



CHRISTMAS CO-ORDINATOR

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OFFICIAL NEWS-LETTER of LETCHWORTH, BALDOCK AND ASHWELL SCOUTING.

WHAT A SHOW --- !! "... and very 'professional'..."

The first GANG SHOW in Letchworth was performed in 1955 and ran continuously until 1974. Now, after a short break it has been revived!

Last week, at the Plinston Hall, the GANG SHOW ran from Tuesday to Saturday and was a huge success. In a letter received from a Scout Group outside this District the writer, a Gang Show Producer himself, says: "...many congratulations on a marvellous Show....well worth all the effort put in at rehearsals etc.,....I envy you for some of the outstanding items which were presented....count me and my family in for next year's tickets..."

Thanks to the dedication and 'know-how' of the Team Behind the Gang, the show had a very professional flavour and the Cast enjoyed themselves immensely despite a certain amount of fear and trepidation before some of them went on the stage.

The Cast included 15 Cubs, 11 Scouts, 5 Venture Scouts, 4 CSL's & 2 SL's, representing 1/3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th Letchworth, 1st Baldock, Packs and Troops plus members of Champion Hills and Beech Springs Venture Scout Units. In addition, there were 15 Guides, 2 Rangers and 2 Leaders representing 1st, 2nd, 5th, 6th, 11th & 16th Letchworth, 1st and 3rd Baldock Guide Companies.

If you didn't support us by coming to see the show, well - bad luck! You missed a treat. Get in early for next year's tickets.

SCOUT SHOP... Xmas Closing

The Scout Shop will close after business on Tuesday 20th. December, and re-open on Tuesday 10th. Jan.

Xmas gifts, Stocking Fillers, Diaries etc., are on sale N01.

Your Next Co-ordinator..

(NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FOR
COLLECTION)

The next edition of Co-ordinator will be ready for collection on:
THURSDAY JANUARY 5th. 1984.

All news to be in by Dec. 31st, please.

" - - A Well Earned Rest - - "
GSL JOHN CHAPMAN WRITES:

Anne Lilley - 11th Letchworth.

After 5½ years of hard work but hopefully many happy moments, Anne Tilley of 11th. Letchworth Pack has decided to resign her position as Cub Scout Leader.

Anne, who has been CSL since the inception of the 11th. Scout Group will be leaving in December. Her final activities will be the Pack's Christmas Party and the December Carol Service Church Parade.

All Leaders, Cubs, Scout, Parents and Friends of the 11th. thank Anne for her great Cubbing as well as wishing her a well earned rest.

John Chapman

NORTON BURY NEWS.

The Annual Wardens' Meeting will be held at Norton Bury on Wednesday 4th. January at 19.30hrs. We hope all Wardens and prospective Wardens will be able to come. Please let Lesley Lowe know if there is anyone who is interested and would like an invitation.

The replacement of windows is nearing completion and the porch extension and allied work is well under way.

To complete this year's improvements, the house will be closed for the two weeks leading up to Christmas for rewiring, and the power will not be on. Also, many floorboards will be up, making it rather dangerous to enter.

Bookings are coming in well for next year so please confirm your bookings if you are planning to spend some time at Norton Bury; we wouldn't want you disappointed.

Lesley Lowe.

WARRANTS COMMITTEE..

At a meeting on 1st. November warrants were awarded to:

Rosemary Charlsey - AVSL Beech Sp.
 Ann Beach - ACSI 4L.
 Angela Curtis - ACSI 4L.

The next meeting will be on 13th. Dec., GSL's wishing to present Leaders at this meeting should contact Bob Williams the District Secretary.

Bob Williams



ARTS & CRAFTS
AND
MUSIC & ENTERTAIN-
MENT FESTIVAL.



Colin Phillips, the Arts and Crafts competition organiser, has been able to arrange for the 1984 exhibition to be held on Saturday 7th. April. 1984, at Highfield School.

The Music and Entertainment Festival will also be held at the same time and in the main Hall at Highfield School.

The rules and classes into which entries can be made will be similar to last year.

Full details together with entry forms etc., will be issued as an attachment to your January Co-ordinator. Extra copies will subsequently be available.

CUBS' SPECIAL ENTRY:

The Cubs' special entry is:-

Pack entry: Make a Flag, to be 2'3" (68.5cm) X 3'0" (91.5cm) in size, representing 'Olympics' and suitable for use later in the year at the District Cub-Olympics Camp.

