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DISTRICT AGM.

Our thanks to Mark Thatcher from the Scout Association Headquarters for attending the AGM. He gave us an informative and amusing talk about his work at HQ and his contrasting experiences of Scouting in a prosperous, well supported area and in an inner City troop.

Reports from the ADC's showed an action packed year of Scouting and everyone is to be congratulated on their efforts.

We would also like to thank ACC's, Keith Davies, Phil Charsley and Steve Pellow for their support.

WARRANTS COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have been granted their Warrants:

Margaret Banner	ACSL	1st Ashwell
Jill Liedl	CSL	11th Letchworth
Dayananda Leckanwattage	ACSL	11th Letchworth

LEADER TRAINING

The attention of Commissioners, GSL's and Administrators is drawn to three courses advertised in this month's HSG (pages 2762-63)

- a). Training Techniques 16/22 July
- b). Tutor Training 8/9/10 September
- c). Group and District Administrator's course 16/17 September

CUB FIRST AID

Congratulations to 4th Letchworth Cavaliers who won the competition and to 1st/3rd Letchworth who came second with 8th Letchworth Dorians in third place.

During the afternoon the Cubs gave the kiss of life, attended to burn and bleeding injuries and placed a broken arm in a sling.

Our thanks go to St.John's ,ambulance for organising and judging the competition.

HERTS COUNTY CUB SCOUT NIGHT HIKE - Saturday/Sunday, 13/14 May

Two teams from 7th Letchworth set out to take part in this competition and being the only ones from this District they became our representatives To make sure that the Cubs came to no harm they each had a "minder" in the shape of Robin "Rikki" Edmett (ACL 7th) and Graham Wright (Beech Springs VSU).

They reported to the start point at Chipperfield Green at 18.15 on Saturday and following instructions made their way to Phasel's Wood Camp site where the next and final stage of the competition took place. They had to pitch tents and make gadgets etc., Their "minders" were not allowed to help in any way but were responsible for feeding the teams (as far as we know there were no ill effects). The Cubs arrived home on Sunday afternoon tired, but having gained valuable experience.

Their placings were 5th and 7th and considering this was the first time we have entered, this was a commendable effort.

Thanks must also go to the "minders" for giving up their weekend and to the people whose cars were used to ferry the teams there and back again.

Janet Hicks
Akela 7th

7th LETCHWORTH CUBS VISIT A SIKH TEMPLE

On the morning of Sunday May 7th we, as a Cub Pack, had a unique and privileged opportunity to join in the worship at the Sikh Temple in Gernon Road. Accompanied by our ADC Cubs, we entered the outer rooms and were first asked to take off our shoes. Then we had to wash our hands, men and boys on one side, women on the other. We also had to cover our heads, men included, and the boys kept their caps on. All these rituals are observed as signs of respect to the Sikh Gurus of which there are ten.

We then entered the Temple itself, which had a large open floor space, and sat cross-legged in front of the Altar; men and boys on the left, women on the right. Two men were seated at the side of the Altar playing musical instruments and a woman was singing prayers and hymns. Beyond the Altar was another inner one on which was placed their Bible and one of the Priests came uncovered this and read from it then covered the Book up again. The Altar was decorated with large colourful pictures of their Guru who had an eagle on his arm.

As people entered, they went straight up to the front of the Altar and put money into a gold box or food by the side. They then stretched themselves fully on the ground, touching it with their forehead, adults and small children alike. The money is used to pay the bills and the food is put aside for the communal meal the following week which everyone shares at the end of the service.

We noticed kitchens when we arrived where the meal was being prepared. Anyone who is passing through the town is able to stop and have a simple meal and hospitality before travelling on. This is a tradition which has been brought from India and is still maintained.

There were two full time Priests there who were dressed all in white and several women helpers, one of whom lives there and looks after the Temple. One of these helpers, who spoke with a Canadian accent, then called us all forward to the front and told us about their culture and answered our questions.

We were still sitting on the floor and had to be very careful not to point our legs at the Altar for this is seen as a sign of disrespect. We were given a small piece of food called Parshad which one of the Priests brought round to everyone, similar to our Communion. Then we were allowed to move to the side and share in the meal which was a curry with Chick Peas and traditional breads and was very tasty.

After this, we were invited back outside and given coffee, squash and biscuits before we put our shoes back on, said our Goodbyes and departed. I think I can speak for everyone when I say we all came away feeling we had gained something very special that morning from our visit.

Janet Hicks
7th Letchworth

LETCHWORTH, BALDOCK AND ASHWELL CUB SCOUT SPORTS

SUNDAY MAY 24th. PIXMORE SCHOOL

This was very well run by Beech Spring Venture Unit. 11 packs entered. The weather was kind to us and families turned out in full force.

A popular addition was the tuck shop arranged by 11th. Letchworth, we thank them for the use of their H.Q.

This was the first time the Cogar Trophy has been presented. The winners being 1st. Ashwell.

