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

## SUCCESSES IN EURO-NAVIGATION

-- venture scouts & fellowship teams do well --

In West Germany last week-end, 25, 26 and 27 October, seventy-three teams from Hertfordshire competed in the "Herts Euro-navigation Competition".

Eight coach loads, totalling over 400 people, travelled to Bai Lippspringe near Paderborn - only 50 miles from the Russian border.

Amongst these were two Venture Scout Teams and one Fellowship Team from this District.

The competition itself comprised really grueling orienteering courses through wild, hilly Pine Forest Country. A short course over 15 miles was completed on the Friday. On this there were 4 check points.

The long course on the Saturday was over 30 miles, with 13 check points, the last one being at the foot of a deep quarry.

Ropes were needed here for competitors to abseil down to get their marker cards punched at the marker post.

### Beech Springs VSU Triumph - - -

Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit did exceptionally well; completing all check points in 10hrs 23 min 42 seconds, with the result that they came 6th overall and 2nd in the Venture Scout section; the Scout Fellowship Team came in 15th overall, completing 16 check points in 9hrs 52 min 57 seconds. Champion Hills VSU completed 15 check points in 11hrs 12 min 21 seconds and were placed 31st overall.

The teams were:- Beech Springs VSU.      Champion Hills VSU.      Fellowship.

|                     |                       |                  |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Nick Green (Leader) | Kevin Leadly (Leader) | Andrew Brett     |
| Lee Varley          | Graham Driver         | Julian MacDonald |
| Simon Nimmo         | Tony Marsh            | Andrew Noble     |
| Simon Atkinson      | Alan Barton           | Stev Olley       |

Congratulations to all who entered for their excellent performances.

*Thank you, Colin Phillips, for the above information.*

# We're Sorry We Couldn't

We are very sorry that Co-ordinator is not keeping you completely up to date

# Tell You!---

with news about all the scouting activities which occur in this District, such as the results of The Tippet Trophy etc.

Information regarding many events and competition results is simply not being passed on to Co-ordinator and therefore we can't print it!

Looking back at past copies of Co-ordinator it is surprising how many times requests have been made for news to be passed on to the Editor for inclusion in the next issue. Could it be that those with news don't read their co-ordinator? Or do they think we have a Crystal Ball?!!

This month we are grateful to Colin Phillips, who to-day submitted the information overleaf in the absence of any report from either the Fellowship or the Venture Units. Also to our regular correspondent, Dave Liddle, for the Canoeing news.

## AN INVITATION FROM BEECH SPRINGS

"We at Beech Springs V. S. U. will be holding our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 7th. November 1985 at 8.00pm for 8.30pm at Guide HQ, Meeting House Lane, Baldock.

We cordially invite all Scouters and Guiders to join us.

The evening will include a short presentation of our Summer expedition in the French Alps"

*G.D. Driver*

Graham Driver, Secretary,  
B.S.V.S.U.

## GET YOUR NEWS IN ---!

News for the DECEMBER CO-ORDINATOR should reach the Editor, John Baker at 47 Highfield on, or before, Sunday 24th. November.

Please call at the Scout Shop on Thursday 28th. November for your copies. (That is GSL's OR their appointed Co-ordinator picker-upper.)

## Laurie's Teddys---

Fellowship Chairman, Laurie Cook, has a number of Teddy Bears left over from one of the Fellowship activities, and is kindly offering one to any Group, to assist them in a raffle or any other fund raising activity they may have in hand.

Anyone wishing to take up this offer should contact Laurie on Letchworth 674046. First come, first served!

## GANG SHOW SEATS.

Bookings are going well for the Gang Show '85, which will be presented at Plinston Hall, Letchworth, on the Tuesday to Saturday of the last week in November.

Of all the booking forms included in the last edition of Co-ordinator only one has so far been returned!

So, get in now for your ticket - all seats for the Tuesday show have been sold, and no more raised seats are available for the Saturday. If you've missed out - bad luck, you should have booked earlier!

# CANOE TRAINING COURSE RESULTS...

Canoeing Training Courses, given at Letchworth and other venues, have been followed by a series of 'Test Sessions' during the past two months.

The results are quite good and a full list is given below.

Dave Liddle, County Scout Canoe Adviser, would like to congratulate those who were successful, and offers his commiserations to those who were unable to reach the required standard. He hopes everyone will continue in the sport and enjoy themselves.

## Awards:- B.C.U. One Star Test:

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Mark and Philip Horton         | 1B         |
| Martin Francis                 | 2B         |
| Neil Wright, Jamie Noel,       | )          |
| Diccon Burr and Timothy Betz   | ) 5L       |
| Ian Osborne & Marcus Collins   | 8L         |
| Andrew & Mark Armstrong        | )          |
| Mark Elvin, Stephen Hall       | )          |
| Gareth Thomas, Magnus Gregory  | ) 11L      |
| Paul Light, John Elvin         | )          |
| Fergus Maxwell & J. Grainger   | )          |
| Andrew Williams                | )          |
| Jonathon Lay                   | ) 12L      |
| Kevin Leadley                  | )          |
| Neil Martin                    | ) CHVSU.   |
| Karen Lee                      | Guide.     |
| Noel Geaney (Leader)           | 4L         |
| And from outside the District: |            |
| Michael Surbey                 | 2 Hitchin  |
| Stephen Moss                   | 3 Hitchin  |
| Boyd & Guy Seddon              | 1 Stotfold |

## B.C.U. Two Star Test:

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Mark Taylor            | 8L            |
| Richard Drew           | 12L           |
| Dean Parr              | BSVSU         |
| Nick Osborne           | Ickleford VSU |
| Philip Carter (Leader) | 1 Hatfield    |
| Jonathon Steward       | ATC           |
| Simon Burgess          | ATC           |

## B.C.U. Three Star Test:

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Adam Humphreys. | 8L    |
| Chris Bates     | )     |
| Niall McCallion | ) 11L |
| Jason Wood      | )     |

## B.C.U. Inland Proficiency Badge

|                     |      |
|---------------------|------|
| Ian Ellmers         | 1/3L |
| Jon Patterson (Ldr) | 1/3L |
| Niall McCallion     | 11L  |
| Jason Wood          | 11L  |

## Canoe Dates --

The first Sunday in each month at Stanborough Lakes - contact Dave Liddle on Letchworth 682798 for details.

16 Nov: County Scouts' Canoe Polo.

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Details of Dist. Canoe Races and a day visit to Canoe Exhibition at Crystal Palace in next edition of Co-ordinator.

## GANG SHOW REHEARSALS.

As time draws nearer to the Show we are finding it increasingly difficult at rehearsals because a number of your boys are not attending regularly.

Will you have a word with them and stress the importance of being at all rehearsals from now until the show takes place. Thank you.