SCOUTS' ENTRY:

The Scout Troop entry is:-

Make a scale model of the Stage and Proscenium of Plinston Hall, with original 'scenery', max. width: 61cm.

Details of individual Cub and Scout entries will be given in Jan. CO-Ordinator,

YOUR SUBS ARE DUE ON
DECEMBER 31st!

If you, reading this, are not (a) A Scouter or (b) a Group Executive Chairman or (c) a Member of the District Executive/Team, and receive a personal copy of Co-ordinator may I respectfully remind you that your annual subscription will become due on December 31st. 1983. (Some persons who joined during 1983 will, of course, pay an adjusted subscription.)

NO 'INFLATION' - - - !!!

The District Executive have again agreed to subsidize production and therefore your subscription will remain at as little as £1.00 for the year.

APOLOGIES - but chase your GSL's!

I regret that any 'paying customers' there may be in 1st. Baldock, 8th. Letchworth and 12th. Letchworth Groups have not yet received their November copies, as these are still awaiting collection by your GSL or his appointed collector.

Postal Service - - -

If anyone wants their CO-ordinator posted to them each month, will he or she please let me have 12 stamped addressed envelopes for this purpose.

John Baker (Editor)
147, Highfield. Letch.

FOR
Group Executive
Committee
Members - -

There will be a special meeting at Norton Bury on Tuesday 31st. January 1984 at 8.0 P.M. for members of Group Executive Committees, to deal with 'Group Administration'

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This meeting will consider matters such as Group Insurance and Group Finance etc.

Discussions will be led by John Moys (Dist. Chairman), Don Mackinnon (Dist. Treasurer) and Bob Williams (Dist. Secretary)

Group Chairmen, Secretaries and Treasurers are particularly requested to attend. Please fill in the tear-off Form below.

GROUP ADMINISTRATORS' EVENING.

To: Bob Williams, 53, Hawthorn Hill, Letchworth. Tel: L.6727.

_____ (number) members of the _____ Group will be attending the Group Administration Evening.

(Signed) _____

Calendar Dates - - -

1983:

- Wed 30 Nov Distriot P. L's Meeting - Norton Bury
- Thu 1 Dec The World Jamboree in Canada: Report by the Hertfordshire Troop at Plinston Hall, Letchworth, 19.30hrs, Tickets 25p.
- Thu 8 Dec District Executive Meeting - N/Bury - 20.00hrs.
- Fri 9 Dec District Team Meeting - N/Bury - 20.00hrs.
- Tue 13 Dec Illustrated talk by John Merrill of his epic walk around the coast of Britain - Castle Hall, Hertford, 19.30hrs - Tickets are only £2.00 and are available from Neil Whiting on Hertford 50901.

1984:

- Wed 4 Jan Norton Bury Wardens' Meeting - N/Bury - 19.30hrs.
- Thu 5 Jan CO-Ordinator collection from 47, Highfield, Letchworth 19.30hrs.
- Sat 14 Jan Gang Show Cast Party - 8L HQ, time & details in Jan. Co-ord.
- Sat 28 Jan Scouters' Social - details in Jan Co-ordinator.
- Jan 28-29 GSL's and Commissioner's Basic Training Course, Well End.
- Tue 31 Jan Group Executive Committee Members Special Meeting - N/Bury, at 20.00hrs - R.S.V.P. on Form on page 3.

E & O E.

VENTURE SCOUT 1984 EXPEDITION

The 1984 County Expedition is aimed at smaller Units or Units with Leader problems.

There will be places for 130, and Fusch has been chosen again because the facilities and area are known to be excellent.

Approx. cost will be as little as £165 all inclusive, for 16 days.

Colin Phillips, ADC(V) has all the details.

to prevent another 'hiccup'!

The 'H.S.G.' and the Scouts' Broadsheet have usually been issued with the Co-ordinator.

Unfortunately, this month they will not be delivered from the printers until next week!

So, to prevent this happening again I have got together with K.J. and adjusted the dates for collection so that all these things are issued together.

Therefore, please note the following dates, on which Co-ordinator, H.S.G. and the Broadsheet will simultaneously be available:-

Edition	Collect on:	Edition	Collect on:
Jan	5/1/84	Jul	28/6/84
Feb	26/1/84	Aug	2/8/84
Mar	1/3/84	Sep	30/8/84
Apr	29/3/84	Oct	27/9/84
May	26/4/84	Nov	1/11/84
Jun	31/5/84	Dec	29/11/84
		Jan '85	4/1/85

At
Merry Christmas
& A New
Happy Year
To all our
readers.