



CO-ORDINATOR

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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL.

Free to Leaders and Group Officers: fl.20 annually to others.



The Queen's Scout Award

ALISON WENZ
of Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit
has earned the highest award in
the scout training programme.
She will receive her award from
the County Commissioner at the
Unit's dinner on 9th January.

MERRY

FRED, TOGETHER WITH THE DISTRICT TEAM AND THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE, WISHES
YOU ALL A HAPPY CHRISTMAS, AND GOOD SCOUTING IN 1987.

CHRISTMAS

CAROLS FOR ALL

WHERE? Tesco car park, Baldock.

WHEN? 16th December.

AT? 7.00 pm, to finish by 8.00 pm.

Come in uniform, and bring torches or torch lanterns.

Meet as near the front entrance of Tesco as possible
ON THE PAVEMENT!



My job in the district

4. Bob Williams, District Secretary.

The District Executive Committee exists to support our District Commissioner, Fred Cogar, and to support Scout Groups in the District.

As Secretary to the District Executive, my job is to ensure the efficient administration of its work. This means arranging the monthly meetings and the Annual General Meeting, and the provision of agendas, minutes and other paper-work required for the meetings. I receive correspondence which may cover a wide range of topics from groups requesting help and advice, matters relating to scout property, to questions relating to sponsored groups.

I also attempt to maintain an up-to-date list of appointments and the names and addresses of members in the District - a difficult task, because information does not flow freely, especially when members leave the movement.

Specific responsibilities relate to the Annual Census, when I have to collect and collate statistical information from the groups and pass it on to County for forwarding to Headquarters. Each year I arrange supplementary insurance to cover all warranted leaders and lay helpers in the District, and should there be an accident I must be informed immediately so that I can negotiate with the Insurance Department at Headquarters. Material for Scout Job Week is ordered through the District Secretary and, from time to time, I receive information from Headquarters to be distributed to groups.

The District Executive is responsible for promoting relations with other organisations, which may mean contacts with County and Scout Headquarters, or discussions with bodies such as the District Council or the Letchworth Garden City Corporation. Often there are requests from other organisations who wish to enlist the help of scouts in their activities.

The District Secretary coordinates the work of sub-committees of the District Executive. This mainly involves the Appointments Committee, which meets monthly as required. It has the threefold responsibility of interviewing applicants for leader warrants, considering applications for changes in appointments in groups or in the District and, together with the District Commissioner, reviewing leader warrants.

It is a rule that the office of District Secretary may not be held by a warranted leader. This tends to make me somewhat remote from day-to-day scouting activities, and my contact with the groups is through the group scout leader. None the less, I follow with interest the scouting activities reported to the District Executive, and I would like to feel that leaders receive a friendly and helpful service when they have queries relating to administrative matters.

Bob Williams

Next issue:

Rosemary Charsley, ADC (Venture Scouts).



The Gold Arrow

Congratulations to:

Lee Hudson	5L	Ben Lawrie	1A (B)
Matthew Lapsley	11L	Christopher Pow	2B
Matthew Cherry	11L	Ben Britter	2B
Russell Westmore	12L	Steven Callaghan	2B
Jeremey Wilson	1A (B)	Jeremy Francis	2B
Simon Purnell	1A (B)		

SWIMMING GALA

The District Scout Fellowship would like to thank everyone who helped in the organisation of the Swimming Gala.

RESULTS:

Cub Breast Stroke	-	Ben Bishop	1A (A)
Back Stroke	-	James Marsh	1A (A)
Free Style	-	Andrew Page	8L (A)
Medley Relay	-		2B
Free Style Relay	-		1/3L

CUB TROPHY -1/3L

Scout Junior			
Breast Stoke	-	Leigh Haynes	2B
Back Stroke	-	Ben Dixon	11L
Free Style	-	Chris Pattison	2B
Scout Senior			
Breast Stroke	-	Mark SatterLhwaite	1/3L
Back Stroke	-	Jason Kitchener	8L <u>and</u>
	-	Liam Crowther	1/3L
Free Style	-	Chris Bates	4L
Medley Relay	-		11L
Free Style Relay	-		2B
Fastest			
Venture Scout	-	Simon Goodwin	CHVSU
Female	-	Miss Goodwin	
Male	-	J. Tomkins	11L

VENETIA CROWTHER - Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Venetia Crowther, CSL 1/3 Letchworth, in Lister Hospital after an operation.



BSVVSU

Congratulations to Edward Butt, who has reached the Area Finals of the Lions Youth Award, for work in the community.

FRED FROWNS

Only two Group Scout Leaders bothered to turn up to the GSLs meeting on Sunday, 23rd November. My thanks to Dick Walsh and Ann Drew. An apology was received from 11L. WHERE WERE THE REST OF YOU? How are your groups going to know what is going on, or get their official information? The next meeting will be on Sunday, 11th January, 1987 at 2.30 pm at 10L HQ. A full attendance please!

