



Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council
Executive Committee Chairman

No: 674

November 2019

My name is Ken Osborne and I was born in North London in 1950. I am married and have two children both married with family. I have lived in Letchworth since 1981.

I joined Cubs at the age of six and attended my first camp at Scout Park Bounds Green that year. At the age of 11, I moved on to Scouts and enjoyed my camping activities at Tolmers, Chalfont Heights, Phasels Wood and Gilwell Park. We also enjoyed two weeks camping holidays in Jersey, Scotland (Auchengillan), Isle of Man and Cornwall. Winter camps were held in huts at Buckmore Park.

At the age of 16 we started a Venture Unit coersing a cousin to join and become our Leader. Without money or any skills we decided to buy a bus convert it with sleeping and eating facilities and travel to Istanbul. By decorating, gardening and many different jobs we raised sufficient money to buy the bus and convert, much of the wood coming free of charge from Elstree Studios.



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Following our first trip, the following year we travelled the west coast of France. Thereafter the bus was stationed at Tibenham Gliding club where we took up flying without an engine. Sadly further education beckoned and the initial group of 12 dispersed to various universities. Nine of us still meet every two years over a weekend.

After qualifying as a Mechanical Engineer I worked for Xerox Corporation from 1974 until I retired in 2011. I have travelled to many countries with Xerox including a two year stay in America,

These days I enjoy gardening, reading, making simple wooden devices usually for nature and walking. I'm a member of the Hertfordshire Way walking group completing walks of up to 15 miles.

Ken Osborne— District Chairman



WYMONDLEY WOOD

Scout and Guide Centre

Wymondley Wood Committee are pleased to report that the two Leader's ensuite facilities have been upgraded.

Gone are the shower curtains which have been replaced with shower cubicles and with new tiling and flooring.

This is part of the ongoing improvements being made at Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre.

Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell District Cub Day Out Saturday 21 September 2019

On Saturday 21st September 2019 the sun was shining when 109 Cub Scouts and their Leaders boarded coaches heading to Phasels Wood Activity Centre for the first ever Cub Team County Cub Activity Day organized by the County.

The young people had a variety of activities to take part in Climbing, Rifle shooting, Hungry Hippos, Aeroball, Ridgeline, Archery, Bungee Trampoline, Spider Mountain, to name just a few. There are many more activities for the Cubs to try at other times. The young people had a busy but enjoyable day.

During the day I had the pleasure of Investing Andy

Norman (4th
Letchworth)

while he was jumping on the Bungee Trampoline!
Well done Andy! welcome to the team.



Amanda Woolmer (ADC - Cubs)



52nd Peak Assault

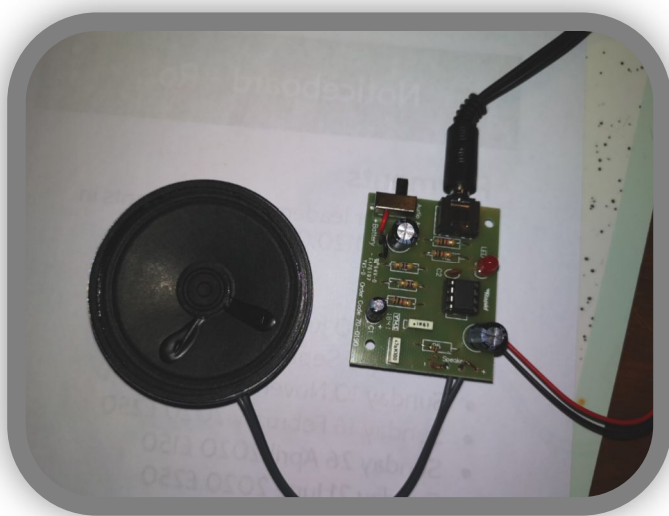
Three teams from this District took part in the County Peak Assault which was held in the Lake District, an adult leader team, Network Scout team and a Scout Explorer team.

All did very well with the Scout Network team picking up second place in their category. Well done to everyone that took part.



Wendy Tierney
- District
Commissioner

2nd Baldock Scouts Jamboree On The Internet



One warm September evening the 2nd Baldock Scout Leaders planned an Autumn camp for the Scouts with a bit of shooting, climbing and fires. It then occurred to us it was also JOTI Weekend, so we decided to incorporate this as well. This resulted in one of our most complex camps to plan how to run Jamboree On The Air (JOTI) Chat, Skype and also build electronic amplifiers. We initially hoped to book the Hall but this was full but managed to book the electrical hook-up, so in the end on a cold, damp October Saturday we built our JOTI Room,

which involved setting up 3 laptops and up to 6 soldering stations in an event shelter in the middle of Boyd Field. Oh and our speed texting challenge on my old Nokia.

