



CO-ORDINATOR

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QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD

Congratulations to Karen Woodman who has gained the Queen's Scout Award. Karen has served on the Unit Executive and is an active member of the Unit as well as helping with Cub Scouts.

WOODBADGE (Commissioner / GSL Training)

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have completed their training :-

Colin Phillips	A.D.C. Training
Dick Walsh	GSL 4th. Letchworth
John Chapman	GSL 11th. Letchworth
Terry Hutton	GSL 12th. Letchworth
Mick Dilley	GSL 2nd. Baldock

WARRANTS

Warrants have been awarded to :-

Brian Rosendale	ASL 5th. Letchworth
Gary Tindell	ASL 8th. Letchworth
Michael Wright	ASL 8th. Letchworth
Julie Speltinckx	BSL 8th. Letchworth
Sue Merry	ACSL 12th. Letchworth

DISTRICT ADVISER - HANDICAPPED SCOUTS

I am grateful to Ken Adams who has agreed to become our District Adviser for Handicapped Scouts. His address is 19 Abbots Road, Letchworth. Tele. 672355.

RESIGNATIONS

Steve Lusty	A.D.C. Scouts
Steve Newberry	SL 12th. Letchworth

It is with regret that these Leaders have had to resign due to family and work pressures. I would like to thank them for their help to Scouting in the District. They wish to maintain their Scouting contacts and have offered their help wherever possible. Steve Lusty is producing the Gang Show.

SUMMER CAMPS

We have had Scouts at Lochearnhead, Snowdonia, the Peak District and in the Malvern Hills and one of our Venture Units visited the Pyrenees - please let Co-ordinator know of your experiences so that they can be shared with others in the District.

With regard to the succesful expedition to Lochearnhead we would like to thank the Leaders and Scouts of the Hitchin District who shared the fortnight with us.

SUMMER CAMPS CONTINUED

..... and a few thoughts on camping from Maggie Strong the Secretary of our Scout Fellowship:-

Having just watched Anneka Rice and her 'Challenge', I wondered why I had deja vu, and then it struck me. Most of us have been there and done it. Hands up those that have spent 3 days on the phone, in the car, on the bike or foot running around trying to get people and equipment in the right place at the right time and working to a deadline.

On the same theme :-

Nannette Newman doesn't have problems with her washing up, she delegates it to the Cubs. Having seen the delights of Cubs washing up I'm surprised one bottle lasted. (I remember one mum who sent along enough paper plates for her son to last all week).

"What was the best thing at Pack Holiday" says mum.

"Akela fell in the river" says son.

"What was the worst" says mum.

"Mushy peas".

As a mum I would like to thank all of you who took our sons to camp etc., all your work IS appreciated. Thank you and well done.

COUNTY CAMP - GILWELL PARK 4th. - 6th. MAY 1990

Looking ahead there is the County Camp at Gilweli next May. The idea is to camp as Districts, with Groups forming sub camps of Cubs, Scouts and Ventures. A comprehensive programme of events has been arranged including a visit from the Chief Scout on the Sunday.

I hope ALL Groups from the District will be well represented.

SCOUT LEADERS

I hope all Scout Leaders will make a special effort to attend the next Scout Leaders meeting at Norton Bury on Wednesday 11th. October at 8.00pm. It is important that we discuss the post of A.D.C. Scouts and continue the initiative started at the July meeting for the programme of District Events.

17th. WORLD JAMBOREE IN SOUTH KOREA - OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERS

There are various opportunities for Leaders to be involved in the World Jamboree. Anyone interested should contact me as soon as possible.

- (a) Leaders of the County contingent.
- (b) UK Contingent Support Team to provide support for the Contingent Leaders. Team members will be involved in the build-up to the Jamboree including the Troop Leaders meetings, and will have other responsibilities in preparation for the UK Contingents departure.
- (c) Jamboree Service Staff to help provide services on site and to assist in programme areas.

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP A.G.M. 21st. OCTOBER

Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Fellowship A.G.M. 21st. October 1989.

7.00 for 7.30 pm. at the Guide H.Q., Icknield Way. Business first, hot buffet. talk and slides on 'Hiking Round the World.' Tickets £3.00. Contact Maggie Let. 684896 or Laurie Let. 674046.

GANG SHOW

Rehearsals are now well under way for the Gang Show in December. This is an important District event and the Cast needs your support. We have enough members in the District to fill every performance at the Plinston Hall, so please make sure you bring a party from your Group. They can be assured of a good evenings entertainment. A booking form is at the back of the Co-ordinator.

SCOUT SHOP

The new Scout and Guide Shop is now open and our thanks go to everyone who has helped raise finance, supervise the building work, paint and do the hundred other jobs to ensure a successful opening. Peter and Ruth will be able to give an even better service, so give them your support.

An immediate feedback they require relates to your Group's approach to the NEW UNIFORM. Please let them know what you intend to do during the interim period. (see July/August 'Co-ordinator' or July 'Scouting')

OPERATION FERRET

Advance notice - this competition will be organised by the 7th. Letchworth and it will take place on 17th./18th. March 1990.

