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

ONWARD INTO 1986 - - -

Once again we are at the start of a new year in which plans have already been made to make it an exciting and beneficial year for our Scouts and Cubs.

The success we achieve from our planned activities will naturally be proportional to the quality of our leadership. Being a good leader involves the carrying out of a lot of hard work and doing a lot of planning, and its reward comes in the enjoyment and satisfaction of knowing that all the work and planning is helping some youngsters to take a useful, constructive and sober place in society.

Baden-Powell wrote, in his book 'B.-P.'s OUTLOOK': "As a Leader working among your boys you are watched by each of them, and imitated unconsciously by them, and probably unobserved by yourself....What a Leader preaches - the ideals and aims of scouting - he must himself practise, thereby giving personal example to his team....."

Our programme of activities and meetings for the year for the District is below; additions and amendments will be published in Co-ordinator as they occur, other camps and group activities are not included.

Month	Dist. Exec.; Meetings	Scout Leaders' Meetings	CSL's Meetings	Dist Team Meetings	Competitions etc.
January			Tues 6th	Tues 21st	<u>N/Bury</u> Spring
February	Weds 5th	Weds 12th		Tues 18th	Cleaning, Mon 27th to
March			Mon 3rd	Tues 18th	Fri 14th Feb.
April.	Weds 2nd	Weds 9th		Tues 15th	<u>PL's</u> Training Course 11th-13th
May			Mon 12th	Tues 20th	Cubs' 1st Aid Sat 10th
June	Weds 4th.	Weds 11th		Tues 17th	<u>Cubs</u> Camp 13-15 <u>Scouts</u> Jam-boree Camp 20-22nd
July			Mon 7th	Tues 15th	<u>Cubs</u> Athletic Sports Sun 13th <u>Scouts</u> Icknield Shield 5-6th.

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September	Weds 3rd	Weds 10th	Mon 8th	Tues 16th	
October		Weds 8th (N/jar)		Tues 21st	<u>Scouts'</u> Operation Night-jar 18-19th
November	Weds 5th	Weds 12th	Mon 3rd	Tues 18th	<u>Cubs'</u> Nancy Baker Quiz Trophy Fri 21st
December				Tues 16th	<u>Swimming Gala</u> Sat 1st.

Arts & Crafts Music Festival: Highfield School Saturday 19th. April- time TBA.

In addition to the events above the Scouts' B. P. Cup Competition will be held on Sunday 12th February, and the Scouts' Whalebone Trophy on Sat/Sun 15-16th March, 1986.

MRS "HARRY" SENDS THANKS - - -

Saturday 21st December 1985.

To-day I received a letter from Letchworth Hospital acknowledging the donations made in memory of Harry.

The donations totalled £135 (the majority of which came from Scouting friends); the hospital propose using this money to add to previous donations received and purchase a "Kings Fund" bed, which can be raised suite high for nursing and lowered quite low for patients being rehabilitated and will therefore benefit both nurses and patients.

Harry would have been delighted at that and so I express my heartfelt thanks to all who made donations;.

I would also like to thank everybody who visited Harry in hospital, and for cards and gifts sent to him; for offers of transport and help to Tracy and myself, for floral tributes, letters, cards and messages of sympathy, and to the great number of you who made the journey to Ashwell, your support counted a lot.

God bless you all and may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy new year.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Frankland

CALLING ALL HANDY-MEN (& WOMEN) AND SCOUTS ---ETC---

- - annual 'spring' cleaning - - -

Spring Cleaning at Norton Bury this year is from Monday January 27th. to Friday 14th. February, and besides general cleaning and repairs we are concentrating on the Halls and Stairways with the hope that all will be finished by 14th February!

Andrew Lowe is the Q.M. and is doing the arrangements and we need as many people to help as possible.

Will YOU lend a hand?

Please contact Andrew on 0525-716488, which is a LOCAL call from Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell, if you can spare a few hours.

Well Done Gwen - - -

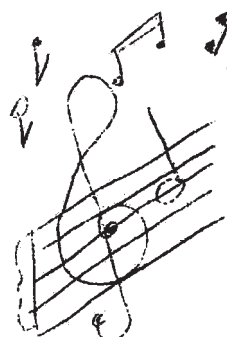
CSL Gwen Pack of Ashwell has successfully completed her Advanced Leader Training and was presented with her Wood Badge at a ceremony at Ashwell before Christmas.

