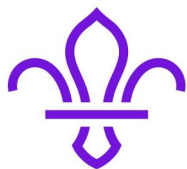


Scouts



Letchworth, Baldock &
Ashwell

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Join us for the District 75th Anniversary Camp

BEAVERS

Who for?

EXPLORERS

cubs scouts

Where?

Boyd Campsite and Activity Centre

What?

Lots of Activities, Partying, wide games, challenges,
skills, team work and Presentation of Awards

When?

Beavers – 24th May 2020 to 25th May 2020

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers –
22nd May 2020 to 25th May 2020

To find out more and book a place see your groups
OSM Page

Remembrance Sunday





The District was out in force on 10 November for Remembrance Sunday. 4th Letchworth Scout Group went to St Paul's church for a Remembrance Church Service.

1st Ashwell Scout Group met at the War Memorial in the village.

1st and 2nd Baldock Scout Groups met at the Baldock Town War Memorial in the High Street.

5th, 7th, 8th, 11th and 12th Letchworth Scout Groups together with the Explorer Scouts, Scout Network and ASU met at the War Memorial in Station Road, Letchworth Garden City.





1st Baldock (Knights)
Cubs Camp
Hertfordshire Guide
Centre, Cottered



Friday

We arrived at the campsite and as quick as a flash we unpacked and pitched the tents. Soon after that we found out our tent groups. We ate lunch it was SO good. We ate hot dogs. We looked around the campsite and built shelters in the trees. Next we went orienteering, after that we had DINNER! We went out and got a box of chips each!

Saturday

On Saturday it was raining. We went shooting. My shooting was better this time. We lit our own fires and cooked bacon on a stick and had hot chocolate with eggs and vegetable parcels, eggs and toast and potatoes in the embers, waffles and soup. We did traversing which is climbing sideways. We had to stop because it got dark. In the night we had a campfire. Jonah sang so many songs.

Sunday

We woke up and had cereal, scrambled egg, beans, bacon and bread with different toppings for breakfast. We went to church then packed and put our tents down and closed camp. My best bits of the camp were cooking on fires and sleeping.

Written by Ruby, Isaac and Sam





Scarefest

Gilwell Park October 2019

I usually start by writing about the best bit, but there wasn't a best bit, it was all awesome! (Except for the bit where I lost everybody, that bit was a bit annoying, but otherwise it was awesome!)

After we arrived and got the tents up (more like flying a kite in the dark windiness!). Then we had a

wander around to see what there was to do and went to bed.

On Saturday, we went into the crafts tent and some of us had waffles. (Note – Nutella, golden syrup and cream do not go well together on a waffle.) Then we did some loom bands and the escape room. We cracked the code and got the money out of the safe. We went on a spinning ride, which was enjoyable, but I ended up sitting in a puddle. I wasn't a fan of Saturday's dinner, except the pudding that no one else liked, so I ate two of those. The fireworks on Saturday night were amazing.

On Sunday morning, I did rock climbing (I made it up and down in two minutes – not easy in muddy wellies!), campfire activities and other climbing things in the Lid.

When I got home, I was wearing three layers of trousers, four tops and everything else I had taken with me was soaked in mud, especially my Halloween costume. But, even with the cold, mud, rain and wind, I really enjoyed Scarefest.

Ciara McDermott — 8th Letchworth Scout





Three Scout Troops, 2nd Baldock, 4th Letchworth and 5th Letchworth attended the County Green Beret Challenge held at Lees Wood over the weekend of 15— 17 November 2019.

I've only been in Scouts since September. Green Beret was my second camp with 5th Letchworth. It was fun yet tiring. We did lots of activities, all of them were fun, but some were slightly tricky. Over all it was awesome.

When we arrived it was cold, wet and rainy and vert muddy. Unfortunately for my parents my dad was wearing his work shoes and my mum was wearing her best trainers. I just couldn't stop laughing.

When we were orienteering there was lots of teamwork involved but sadly we only got seven locations out of twenty four. However, we came 53rd out of 150 teams,.

I am proud to be part of 5th Letchworth

Alfie Lawrence - 5th Letchworth Scouts



Place	Team Name
30th	2nd Baldock (Naruto Runners)
30th	4th Letchworth (Go Fourth)
53rd	5th Letchworth (Famous Fifth)
74th	4th Letchworth (May the Fourth)
NC	2nd Baldock (Tactical Turtles)

Next year the Green Beret Challenge will take place 13—15 November 2020 and will be held at Phasels Wood.



