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QUEEN'S SCOUT AWARD

Congratulations to Peter Thorogood of Beech Springs VSU who has gained his Queen's Scout Award. Peter has a long record of achievement in Scouting. He was one of the Scouts who represented the District at the last World Jamboree in Australia. He has been to Austria with Beech Springs and is helping to plan this year's expedition to the Pyrenees. He was a mountain leader for the joint District expedition to Lochernhead. Peter is a member of the Beech Springs Unit Executive Committee and helps to run the 4th. Letchworth Scouts. Each summer he helps with a Childrens' Society Handicapped Camp.

GILWELL 1990

The County Camp at Gilwell is now one of our Scouting memories which will remain with us for many years to come. The atmosphere and excitement of camping together with 8000 other Scouts from all over the County in the beautiful setting of Gilwell is an experience which our boys will not forget. Our District Camp was visited by the Chief Scout, Garth Morrison. This allowed Lee Crossman to renew old acquaintances from the Australian Jamboree. Mark Higgins a blind Beaver from 12th. Letchworth, had a long chat with Garth Morrison. Richard Beckett (8th. Letchworth) and Simon Hughes (11th. Letchworth) were proud to receive their Gold Arrow and Chief Scout Awards from the Chief Scout.

Elsewhere our Scout Fellowship was busy serving 900 hot dogs and making 200 woggles at a Craft Stall as well as coping with the car parking. The Ventures took over the main arena to help Colin Phillips organise his now famous "It's a Knock Out". Well done to the boys of our District for winning this event. They also supervised events for the Cub Scout Athletes Badge - judging by the number of boys taking part, Hertfordshire must have the most athletic Cubs in the Country.

Thanks to the Fellowship, Ventures, Leaders and helpers who worked so hard to make the weekend such a success. In particular our thanks go to Graham Adams for organising the District contingent and running our Camp so well.

There are full accounts of the activities in this month's HSG, so I leave the final words to Cubs from 8th. Letchworth.

I liked the Cub Camp, there was lots of things to do. I slept in a new tent. I liked the food and especially the eggy bread. On Sunday there was a big Camp Fire. I liked the songs and the actions. I liked the woods. There was a big scalextric, it had big bends, there were two cars, there were bridges and long straights.

Andrew Arnold.

I liked Cub Camp it was good. I liked the food and the eggy bread was lovely. We got there by double decker bus and I liked going on the bouncy castle. The roast beef was brilliant and I liked the baked beans. There was a big Camp Fire and we sang songs round the Camp Fire. I made a green woggle and we got home by double decker bus as well.

Chris Steele.

On Sunday I got my Gold Arrow, I got it presented to me by the Chief Scout of the World. His name is Garth Morrison, he is Scottish I think because he was wearing a kilt. when he came to visit us. I also got a Certificate presented to me by him too. Our Shere Khan videoed it. While we were there, there was an "It's a Knock Out". We had to do lots of activities, we came first. The Cubs only had to do one activity. We had a T shaped tray and three sticks with a bucket of water on the top, and we won our game.

In the big arena there was a team of people on motorbikes. They were called the 'Imps' they did lots of stunts, it was a great show. A lot of us got our Athletes Badge, I got my Stage 3.

It was a wonderful weekend

Richard Beckett.

I was chosen to take part along with others in "It's a Knock Out" The game I did was that there was four people who were pole holders, and I had to load and unload buckets. The people who were holding the poles had to balance a piece of wood on the poles and the loader put buckets of water on the wood. One person was at the front and two on the back. The aim of the game was to fill up the bucket, put it on the wood and runner to walk to the other end, where we had to empty the buckets. The team whose container was mostly full up wins and we won and our District won overall.

They had things like darts and go-carts but hardly anyone in the Dorians or Aeolians had a go because the queues were too long or you had to have tickets, and only about two people had tickets. When we went to the Camp Fire it was good at the end because there were fireworks. The food was good and we were well fed. There was a Viking battle before and after "It's a Knock Out". I thought that the Vikings were brilliant.

I enjoyed my stay at Gilwell.

Craig Smith.

As a District we send our thanks and congratulations to all at County who organised such a wonderful and memorable event.

