



CO-ORDINATOR

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

THE NEW SCOUT TRAINING PROGRAMME.. -- how the GANG SHOW can help! --

In the new Training Programme a boy has to perform some 'Entertainment' as part of the 'Cultural' section of his requirements for his Scout kward.

If the boy is a member of the cast of the Gang Show, and has satisfactorily carried out his requirements on-stage, then the District Examiner for music and Entertainment, John Baker, can recommend him to his Leader for part of or the whole of his requirements for the Scout Award Entertainment having been carried out.

So it will be well worth encouraging boys to join the Gang Show this year. How do they join and when do they first need to attend a rehearsal??? Read on!!!
Joining Forms attached to this issue of Co-ordinator.

SIGNING-ON AND FIRST REHEARSAL -- CUBS, SCOUTS, VENTURES & GUIDES --

Application to be in the 1985 Gang Show: Boys, Girls and Adults wanting to sign-on must be at 8L HQ, Sparhawke, Grange Estate, between 17.30 and 18.00hrs on Saturday 8th. June 1985, to be enrolled. This is followed by the first rehearsal from 18.00 to 19.30hrs, when the 'cast' will be given a run-through of the show and introduced to items in which they will take part.

The second rehearsal will be on Saturday 22nd. June, starting at 17.30 for Cubs, Scouts and Guides, finishing at 19.30hrs. Seniors, Ventures, Rangers and Leaders starting at 19.30hrs, finishing at 20.30hrs. After this rehearsal there will be a break until September - date to be given later.

It was unfortunate that the only dates on which we could book Plinston Hall for the Show are November 26th - 30th., as we should have liked half-term week. However, make a note of the dates, and get your bookings in earlier this year to

St. George's Parade Turnout--

Every Group in the District was represented at the 1985 St. George's Parade, together with both the Venture Units. Only one Troop was missing!

Leaders are to be complimented on the general smartness they got their boys to achieve. We saw only three boys wearing Jeans, in addition to a few who wore strangely coloured socks/trousers/trainer shoes.

All who formed the 'Flag Parties' did their part particularly well, and it was sad that they were kept waiting several minutes outside the Church, after the parade had marched in, while details were being attended to inside causing the service to be late in starting.

Compared with previous years the service seemed to be much longer, although during the address the speaker certainly held the boys' attention. And that's quite an accomplishment!

The Flags---the Guard of Honour---

The Flag Bearers and their Escorts carried out their drill extremely well outside the Church in forming the Guard of Honour through which the Parade marched into Church. Leaders, please thank your boys for doing well, and for looking 59 smart (except for the one who forgot his socks!).

Nearly all the Leaders who marched through the Guard of Honour remembered to salute as they passed through!

At the dismissal of the parade, at Knights Templar School, the District Commissioner said how pleased he was with the turnout, and he felt it was a good thing for the public, and the parents, to see so many of the youth of the district belonging to a movement aiming to train them to be good citizens.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS--

Mrs Leslie Lowe, Secretary of Norton Bury Management Committee, and Mr Andrew Lowe, Quartermaster, Norton Bury have moved to 52, Conway Drive; FLITWICK, Beds; MK45.1ST
Telephone: (0525) 716488.

News for Next Edition---

Copy for next Co-ordinator should reach John Baker by Sunday evening 2nd. June.

SUPER DANCE---

Congratulations to Ron Wilkes, who arranged a superbe Dinner and Dance for Leaders and friends last Saturday.... and managed to do it at £1 less than the original estimated price!

It was a shame that so many Leaders who were going to come had to opt out, because they missed a most enjoyable evening - a first class meal - a first class Band - and first class company

EXECUTIVE AND TEAM LEADERS' MEETINGS -- Items of Interest --

First, who's in the money? The 100 Club draws for March and April are:-

March:	No. 85	Mr Ken Hart.	£25	April:	No. 104	Mr C. Crombie	£25
	No. 10	Mrs S. F. Birch.	£10		No. 42	Mr R. Humphries	£10
	No. 32	Mr Ken Hart.	£5		No. 78	Let. S. Guides	£5
	No. 124	Mr Chris Morley	£5		No. 10	Mrs S. Birch	£5
	No. 24	Mr Cannell	£5		No. 32	Mr Ken Hart	£5

1. The Chief Scout's Award when gained by a Scout, represents quite an achievement by the boy who has earned it, and to mark the occasion at Group Level it is suggested that Groups consider laying on something special for the boy(s) concerned.

This could be in the form of a Special Evening Meeting, to which invitations are given to Scouts, Parents and Cubs and Cub Leaders. The Scout Leaders could possibly highlight any specific unique achievement of the boy(s) concerned.

Maybe some Groups do this already, but for those who don't it is considered something worth-while thinking about.

2. Consideration is being given to having an "Annual Presentation of Awards" in the District. No definite plans have yet been made; it was felt that it might need two 'Presentation Functions' per year, say on October and April.

