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District Barton Challenge

The Barton Challenge Competition was run this year after a long absence. The last Barton Challenge took place in 2007 and was held in the open countryside south of Sandon. At that occasion the competition was won by 7th Letchworth Scouts.

This year's competition was held around the village of Cottered and was won by 4th Letchworth Scouts.

The maximum points achievable were 70 - this was made up by 40 points for checkpoints and 30 points for timekeeping, teamwork and managing without assistance - avoiding having to open the emergency envelope.



Barton Challenge Shield

1st Go Fourth (Green)	31 points (4th Letchworth)
2nd Baldock Baddies	30 points (1st Baldock)
3rd The Pacemakers	19 points (8th Letchworth)

Barton Challenge Scout Training Teams

1st Take a Hike 52 points
(8th Letchworth/2nd Baldock combined)

Explorer Orienteering Trophy

Oak Eagle 1 ESU

8th Letchworth Scout Summer Camp

Coetmor Mill - Wales

By Ben Collen, Cameron Murphy and Connor Herd

Friday I arrived at the Scout HQ at 8:50 am (too early) and waited for everyone to arrive at the minibus so we could set off to Wales. Once everyone arrived we said goodbye to all of our parents and set off. The trip wasn't that interesting but we stopped off at the services so we could have our lunch. We also saw our District Leader Chris who would later join us. Once we set back off from the services we were instantly stuck in traffic. We didn't get out of it for one hour. We finally managed to get into Wales (we could tell by not having any radio signal). We were travelling for what seemed like ages when we turned off to Coetmor Mill. We unloaded all of the equipment off the trailer and settled in. For tea we had Joe's special burgers which were very nice. Then we had Swiss rolls and custard for dessert. We were in bed when Connor decided to roll around the floor, lie on top of Cameron, hit himself in the head with a shoe and then wake up screaming.

Saturday We woke up and headed down the stairs with a waft of bacon in our noses. We had bacon sandwiches with egg. We headed out for a hike along the Welsh mountains. My group started along the A5 and then started to climb up a long and steep road for way too long. Then we headed up a very narrow path to the top of one of the mountains but that is where the adventure starts. Starting to head up the second one we found out that we had to climb up the mountain to carry on. So we did. Then we made it up the second mountain, just as the clouds were rolling in. Our visibility was reduced to 2 metres. While we were going down the mountain on boulders I started falling

over every five minutes (that's how I've got the name stacker boy). We used our bearings to find our way out the clouds. Then we realised we now had to abseil down the mountain a bit as well. We then had to go down it a bit then finally made it back to where we were staying.

Sunday We had bacon for breakfast (as usual) and then got ready to go on another hike to Aber Falls. We arrived at the place and walked to the waterfall where we went into the water to play. Then we left there to go to Llandudno to walk around town by ourselves. We bought a couple of things and headed back.

Monday Firstly, we woke up and went downstairs to have our breakfast. We had bacon, egg bread and sausage. Next we got ready and set off to the mines (Go Below). After we got there we had a short briefing and got our gear on. When we got there we went through a Forest to get to our destination. When we went in it was very dark so we turned our head torches on. The first activity we did was a dingy trip across a very deep lake. The next activity we did was a zip-wire across deep water. Thirdly, we did rock climbing and abseiling. Next, we climbed a waterfall which was pretty wet and Connor got his welly boots filled with water! And lastly, we climbed out an air shaft to escape.

We went back to Coetmor Mill where we had dinner. After dinner we packed our bags ready for the morning then came back downstairs to play games. We played Spoons with the Scouts and the Leaders which was great fun, everyone wanted to win and had to be very fast to grab a spoon when someone got four of a kind.

Tuesday After breakfast we cleaned the Mill and loaded the trailer and waited for Eva's mum to collect her. We went for a short walk with Joe and Jay and had a look in the tunnel.

Once everyone was ready we got in the minibus and drove back to Letchworth.



BEAVERS District Beavers Bangers and Bash 5 July 2018 - Wymondley Wood

This year saw the return of the ever popular District Bangers & Bash event at Wymondley Wood.

With the help of members of the District Team, ASU, Gang Show, Network, Cub and Scout Leaders and several Young Leaders, the field was ready for 130 Beavers to descend and have fun !

To minimise traffic congestion on the track to the house, half of the Beavers were dropped off in Kingswood Avenue in Hitchin and walked up via the Greenway.

As it was so warm, Badger decided to walk through the cool of the wood. We knew they were getting close as we could hear their singing getting louder and louder - "everywhere we go"

Once on the field the Beavers were able to choose as much, or as little, as they wanted to do. There was a campfire with Network, tattoos, trim track, tug of war, traversing wall, 30 a side football and what ever else was in the activity store. Plus music courtesy of Gang Show members.

Members of the District Team cooked the sausages to perfection and members of ASU served them to the hungry Beavers.

Everyone then enjoyed refreshing ice lollies.

All the Beavers had a great time and, amazingly, the only lost property was 2 water bottles (already claimed) and a green cap.

