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NOW IT CAN BE TOLD!

The news is out at last! Our new Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts is to be Anne Lilley. Anne is well-known to the Cub section, having started in the district as Assistant Cub Scout Leader with 4th Letchworth eighteen years ago. When the 4th started a second pack, Anne became CSL of the Cavaliers, and later started the district's first ethnic group at 11th Letchworth, where she was CSL and acting Group Scout Leader. She holds the Wood Badge and the Long Service Award. Anne's aim is to have everyone in the Cub section pulling together for the good of the boys.

From the DC

We are looking for new blood - to be precise, for new Scouters, and the best way to find them is of course through personal contact. Anyone who knows of anyone with any previous Scouting convictions (in the best sense!) or connections, or anyone who has expressed an interest, please let me know.

My thanks to the Fellowship, whose ADC offered (in a rash moment) to run the Swimming Gala in the autumn. Your offer is gratefully accepted, even if you haven't heard about it yet!

We were grateful to Colin Limming (County Administrator for GSL and Commissioner training) for coming to speak to the GSL's meeting last month, to explain the requirements of the new programme. If you can't find your GSL over the next few months, he's quite likely to be doing his Wood Badge somewhere on the quiet, as he has to complete his training within two years of accepting a warrant.

Speaking of warrants, would all Scouters please check that their warrants are in date. If they are not, please let me, or District Secretary Bob Williams, have them as soon as possible for renewal.

Fred Cogar.



"Akela, I thought you told us Baden-Powell was dead!"

The spirit of B-P was very much alive at the Cubs' Rainbow Camp at Nortonbury over the weekend 13-15th June, and the lad who made that remark was not the only one who took a good deal of convincing that he wasn't there in person, as the sprightly old (sorry Fred!) General signed a very creditable R. S. Baden-Powell on 180 passports.

Nearly 200 boys from 11 of the 12 packs in the district in camp, and all smiling, a great programme, good organisation and marvellous weather - what more could one ask?

Each pack portrayed a different country, reflected in all their competition work over the weekend, and the effort that went into the various displays, chariots, collages and menus had to be seen to be believed. The high standards achieved were demonstrated by the spread of the results right across the district.

In amongst it all, boys were invested, warrants were presented, a special Jamboree song was learned and then sung at Camp Fire, and everything stopped for Cubs' Own. Boys explored police cars and fire engines with enthusiasm, and food was prepared, eaten and cleared away continuously.

There were visitors too - apart from Fred's grandchild and Ken's mum that is! On Saturday it was very moving to talk to John Gentle, 80 next birthday, and one of Hitchin's original Wolf Cubs. Apart from two years 'in foreign parts' at Peterborough, all his Scouting was done in Hitchin, until he finally retired officially in 1972, and he hasn't stopped since. His Cub Master is still alive too, so Scouting really does keep you young!

On Sunday we were visited by the Assistant County Commissioner (Cub Scout) Bridget Hunter, who had the unenviable task of judging the competitions. Having tasted every item on all the menus, Bridget told the boys that they had produced the highest standard she had ever seen in Cub cooking.

Results over the weekend were as follows:

Best display and arch	1/3L
Best chariot and collage	1B
Chariot race winners	5L
Cooking competition	8L (D)
Overall winners	Ashwell.

When it comes to 'thank you's', the list is a long one - Chris and John Moys for the tuckshop, and Jeff, the duty warden, in particular. I don't think anyone would deny though, that Hannah and Ken thoroughly deserved their special balloons.

Before she left, the ACC said that there was a great deal to be taken home from this camp. She hoped that the memories, the friendship, the spirit and the brotherhood would be taken home, cherished, kept alive and made to grow. She also particularly congratulated Hannah and Ken and their team on a splendidly organised weekend.

Footnote from the Resident Camp Warden:

Regretfully some groups neglected to observe the cardinal rule to leave nothing behind but their thanks. Some bags of rubbish were left on site, rather than taken away to be disposed of.