Congratulations, Gwen, on becoming a fully fledged member of 1st. Gilwell.

Congratulations, also, to Paula McDiermid who was awarded a Warrant as an ACSL at the same ceremony.

GANG SHOW CAST PARTY - -

This will be held on Saturday 18th January at 5L HQ, Spring Rd, Letchworth, starting at 19.00hrs and finishing at 22.30hrs.



ARTS & CRAFTS - ENTERTAINMENT AND MUSIC FESTIVAL - - -

Saturday 19th April at Highfield School--

This year the Arts and Crafts Exhibition and the Music Festival have separated,
the Music & Entertainment will take place on Saturday 19th. April at Highfield
School and the Arts & Crafts Exhibition Competition will take place in April 1987.

It is hoped that these two events will then continue on alternate years.

The Details and classes for this year are as follows:-

ME1:	Pianoforte Solo)	
ME2:	Solo Singing with an accompaniment.)	
NE3:	Violin Solo with accompaniment,)	Unlimited number
	excludes Guitars.)	of entries per
ME4:	Guitar Solo.)	Troop and Pack
ME5:	Brass or Silver instrument solo.)	
ME6:	'Wood' Wind Solo.)	
ME7:	Vocal Duet, in harmony.)	
ME8:	Recitation: under 11yrs:- 'You are old, Father William' from Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland..		
	11 to 16yrs:- 'The Blind Men and the Elephant! by Thomas Dekker.		
	Entries limited to 3 per Troop and Pack.		
M59:	Solo Recorder - entries limit: 2 per Troop and Pack.		
ME10:	Puppet Show.)	
ME11:	Choir Singing (min 8 boys, properly rehearsed)	Entries
	choral items.))	Limited
ME12:	Popular Chorus Singing (min 6 boys.))	to one
ME13:	'Barber Shop' Quartette Singing: 'My Grandfather's Clock',)	per Troop
	or 'Blue Ridge Mountains'.)	and Pack.
ME14:	Any other Musical or Stage Entertainment not listed in the above classes - but please ring Letchworth 684782 before submitting entry form.		

RULES OF MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FESTIVAL

1. Entries, on official entry form, must be received by Easter Monday, 31st March, to John Baker, 47, Highfield, Letchworth, SG6 3PY.
2. No item entered in previous competitions will be allowed.

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MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FESTIVAL RULES CONT'D

3. A prompter must be provided for recitations.
4. Type of entry to be shown on entry form, eg: 'Vocal Solo' 'Cornet' 'Piano Solo' etc.
5. Items should have a minimum of 2 minutes presentation time, and a maximum of 4 mins, except Recitations and 'Barber Shop' Quartette; Recorders maximum time 2 mins.
6. All Music to be provided by the competitors.
7. John Baker will accompany where required. Rehearsals by arrangement.
8. A Public Address System will be available for playing Records or Tapes.
9. If insufficient entries are received for any class, or for the whole competition, entries may be transferred to another class, or a class cancelled, or the whole competition cancelled.
10. No adults allowed on stage during Scout's or Cub's performances.
11. Age Groups: Section 'C': Cubs, invested, up to the age of 11 years.
Section 'S': Scouts up to the age of 13½ years.
Section 'SS': Scouts from 13½ up to the age of 16 years.
Section 'A': Scouts over 16 and Leaders.
12. Where sufficient entries are received in any class, points will be awarded as follows:-
1st: 4 points. 2nd: 3 points. 3rd: 2 points. If any entrants are 'highly commended': 1 point.
Note: If less than 3 entries in a class, the adjudicator may award 'Highly Commended' in lieu of a 1st. 2nd. or 3rd. if he considers this justified.-
13. Trophies as listed below will be awarded.
14. All entrants to be in proper Uniform - no Jeans! - except where the item performed requires being dressed in costume, eg: 'Barbers Shop Quartette', etc.
15. Details of times for performances will be worked out when, all entries are received. Please, make sure your entries are sent in in time!! Leaders, or their entrants, should telephone John Baker on Letchworth 684782 on or after Wednesday 9th. April for details. It is hoped that programmes will be available for collection from 47 Highfield on or after Thursday 10th. April..
16. An independent Adjudicator will be appointed whose decision on performances will be final. Other decisions will be the responsibility of the organiser.

