to get the most out of their visit with their help and advice. This year we welcomed Ted and Diana Cornell and Emily Stone and Dan Easton to our ranks.

Another advantage of the large numbers was that we were able to find the funds to maintain and develop the Centre without having to increase our charges for next year.

It has been a very busy year for maintenance and development. Alistair and Ian completed work on the stainless steel worktops in the kitchen and we also purchased a new fridge.

The purchase of 10 mattresses completed our planned programme for the replacement of mattresses throughout the Centre.

The disabled toilet ceiling was repaired and David painted the walls. New heaters and fans have been installed in the other toilets.

New LED down lighting has been installed in the dormitories, corridor and toilets.

Adaptations were made to the sewage system involving the re-routing of some pipework to avoid blockages which were becoming more frequent due to the problems with the original pipework.

We had serious problems with the water plant which required a new pump and control system. Subsequent to this we had a professional risk assessment of the water system which led to the cleaning and chlorination of the water tank and the implementation of a new system to monitor the operation of the plant.

Outside the perimeter hedge has been cut and we have undertaken repair work to the camp fire circle. A new archery net has been purchased and the quiet area has been given a new lease of life.

We are very pleased with our new dedicated web-site which is interesting, informative and easy to use. Our thanks go to Andrew Everitt for designing the site under Ian's guidance.

Finally I must thank the members of the management committee for their tireless efforts in ensuring the efficient day to day running of the Centre and for their foresight in developing it for the future. Ian Taplin resigned this year and I would like to thank him for his service to the Committee. We welcome Chris King in his place. We are pleased to have been able to recruit someone with such extensive experience of Scouting.

A very big thank you to everyone who contributes in any way to the success of this wonderful Centre.

*Bob Williams*

**Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Chairman**

# 1st Baldock Cub Pack (Knights)

You will all be aware of the A Million Hands big moment, sticking up for mental health. This is a Scout Association initiative in partnership with MIND promoting mental wellbeing and resilience.

Cubs of First Baldock Knights Pack have become mental health campaigners. We have read that mental health problems are common and that two thirds of people in the UK with common mental health problems do not get any help at all. We have spent time over past months finding out about how to care for our own mental health and how

to support others. The Pack have created a petition and sent it to our MP Oliver Heald at the House of Commons. We asked what is being done in North Herts to make the support available for mental health equal to the support already available for physical health. We are waiting for a response.



## **Sixers and Seconders Weekend - First Baldock Knights.**

At this camp we enjoyed meeting new Cubs and seeing old friends from other Packs. We enjoyed sleeping outside because we were closer to nature. We had seven enjoyable activities before lunch and after lunch and after tea too. In bottle rocket making we pumped a bottle up to make pressure, making water go everywhere. We lit a fire and toasted marshmallows. In the evening we loved singing round the campfire.

## **Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City Charity Walk Sunday 20 May 2018**

**Congratulations to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts , Explorer Scouts, Leaders, parents and carers who took part in this years' Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City Charity walk. We visited the two refreshment stops, one at Norton Bury run by 2nd Baldock and the other at Wymondley Wood, run by 8th Letchworth. During our visits we counted Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from four Groups in the District.**

**80% of the money raised will stay with the Group and the 20% will go to the Rotary to help them support local charitable organisations.**



**First aid cover was provided was the St Johns Ambulance Cycle Response Unit.**

**The District provided the minibus and driver to transport any walkers back to Highfield School from one of the five checkpoints.**



### **Busby Bear Group**



# World Jamboree

## The build up to life in America



I'll set the scene: Friday 23rd March, Hallowtree Scout Campsite - near Ipswich. 36 Explorer Scouts and Scouts, from all over the East of England, in a very dark field trying to assemble 3 12-men tents. This was the way I was submerged into unit 17 and jamboree life.

After we put the tent up, we had a hot chocolate and met our patrol. We briefly introduced ourselves and, then, went to bed.

In the morning we made a great camp breakfast: eggy bread, bacon, sausages - the works! We still hadn't really bonded until we were presented with a challenge. The unit were told to create our unit identity. The plan was to create a name, badge and, maybe, a colour scheme to make our unit unique. We were given time to think about it, as we went to some activities.