AROUND THE AGM'S

We were pleased to welcome the Deputy County Commissioner, Ray Chambers to our District AGM. This gave us the opportunity to add our congratulations to Ray on being presented with the Silver Wolf Award by the Chief Scout and to thank him for his role in organising the County Camp. Ray gave us an interesting talk on his reminiscences of Scouting over the years, and in particular during the war period as well as looking forward to the future. He presented Bob Williams, District Commissioner, with his Wood Badge.

ADC's presented reports on a wide range of Scouting activities and all Leaders are to be congratulated on these achievements.

A presentation was made to John Moys as he is leaving the District Executive after thirteen years as its Chairman. John was a highly respected Chairman with a great love and understanding of Scouting. The District has benefited enormously from his guidance. We are privileged that John has agreed to become our President.

Elsewhere Wood Badges were presented to GSL's - Alan Jacobs (5th. Letchworth) Shaun Howard (7th. Letchworth) and Mick Dilley (2nd. Baldock).
Congratulations to them all.

5th. Letchworth organised a slide presentation of the Australian Jamboree by Andrew Sims and Neil McCallion. Videos of the County Camp were shown at 8th. and 12th. Letchworth. At 1st. Baldock the Scouts displayed their hobbies whilst at Ashwell the cakes for the refreshments had been made beforehand by the Cubs. Both Cubs and Scouts provided entertainment at 7th. Letchworth and Cubs at 4th. Letchworth showed their First Aid skills.

I would like to thank all the Executive Committees for the way they conducted their AGM's and for the hard work they undertake on behalf of Scouting during the year.

PEG BOARD

I am pleased to announce yet another Group magazine. This time it is Peg Board from the 1st. Baldock Group. Andrew Rollason, its editor, has revived this news sheet which has made many appearances over the years.

VENTURES 5 A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Once again Champion Hills organised the County 5-A Side tournament at the Highfield School. Over a hundred Ventures from all over the County took part and they are to be congratulated on the friendly spirit throughout the tournament which was eventually won by Bricket Wood VSU.

GANG SHOW

The Gang are to be congratulated on playing to another full house at St. Mary's School as part of the Baldock Festival celebrations. I have received many favourable comments from members of the audience who thoroughly enjoyed the evening. After earlier setbacks the show is well and truly on the road and we look forward to next year. Well done Steve, the cast and all the many helpers behind the scene including the Scout Fellowship.

The cake stall held at the Baldock Festival on Saturday May 19th. raised £53.00 (Gang Show Funds) Thanks to everyone who supplied so many cakes.

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING WEEKEND

Patrol Leaders from 5th. and 7th. Letchworth and 2nd. Baldock enjoyed a highly successful week-end at Weston. It was organised by Sally Young (SL. 7th. Letchworth) as a project towards her Wood Badge.

The training started with a discussion on the role of a Patrol Leader led by the District Commissioner and had sessions on organising a Patrol Camp (ADC Cubs Anne Lilley) and 'Ideas You Never Thought You Had' (ADC Ventures Rosemary Charsley) plus many more practical projects, such as Backwoodsman and Expedition Training led by ADC Leader Training Colin Phillips, Beech Springs VSU and ADC Fellowship, Roger Comley. Thanks to Janet and John Hicks who provided food and drink for the weekend.

Well done Sally and thanks to all the willing volunteers.

CUB SCOUT FIRST AID COMPETITION

We thank the Red Cross for manning the bases at the First Aid Competition. The winners were 4th. Letchworth 'Cavaliers' with 12th. Letchworth second.

CUB SCOUT SPORTS DAY

Please note the fee for the Sports Day will be £3.00 per team. Gwen Pack and Venetia Crowther are co-ordinating the Sports with Beech Springs VSU. If the weather is bad please phone Gwen (742753) by 12 noon.

DISTRICT DIARY

JUNE

6th.	Warrants Committee.
12th.	District Team Meeting.
14th.	District Executive.
17th.	District Cub Scout Sports.
23/24th.	Icknield Shield.
27th.	GSL's Meeting.
30/1st.	Tippett Trophy.

JULY

2nd.	District Cub Scout Leaders Meeting (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE)
4th.	Warrants Committee.
11th.	Scout Leaders Meeting.
14th.	Champion Hills Barn Dance.
16th.	Swimming Gala - No information yet.
21st.	1st. Baldock Annual Camp.