Dates for the diary

JULY	5th/6th	Icknield Shield Competition.
	6th	Streaker Trophy.
	7th	District CSL's meeting, Nortonbury - 7.30 pm.
	14th	District GSL's meeting, Nortonbury - 8.15 pm.
	15th	County AGM, County Hall - 7.30 pm.
	17th	District Executive meeting, Nortonbury - 8.00 pm.
	19th/20th	Beech Springs World Hockey Record Challenge.
	23rd	District Team meeting, Noitonbury - 8.00 pm.
AUGUST	1st/14th -	DC AWAY, PHONE COLIN PHILLIPS IF YOU'RE
SEPTEMBER	1st/7th	DESPERATE - 671705.
	3rd	District Executive meeting, Nortonbury - 8.00 pm.
	8th	District CSLs meeting, Nortonbury - 7.30 pm.
	10th	District SLs meeting, Nortonbury.
	15th	Cyclocross.



BSVSU

Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit are making an attempt to beat the non-stop hockey world record. This official challenge, for an entry in the Guinness Book of Records, will take place at BALDOCK FOOTBALL CLUB, and will start at 7.00 AM(!) on SATURDAY, 19TH JULY.

Drop in and cheer them on sometime on Saturday or Sunday.

Fellowship

The District were represented at the National Fellùwnship Camp at Gilwell Park on 15th/16th June, which this year had a mediaeval theme. Among the 500 folk attending were Roger Carley, Laurie Cook and Sheila and Ken Bridge. They ran a very successful coffee and cake stall, and made many new friends. According to Roger, they brought back lots of ideas for the future.

WARRANTS PRESENTED IN THE LAST MONTH

Alison Wilson	DCSL (Training)
Andrea Kaciniel	ACSL (2B)
Helen Wilson	ACSL (4M)
Janet Hicks	ACSL (7L)
Terry Hutton	AGSL (12L)
Claire Goodwin	CSL (8LA)
Elizabeth McIntyre-Brown	Beaver Leader (4L)
Elizabeth Robinson	AVSL (Beech Springs VSU).

Would Cub Scout Leaders and Scout Leaders please note that, from now onwards, all GOLD ARROWS and CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARDS should be notified to the ADC(CS) and ADC(S) respectively. They will then be passed to County, and to Ken for the Broadsheet, and to Lorraine for Co-ordinator.

Riley writes ...

Finding myself in the Editor's chair, filled so ably for so long by Ken Johnson (thanks for the good wishes, Ken!) and John Baker, one thing stands out a mile - I can't compete! So, for a trial period, your Executive Committee has agreed to try a new-look Co-ordinator. Tell us what you think of it.

We hope that there will be something for everyone, and that you will find it of interest to your group committee, your parents, yourselves, and yes, even your boys. Who knows, you may even miss it if it doesn't appear, and chase up whoever delivers it to you!

We also hope that you will take the trouble to tell us what you think. Don't just mutter, pick up the 'phone and browbeat the Editor. This is YOUR newsletter, USE IT! I'm not sitting typing this for fun; if it isn't what you want or need, then we need to know. Send us your news, views, dates, pats on the back or beefs; we'll be glad to have them all.

GETTING YOUR NEWS TO THE EDITOR BY THE 25TH OF THE MONTH WILL ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT WILL HAVE IT BY THE FIRST WEEK OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH (EXCEPT IN AUGUST).

'Communication' is an in-word these days; folk are very good at talking about it, but not terribly good at doing it. We all know that nothing happens because we aren't told, we didn't know, or nobody was interested, but communication has to be two-way to be successful. When did YOU last ask for information? Have you told anyone what your group did last month?

Thinking about communication, the other day I wrote down fifteen words beginning with com-, and then began to wonder how many applied to my Scouting. It's a somewhat uncomfortable exercise, but, in case you'd like to try it, here are the words:-

competent	complacent	cormpassionate
complicated	comprehensive	committed
combative	commercial	comfortable
communal	comatose	communicative
companionable	commendable	comical

Thanks to Beech Springs VSU for their current Newsletter. If any other group produces its own publication, I'd be very pleased if you would send me one.

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