HUGE thanks to everyone who gave up their time to make sure that the Beaver Scouts had a memorable evening !

See you all next year !

Liz Taplin - ADC Beavers





The District representatives that have just safely returned from their expedition to Swaziland.

Extract taken from the Times of Swaziland - Tuesday 7 August 2018

British Scouts in collaboration with the local Scouts have constructed a state-of-the-art youth centre, which is expected to uplift young people in the community. The newly constructed centre has computers, musical instruments, sewing machines and a complete library, together with tools which can be used by the community.

SYNC gives Youth Centre the thumbs up.

Dumisani Simelane the Head of Programmes at Swaziland National Youth Council (SYNC), said he was impressed with the commitment of the youth in the area. Simelane further thanked the Scouts who had travelled all the way from the UK, to assist in the construction of the centre.



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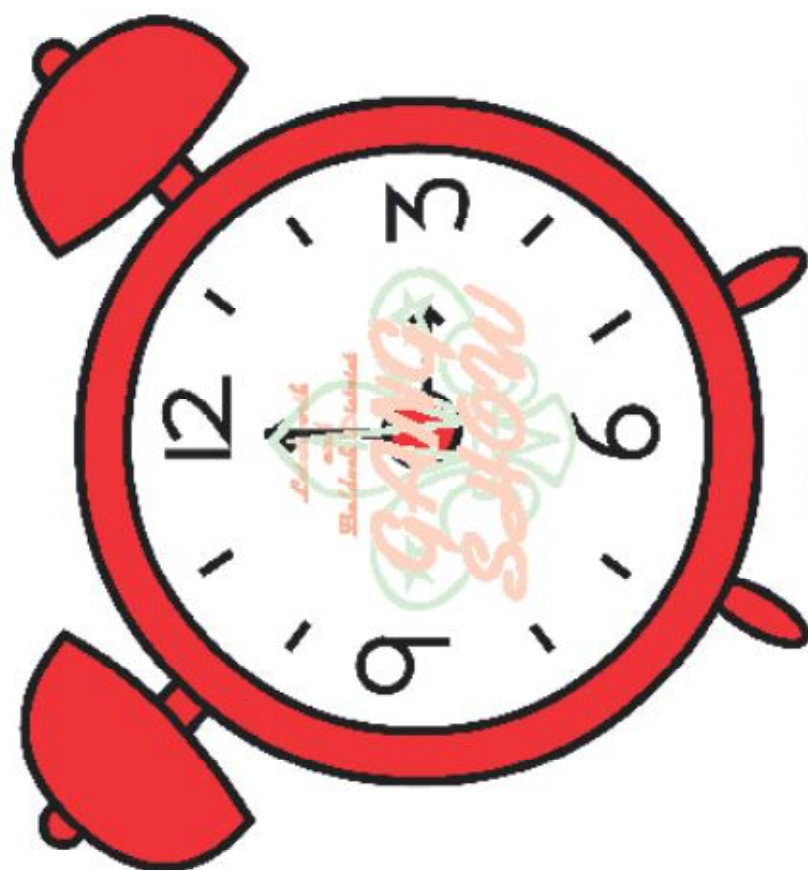
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It's that time of year again



GS 2019
THE GANG SHOW
if & when... it's all!

Time to restart school

Time to restart Scouting

Time to book your Gang Show promotional visit.

Time to start rehearsals
(well almost)

Time to put March 29th and 30th in your diary as Show

Dates

We are looking for assistants to our PR team so if you feel you can help out please contact us via this publication

Achievements

Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Caitlin Cook	8th Letchworth
Harry Gribbon	8th Letchworth
Toby Lancaster	8th Letchworth
Christopher Roylance	8th Letchworth

Chief Scout's Silver Award

Jack Cogan	7th Letchworth
Austin Constable	1st Ashwell
Mia Endacott	1st Ashwell
Molly George	12th Letchworth
Samuel Handley	1st Ashwell
Harrison Rowley Bennett	7th Letchworth
Tom Warburton	1st Ashwell
Daniel Wayne	1st Baldock (Knights)

Chief Scout's Gold Award

Max Allen	1st Ashwell
Alisha Reeve	8th Letchworth

Welcome to Jenny Dean

5th Letchworth
Pack Assistant

Leeanne Grace

1st Ashwell
ACSL



Alisha receiving her Chief Scout Gold Award during 8th Letchworth Wales summer camp.



Diary Dates 2018

September

- 6 Scout & Guide Shop Reopens
- 9 Chief Scout Gold Award Celebration
- 10 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 11 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 13 District Executive Meeting
- 14 National Quiet Day (Shh Shh Shh)
- 15 District Development afternoon - DHQ
12:00— 17:00 hrs
- 19 District Beaver 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

October

- 11 District Executive Meeting
- 13 District Cub Night Hike
- 13 ASU - General Meeting Annually
- 19 - 21 Peak Assault
- 29 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

November

- 6 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 8 District Executive Finance Meeting
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 16 - 18 County Scout Green Beret
- 25 8th Letchworth Christmas Fayre
- 26 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting



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