MUSIC FESTIVAL AWARDS - - -

THE ADLAM TROPHY: To be awarded to the Cub Pack which produces the 'most entertaining' item, as judged by the Adjudicator.

THE NORTON TROPHY: To be awarded to the Scout Troop which produces the 'most entertaining' item, as judged by the adjudicator.

THE BAKER TROPHY: To be awarded to the individual Scout or Cub who displays the highest degree of musical skill, gives good entertainment value, and shows the most potential in the opinion of the adjudicator.

THE COGAR TROPHY: To be awarded to the Troop or Pack gaining the most overall points in the competition.

COME AND SUPPORT THE FESTIVAL - - -

It is hoped that the majority of the Music Festival will be able to take place during the afternoon on Saturday 19th. April. If more than sufficient items are entered for the afternoon performances a few may have to be held in the morning.

LEADERS' HELP WILL ENSURE SUCCESS - -

Troop Leaders and Pack Leaders can help to make this year's Festival a success by encouraging their boys to enter, and by helping them to produce entries for the 'Barbers Shop Quartette', Popular Chorus Singing, Recitations, etc., and having an elimination heat in the Troop or Pack to decide the best of each to enter into the competition.

Without the help of Troop and Pack Leaders, and the encouragement they give their boys, these events we organise on their behalf can never be successful.

So, thank you in advance for the support you will be giving us for this Festival.

ENTRY FORMS - - -

A couple of entry forms are printed overleaf, if you need more and can't photo-copy these please get in touch with me and I will let you have some more. Thank you.

CUBS FIRST AID COURSE - - -

As shown on page 1, the Cubs' First Aid Competition is to be held on Saturday 10th May.

In preparation for this six 1-hour training sessions have been arranged for the boys competing, and these will be held at 8L HQ starting at 18.30hrs on Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th. March and 7th, and 14th. April.

CSLs - FILL IN THE FORM OVERLEAF - - -

Please submit, to Gwen Pack, the NAMES of your boys who you are sending on this course. A form for this purpose is on the reverse side of this notification.

Be A "Good Fellow" - - - join the Fun of The Fellowship - - -

...If you are over 16 years of age and would like to join an organisation which provides an exciting programme of activities, and in addition helps and supports Scouting activities then The Scout Fellowship is the very thing.

Get in now, while there are vacancies! And to make things easy for you there is a joining form printed on the reverse side of this information. Fill it in NOW and get the benefit of being fellow Fellowship Member.

ENTRY FORM for MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT FESTIVAL 1986.

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NO: _____ TROOP/PACK: _____ DATE of BIRTH: _____
(If 16 or under.)ENTRY FOR: _____
(State title of class)

Send this entry to Mr J. F. Baker, 47, Highfield, LETCHWORTH, SG6 3PY, via your Troop/Pack Leader, or direct, to reach Mr Baker before Easter Monday 31st. March.

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CUBS' FIRST AID COURSE 1986.

To: Mrs Gwen Pack, 55, Station Road, Ashwell.

Please note that the following Cubs will be attending the 1st. Aid Course 3rd. March to 14th. April, at 8L HQ 18.30hrs.

1: _____ 2: _____

3: _____ 4: _____

Signed: _____ (Leader) Reserve: _____

Pack: _____ Telephone No: _____

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP.

-(Please cross out the lines that do not apply.)

- (a) -I wish to be a FULL MEMBER of the District Scout Fellowship for the year ending 31st October 1986, making the Scout Promise (or renewing) and having the right to wear uniform.
- (b) -I wish to be an ASSOCT TE MEMBER of the District Scout Fellowship, 1985/86.
- (c) -I enclose £1.50 membership fee for the year 1985-1986.
- (d) -I enclose £2.50 membership fee for the year 1985-1986 for husband & wife.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ POST CODE: _____ TEL: _____

Please return Form and Fee to Treasurer: Mrs S. Bridge, 159 Baldock Ed, Letchworth.