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## SILVER ACORN

Congratulations to Hannah Moules (CSL 4th Letchworth) on being awarded the Silver Acorn "in recognition of specially distinguished service".

## 50th ANNIVERSARY

The 7th Letchworth Scout Group celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this month. We send our best wishes to the Cubs, Scouts and their Leaders on this fine achievement. They have been to the forefront in maintaining the spirit and quality of Scouting in our District.

## St GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

I was proud to lead such a magnificent parade of Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders. Everyone looked smart and a good advert for Scouting. St George's Church which holds about three hundred people was packed and we thank the vicar, Chris Liley for leading our service. Let us be mindful of the promise which we renewed and think of the enormous good which we can do for our community by keeping that promise and making it an important part of our daily life.

The Wishing Well collection raised £78.84 and a further £46.41 was donated by the congregation.

Our thanks to John Chapman and Peter Deary who organised the Parade and Service.

## DISTRICT AGM 1988

I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who attended the AGM – seventy seven people in all. I was presented with my DC's Warrant by John Bennett (County Commissioner). He also presented Nick Charsley and Philip Kerrigan with their Queen's Scout Awards and Neil Martin with the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award – a fine achievement on the part of three very good Scouts.

We were also pleased to welcome Fred and Valerie Cogar to the meeting. It gave us the opportunity to make a District presentation to Fred and thank him for his enthusiasm and unstinting work for the District. He also received presentations from the Cubs and Guides in appreciation of his services. Well done Fred. We all wish you and Valerie many happy years in Derbyshire.

Our thanks also go to Peter Deary who has resigned as District Chaplain, Roy Humphreys who has left the District Executive and Peter Bell who stands down from the Appointments Committee.

A highlight of the evening was a slide presentation by the Jamboree boys. Their slides showed the beauty of Australia and the excitement of the Jamboree but words failed them in describing the spirit of comradeship amongst people from all parts of the world – where else apart from Scouting and Guiding can such international goodwill and understanding be found? They presented the District with a plaque of Jamboree badges which will be displayed at Nortonbury.

#### DISTRICT DIRECTORY

All Groups in the District have held their AGM's so would GSL's please let Verelene Knox have up-to-date information so that we can publish a new District Directory as soon as possible – remember the Directory is only as good as the information which you provide.

Group Executive Committees will soon be holding their first meetings. I would recommend that the attention of all members be drawn to the "Supporting Scouting" article in the May issue of Scouting in which Ted Hayden explains and illustrates the "responsibilities of membership of a Group Executive Committee".

#### CUBS AT NORTONBURY

In May I had the pleasure of visiting cub packs from Little Paxton and Gamlingay who were camping at Nortonbury. In both cases I was impressed by the high standard of their camping and the imaginative programmes provided for the boys. Their enjoyment was obvious and their friendly and polite behaviour was a credit to their Leaders.

#### GOLD ARROW AWARDS

The following Cubs have received their Gold Arrow Awards:

Darren Edmett	:	7th Letchworth
Derek Brunnen	:	" "
Wayne Bell	:	" "
Ian Hicks	:	" "
Ben Simkins	:	" "
Ian Legg	:	12th Letchworth

Congratulations to the boys and their leaders on this achievement.

## BEAVER SCOUT REPORT

(Extracts from the report of Alison Lusty, Beaver Leader at the 8th Letchworth AGM).

Beaver Scouts is the newest section in the Scout movement and is for boys between the ages of 6 and 8.

Beavers do not have proficiency badges or a training programme, but learn through play. By covering a wide range of games, activities and crafts we attempt to improve their skills and interests which contributes to their development and growth.

Although Beavers have no badges they do have competitions. Here at the 8th all activities and crafts are judged and each week stars are awarded. At the end of each term the Beaver with the most stars is acclaimed "The Best Beaver" and takes home a trophy which he keeps until the next term end.

At the moment our Colony consists of 15 boys, the maximum I can have as I am the only uniformed leader. If somebody is prepared to become an assistant leader we can increase the number to 24.

As I have 30 boys on the waiting list, it is very important that this is done as soon as possible.

We currently have 2 events planned. The first is a District Fun Day at Nortonbury this Saturday, 14 May. The second a trip to the zoo on 5 June.

