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Dates for the diary

1st June	District Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting	8 pm	Norton Bury
6th June	Jamboree Barn Dance	8 pm	Norton Bury
12th June			
13th June	District Cub Camp		Norton Bury
14th June			
27th June	Icknield Shield		To be announced.
28th June			
4th July	Cub First Aid Competition		
13th July	District Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting	8 pm	Norton Bury
18th July	Cub Sports Day		Pixmore School.

My job in the district

No. 9: GRAHAM SMITH, DISTRICT SCOUT LEADER.

Scouters in the district are probably asking themselves 'moo is the District Scout Leader? What does he do, and where is he?' This, I suppose, for many of the leaders would be a valid comment.

I see myself as a "Jack of all trades and master of none", having been a cub, scout, senior scout, ASL, SL, GSL and now District Scout Leader.

Nearly all of my work is done behind the scenes, assisting the DC and his District Team. At the moment I am assisting Colin Philips with leader training, and am on the fund-raising committee for the World Jamboree.

For several weeks now I have been helping to keep the Ashwell Scout Group running as they have no permanent scout leader. Bill Pack has agreed that, rather than see the group close he will take over the "reins" until a scout leader can be recruited, and I will be helping Bill all I can.

I will also try to give Steve Lusty all the assistance I can in his new role as ADC (Scouts). Steve will telephone me when he requires help, and basically that applies to any scouter in the District.

'Phone me, and if I can help I will.

Graham Smith.

Next month: Steve Lusty, ADC (Scouts).

A.G.M.

At the District AGM on 13th May, the guest of honour was the County Commissioner, Mr. John Bennett, and the five members of the district who are attending the World Jamboree. The lads gave us an exciting glimpse of the adventures ahead, and the training they are undergoing.

John Moys was re-appointed Chairman, and Bob Williams and Mike Mansfield re-elected unopposed as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Roy Humphries, Ken Lilley, Barbara Thwaites and Alan Wright were appointed to the Executive Committee, with Gwen Pack representing Ashwell, Verilene Knox Cub Scouts, Chris Bryan Scouts, Mark Gentle Venture Scouts, and Laurie Cook Fellowship.

Fred, in his report, announced the appointment of Steve Lusty as ADC (Scouts). Steve, it appears, has a lot of 'vital statistics'; we look forward to discovering some of them! He congratulated the new 11th Venture Scout Unit on their successful launch, and paid tribute to Ruth and Peter Baker's sterling work in the Scout Shop. Fred also stressed the 'Brotherhood' of scouting, and reminded us that group loyalty is one thing, but that the group is part of a larger whole.

Sarah Carrick from Letchworth Carden City Corporation brought good wishes and thanks from the Corporation for the District's work among the town's youth. She also presented a cheque for £500 from the Corporation to the Jamboree Fund.

Councillor Evans from NHDC stressed the Council's enthusiasm for the Scout and Guide movements, and their congratulations to the Jamboree squad, together with a donation of £300.

John Bennett told us that the Herts/Bucks Jamboree contingent is sponsoring a scout from the Third World at the Jamboree, and that the two weeks in Australia would be hard, tiring, difficult, and a great time. He reminded us that the 600,000 in the movement here were a mere drop in the ocean amount the scouts of the world, and that scouts in the Third World were very valuable in educating adults in hygiene and health.

Venture scouting is 21 years old next year, and we are promised exciting happenings!.

The County Commissioner paid tribute to Fred and John and their hard work in the past year. He said scouting will succeed where those responsible work as a team. The message to us all is that we should all support each other more. Writing letters is a dangerous thing to do; talking to one another is the essence of teamwork. Talk, meet and be part of what's going on. The support role needs to be extended, and should be seen as an aid to efficiency rather than as interference. What we are providing is good, but could be better. See your problems as opportunities!

More of us than ever before attended this year's AGM, next year why don't you come?



Awards

The County Commissioner presented the following awards at the District AGM on 13th May, 1987:-

Silver Acorn

Colin Phillips

Bar to the Medal of Merit

John Moys, District Chairman.

Medal of Merit

Bob Clements, District Secretary.

A SUMMARY OF WHAT LEE CROSSMAN TOLD US ABOUT THE JAMBOREE AT THE DISTRICT AGM

The opening ceremony is to take place on 31st December, 1987/1st January, 1988 at midnight. A lot of noise is to be made - at the 14th Australian Jamboree they could be heard 70 Kms away. The Jamboree is to have typical scout camp activities as well as sane unconventional items. Typical activities include pioneering (each group making its own camp gate), archery, sailing, canoeing, a hike up the Snowy Mountains (at 95°), and a visit to Sydney.

Unconventional activities include caving, melding and spray-painting, electronics, amateur radio and, the highlight of the ten days, a barbeque with all 13,000 participants of the Jamboree on the beach together.