Ed Hartley

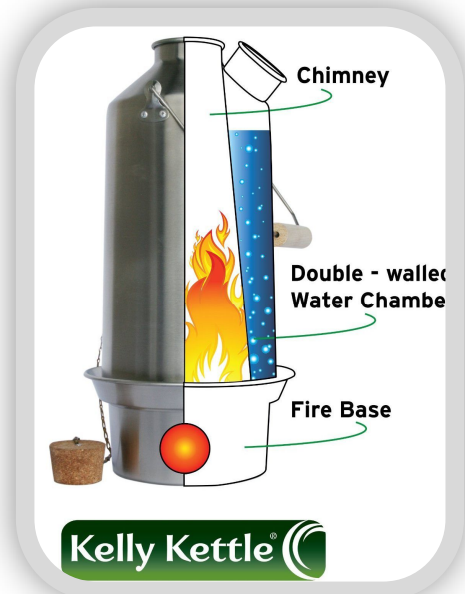
2nd Baldock Scout Leader

2nd Baldock Scouts

Autumn Camp, Boyd Field, Henlow

On Friday the 18th of October, 2nd Baldock Scouts went to the Autumn Camp at Boyd Field, Henlow. When we arrived, we started by putting up the tents on our pitch, before heading off to do rifle shooting; it was really fun as it was a unique experience and not many people had done it before. Next, we did orienteering where we had to find the numbers one to ten on our sheets and stamp a clip at each of the points around the campsite. This activity was good because it helped us to find our way around the campsite. We finished the first day by roasting marshmallows on the fire and drinking hot chocolate. Mmmmm!

On the second day, I helped cook breakfast which was scrambled egg, bacon and beans. The first activity on Saturday was making cups of tea on a Kelly Kettle which our team did in 22 minutes. You may think that was a long time to wait for a cup of tea, but in actual fact that is actually quite fast on a Kelly Kettle! After finishing the cups of tea, our group moved onto climbing which was on four different climbing walls. The red wall was the easiest and the black was the hardest. After finishing the climbing, we went and had lunch. Once we had finished lunch, we made speakers on a P.C.B (printed circuit board) and involved soldering different components onto the P.C.B. I tried it when I got home, and it worked really well! Then we spoke to Scouts all around the world on the computer including a Canadian group, a Mexican group and an Indonesian group. It was fun finding out about different Scout groups' cultures and activities. We finished Saturday by eating burgers and creating sketches to perform to 4th Letchworth, who were also on the camp.



On the final day we had breakfast- which was bacon sandwiches- and then got to work putting down our tents and packing. Overall, I really enjoyed the camp as it was my first one and all the activities were great fun. My favourites being climbing and rifle shooting, as I hadn't done it before! I am looking forward to going on the next one!

Rose Holmes
2nd Baldock Scouts



Lees Wood

27 - 29 September 2019

Born 2B Challenged

In September, 2nd Baldock entered a team into Born 2B Challenged. The team was made of six Scouts, one who had competed last year, and two who had only just joined Scouts. The returning Scout decided, based up on the rest of the team and their abilities, that they would enter the full competition and not the training competition.

The Camp was once again held at Lees Wood in South Hertfordshire, so a bit of a rush for parents to get there as soon as entries opened so the Scouts would have at least 30 minutes of daylight left. Despite being a novice team, they won the Best Patrol and came 2nd overall (losing to last year's competition winners), with a score which would have won the 2018 event.

The team did amazingly well and achieved full marks on the following areas - **Campfire Piece, Camp Gadget, First Aid - so Well Done!!**

They also got the highest marks for the following areas - **Chopping Area and Site Safety, Hygiene and Safety, Scouts Own - so Well Done Again!**

Many thanks to the entire team, not only did they do 2nd Baldock proud, but also the whole District as the only Letchworth and Baldock District team entered.

Ed Hartley
2nd Baldock
Scout Leader



Achievements



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Joseph Gribben	8th Letchworth
Dylan Griffiths	8th Letchworth
Ciara McDermott	8th Letchworth
Ethan Stacey	8th Letchworth



Gill Palmer	8th Letchworth	ACSL
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Fern Boughton	8th Letchworth	ACSL
Danny Ryall	8th Letchworth	ACSL



Awarded his Wood Badge

Phil Scoot
Oak Eagle Explorer
Scout Unit AESL



Chief Scout's Commendation for Good Service is given in respect of not less than 5 years good service, which stands out.

Ian Taplin	8th Letchworth	ACSL
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Ian Taplin

Diary Dates 2019 / 2020

November

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 2 GDPR Training - ASU Members District HQ 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm
- 4 ASU Book Club 2.30 pm
- 5 Guy Fawkes Day
- 6 Scout Shop reopens
- 8 District Cub Scout Quiz
- 10 Remembrance Sunday
- 11 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 14 District Executive Meeting
- 15 - 17 County Scout Green Beret
- 18 District Cub Leaders Christmas Meal
- 23 County Monopoly Run
- 26 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

December

- 2 ASU Book Club 2.30 pm
- 3 District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 7 ASU Christmas Meal - Broadway
- 12 Scout Shop closed for Christmas
- 12 District Executive Meeting
- 21 Winter Solstice

January 2020

- 7 Scout Shop reopens
- 9 District Executive Meeting
- 11 ASU Pantomime Trip
- 13 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 14 Meeting
- 28 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

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