## BEAVER FUN DAY

The Fun Day mentioned in Alison's report took place two days later and was a resounding success with eighty Beavers enjoying an action packed afternoon at Nortonbury. Well done to all the leaders and thanks to the members of Beech Springs Venture Unit who helped with the games.

This must emphasise the point that Alison Wilson (ADC Beavers) made in her AGM report – "Beavers are here to stay". We have five colonies in the District. All have waiting lists so please be on the look out for leaders.

## CHIEF SCOUT'S WEEKEND IN LONDON

We went there by train going straight to Kings Cross then changing to the underground on the circle line and went to Gloucester Road station just down the road from BP house, which is opposite the Natural History Museum. We arrived thirty minutes early and were the first there. We had to wait for about ten minutes before signing on then we had about three hours free time so we dropped our gear off in our room. On the way out we met our room mate Mick. In our free time we walked to Knightsbridge and back looking in the Stores. At about 5.00 pm we had a briefing, where we got tickets for the show "Run for your wife". After the briefing we went for dinner which was not that great. After dinner we went by underground to the Criterion Theatre just

outside Piccadilly Circus Station. The show was great and we got back about 11.30 but didn't get to sleep until about 1.00. In the morning we had breakfast which wasn't brilliant either. Then we went to the law courts. The visit was guided by Conrad Ascher. Then we returned to the house by tube. Then we emptied our rooms and rehearsed for our Certificate presentation. While this was happening the parents arrived to view the presentation. Afterwards we had a cup of coffee and went back to Letchworth by train.

Graham Wright  
7th Letchworth.

## SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

Laurie & John's Mini Mystery Tour on Sunday 19 June 1988

It is open to all members of Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Fellowship and other District Scout Fellowships, as well as anybody who knows anybody who is a member. Teams are to consist of two, three or four people, each team travelling in a vehicle of their own choice, such as a gig, phaeton, chariot, land yacht, motor car, post chaise, or motor bicycle. The contest begins at 3 pm BST at a place of which you will be informed after you send in the entry form below. The cost is one and a half pounds sterling per person, which includes the provision of some mysterious refreshments towards the end of the shenanigan. You may find it useful to have one or two local maps with you, as well as your usual first aid kit, compass, whistle, survival bag, emergency rations, climbing ropes and stuff, but the choice is yours. Please fill in one of the forms below – and the choice is again yours – and send it to JOHN FOSTER, 13 PADDOCK CLOSE, LETCHWORTH, to arrive on or before Saturday 11 June 1988.

<p>DEAR JOHN</p> <p>I wish to enter the L&amp;BDSF Mini Mystery Tour at my own risk.</p> <p>NAME OF DRIVER: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>OTHER MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF TEAM: _____</p> <p>NUMBER OF SPARE SEATS AVAILABLE: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>I enclose £1.50 per person, made payable to Letchworth &amp; Baldock District Scout Fellowship</p>	<p>DEAR JOHN</p> <p>I/we would like to enter the L&amp;BDSF Mini Mystery Tour at our own risk, but having no vehicle would be willing to act as passengers/navigators/advisers/assessories during the event to anyone who has enough spare seats.</p> <p>NAME/NAMES: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>I enclose £1.50 per person, made payable to Letchworth &amp; Baldock District Scout Fellowship</p>
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## SCOUT SHOP

Urgently needed - two adult helpers for each session. Help is needed on Tuesday and Thursday between 6.00 pm and 8.15 pm. If you can help please contact either Ruth or Peter Baker on Letchworth 682752.

## DISTRICT DIARY

June	1	:	ADC's Meeting - Nortonbury
	6	:	GSL's Meeting - Nortonbury
	10-12	:	Cub Camp - Nortonbury
	15	:	Scout Leaders Meeting - Nortonbury
	16	:	District Executive - Nortonbury
	19	:	Scout Fellowship - Laurie & John's Mini Mystery Tour
	20	:	Beaver Leaders Meeting - 34 Swift Close
July	2-3	:	Icknield Shield
	11	:	Swimming Gala
	16	:	Venture Barn Dance
	18	:	Cub Leaders Meeting - Nortonbury