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PEAK ASSAULT 1990

It was about 5.30 pm., Friday 3rd. March 1990 and we were about to embark on a weekend of gruelling walking and navigation. We reached Kendal (northern Lake District) at about midnight. We set up our tents and went straight to sleep, we were going to need it.

We woke up on Saturday morning for a shock, there was snow on the hills. We set off for the first day after a kit check and other bits. Walking through the snow loses its thrill after a while, but it's good sliding down hills !

We reached the overnight camp to find so had everyone else, I bet they wished they hadn't, because that night the wind decided that no-one was going to have a good nights sleep - 150 mph. winds ripped up nearly every tent. Luckily there was a Church by the campsite which we commandeered for the night, there were bodies everywhere, we were lucky, we got inside the Church, many people had to 'bivi' outside, unfortunately it rained, so the 'bivis' got wet !

We set off on Sunday morning to do the second day, much easier than Saturday. Sunday turned out to be a very nice day and the presentations went well. Approximately 120 teams took part and nearly all completed the course. All the teams who entered from our District finished the course successfully. Although it was tough, we all enjoyed it and can't wait for the next time.

The best placed teams from each of our District Venture Scout Units were :-

23rd. 11th. Letchworth - Bacchus
26th. Beech Springs
41st. Champion Hills

Liam Crowther. Champion Hills Venture Scout Unit.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT SIX-a-SIDE FOOTBALL

This was held on Saturday 17th. March at Fearnhill School. Mark Simmons again organised it. The Cubs played with great sportsmanship, it was unfortunate that a few parents got over enthusiastic. Next year there will be no spectators. 4th. Letchworth Cavaliers beat 12th. Letchworth in the final, and will go forward to represent the District in the County Competition later in April.

CUB SCOUTS IN THE GANG SHOW

15 Cub Scouts took part in the Gang Show, they all enjoyed it and are looking forward to the next one. Not to be outdone 6 Leaders showed that they too can make a spectacle of themselves - I think they are also going to make a career of it.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE AND PARADE

This years St. George's Day Service will be held at St. Paul's Church, Letchworth, on Sunday 22nd. April 1990, starting at 3 pm. St. Paul's is on the corner of the junction of Pixmore Way and Baldock Road. The Parade will meet in the Broadway Car Park, behind the Broadway Hotel. Please assemble by 2.15 pm, as the Parade will move off by 2.30 pm. latest. On the return from the Church the Parade will dismiss at about 4.15 pm. in Kennedy Gardens i.e. the area in front of Plinston Hall. Please inform parents etc. that this will be the pick up point.

There will be the usual rehearsal for FULL Colour Parties in FULL UNIFORM at 10 am. Saturday 21st. April 1990 at St. Paul's Church.

NOTE 1 Those units not turning up to the rehearsal or making prior arrangements with John Chapman (L. 686772) will parade without their Colours, as will anyone turning up on the day with Colour Parties not in correct uniform.

NOTE 2 If we are unlucky and the weather is too wet, then proceed direct to the Church for a 3 pm. Service start.

John Chapman.

GIRLS IN SCOUTING

There have been a number of enquiries in the District from girls wishing to join Scouting. Further advice is expected from the Scout Association in the near future. In the meantime Group Executives should be thinking about their policies. However, at this stage no girl should be admitted although their names may be placed on a waiting list. No Group should make a final decision until I have met with their Executive.

Bob Williams.

OPERATION FERRET

Once again the ingenuity of competitors was stretched to the full as they searched far and wide to collect nearly a hundred items in their quest for the Ferret Trophy. Our thanks to John Wright, Shaun Howard and their team from 7th. Letchworth for organising the event, and our congratulations to the winners 11th. Letchworth, who only missed out on five items.

8th. Letchworth H.Q. was a hive of activity as teams arrived with various objects, together with traffic wardens, triplets and couples who had celebrated 50 years of marriage. Providing a genuine stuffed animal proved far less risky to competitors than producing a live ferret from the bottom of a trouser leg.

