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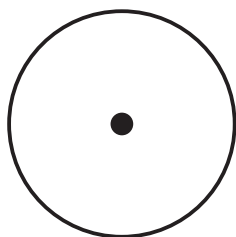
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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL.

Free to Leaders and Group Officers: £1.20 annually to others.

Dates for the diary

14th September	District Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	Norton Bury	20.00 hrs.
20th September	County Cub Totem Pole Competition	Ashridge Common	
21st September	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00 hrs.
26th September	Hemel Hempstead District Publicity Day	Marlowes	10.00 hrs.
27th September	Cub Sports Day	Pixmore Achool	To be advised



SHIRLEY SMITH

Fred and Valerie Cogar would like to thank all the Scouters in our District who have expressed sympathy in our tragic loss. It is a comfort to know that so many people care at times like this.



The Gold Arrow

Congratulations to the following, who have recently gained the Gold Arrow:

Edmund O'Leary)	11L
Brett Gascoine)	

CUB FIRST AID COMPETITION RESULTS

The competition took place on 4th May at 8L HQ, and was organised by the Red Cross.

1st	1st Ashwell
2nd	4th Letchworth Cavaliers
3rd	1st Baldock
4th	7th Letchworth
5th	8th Letchworth Aeolians
6th	11th Letchworth

N O R W A Y

Kretsleir '87, 3rd-9th August, Marivold, Norway.

The party of 21 which left Harwich on 29th July consisted of 10 boys from 10L and representatives from 1/3L, 4L, 8L, 12L, 1st Ashwell and 2nd Baldock. In Kristiansand we were met by the families providing hospitality for the weekend. On Friday morning we attended a Civic Reception at the Town Hall, and in the afternoon visited the Leisure Park on the outskirts of Kristiansand. The following day many of the group were taken on a sightseeing tour by boat. Others went to stay in their hosts summer cabins for the weekend. On 3rd August we travelled to camp by public transport and leaders' cars. It was extremely wet. We were sharing a site with 1st Kristiansand (our hosts), and a contingent from 2nd Oakham were camped nearby.

The camp lasted 6 days. The first day was spent building camp and making a revolving gate, and the camp-fire in the evening marked the official opening. Each day began with food collection - there was even caviar on the menu.

Camp activities included pioneering, rope work, canoeing, kayaking, surf-bnarding, primitive cooking, motor mechanics, sailing, first aid and swimming. All the boys took part in the activities, and 4 got their swimmers' badge. One day we visited Grimstad by boat - courtesy of the sea scouts. Evening activities included a friendship wide game, a fun market with a massage parlour, fortune-telling, Austrian food, pancakes, hoof throwing and a greasy pole pillow fight. One evening there was a demonstration by the sea rescue helicopter, and a police dog handler answering questions on drug detection. The camp radio tried to contact scouts in England, but to no avail.

Wednesday evening was designated 'The International Evening'. There were 970 scouts at camp, including girl scouts from Finland, a mixed group from Graz in Austria, Bach Dang (Vietnamese scouts living in Kristiansand), and the British contingent. Each had to perform to the assembled scouts. We decided to sing a couple of camp fire songs, perform the scout shop stunt, and teach then a yell.

During the week Mick and two of the boys - Lee Turner and Garry Smith - celebrated their birthdays, so they were invited to the camp birthday party. Their picture made the camp newspaper - Marihona - as did the town flag we borrowed from Plinston Hall, 4 of the boys in happy mood, and David Currie, who made the cover with a splash.

The final day was set aside for the competitions - fishing, go-karting, and the Fantasy Vessel or Take a Chance. We had prepared for these competitions, and had taken fishing tackle, inner tubes and even a go-kart with us. Garry Smith (10th Letchworth) gained 3rd prize in the fishing competition, and received a fishing knife. We didn't do too well in the other competitions, but we entered and had a tremendous amount of fun. Thankfully we found a good home in Norway for the go-kart and the inner tubes.

The final camp fire concluded with a spectacular firework display and presentation of medallions to commemorate the camp.

Two of the boys accepted an invitation to return to Kristiansand by sea with 7th Kristiansand sea scouts. It took 8 hours. At one point they had to transfer to a fishing vessel while an engine was repaired, but they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The weather at camp could have been better - there was plenty of rain, and one night tents had to be evacuated.

During the week we all made new friends, had fun and learnt a lot. Neckerchiefs, berets and even the national flags were exchanged to show our friendship.

On the Monday after camp we spent the day in the Town Park and went shopping. In the evening we attended a farewell party at the Scout Centre in Kristiansand where gifts were exchanged.

2nd Oakham and the Austrian scout, who was travelling back to England with us, also

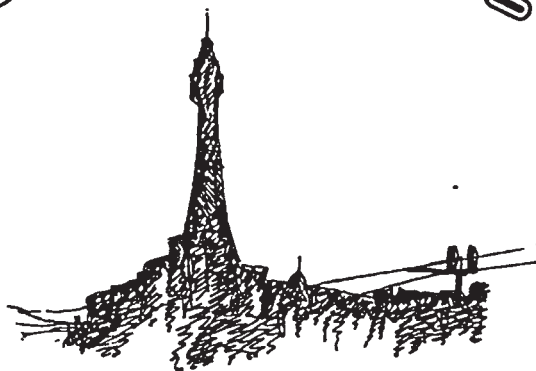
attended the party.

The whole experience was extremely worthwhile. The warmth and generosity of our hosts and the Norwegian scout leaders was unbelievable. 10th Letchworth Scout Group hope to host 1st Kristiansand either next year or in '89. We also hope to retain the link for many years to come.

Finally, for your information, if you didn't already know it, Norwegian cubs and scouts are mixed, and many of the scout leaders are women. In fact, we spent a good half-hour talking to Norway's Chief Scout - a lady called Torunn Reinertsen.

Ann Drew

A DAY TRIP TO BLACKPOOL



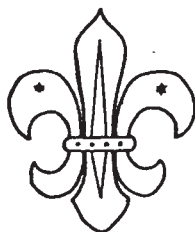
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Children £12

1 free ticket
per 20

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DATE 24th OCT

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11th LETCHWORTH SCOUTS JAMBOREE FUND