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DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL.

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Dates for the diary

1st July	District Team meeting	8.00 pm	Norton Bury.
4th July	8L scout camp and cub scout camp fire.		
4th July	Cub First Aid Competition.		
6th July	County AGM	7.45 pm	County Hall.
13th July	District Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	8.15 pm	8L.
18th July	Cub Sports		Pixmore School.
18th July	Champion Hills Barn Dance	8.00 pm	Newland Barn.

Awards

Last month's announcement of awards presented at the District AGM should have read:

Medal of Merit, Bob Williams, District Secretary.

Many apologies, Bob, and hearty congratulations!

Barn Dance

Champion Hills VSU are holding a Barn Dance on 18th July at Newland Barn. Tickets, priced £3.50, are available from Nick Smith (L.682470) or Mark Gentle (L.674857).

From Fred

Norton Bury now possesses a new Resusci-Annie. Those wishing to use it must come for a training session first, as the procedure for use has now been changed. Fred is Annie's guardian, and those wishing to use her should contact him in the first instance. Telephone Baldock 892608.

F O R F R E E

160 lb. ex-army tent to be collected from Guide HQ, Icknield Way. Apply Sheila May, L. 673427.

DISTRICT SCOUT LEADERS' MEETING

Will each group please ensure that one representative at least attends the meeting on Wednesday, 15th July at 8.15 pm.

My job in the district

Steve Lusty: ADC Scouts.

As I have only been ADC for a few weeks, it is more a case of what my job will be, not what it is. POR defines my job functions as:-

"To visit the scouts in troops and provide technical advice on their operations.

"To arrange for the organisation of district events."

I feel that of these the last is currently the most important.

All scouts like a challenge and, if properly arranged, the district competition programme should provide a variety of challenges.

I intend to visit all scout troops in the district, and I hope that you will tell me what you need, and how the district can help you.

The other job function in POR is "To ensure that the district leaders' meetings are held". These meetings will be used for you to plan all district events, and for you to keep all troops informed of dates and details of events.

I would also like to think that if anybody is not happy or is concerned about anything within the scout section that they will contact me, or bring it up at the DSL's meeting.

We cannot expect to run smoothly if we don't communicate with each other.

Those of you who know me will be aware that I am willing to attend any event if invited, so just let me know, and I will try to attend.

Steve Lusty

Next issue: Lorraine Riley, ADC (PR).

Directory

From 26th July, 1987.

ADC Scouts:	Steve Lusty, 65A Station Road, Letchworth. Telephone number to be notified.
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Warrants

The following warrants have been approved:

Kevin Leadley	AVSL Champion Hills
Mark Gentle	AVSL Champion Hills
Gordon Pettitt	AVSL 11L
James Grainger	VSL 11L

CHAMPION HILLS recently organised a county five-a-side football competition at Highfield. Twelve units took part, and the winners were North Watford. The Fellowship won the Jug Trophy for those knocked out in the preliminary rounds. It is hoped that this will become an annual event.

Eighteen teams took part in the annual competition for the Buccaneer Trophy at Tolmers. CHAMPION HILLS were the winners.

CUBS

Over 150 boys from 9 groups attended this year's District Cub Camp at Nortonbury. They were from 1/3rd, 4th Musketeers, 5th, 7th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 1st Baldock and 1st Ashwell. This year's theme was "Treasure Island". Each pack was given the name of a pirate ship, and they made carvings and cardboard cutouts to display at their camp entrance (1/3rd had a ship's bridge). On Friday evening most of the boys arrived by double-decker bus driven by Shaun Howard, and after settling in they sang pirate songs, and were given a treasure map to fill in to get them in the mood. On Saturday morning the boys worked on three bases to make them into 'real' pirates. Base 1 were making a cutlass, Base 2 were decorating a headscarf with potato printing, and Base 3 were to make eye patches and have their faces made up with beards and scars. In the afternoon they went on treasure trails - only to be told on their return that the treasure had been stolen by three pirate captains, and that they had to find them and rescue it to claim their reward. There followed a display of the Sailors' Hornpipe by the "Wolly Rogers" (6 leaders led by Gwen Pack); then the boys were invited to join in.

The County Commissioner, John Bennett, visited the camp site, and talked with nearly every cub, and reports were that he was pleased to have been invited. The day rounded off with a camp fire led by Joe Borowski and Steve Lusty with a visiting leader from Bedfordshire, Sally Beckett. It was a roaring success (and so was the fire - PHEW!).

During the early hours of Sunday morning, Colin Phillips, with the help of Venture Scouts Kevin Leadley, Shaun Denman, Alan Barton, 10th leader Paula McDiarmid, and 1/3rd scout Jason Byrne, built a pirate ship in the arena. It was complete with cannons and mast, and they did it all without disturbing anyone (I believe they were up until 4 o'clock in the morning). The boys awoke to see a fantastic 20 ft. ship, and, on their behalf, and from the leaders I would like to say "Thank you very much".

Sunday started wet, but didn't deter the boys from enjoying themselves with a trek across Treasure Island in the form of an obstacle course. The ACC (Cub Scouts) Bridget Hunter joined us for the day, and was there for the Grand Finale in the afternoon when Fred Cogar was put on trial with accusations of rain-making among the charges. He was found guilty and made to walk the plank (on the pirate ship) with cubs armed with squeeze bottles providing the sea water to make sure that he got good and wet. Then several leaders jumped up from hiding in the ship and returned 'fire' to the boys, with the result that everyone got wet.

I would like to thank the Camp Committee: Ann Lilley ADC, Venetia Crowther 1/3rd, Verelene Knox 12th, Gwen Pack 1st Ashwell, Gill Taylor and Christine Parr, both 1st Baldock. Special thanks go to Ken Lilley for being Camp Treasurer, and to the Fellowship for erecting the marquees, and everybody who participated in the camp.

Chris Taylor DCSL

Camp Leader '87.

Post Script:-

Bridget said: "A very happy and relaxed camp, with lots of fun and laughter, and many surprises."

Fred said: "As good as last year's. Not so demanding of the boys. We were down on leaders, and could have done with more help."

Fellowship

The Fellowship attended the Gilwell weekend in June. Their plants and coffee mornings have raised £395.74 for the Jamboree Fund, and they have also supplied plants for the Trefoil Guild plant steel and St. Thomas More school fête. The Fellowship's total contribution to the Jamboree Fund to date is £661.00.

CHARGE CERTIFICATES FOR CANOEING

A reminder that the requirements for holding a charge certificate are:-

BCU 1 star for Class "C" waters (Hertfordshire)
BCU 2 star for Class "B1" waters (Cambridgeshire)
BCU 3 star for Class "B2" waters (Bedfordshire).

Charge certificates are valid for three years. It is the holder's responsibility to apply for renewal.

Current charge certificate holders in this district are:-

J. Tomkins)	
F. Lay)	
I. Hemmings)	
A. Rundell)	Due for renewal this year.
P. Scoot)	
A. Tolputt)	
M. Wood)	

I. Wood/N. McCallion/P. Hardy/A. Hopkins/G. Hopkins/ C. Speltinckx/P. Kerrigan/
R. Drew/D. Liddle/C. Bates/P. Hardy/M. Drew.

CANOE REGISTRATION, 1987.

Groups with their canoes properly registered as per POR are:-

4th Letchworth
5th Letchworth
8th Letchworth
11th Letchworth.

Do the other groups not use their canoes now?

Dave Liddle
Canoe Adviser.

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