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QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD

Nick Charsley (Beech Springs VSU)

Congratulations to Nick on gaining the Queen's Scout Award. Nick is a member of the Beech Springs VSU and has been with them on expeditions to France and Italy. As part of his Award he walked the whole length of the Pennine Way accompanied in different stages by other members of Beech Springs. He is studying Chemical Engineering at Loughborough University and he is an ACSL at Shepshed.

GOLD ARROWS

The following members of 8th Letchworth (Aeolians) have gained their Gold Arrow awards:

Stuart Nichol
Gareth Hatton
James Martin
Jonathan Grant

This is a fine achievement on the part of the boys and their leaders.

Peter Mercer of 11th Letchworth has also gained his Gold Arrow Award – well done Peter.

GANG SHOW

I have received many letters of congratulations including one from the County Commissioner designate and local Guide Commissioners.

I am sure everyone who saw the show will join in the praise for an excellent show. It was a great achievement on the part of the "Gang" and a very good advert for Scouting in the District.

The cast showed flair and enthusiasm in presenting the numbers and the quality of the show was enhanced by the costumes and the scenery.

Our thanks to all concerned with the Show.

GANG SHOW SUPPORTERS

The Letchworth & Baldock Gang Show is now part of a nation wide network of Gang Shows, all of which support each other in any way possible. One such way is by organising coach parties to visit other districts Gang Shows.

We have now decided to launch GANG SHOW SUPPORTERS. The annual subscription will be £1.00, for which you will receive a bi-monthly newsletter with details of all forthcoming shows and advance booking details of the next Letchworth & Baldock Gang Show.

We would anticipate running a trip every 4 to 6 weeks, but you would of course be free to attend as many as you desired.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Robin Edmett at:

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ANNUAL CENSUS

	1988	1987
Beavers	79	54
Cubs	251	263
Scouts	199	193
Ventures	49	48
Leaders	65	64
Total	643	632

Total numbers this year increased by 26. The biggest impact being the increasing popularity of Beavers - up by 25, and all Colonies have waiting lists. If the upward trend continues we will see an increase in Cub numbers and must, therefore, endeavour to recruit more leaders.

PUBLICITY

In recent weeks Scouting has had some very good publicity in the local press with photographs and articles on the Jamboree boys, Gang Show and the 7th Letchworth's litter clean-up in Station Way.

These illustrated the adventure, fun and public spirit of Scouting. This type of publicity is important to us and I hope others will follow the example to keep Scouting in the public eye.

THE MARATHON FOOTBALL MATCH

On Saturday 12 March we had a marathon football match. It was run by myself, James Martin, Jonathan Grant and Gareth Walton. It was held at the Grange School playing fields and it lasted 6 hours. We kicked off at 9.30 and finished at 3.40. The sides were the Stripes v the Whites. The score was 35-31 to the Stripes. We were doing it to get our Gold Arrows and also to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. We got £20. If you wanted to play you had to pay 20p and you were given a ticket. Then on the next change over you could go on. There were also drinks for 5p and biscuits for 2p. Chris Howard (Baloo) helped do the drinks, biscuits and tickets and towards the end Claire Goodwin (Akela) came and helped. The weather was dull but it was still good fun.

Stuart Nichol
(8th Letchworth Aeolians)

BALDOCK FUN WALK : SUNDAY 17 APRIL

8 1st Ashwell Scouts (Andrew Moore, Thomas Moore, James Powell, Julien Butt, Daniel Horne, Jeremy Wilson, Richard Fitzsimmons and Nicholas Church) and I took part in the above event. Through sponsorships we raised £172 which was split between GOSH and Troop funds.

Chris Taylor
1st Ashwell

PEAK ASSAULT 1988

For Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit, this year's event proved to be the best year for us yet. We entered 3 teams. We succeeded in coming 9th, 46th and 55th.

The event took place at the very beginning of the famous walk "The Pennine Way", Edale. Surprisingly enough (for this neck of the woods) the first day stayed almost dry, keeping everybodys spirits high. Luckily for us the ground was frozen, therefore the usual thigh-high mud across Kinder Scout proved no more than slippery, snowy banks and very uneven firm surfaces. The afternoon brought a change in the weather: snow, hail, wind rain etc, which insisted in staying for the rest of the weekend.

The night proved to be rather rough and wet, with a few flattened tents and plenty of wet sleeping bags. Nevertheless the majority of the teams decided to completed the second days walk. Each Beech Springs team managed to gain a few more points and completed the competition with two of our teams meeting up and running the last few hundred yards.

For Beech Springs a fourth team was also present - the Support Crew - who provided hot, edible food on our return and in the teams eyes the support crew did equally as well as us.

Karen Woodman.

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP - PLANT SALES

Please support the Fellowship and Laurie Cook with their plant sales. On 21 May they will be at Nightingale Home, Hitchin, 9.30 am - 12.00 noon in aid of the Mencap Day Centre and on 28 May at 22 Hillshott, Letchworth when there will also be a coffee morning 9.30 am - 12 noon in aid of Letchworth Guides DHQ building fund.

NORTH HERTS MINI MARATHON - SUNDAY 19 JUNE

This event is organised by Letchworth Howard Rotary Club. It will be run over approximately 3.5 miles starting and finishing at Fearnhill School. The race is for boys and girls over 12 and under 17 years of age on 19 June 1988. It is in aid of the Sue Ryder House and other Rotary Charities.

Further details can be obtained from Rotarian P Soneji, c/o Scott's Pharmacy, 42/44 The Broadway, Letchworth.

THE GARDEN CITY CHARITY WALK - 22nd MAY

Please note that the Charity Walk will take place on Sunday 22 May and not on the date given in last month's Co-ordinator.

DISTRICT DIARY

May

- 4 11th Letchworth AGM
1st Ashwell AGM
- 6 British Meat Cooking Competition
- 7 Fellowship - Spalding Flower Parade
- 11 12th Letchworth AGM
- 12 8th Letchworth AGM
- 14 Beaver Fun Day
- 18 District AGM
- 21 Fellowship Plant Sale - Nightingale House, Hitchin
- 23 Cub Leaders Meeting - Nortonbury

June

- 6 Group Scout Leaders Meeting - Nortonbury
- 10-12 District Cub Camp - Nortonbury
- 11-13 National Scout Fellowship Camp, Gilwell
- 15 Scout Leaders Meeting
- 16 District Executive - Nortonbury