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A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND SUCCESSFUL SCOUTING IN 1989 TO ALL OUR READERS

1 CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD

Congratulations to the following Scouts who have achieved their Chief Scout's Award:--

Michael Geaney	:	4th Letchworth
Mark Hensler	:	4th Letchworth
Mark West	:	4th Letchworth
Magnus Gregory	:	11th Letchworth
Simon Hughes	:	11th Letchworth
David Mills	:	1st Ashwell

It is good to see so many boys achieving high standards in their Scouting – I hope this is a challenge to others and that we will gain even more Awards this year.

2 GOLD ARROWS

Congratulations to the following Cubs who have achieved their Gold Arrows:

James Ash	:	8th Aoelians
Wayne Bell	:	7th Letchworth
Ian Hicks	:	7th Letchworth
Ben Simkins	:	7th Letchworth
Derek Brunnen	:	7th Letchworth
Darren Edmett	:	7th Letchworth
Iain Hutchinson	:	7th Letchworth
Laurie Symonds	:	7th Letchworth
Thomas Lawrie	:	1st Ashwell
Paul Parr	:	1st Baldock
Ben Freeman	:	1st Baldock
Adam McGowan Oillyott:	:	1st Baldock
David Hammond	:	1st Baldock
Gavin Clifford	:	1st Baldock

3 SIXERS AND SECONDRS WEEKEND

11 and 12 February. All Cubs to wear full uniform, bring soft shoes. £1.50 per boy, this includes lunch and Nortonbury fees.

4 ARTS AND CRAFTS

PLEASE NOTE:- This will be held on Saturday, April 8. ALL items to be brought to Nortonbury on Friday evening April 7. These must all be labelled before the evening. Time 7pm - 9pm.

The Pack item will be a Totem Pole. Size: NOT MORE THAN SIX FEET.
Special Cub Item - A WIGWAM - NOT MORE THAN EIGHT INCHES Any material may be used - to be decorated.

It is hoped that the SCOUTS will enter. It is up to the Scout Leaders to select their special item.

Details of classes and rules are being sent out with this edition of Co-Ordinator. Will Groups with trophies please return them to Anne Lilley by March 8.

5 GOLD ARROW AWARDS

9 April - Nortonbury - 12 noon - 4.00 pm. Full uniform. Will all Leaders please forward names of boys who have received their Gold Arrows in the past year to Anne Lilley.

6 FIRST AID

It has been decided that all Packs will do their own first aid courses. The Red Cross will be asked to run the competition on May 20 at 8th HQ.

7 VENTURES AND THE SCOUT FELLOWSHIP (Rosemary Charsley, ADC Venture Scouts)

Below are the conclusions of an excellent project which Rosemary undertook as part of her commissioner Training:

Most Venture Scouts intend to join the Fellowship when they reach the age of 20. The most common reason for not joining is that they are moving away from the area. The reasons for wishing to join are varied but broken down they look like this:

	FOR 16 VENTURE SCOUTS	MALE	FEMALE
a) Companionship	5	1	4
b) The programme of activities	3	0	3
c) Insurance	7	5	2
d) Continued association with Scout movement	8	5	3
e) Participation in HEN	2	2	0

From this it can be seen that overall they wish to join the Fellowship for continued Insurance Cover for Scouting Activities and also to continue associating with the Scout Movement, although this is followed fairly closely by Companionship.

When looked at from the point of view of the different sexes involved, it is seen that for the males the first two reasons given above are the overriding ones, whereas for the females companionship is more important. Perhaps contrary to expectations, participation in HEN was unimportant.

Apart from fun, the sort of thing they are looking for is an extension of Venture Scouting with the emphasis on the physical activities and trips away together. They are still looking for a challenge.

The overwhelming feeling to come from the questionnaire was that they did not have enough information about the Fellowship and some didn't even know what it was. This idea of lack of communication was carried through into the Fellowship answers, although it must be said that I only got replies from 3 members and I only asked the younger members.

To encourage Venture Scouts to stay within the Movement they must be aware of what is on offer and it must be attractive to them. Also once they have made the application it should be followed up as soon as possible.

Solutions

- 1 Fellowship run two parallel programmes - no age limitations on either.
- 2 Regular programmes and Newsletters published and copies sent to every Venture Scout who is 18 or over as well as every Fellowship member.
- 3 Fellowship members to go to the Units at least once a year to give a presentation of what they have done during the past year.
- 4 Invite the older Venture Scouts to their meetings/activities.

8 SHERPA '88

Well done all the Venture Scouts who completed the Climb of Everest in December. The first part of the gruelling task was undertaken on the climbing wall at Knights Templar School and it was completed in the yard of Howes and Boughton where a specially constructed frame had been made from scaffolding. About £300 was raised to support the work of Sir Edmund Hillary in Nepal.