Directory

Amendments for the District Directory should be sent to the District Secretary, Bob Williams, and will then be published in Coordinator. It is important that GSLs keep their information up-to-date, as your number of Coordinators depends on it!

100 Club

November winners: £25 Mrs. V. Morley £5 Mrs. M. Underwood
 £10 Mrs. Sutherland £5 Trefoil Guild
 £5 Mr. K. Hart

Appointment

District Duke of Edinburgh Award
Adviser: Peter Deary.

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*   CHIEF SCOUT'S COMMENDATION
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*   Congratulations to Graham Smith, District Scout
*   Leader
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*               and also to:-
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*   Don Greenshields, for whom 1987 will be his 70th
*   year in scouting. Don has been District
*   Senior Scout Master, Chairman of 7L, and is
*   currently a member of 7L Group Committee. Rumour
*   has it that he is about to join the Fellowship!
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Green Beret

Three teams took part in the Green Beret Challenge, where they met the Chief Scout. Of the seventy-three teams taking part, our team results were:-

51st	-	1/3L
52nd	-	1/3L
66th	-	4L

Dates for the diary

December 16th	Carols for all	7 pm	Tesco car park, Baldock.
January 9th	BSVSU Dinner		St. Mary's Church Hall, Baldock.
January 12th	DCSLs meting	8 pm	Norton Bury.
January 14th	District Executive Cttee.	8 pm	Norton Bury.
January 15th	General Information Course	7.30 pm	Norton Bury.
January 21st	District Team meeting	8 pm	Norton Bury.

SCOUT SHOP **SHOCK! HORROR!**

The District Chairman, John Moys, stated at the recent Executive Committee meeting that, unless volunteers were forthcoming very soon, there was a very real danger that the District Scout and Guide Shop would close, with the resultant loss of profits, and of the convenience of this twice-weekly facility. Following on this, we have received the following appeal from Ruth and Peter Baker:-

Wanted urgently - lady and gent to help at the District Scout Shop on Thursday evenings. No experience necessary - full training givon'

SERIOUSLY, it is imperative that we have at least 3 adults and 2 girls or boys at each session. Otherwise, as on 20th November this year, due to shortage of staff, trading continued until 20.30 hours, thus seriously interrupting a dancing class which was due to begin at 20.15 hours. Will volunteers please contact Ruth or Peter Baker, Fred Cogar or John Moys. Please also note that trading begins at 18.30 hours - no earlier (we also go to work!), and should cease on the dot of 20.00 hours, NO LATER, especially on Thursdays. Please ensure your parents have the correct information regarding this. The Shop will be closed for the Christmas break after trading on 18th December, and will re-open on 6th January.

Fellowship

APPEAL

The Scout Fellowship has been asked to support the "Scout Holiday Homes Trust".

Funds are wanted, but we are not out to ask for money. However, funds are needed, and you can help with any of the following items:-

Tea cards	Old and foreign coins
Cigarette cards	Postage stamps
PG Tips cards	Money-off coupons
Trading stamps	Commodity coupons.
Cigarette vouchers	

Further information in relation to the Trust can be obtained from Letchworth and Baldock Scout Fellowship.

There are plenty of stamps coming up, with Christmas not too far away. Why not make a special effort. Send your contributions to:

Laurie Cook,
22 Hillshott,
Letchworth.

QUIZ

The Cub Scout Quiz took place on Friday, 21st November at 12L HQ. The standard was very high, and the results were as follows:-

1st	4L C	40 points	7th	7L	31 points
2nd	11L	38 points	8th	(2B	30 points
3rd	4L M	35 points		(8L (D)	
4th	(12L	33 points	10th	1B (T)	29 points
	(1A (B)		11th	8L (A)	26 points
6th	1A (A)				

The ACC (Cub Scouts) presented the trophy, and Ken (of course) set the questions.

JAMBOREE

Many thanks to the latest contributors to the Jamboree Fund:

Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit	- £35
Gang Show Committee	- £100

PLANNING AHEAD

It is envisaged that there will be a District Camp at Lochearnhead in the summer of 1988. It will last for a fortnight, and will offer sailing, climbing and hill walking. Bear this in mind when doing your forward planning.

CAMP-87 in Southern Norway.

An invitation has been received from Kristiansand to join their scouts at a 700 strong Norwegian scout and guide camp from 3rd-9th August. Any group interested should contact Fred.

..... And just a thought! Have you checked your tents after this summer's use? The tent repairers are on light duties at the moment, but it might be another story after Christmas!

Co•ordinator

Many thanks to those who have renewed their subscriptions for next year.

Thanks too to 12L for the latest edition of "Does'n'Doings".

PLEASE NOTE - There will be no edition of Coordinator in January. Items for inclusion in February should reach the address below by 25th January, 1987.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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