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SCOUT FELLOWSHIP A.G.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I would like to thank all those that have helped and guided me in my new situation. It was a difficult act to follow - K.J. We've had a busy year with a games evening provided by Stevenage Fellowship being my initiation. Then a social get together at Norton Bury in January. We've helped at the Guide Show in Letchworth and visited St. Albans and Steeple Morden's Gang Shows. The District had an Art and Craft Competition at which we donated a Trophy for the Beavers, and provided refreshments. Some of our more energetic members took part and completed the 15 mile Garden City sponsored walk. At the Gilweil Park Gathering, Roger made his famous (infamous) Pop-corn. At the District Cub Scout Camp at Norton Bury we provided people to man the Tuck Shop, I think I counted 200 plus Cubs. There was a Barbeque at Weston Park provided by the County at which with 7 of us, we were the largest contingent.

Laurie's plant stall again did wonders, with £326 being raised for the Ernest Gardiner Day Centre, 275 for Fellowship funds, 225 to Thomas Moore School and 225 to John Henry Newman School. The Treasure Hunt and Barbeque rounded the pre holiday season off.

Members have assisted at other various and assorted events, such as Guites Pioneering, the 1st.3rd. Father and Son camp, and the Cub Scout Knockout Competition. A Shield for the Beaver Scout Sports was bought even though the event was rained off. But the trip to Aylett's Nursery was bathed in sunshine.

Last, but by no means least we have just sent a cheque to 1st. Ashwell towards a new flag. We managed to visit all A.G.M.'s bar one in the District to take our Road Show around to let folks see what we can and do do. It was illuminating to visit the Groups, to meet new faces and renew acquaintances. I say 'we' meaning all members of the L & B.D.S.F. as old and young alike have made contributions to this programme and I hope you've enjoyed it.

The Young Fellowship joined the District Venture Scout Units at Coetmor Mill in Snowdonia last November and will be doing so again this year. There has been a very-recent upsurge in interest in joining the Fellowship from many ex-Venture Scouts especially from old Changers (even an ex-V.S.L. or two.) A skiing holiday / expedition has been proposed for next February and has met with a great deal of support, numbers may reach the twenties.

SCOUTS GO FOR A MILLION

THE EVENT FOR 1990

Scouts Go for a Million is nearly upon us. Between now and December this high profile project for the Scout Section is being launched at a series of regional meetings. By the end of the year each Scout Troop should have received their free information package, which includes support material and details of all the challenges for Scouts. By taking part in Scouting activities, every Patrol can earn discounts on items from Scout Shops, a few Patrols will win a weekend in London and one lucky patrol will win an all expenses paid trip to the 17th. world Jamboree in South Korea. Make sure your Scouts see the special Scouts Go For A Million Video and join in the fun. Cub Scouts and Venture Scouts can become involved especially over the week end of September 29th. 30th. 1990. Next year is going to be a very special year, particularly for the Scout Section, so don't miss out - be a part of it.

JOB APPLICATION SUPPORT CERTIFICATES

INFORM FUTURE EMPLOYERS OF YOUR SUCCESS

The Association offers three types of Certificates designed to help Members when seeking employment. Each briefly outlines the specific Award gained and the activities undertaken by the applicant.

The certificates promote the Chief Scout's Award, the Queen's Scout Award and the Leadership Training. They can be obtained from :-

The Chief Scout's Award - Scout Section, Gilwell Park.

The Queen's Scout promotional leaflet - Scout Shops Ltd., Lancing, price 5p.
Leadership Training - Training Records Office, Gilwell Park.

GROUP ADMINISTRATOR'S MEETING

8.00 pm. Thursday 16th. November 1989 at Norton Bury

I hope all Groups will be represented at this meeting. It provides an opportunity for Lay members of a Group to meet members of the District Executive and the District Team and to up date the members on all our Scouting Activities.

The recent fire at the 10th. Letchworth H.Q. forcibly reminded us of the importance of adequate insurance and in the coming year, Groups may be affected by the Community Charge.

Please come and discuss these matters so that you are able to deal with them knowledgeably.