MOUNTAIN ACTIVITY COURSES

A County brochure 'Head for the Hills' outlines all the exciting mountaineering courses available for Scouts and Leaders. Further details are available from our District Adviser - Andy Brett-Wenz or Gordon Marshall the County Mountaineering Adviser (tele. 0707 56947)

SCOUTS GO FOR A MILLION

Watch out for publicity on this project due to start on the 1st. January 1990.

CUB SCOUTS

September has been the month for County Events. On Sunday 10th. we entered TWO teams in the 'Boomerang' competition at Ashridge Common. This was based on Arrow Work. We did not win, but all had a very enjoyable day.

On Sunday 24th. Our District organised a County 'Knockout' Competition at Norton Bury. We were very disappointed when only 5 teams entered. At the last minute another team had to pull out, luckily a Cub Pack from Little Paxton were staying in the house and they entered a team. The outcome was that they were the overall winners. Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell were the County winners. Before the day we thought everything was against us, but on Sunday the sun shone, everyone pulled together and we had a marvellous time. My special thanks to Colin Phillips who organised all the games and lost pounds in weight rushing about all day, the Service Team for erecting the games and marquee, and all the Fellowship for the constant supply of coffee and tea, stepping in as judges and time keepers, and last but not least to my Leaders for their help.

ON LINE '89

Howard Garden Marquee. October 9 - 13th. Every evening.

CHATTAMAG - 6.00 - 7.30pm. for 7 - 11 year olds.

JAMMIN - 8.00 - 9.30pm. for 12 -16 year olds.

These two presentations offer a variety of activities including a clear presentation of the Good News about Jesus Christ by experienced Christian Youth Workers. Please consider bringing your Pack or Troop to one of these presentations. For more information call Peter Deary. Let. 686859

EXPEDITION TO DARKEST DERBYSHIRE - WITH 7th. LETCHWORTH CUB SCOUTS.

We arrived at our picturesque site high up in the hills on Saturday afternoon, and immediately set about exploring the area. We used a slow - moving typical fell river as our boundary and the boys were told not to cross it without a Leader.

We split the boys into three base camps called EVEREST, AMAZON and ROCKIES, and named the Leaders after famous explorers. Next day we visited the small local Methodist Chapel by the side of a brook. The congregation consisted of four old ladies and an old harmonium which was hopelessly out of tune. This was being played by a man of great years also, and a travelling minister took the service. Everyone seemed to be singing a different tune to the hymns and the Cubs thought it was all great fun.

On Monday we went to Jodrell Bank and saw the large telescope. In the planetarium we had to imagine we were on a spacecraft and by using electronic buttons marked A. B. and C. we voted on which Planets we wanted to visit until our fuel ran out. The next day we were taken on a guided hike by a mountain guide. We all wore proper walking boots and he took us up to a bridge where we could stand in three Shires all at once. These were Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire.

In the evening we crossed over our boundary river and the boys cooked bacon and beefburgers over an open fire. There was a rope hanging from one of the trees and of course after several successful performances Akela became too confident and fell into the river, to everyone's amusement.

The other highlight of the week was our visit to Alton Towers, which I can thoroughly recommend, although one really needs two days to get round properly. On Thursday's hike we visited Lud's Cave. This was a ravine which had several entrances and quite a history. During the 18th. Century a religious breakaway group called Luddites met there in secret and held services. One night, so the story goes, soldiers searching for them heard the singing and killed them all.

On Friday the nice weather finally broke, so we visited Poole's Cavern in Buxton, a limestone cave discovered by the Victorians. We shopped for souvenirs, visited the local museum and rounded off the day with a fish and chip supper.

On Saturday morning before we returned to " civilisation " we held a Cubs Own in the Camp open air Chapel. We all placed one item representative of this 20th century in a box, sealed it and buried it in a corner of the Chapel with a note saying not to be opened until the 21st. Century.

Perhaps one day some explorers will pass that way and discover it.

DISTRICT DIARY

OCTOBER

6th.	Warrants Committee		
11th.	Scout Leaders		
12th.	District Executive		
19th.	Group Scout Leaders	18th.	Initial Training Course
21st.	Scout Fellowship A.G.M.		

NOVEMBER

1st.	Warrants Committee		
6th.	Beaver Leaders	6th.	Champion Hills AGM
9th.	District Executive		
13th.	Cub Leaders		
16th.	Administrators Evening		
17th.	Cub Scout District Quiz -	8th.	Letchworth H.Q. 7.00 pm.
18/19th.	Green Beret - Phasels Wood		

Items for the next Co-ordinator to be in by Monday 23rd. October.

GANG SHOW ADVANCED BOOKING FORM

Please supply the following tickets. I enclose a cheque made payable to Letchworth & Baldock Gang Show.

Wednesday	Adult	Child	(All tickets £1.50)
Thursday	Adult	Child	(Upper Adult£3.00 Child £2.00
Friday	Adult	Child	(Lower Adult £2.50 Chiid £1.50
Saturday	Adult	Child	(All tickets £3.50)

Name

Group Bookings

Address

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On Thursday and Friday nights all groups are entitled to one free ticket for every ten purchased.

Please forward with a S.A.E. to :-

Robin Edmett. 134, Bedford Road. Letchworth.