Other teams close behind the winners were 1st.3rd. Letchworth, 8th. Letchworth and 2nd. Baldock.

11th. Letchworth took the Trophy and the honour of organising next year's event. BEWARE !

SCOUTS GO FOR A MILLION

Patrols wishing to earn points for Environmental work, might be interested in the "Spring into the Countryside Campaign" organised by the Hertfordshire Groundwork Trust. The aim is to clear paths that link town and country of litter and vegetation. On Thursday 19th. April they are looking for volunteers to clear the path that runs alongside Pryor Way and then on towards Baldock. The work will take approximately two hours starting at 10 am.

For further details contact Gill Taylor or Claire McGuiley 0707 260120.

DISTRICT A.G.M.

This year the District A.G.M. will be held on Wednesday 23rd. May.
at the Council Chambers, Gernon Road, Letchworth.

CENSUS 1990

District Figures (1989 in brackets)

Beaver Scouts 109 (95) Cub Scouts 248 (267) Scouts 142 (165)

Venture Scouts 59 (63) Scouters/Instructors 84 (87)

County/District Team 13 (10) Scout Fellowship 15 (10) Total 670 (697)

Although the fall in numbers is marginal it is disappointing that it is across all sections except the Beaver Scouts and the further decline in the Scout Section numbers is a cause for concern.

THE GARDEN CITY 15 MILE CHARITY WALK Sunday 20th. May 1990

Join the 8th. Garden City 15 mile Charity Walk organised by the Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City.

The registration fee is £1.00 per walker to cover part of the administration and refreshment costs.

Persons taking part under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult at all times, either individually or as a group.

75% of the money will be retained by the participants and 25% will be payable to the Rotary Club.

Details are available from :-

Rotarian Jim Morley
17, Wilbury Road.
Letchworth. Tel. 683276

Apply as soon as possible as there is a high demand and it is likely that latecomers will be turned away.

COUNTY CAMP - GILWELL

Graham Adams is co-ordinating our District arrangements for Gilwell. Please contact Graham as soon as possible to let him know your plans.

It may be that there are situations relating to equipment and transport that are better co-ordinated on a District basis.

If you have boys wishing to go please let us know even if your Group is not participating, so that we can make alternative arrangements for them. Graham's address is - 15, Danescroft. Letchworth. Tel. 675420.

GANG SHOW '90

This one off Performance on March 8th. at Plinston Hall was a great success. It was a sell out weeks before. The 49 strong cast was comprised of Cub Scouts, Scouts and Leaders from 1st.3rd., 7th., 8th., 12th. Letchworth 1st. Baldock, 1st. Ashwell and Guides and Young Leaders and Ventures from Letchworth and Baldock. The Show consisted of various sketches and musical numbers. Having very little scenery of our own did not deter us, the numbers were selected with that in mind.

If you did not manage to see the Show, there is another opportunity on Friday 18th. May at the Baldock Festival at St. Mary's School. Tickets will be available from the Mayflower, Baldock. Please book this date.

DISTRICT DIARY

APRIL

1st. Cub Scout Gold Arrow Award Day
4th. Warrants Committee
5th. District Executive
9th. District Team
11th. Scout Leaders Meeting
1st.3rd. Letchworth A.G.M.
18th. GSL's Meeting
22nd. St. George's Day Service and Parade
25th. 7th. Letchworth A.G.M.

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2nd. Warrants Committee
4 / 7th. County Camp Gilwell
8th. 2nd. Baldock A.G.M.
12th. District Cub Scout First Aid Competition
14th. Cub Leaders Meeting
16th. 1st. Ashwell A.G.M.
23rd. District A.G.M.
24th. Initial Training

WANTED: CHEST FREEZER

A chest freezer is required for Norton Bury. If anyone has a freezer to offer please contact: Barbara Crombie - Tel: 671062