Our thanks go to the school and Howes & Boughton for making the facilities available and a word of praise for the Ventures for the good publicity in the local press.

9 CENSUS/MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS 1989

All Census forms should have been completed and returned to the District Secretary by the end of January. The membership subscription is due by 1st April. This year it will be £8.00 per head - made up as follows - HQ £5.75; County £1.50; District £0.75.

Please note that there is a 25p discount for prompt payment.

10 SCOUT SHOP

It is hoped that building work on the new Scout Shop will start towards the end of February.

11 LOCHEARNHEAD

The response from Scouts in the District has been most disappointing and is a great let down to those Leaders who have put so much time and effort into the planning of the expedition. Places are still available and I would be pleased if Leaders would still encourage their boys to join the expedition.

On the other hand, I am pleased with the Ventures who are giving the expedition a great deal of support.

12 DAVE AND HAZEL LIDDLE

We wish Dave and Hazel well in their new role as Wardens at Buckmore Park Scout Activity Centre in Kent. We thank them both for their work with the 11th Letchworth Scouts and Nortonbury.

13 SCOUTING – A FORCE FOR INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING

One of our founder's great visions was that Scouting, via its internationalism, could become a force for peace among young people. The vision has been underlined by resolutions from both the Scout and Guide World Conferences to mark our role in Peace and Human Understanding during Founder's Week 1989.

Scouting has constantly opened new and challenging horizons to young people by programmes which help them to discover more about themselves, their relations with the natural world and with their fellow human beings.

As members of a worldwide movement it is important that Scouts discover an awareness of other cultures, religions and ways of life as part of broadening their horizons as citizens of an increasingly interdependent world where decisions taken in one country often affect the lives of people living in other countries.

The acquisition of ideas, skills and attitudes - enabling better understanding of the problems affecting the world today and of mankind's interdependence - is a significant role for Scouting as an international movement.

An active learning process, via our programmes, to help both our Leaders and our Members to become more sensitive to others and to understand the bias and prejudices we often have, is a significant contribution to social growth and helps our membership to become more sensitive in their attitudes.

If we can really make World Fellowship a reality through Scouting, it will have an impact on attitudes and reinforce or develop the values which are set at the heart of our Law and Promise.

Respect for human dignity for all peoples, in all circumstances, appreciation of other people's views and cultures, justice and fairness in relationships with others are real contributions to a better world and are contributions which Scouting can make.

Michael Beach
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONER

Leaders can reinforce this message by undertaking an appropriate activity at meetings to mark "World Friendship Week" this month.

14 LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

Hopefully (with a following wind and P.O. willing) some of you will have received our newsletter. If not and you are interested contact Maggie on Letchworth 684896.

Communication, thats my word for the year. Bad news (they say) travels fast, lets have some good news following closely on its heels, but whatever it is communicate it.

I have recently found out that one of our members has been hiding his light under a bushel. Some has been beaver(!) away at a place in Icknield Way. I was more than pleased to see none other than our own Chairman (Laurie Cook) awarded the Girl Guide Thanks Badge and Bar on 3 December after all his hard work on their HQ extension and to find that the new committee room has been named "The Cook Room". Well done Laurie.

We had a good open evening (with refreshments) on 10 January. This was our first co-operation between 'old' and 'young' Fellowship with dare I say it, communicating. Our programme for the year is really taking shape now with events for all ages.

We do have a few tickets left for the St Albans Gang Show coach trip 2 February.

Just to mention Letchworth North and South Districts Guides and Brownies 'Guiding Lights' show, 14-18 February. Tickets available from Sheila May, 28 Hawthorn Hill and from Plinston Hall after 4 February.

Wishing you good Scouting in 1989.

15 SECTION LEADER TRAINING

The County is holding four Workshops on the new Leader Training scheme to enable DCs, ADCs and GSLs to familiarise themselves with the scheme. I hope that everyone in the District will attend one of the seminars which are:

Sunday	22 January	at Hemel Hempstead	14.00 - 16.00
Wednesday	22 February	at Stevenage	19.45 - 21.45
Tuesday	14 March	at Hertford	19.45 - 21.45
Thursday	20 March	at Welwyn Garden City	19.45 - 21.45

(See January issue of HSG for more details)

16 DISTRIBUTION OF CO-ORDINATOR

We still hear of Leaders who complain that they have not received their Co-ordinator. We make every effort to distribute them to your GSL on time, so if you do not receive yours why not give him a ring or visit?

17 DISTRICT DIARY

February

1	Warrants Committee	-	Nortonbury
6	Beaver Leaders Meeting	-	Nortonbury
9	District Executive	-	Nortonbury
22	Section Leader Training	-	Stevenage

March

1	Warrants Committee	-	Nortonbury
9	District Executive	-	Nortonbury
11/12	Cub Sixers Weekend	-	Nortonbury
20	District Team	-	Nortonbury
23	Administrators Evening	-	Nortonbury