GANG SHOW (6th. - 9th. December)

Tickets are still available for the Gang Show. Contact Robin Edmett as soon as possible to book your seats. Bring your Packs and Troops.
(See Booking Form on last page.)

CUB SCOUT DISTRICT QUIZ FRIDAY 17th. NOVEMBER. 5th. Letchworth H.Q. 7.00pm.

All packs please enter a team. 3 boys. 1 - 8 year. 1 - 9 year. 1 - 10 year.
This year it will be a new format, including slides and tapes.
Come to the Leaders meeting on Monday 13th. November and get more details.

QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD PARADE

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE / WINDSOR PARADE. SATURDAY 23rd. APRIL 1989

Even if the Queen couldn't make the event, 1,000 odd Queen's Scouts did. The months of challenging hard work and fun that went into our Award, culminated with the Windsor Parade on St. George's Day.

The morning was spent learning how to march properly and having our uniforms checked so that we could represent the Scout Movement looking our very best.

The Parade itself in the afternoon was a very special occasion for us. marching along behind the band and kilted colour party in our lines, before the general public and parents, made us feel pride in the Scouting Movement and all that it stands for. We felt privileged not only to belong but to have been given the opportunity to have achieved all we did in becoming queen's Scouts. An occasion of indulgent self satisfaction.

The Parade ended in the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle, where we all stood to attention whilst the band played, the sun shone and the Chief Scout and Duke of Kent inspected Queen's Scouts from Landsend to John o'Groats, whilst parents strained their necks to catch sight of their offspring.

Inspection over, we paraded into the beautiful St. George's Chapel for a service which emphasised to us the sheer strength and worldwide nature of the Scout Movement.

After a final speech from the Chief Scout we paraded back to the Royal Mews. It had been a tremendous day and the pageantry of the occasion almost daunting. But we truly enjoyed every moment.

Of course neither Nick or myself would have been there were it not for the loyal help and support of our fellow Scouts, parents and leaders. To all who contributed to our Award, we thank you very much.

SUSANNAH CHURCH. BEECH SPRINGS VENTURE UNIT.

THE 40 MILE WALK - SOUTH DOWNS WAY

Due to circumstances (The BSVSU Jumble Sale), the 40 Mile Walk was a non-unit event this year. However a fearless quartet amidst protest endeavoured to attend. The route was another 40 miles (surprise! surprise!) of the South Downs Way, Petersfield to Wombe, near Brighton.

The Journey down for three of us was courtesy of Champion Hills - a miracle feat of endurance for their Transit, now in a worse state than ours. Pete opted for Montezuma Hicca's Transit, with a dodgy roof rack - memories of last year.

Despite all these disadvantages we arrived, via the pub, (CHVSU's second home) at 11 o'clock, ready to start an hour later. The car park was absolute mayhem, resembling a cattle market come Lochearnhead reunion. Everyone in high spirits we began the trek in the dark - not particularly exciting.

Sleep walking became the order of the night, Karen negotiating a few grass banks and ditches. The weather was initially uncooperative and misty, though the drizzle/mizzle subsided and gave way to humid conditions. By breakfast (7am) 26 miles'ish had been completed and sausage sandwiches were a welcome reward. Kevin took great delight in relaying the details of his Little Chef's full English breakfast to us, much to our disgust since he was late meeting us.

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The rest of the day became a lazy stroll except for super sprints "Urbs", who was finished by lunch time. We took regular rests and demolished farm gates in the process.

All four of us finished, leaving plenty of time to return on the Saturday night, tired, content and hobbling !

JO PEARSON. BEECH SPRINGS VENTURE SCOUT UNIT

DISTRICT DIARY

NOVEMBER

1st.	Warrants Committee
2nd.	Beech Springs Venture Scout Lnit A.G.M.
6th.	Beaver Leaders
6th.	Champion Hills Venture Scout Unit A.G.M.
9th.	District Executive
13th.	Cub Scout Leaders
16th.	Administrator's Meeting
17th.	District Cub Scout Quiz. 8th. Letchworth H.Q. 7.00pm.
18/19th.	Green Beret - Phasels Wood.

DECEMBER

6th. Warrants Committee.
11th. District Team.
14th. District Executive.

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	<u>Group Bookings</u>
Address	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.