I rock-climbed, shot an air rifle and faced my fear of crate stacking. The crate stacking was my favourite as it really put me out of my comfort zone, but I got a lasting reminder of the fun - after a flying crate cut my leg (don't worry only my pride was really hurt).

After the activities our unit had really bonded- especially after laughing about my injury- and we decided to brainstorm ideas about our identity.

At first, we struggled with names but after the session I had an idea. I sat with a girl named Ellie and we created the name 'The Busby Bears' and a new friendship. After lots of thinking we felt that our name really suited our unit. So, we created a draft of a badge and presented it to our group.

A democratic vote concluded that our group loved the busby bear idea and, we are no longer known just as unit 17!

I feel that everyone in our unit really joined as one over this new-found identity and we were all so excited to have the opportunity to go to North America.

The build up to jamboree can be daunting- especially with a large amount to fundraise, but our newly formed friendship as a unit has, and will, really help us to cope with our new challenges.

Every member of the busby bears will agree with me that our unit is an amazing and diverse group of individuals and none of us could hope for a different group of people to spend our time in America with.

Lucy Cook-Allen

Explorer in the Letchworth and Baldock district.



Well done to 8th Letchworth Scout Group who donated bags of unwanted clothes etc for their bag2school collection. The collection weighed 150kgs and the group have received a cheque for the sum of £60.00



## Happy 40th Anniversary to 11th Letchworth Scout Group - Registered 26 June 1978

Beginning in June 1978 with the specific hope of welcoming numbers of the so-called "ethnic minority" youngsters into the worldwide family of Scouting, the group succeeded in almost every other way. The first pack meetings in Pixmore School, guided by Anne Lilley, evolved into a new troop with its own headquarters building, the gift of Gavin Jones Nurseries, in Rushby Mead; and in April 1987 the group was strong enough to establish its own Venture Scout unit, adopting the significant title of Bacchus.

(Extract taken from the History of Scouting by K.J. )



### Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Alex Coleman	5th Letchworth
Alfie Grover	5th Letchworth
Harry Murr	2nd Baldock
Charlotte Peacock	5th Letchworth
Alfred Pedersen	2nd Baldock



### Chief Scout's Silver Award

Rhys John	2nd Baldock
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### Chief Scout's Gold Award

Joseph Ince	2nd Baldock
Mateo Jesalva	2nd Baldock

# Achievements



## Congratulations to

<b>Richard Young</b>	<b>1st Baldock</b>
<b>Claire Winchester</b>	<b>12th Letchworth</b>
<b>Sarah Cook</b>	<b>7th Letchworth</b>

**on receiving their Wood Beads**



Ann Hodge	12th Letchworth Pack Assistant
Steve Milligan	Explorer Scouts Unit Assistant
Richard Young	1st Baldock ACSL



Phil George	1st Ashwell ASL
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Julie Speltinckx	ASU Member
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Deb Dilley	ASU Member
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Joan Ludford	ASU Member
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Correction;

Derrick Hart, ASU Member was awarded 15 years service and not 20 years service as recorded in the January's edition of Co-Ordinator,

Unfortunately the information given to the editor was incorrect.

# Diary Dates 2018

## June

- 2 District Beaver Challenge - Hinxworth Village Hall
- 5 Scout & Guide Shop Reopens
- 9 District Beaver Day Out - Duxford Air Museum
- 12 District Administration Evening
- 14 District Executive Meeting
- 15 -17 County Bring a Leader
- 16 - 17 County Beavers in Tents
- 24 7th Letchworth AGM - Wymondley Wood
- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## July

- 5 District Beavers Bangers and Bash - W Wood
- 7 County Beaver Day - Gulliver's Land
- 7 World Chocolate Day
- 8 District Barton Challenge
- 9 Cub Leaders' Meeting - 2nd Baldock
- 24 Scout & Guide Shop Closes for Summer Break
- 30 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## August

- 12 ASU Cream Tea

## September

- 6 Scout & Guide Shop Reopens
- 9 Chief Scout Gold Award Celebration
- 10 Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 11 Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 24 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting
- 28 - 30 County Born2B Challenged - Scouts
- 30 County Beaver Family Fun Day - Paradise Wildlife Park
- 30 District Cub Day Out - RAF Hendon



**Joan Ludford**

**Receiving her 50 years  
long service award**



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