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District Cub Annual Day Out **RAF Hendon**



On Sunday 30th September over 100 Cubs got together for the Annual District Day out. This year's adventure was to RAF Hendon where hopefully the Cubs would all complete there Air Activity staged 2 or 3 badge.

The Cubs were very well behaved, it was an enjoyable day for everyone.

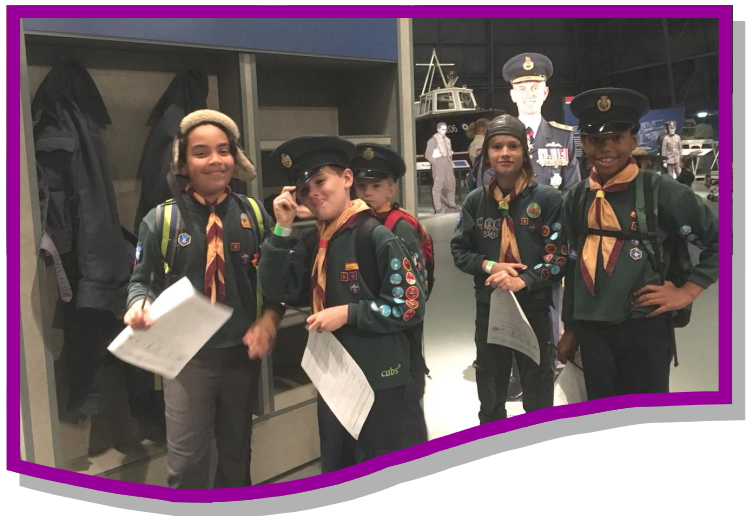
Amanda Woolmer

ADC Cubs

At the District Day Out we looked at planes that were old and some were really modern,. We Were there for 5 hours. I personally like the old planes, because we see the modern ones slightly more than the old ones. The old ones have been shot down and they put them all on show.

Alfie Lawrence

7th Letchworth Cubs



First we got to check in and get past security. We then went to the next part of the museum and saw LOTS of PLANES!!

Then we headed over to the play area and had lunch. I enjoyed playing with the stuff there.

I enjoyed RAF Hendon because it was like Duxford,. Lots of stuff to do and had more information. I enjoyed the helicopter section because it had lots of stuff on display, lots of fact and signs.

I enjoyed looking at the big bombers and the Spitfire and lots of other planes.

Reuben

7th Letchworth Cubs

When I went to RAF Hendon I liked watching all the videos especially about the Dam Busters.

I really liked looking at the Spitfires.

Zach

7th Letchworth Cubs

I found it fun because the structures of the planes were awesome.

Hugo

7th Letchworth Cubs



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Air Activities – stage 1

How to earn your badge

1. Make an aircraft out of paper and see how well it flies. You could use a paper dart or a helicopter and drop it from a height.
2. Find out about one kind of aircraft and tell others in your section about it. It could be a commercial aircraft like Concorde or Airbus or a military aircraft like a Spitfire, Lynx or Chinook.
3. Spell your name using the phonetic alphabet.
4. Talk to somebody who has flown in an aircraft, helicopter or hot air balloon. What was it like? If you have already flown in an aircraft, tell others in your section about it.
5. Tell others in your section about an aircraft (real or imagined) that you would like to fly in and why. You can do this through drawings or models.



This Way, That Way and BaLin go to South Wales Herts Peak Assault (HPA) Competition



Well what a lovely weekend we had....

We set off late on Friday afternoon for an unknown destination somewhere in South Wales. Our driver CK1 was only given our final destination when we stopped midway, but he wouldn't tell us where it was. However, we weren't too worried as we were just pleased that the sun was out and there would be a good chance we could pitch camp in the dry.

On arrival we set-up our base camp and tried to get some sleep ready for our adventure tomorrow – kit check was at 6.30am and our support team said breakfast would be at 5.15am (so they had to be up even earlier than us)!!

After we had breakfast and assembled our team kit, we all went off to the official kit check base. Here each team is checked that they have the correct kit, once this is done you go to the next area for photos, name check and issue of medical bands. Miss Eye-Candy said the photo was for body identification, but I think she was only teasing me! Finally, you get your Checkpoint Control List and Maps and at this stage your time starts. On the first day you must return within eight hours and the second day four hours. If you are late back you start to lose the points that you have worked so hard for during the day.



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Having plotted our maps with the checkpoints and out of bounds areas, and looked at the terrain, Spike and Goodie came up with a flexible route. We had to be flexible to start with in order to assess the team's strengths. Well mainly for them to see what I could do as I hadn't walked with them before and they are far more experienced than me! So off we set and in order not to follow the crowd decided to walk around the lake as a little detour. I was in charge of recording the markers by clicking the paper we had been given. Seeing the marker, you have been looking for is just the best feeling and spurs you on to get the next one. One will haunt us forever though as it took us ages to find. It was hidden if you came to it from the direction we did – in the end the marshals who had been watching us going up and down felt sorry for us and as they had also struggled to find it gave us an extra hint!!

Apart from a few age-related aches and pains the only casualty of the weekend was one of Spikes walking poles which he decided to do a commando roll over!!