Results were :

1st. - 1st. Ashwell. 2nd. - 12th. Letchworth. 3rd. - 11th. Letchworth.
4th. - 8th. Letchworth Dorians. 5th. - 1st. Baldock Knights. 6th. - 7th. Letchworth
8th. 2nd. Baldock. 9th. - 4th. Letchworth Cavaliers. 10th. 1st. 3rd. Letchworth
11th. - 8th. Letchworth Aeolians.

Individual results :

9 years long distance.

1st. Thomas Liedl 11th. Letchworth
2nd. Terry Eaglen 1st. Ashwell
3rd. Richard Becket 8th. Letchworth Dorians

10 years long distance.

1st. Luke Finch 11th. Letchworth
2nd. David Williams 4th. Letchworth Cavaliers
3rd. A. Richards 12th. Letchworth

60 metres

1st. Robert Davie 12th. Letchworth
2nd. Andrew Jackson 2nd. Baldock
3rd. Thomas Norris 1st. Baldock Knights

100 metres

1st. Luke Finch 11th. Letchworth
2nd. Richard Thorn 12th. Letchworth
3rd. Ben OConnor 1st. Baldock Knights

3 legged

1st. Andrew Tomlin. Craig Smith 8th. Letchworth Dorians
2nd. Andrew Sims. Chris Marsh 1st. Ashwell
3rd. Richard Thorn. Christopher Westland 12th. Letchworth

Egg and spoon

1st. Gary Beaumont 7th. Letchworth.
2nd. Richard Young 1st. Ashwell
3rd. Marc Williams 11th. Letchworth

Sack Race

1st. Gareth Paton 1st. Ashwell
2nd. Bobby Khangura 7th. Letchworth
3rd. Jonathan Marshall 2nd. Baldock

Novelty race

1st. Mark Collins. Oliver Gearing. Thomas Gates. James Young. 1st. Ashwell
2nd. Duncan Jackson. Peter Gentle. Jason Merry. Darren Rose. 1st. Baldock Knights
3rd. Joseph Walsh. Paul Hughes. Gary Woodrow. Gary Marlow. 1st. 3rd. Letchworth.

Relay

1st. Colin Letford. Mark Hemmings. Robert Cant. Christian Soderburg. 1st. Bald. Templars
2nd. Gareth Stutely. Andrew Tomlin. Richard Becket. Kevin Wall. 8th. Letch. Dorians.
3rd. Richard Thorn. Christopher Westland. Lawrence Jewsbury. David Hawkins.
12th. Letchworth.

VENTURES FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Champion Hills once again organised and hosted the County Five-a-side competition. 28 teams took part at Highfield School and guess who won ?? Well done Champion Hills !

WEEKEND IN BLACKPOOL 16/17th September

£30 per person (adults only). Coach leaves 8.30 a.m. Saturday morning. Arrive hotel approximately 2 pm. A stop the other side of Birmingham. Free time until 7 pm then a trip to see the illuminations on the coach if wet, on open top tram if dry. Return approximately 9 pm. Bed and breakfast then free time again until coach leaves at 2.30 pm. Arrive home Sunday evening approximately 8.30 pm. Will stop on the way.

We will require a £15 non-returnable deposit by end of June. Names please to Janet Hicks 672491 or Shaun Howard 679209.

NORTON BURY OHP

The Overhead Projector has disappeared from Norton Bury. Please contact Colin Phillips if you know of its whereabouts.

GANGSHOW TREASURE HUNT AND BAR-B-QUE - 11th June

Venue:	Norton Bury	Time:	2-2.30 pm;	Bar-b-Que	between 5 and 6 pm
Date:	Sunday 11th June				
Cost:	Treasure Hunt	£1 per adult	(50p per child)		
	Bar-b-Que	£2.50 per adult	(£1.50 per child)		
	Joint Price	£3 per adult	(£2.00 per child)		

Please contact Steve Lusty or Anne Lilley

BEAVER FUN DAY

A large turn-out of Beavers had great fun at Norton Bury with an afternoon of games and singing organised by their Leaders with the help of Ventures.

DISTRICT DIARY:

5th June	Cub Leaders - Norton Bury
7th June	Warrants Committee - Norton Bury
8th June	District Executive - Norton Bury
11th June	Car Treasure Hunt and Bar-b-Que - Norton Bury
16/18th June	Cub Camp - Norton Bury
17th June	County Fellowship Day - Weston
19th June	District Team - Norton Bury
24/25th June	Lochearnhead Training - Norton Bury
26th June	GSL's meeting - Norton Bury
1/2 July	Icknield Shield - Norton Bury
5th July	Warrants Committ - Norton Bury
6th July	Initial Training Course (part 2) Norton Bury
10th July	Beaver Leaders - Norton Bury
	County AGM
12th July	Scout Leaders - Norton Bury
13th July	District Executive - Norton Bury
15th July	Champion Hills Barn Dance
17th July	Cub Leaders - Norton Bury