It was also suggested that a Special District Meeting could be held for the presentation of Cubs' Gold Arrow Certificates.

More details will be given after consultation with Leaders.

3. (a) Norton Bury Heating System:- Problems which caused a breakdown of the heating system have now been resolved, and the repaired system is now working again.
(b) Norton Bury Climbing Wall: Unforeseen complications have occurred which have caused the erection of the Climbing Wall to be somewhat delayed. However, it is hoped to have it erected and usable before the end of the summer.

4. The Venture Scouts: It was reported that both Venture Units took part in the Peak Assault 985, entering several teams, and as will be seen in HSG they achieved very good results. Looking to the future, 1986 could well see a crop of high positions for our Venture Scouts.
They took part in what is a very diddicult competition - they did their best and did us and themselves proud. Well done.

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DISTRICT NEWS (CONT'D)

5. Warrants' Committees: Warrant Committee Meetings will be held monthly, but when necessary extra meetings can be held and will be advised when arranged.
- The dates of forthcoming meetings are as follows:-
- 14 May. 11 June. 9 July. 13 August. 10 September. 8 October.
12 November. 10 December.
6. Financial Help from L. G. C. Corporation: All requests for, and negotiations on financial help from the Corporation MUST go through the District Commissioner, and under no circumstances must Groups go direct to the Corporation.
7. Day Hospital Donations: The Executive Treasurer has now received nearly all the donations promised from Groups for the Day Hospital, the total received now stands at £816.29. A date will be decided at the next G. S. L's meeting for the presentation, at which a Cub, a Scout and a Leader from each Group will be invited to make the presentation. More details soon.
8. It was reported that the recent P.L's Training Course, run by the Leaders, had been very successful. There was a very nice atmosphere on the course.

CANOE RACE RESULTS---

The Annual Canoe Races for Scouts were held on the River Ouse at Cardington Lock on Sunday 14th. April.

There were 75 entries for 7 races, which were of 2.6 and 4.0 miles.

Members of the Viking Kayak Club of the Beds Canoe Ass'n participated by invitation.

The B.C.A. offered to supply medals at a tremendous discount, so Gold, Bronze & Silver Medals were awarded certificates were presented to everyone who took part. Spectators were able to follow the progress of the canoeists, on foot, visually, all round the course.

Mr Roger Ward, of Walker & Hawkes, (Builders) presented the awards. He had previously donated the Trophy to the District, and this year made a donation towards the expenses.

The Walker & Hawkes Scout Team Trophy was won by 11L, with 1/3L runners up.

Individual results in next col.

BRONZE MEDALS: U 20yrs: Simon Goodwin
CHVSU.

Open: Jehm Tomkins 11L.

GOLD MEDALS:-

U 12yrs: Jonathan Norris	Vikings
Liam Crowther	1/3L
U 13 yrs Richard Drew	12L
Michelle Castle	Vikings
U 14yrs: Chris Bates	11L
Sharon Bradley	Vikings
U 15yrs: Colin Tomkins	11L
James Clarke	Vikings
U 16yrs: Ian Ellmers	1/3L
Sara Castle	Vikings
U 20yrs: Patrick Tomkins	11L
Open: Peter Rados	1B

SILVER MEDALS:-

U 12yrs: Paul Drayton	11L
U 13yrsr Ian Stone	5L
U 14yrs: Niall McCallion	11L
U 15yrs: Mark Taylor	8L
U 16yrs: Fraser Bransby	4L
U 20yrs: Sean Sullivan	CHVSU
Open: Terry Sykes	Vikings.

BRONZE MEDALS:-

U 12yrs: Peter Dennehy	1/3L
U 13yrs: Keith Wilson	1/3L
U 14yrs: Darren Dixon	12L
U 15yrs: Carl Speltinckz	8L
U 16yrs: Jason Urban	1B

APPLICATION FORMS FOR JOINING

(a) CANOE COURSE (b) GANG SHOW.

MORE FORMS AVAILABLE, IF NEEDED, FROM JOHN BAKER.

CANOE COURSES 1985

NAME & TROOP.....

HOME ADDRESS & TEL. NO.....

COURSE

REQUIRED

A1.....B1.....)

A2.....B2.....)

A3.....B3.....)

A4.....B4.....)

NUMBER IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE.

RIVER TRAINING & TEST WEEKEND REQUIRED.

WE 1.....

WE 2.....

WE 3.....

SIGNATURE.....

Parent or Guardian.

SEND TO: DAVID LIDDTE (DISTRICT CANOE ADVISOR) 53 THE CRESCENT, IETCHWORTH.

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If accepted, I undertake to attend all necessary rehearsals.

I am aware that the Show will be at Plinston Hall during the last week in November.

NAME (block letters): _____ COMPANY/UNIT: _____

ADDRESS: _____ PHONE NO: _____

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