Over the two days we managed to collect 71 points and came ninth overall. Our other adult team "That Way" came sixth with 83. Amazingly our BaLin (Network) team won their section with a fantastic 105 points. Well done you guys, we were all so proud of you.



I have a few people to thank - Thank you to Spike who got me to achieve much more than I thought I was capable of, to Goodie and Miss Eye-Candy who took the time to teach me about bearings, which I've never quite got to grips with before and for generally looking after me. Also, a BIG thank you from all of us to CK1 for driving us there and back, and to Wendy and Glen for providing us with lovely food – that chicken casserole on the first night was worthy of a Michelin Star.

Network team for HPA was Ben Milligan (missing from photo) George Packham, Simon Kitching,

Irene Coldrey



Gwen Pack October 2018

We were sorry to hear the sad news of Gwen's death and we send our deepest sympathy to her family.

Gwen and her husband Bill were stalwarts of Scouting in Ashwell between 1980 to 1994. Gwen was a highly respected Cub Leader in the Village and also helped at District events.

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The ASU held their General meeting on Saturday 13th October. Dave Upson received his 30year service award and Michael Durrant his 40year service award. Chris King, District Commissioner Explorer Scouts, came along to represent District and present the awards.

A short talk was given by Ian Buck from The Wymondley Wood committee to thank the ASU for their donation and to show the equipment which was purchased.

The need for new members was highlighted. The ASU were available to help groups or District events, but we do need more than just a days warning. The ASU HAVE A WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE to share. Thanks to the members who volunteer at the Scout shop, if you want some information or request help it is a good starting point, or contact Dave Upson Please visit the District Website for contact details.



Chris King and Dave Upson



Chris King and Michael Durrant

Scout Active Support is a way for adults to volunteer some time to Scouting in a flexible way that suits them. Scout Active Support is a resource for managers of local Scouting including Group Scout Leaders, District Commissioners and County Commissioner, to use in which ever way is required.

Example: A District Scout Active Support Unit can be a source of extra adult help in Leader absence. Or they can teach skills that the existing Leader team do not have, such as pioneering.



Mark Howard married Helen Doherty, 5th Letchworth ASL on October 6th at Clothall church. Fitting the wedding on a weekend between Scouts camps,. In true British fashion, it poured with rain on that one day.



Leaders from 5th Letchworth Scout Group cutting the cake with bow saw and axe with Ruby, Young Leader and Assistant Scout Leader's Gareth, Geoff, Helen, Tom, Nick, Stiofan

Date: Saturday 10 November
Venue: 8th Letchworth HQ
Cost : £3.00 per person
Time: 19:30

**CALLING ALL
BRIGHT SPARKS.**

Please bring your own drinks and snacks.

Get your team together and come and join 8th Letchworth Scout Group for an evening of fun at their quiz night.

Contact Mike Myner for more information of to book your tickets.

Mikemyner@ntlworld.com



Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 11 November 2018 is a day for the nation to remember and honour those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. The District would like to remember the Leaders who went off to war and didn't return.



World War One

Private Royal Engineer Norman Dales Saunders – Died 1917 killed in action

World War Two

Assistant Leading Stoker (Royal Navy) – Alexander James Hyde – Died 1939 killed HMS Royal Oak. 3rd Letchworth

Air Mechanic 1st Class (Fleet Air Arm) - Ellis Rapheal Gardener – 1941 missing presumed killed in action, HMS Audacity. 4th Letchworth St Pauls

Sergeant Pilot – Alan Harker – Died 1942 killed in action over enemy territory. 4th Letchworth St Paul

Flying Officer – Leslie Albert Chandler – Died 1944 killed in active service. 1st Letchworth..

Army Gunner – Everil Corbett – Died 1944 died of wounds in North West Europe. 3rd Letchworth

Since the Second World War the British Military has fought in numerous conflicts with only one year in which a British Service person has not been killed.

Do you know which year? Answer on page 8.

Diary Dates 2018

November

- 6 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 6 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 8 District Executive Finance Meeting
- 9 District Cub Quiz
- 10 8th Letchworth Quiz
- 11 Remembrance Sunday
- 12 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 13 - 17 Anti-Bullying Week
- 16 - 18 County Scout Green Beret
- 24 County Monopoly Run - Explorers / Network
- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

December

- 8 ASU - Christmas Dinner
- 11 County Christmas Dinner - Explorer's
- 18 County Christmas Dinner - Network

January 2019

- 10 District Executive Meeting
- 14 District Cub Leaders' Meeting

February

- 3 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 9 8th Letchworth Race Night
- 24 County Scout Cooking Competition

March

- 29 / 20 District Scout and Guide Gang Show

April

May

- 9 District A.G.M.
- 19 Rotary Greenway Walk

4th Letchworth Beavers



As part of their Community Impact badge, they' are collecting for Christmas boxes for Osborne Court Care home in Baldock. They care for dementia patients and the patients don't get a lot for Christmas.

The care home itself had a flood last year so they have hardly anything, not even a tree.

This is all part of a collection to help them get a present this Christmas.

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