District Cub Quiz

8th November 2019

We have just held the Annual District Cub Quiz; there were eight teams in total this year. The questions were set by the winning team from last year 1st Baldock Knights, a very big thank you to the Leader sections. Thank you to 1st Baldock Knights for setting the questions. It was a very enjoyable evening with lots of General knowledge and, of course, Scouting questions. In the break the Cubs had a picture quiz to complete. The **winning** team was 1st Baldock Knights with a total score of 82 points. Traditionally the winning team set the question for next year but as 1st Baldock Knights have won twice it was decided that the team that came 2nd would set the questions next year! Well done 4th Letchworth for agreeing to the challenge of setting the question next year.

The scores are as follows:

1 st	1 st Baldock Knights	82 points
2 nd	4 th Letchworth	72 points
3 rd	1 st Ashwell	68 points
4 th	1 st Baldock Templars	67 points
5 th	7 th Letchworth	64 points
6 th	5 th Letchworth	62 points
7 th	2 nd Baldock	57 points
8 th	8 th Letchworth	55 points



Well done everyone!

Amanda Woolmer
ADC Cubs





Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre CHARGES JANUARY 2021

At the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Centre Committee Meeting in November it was agreed NOT to increase the Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Scout Centre charges for 2021

CENTRE

OVERNIGHT

DAY RATES

(Kitchen
activity room
and committee
room)

District Meetings

WITHIN DISTRICT		OUTSIDE DISTRICT		NON SCOUT/GUIDE	
EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM	EACH	MINIMUM
£7.00	£175.00	£9.00	£225.00.	£11.00	£275.00
Charges to be agreed with the booking secretary in advance				£35.00 or £10.00 per hour as appropriate	
Free		£10.00 per hour		£10.00 per hour	

“Minimum” - Less than 25 people in the house overnight

Membership Subscription 2020

Headquarters	£29.00
County	£13.50 (no increase)
District (includes	£ 6.50
International Levy £1.00)	

Total £49.00

As is usual for prompt payment (by 10th March 2020) a discount of 50 pence per head can be deducted from your total payment.

1st Baldock Cubs (Templars)

When one of our Leaders saw an opportunity to receive a grant for £150 for Templars 1st Baldock Cubs they gave it a go and were successful! All we had to do was follow three Healthy Lifestyle Activities set out for us and give feedback within 8 weeks. The Cubs did some work with the Eatwell Plate, did Mazes based on sleep and performed Hakas as part of a healthy activity. We were visited one evening by Adan Freeman, a Programme Design Executive (Healthy Lifestyles) along with our ADC Amanda Woolmer and our DC Wendy Tierney.

The £150 will be spent on equipment to help the Cubs make healthier choices, especially at indoor camps, and the Cubs chose a soup maker, sandwich toasters, blender and a popcorn maker and are looking forward to using them at our Christmas Camp!



From Templars Cub Leaders



The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others

....Nobody is too small to do a good turn even if it is only to smile

If you make listening and observation your occupation you will gain much more than you can by talk.

All quotes by Lord Baden-Powell

**A Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year**



Jonathan receiving his Young Leader's (YL) Belt.

Pictured with Fiona Potts and 1st Baldock Cub Pack (Knights)



The Silver Acorn is not normally awarded until after at least an Award for Merit has been gained and a further five years' service has been completed. Thus, it is seldom awarded for less than 20 years service, which should be specially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding.

The Silver Acorn has been awarded to **Ron Smith - ASU**



Bar to the Award for Merit may be awarded after a period of not less than five years of further outstanding service.

Bar to the Award of Merit has been awarded to

Allan Patterson

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

Rose Elmer - ASU Member

John Hicks - ASU Member



Achievements



Chief Scout's Gold Award

Adam Ashelby	1st Baldock
Hope Briggs	1st Baldock
George Hill	1st Baldock
Elizabeth Grocott	1st Baldock
Beth McCallion	1st Baldock
Jeremy Nunn	1st Baldock



Chief Scout's Silver Award

Keane Rusbridge	2nd Baldock
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Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Richie Hawkins	2nd Baldock
Zavier Lemaitre	2nd Baldock

Service Awards



Diana Cornell	1st Baldock (Templars) CSL
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Allan Patterson	ASU Member
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Welcome to

Emma Millichamp	ACSL	11th Letchworth
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Diary Dates 2019 / 2020

December

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

January 2020

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

February

- 25 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

March

- 9 District Cub Leaders' Meeting
- 12 District Executive Meeting
- 14 - 15 Mid Herts Night Hike
- 27 - 28 District Gang Show - St Francis Theatre

April

May

- 2 - 3 Sixers and Seconders Weekend
- 11 District Cub Leaders' Meeting

Merry Christmas



Scouts Christmas Appeal Fox
Fun Badge 2019



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