This will be possibly be the last World Scout Jamboree. The World Jamboree is starting to get too large and costly, and may have to be split into Northern and Southern Hemispheres. It is the first time the Jamboree has been held in the Southern Hemisphere, and it coincides with the 80th anniversary of Australian scouting and the bicentenary of the Australian nation being founded.

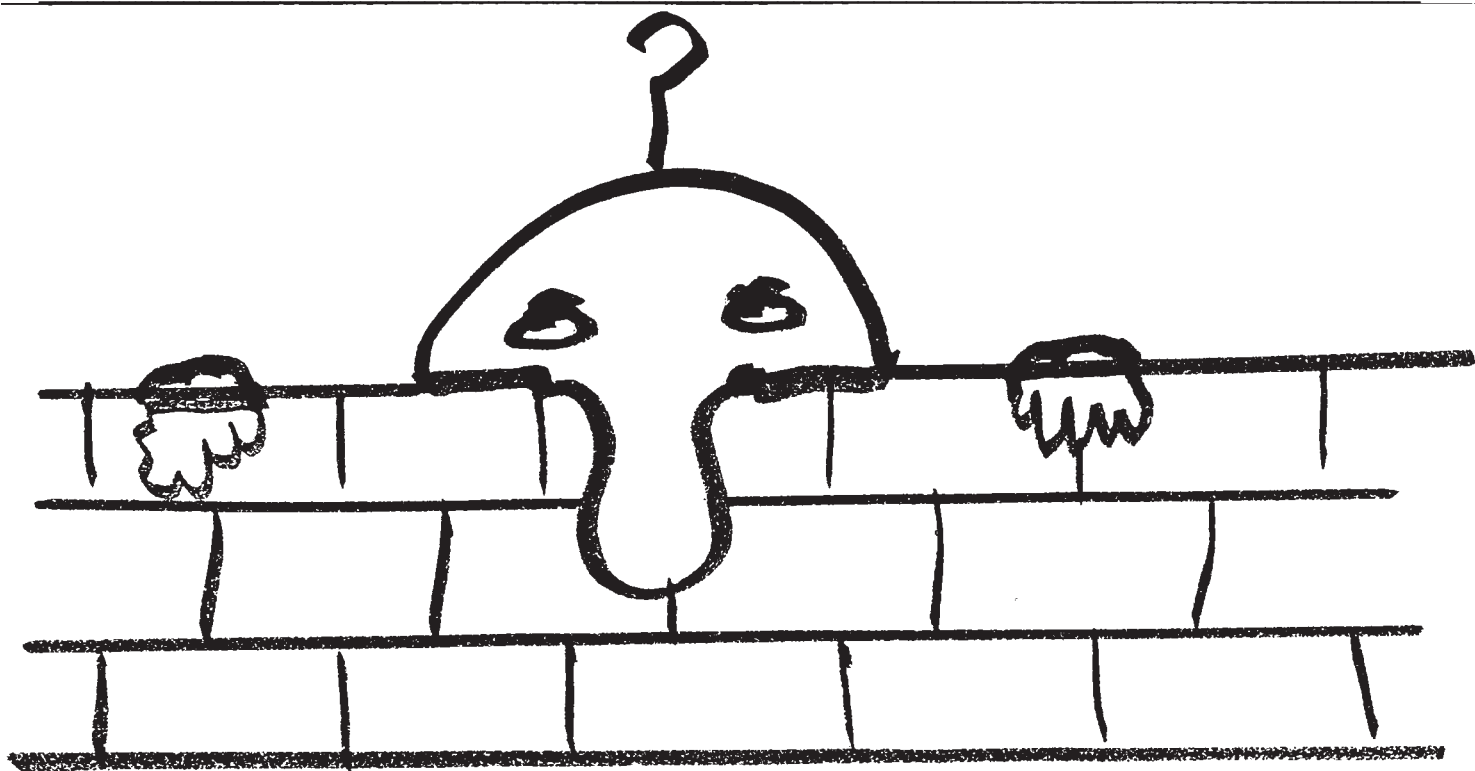
The Jamboree has an international flavour, with scouts and their leaders being mixed together in multi-racial sub-camps. Friendships go all over the world, and in most cases last a lifetime.

P.S.

Don't forget!!!! There is still time to buy your ticket for the Barn Dance in aid of Jamboree funds. The Barn Dance is at Manor Farm, Willian on 6th June, 1987 8.00 till 11.30 pm - tickets £3.00, supper included.

Appointment

Steve Lusty - Assistant District Commissioner (Scouts)



**YOU'RE PAYING FOR THIS
EMPTY SPACE!!**

**HOW ABOUT SOMEONE
OUT THERE FILLING
IT???**

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