



CO-ORDINATOR

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CANOE SECTION

CANOE COURSES

FOR SCOUTS, LEADERS, INSTRUCTORS ETC.

AT LETCHWORTH OUTDOOR POOL AND THE GREAT OUSE RIVER.

THREE TYPES OF COURSE WILL BE RUN AS FOLLOWS

ADVANCED - aimed at those who wish to develop their techniques to a higher degree. This consists of two sessions of two hours each, and the fee is £5. BRING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT IF POSSIBLE.

COURSE A - designed for beginners, dealing with elementary skills and leading to the British Canoe Union (BCU) One Star Award, which is the requirement for the Elementary Canoeist Scout proficiency badge. The fee is £7.50.

COURSE B - for those with, or capable of, ECU One Star. This consists of more advanced skills and rescue techniques, up to the ECU Two Star. The fee is £7.50.

COURSES A AND B will consist of three pool sessions of about 50 minutes each, held on Monday evenings, plus a river training session and a river test session on the Great Ouse. These river sessions will be held over a weekend, and the tests will be conducted by Instructors or Senior Instructors of the British Canoe Union.

A and B fees include use of equipment, pool fees, badges and certificates (if candidates are successful). Fees do not include transport to or from any of the sessions.

THE COURSE DATES AND TIMES ARE:

Pool sessions on Monday evenings from 7 to 9 pm

ADVANCED 12 and 19 MAY

A1 and E1 2, 9 and 16 JUNE

A2 and B2 23 and 30 JUNE and 7 JULY

A3 and B3 4, 11 and 18 AUGUST

River training and test sessions: dates and locations to be advised.

Candidates should return the form below with the appropriate fee, indicating the type of course and date (in order of preference), as soon as possible, to

DAVID LIDDLE (District Canoe Adviser), 53 THE CRESCENT, LETCHWORTH SG6 1SU
(phone 682798).

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NAME IN CAPITALS _____ TROOP _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

COURSE REQUIRED

ADVANCED _____

A1 _____ B1 _____

A2 _____ B2 _____

A3 _____ B3 _____

Please number in your
order of preference

Cheques payable to
ELEVENTH LETCHWORTH
SCOUTS ACTIVITY SECTION.

SIGNATURE _____

Parent/ Guardian

Your District Scout Fellowship

Your District Scout fellowship is the official adult support organization for the movement in Letchworth and Baldock. It is open to all men and women over 18, especially those who feel they would like to do something to help Scouting, but really haven't the time to take on any regular commitment.

Mind you, regularly committed people are just as welcome to join the Fellowship if they have a mind to, and to come along to the purely social events on the programme, even if it's only just to get away from the Scouts or Cubs for once!

One such occasion is on SATURDAY 17 MAY, when Fellows and friends are invited to the Royal Horticultural Society's world famous show gardens at Wisley in Surrey. Coach from Letchworth and admission to the gardens cost only £5. You may care to bring a picnic or to patronize the very good restaurant at Wisley. Have a very quick word with Fellowship Chairman Laurie Cook, 22 Hillshott, Letchworth (674046).

Other friends with gardening interests should note SATURDAY 24 MAY, when your District Scout Fellowship has its own stall in Letchworth's Commerce Way, to sell a wide selection of high quality vegetable and flower plants, from 8.30 till 12, or until sold out. Hurry along and make your selection! All profits are going to the District Jamboree Fund.

On a purely social side (but with an element of education about it, so that you don't enjoy yourselves too much) the District Scout Fellowship has two joint outings with its Biggleswade counterpart on TUESDAY 27 MAY, we meet in Biggleswade Market Square at 7 pm for a mystery ramble around some of the secret delights of deepest Bedfordshire. And again on TUESDAY 22 JULY, Biggleswade DSF are our hosts for a conducted tour of the historic sites connected with the Great Fire of Biggleswade. Please let Chairman Laurie know numbers if you intend to join this evening.

For joining the Fellowship properly and getting the full detailed programme, it only costs £1.50 a year (or £2.50 for a husband and wife team).

Get your membership form from Chairman Laurie, or Secretary Ken Johnson, or any of the Fellowship committee. No previous Scouting experience is necessary. Uniform may be worn if you opt to become a full member; associate members do not have this privilege.

Congratulations

to Senior Patrol Leader PETER THOROGOOD (4L) and Assistant PL NIALL McCALLION on qualifying for the Chief Scout's Award.

Their names will appear on the County honours list in the June edition of the Hertfordshire Scouts Broadsheet, along with those of a number of Cub Scouts who have recently gained the Gold Arrow.

We only know this because CO-ORDINATOR is temporarily stabled alongside HSG and Broadsheet's production department. After this month, we trust that the new District editor will make himself or herself known to you. Meanwhile, any other items for the June CO-ORDINATOR may be parked at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth, ready for handing over to our successor next month.

MORE CANOEING !

BY DAVE LIDDLE

The 1986 District canoe races were held again at Cardington Lock on Sunday 20 April. A wet and blustery morning, followed by a few intervals of sunshine, was the background for a series of exciting races by the Scouts.

The planned course was considered too dangerous, and a circuit on the main river was used instead which still enabled the parents and supporters to follow progress from the footpaths.

The Walker & Hawkes Canoe Trophy was won by 11L; followed by 8L, 4L and 1B. Individual results were.

- Under 13 IAN SPELTINCKX, 8L
ANDREW ARMSTRONG, 11L
FERGUS MAXWELL, 11L
- Under 14 PHILIP SCOOT, 11L
PAUL LIGHT, 11L
MARK HENSLER, 4L
- Under 15 CHRIS BATES, 11L
IAN OSBORNE, 8L
NIALL McCALLION, 11L
- Under 16 MARK TAYLOR, 8L
COLIN TOMKINS, 11L
ADAM HUMPHREYS, 8L

The open race produced a first and second for 94 Bedford VSU, with Chris Bates third. All the above received medals, and all competitors received a race certificate.

Thanks to Leaders and parents for their help, and congratulations to all competitors on their efforts.

A REMINDER: It is the responsibility of the GSL or Leader in charge of each canoeing activity to ensure that any canoe (group or privately owned) used on Scout activities is EXAMINED AND REGISTERED EACH YEAR, by arrangement with the District Canoe Examiner. Use of non-registered canoes renders Scout Insurance Policies invalid.