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WOOD BADGE

Congratulations to Janet Hicks (CSL, 7th Letchworth) who has gained her Wood Badge in the Cub Scout section.

ADC Venture Scouts

Nick Smith has taken over as ADC Venture Scouts in place of Rosemary Charsley who is leaving the District.

Nick has been Leader at Champion Hills for many years where he has developed a highly successful Venture Unit and I am sure his leadership qualities will be a great asset to the District.

On behalf of the District, I would like to express thanks to Rosemary for the enthusiastic and efficient manner in which she has carried out her duties as ADC. She has been responsible for building up a large and active Venture Scout section in the District. Her understanding of Scouting and the quiet and efficient way in which she carried out duties was appreciated both within the District and at County.

We wish Rosemary and Phil happiness in their new home.

BEAVER SCOUT SCARVES

It has been agreed that the uniform for Beaver Scouts shall contain the option to wear the turquoise scarf or the Group scarf.

COLLECTION AT TESCO STORES

This year Tesco Store PLC is allowing the Scout Association to collect money at their store on 21st and 22nd September. Our District and Royston District will share the collection duty at Baldock.

No more than two adults will be permitted at a time but a rota system will be adopted. It is hoped that a number of Scouts in uniform will be present to help shoppers whilst the collections are taking place.

The takings will be divided 50/50 between the Scout Association and the Districts.

Volunteers please, to undertake the collection.

FREE TREES AND BULBS

Hertfordshire Groundwork Trust is willing to provide free trees and bulbs to voluntary groups to enable them to improve their environment.

The closing date for applications is 17th September (bulbs) and 30th September (trees and shrubs). Any group which is interested should contact me immediately.

CHAMPION HILLS EXPEDITION TO EASTERN EUROPE 1990

Well, all you dedicated beach babies, I can assure you that you just hadn't experienced a REAL holiday. Thirty-nine members of CHVSU departed for Poland on 20th July. With 2 days in Prague on the way and a day in Berlin and Hamburg on the return journey.

Every hour of preparation was worthwhile, it all went so smoothly. We were waiting for disaster to strike, but it didn't. The difference in lifestyle in the Eastern block Countries was fascinating. They appear to be about 50 years behind England. But what a lovely Country Poland was and the Polish people were very welcoming. We stayed in a southern town called Zakopane, situated at the foot of the Tatra mountains, we walked amongst the most beautiful scenery. It was fun to conquer the highest peak, Swinca (2306 metres) together. A totally unspoilt landscape, noticeably free of ANY LITTER.

Did you ever imagine male Venture Scouts being interested in shopping? Well, they were. The shops all look like Oxfam stores. The Poles sell anything they can get their hands on. You go into a music shop and there amongst the shelves is a packet of disposable nappies. We all came home with loads of bargains, 39 chess sets and a good few jumpers. Food supplies were limited, no fry-ups for breakfast I'm afraid but I feel sure that Muesli followed by bread with fbra was far healthier !

With 15,000 ZLOTYCH to the £ we found ourselves instant millionaires-(esses) when we changed our money, lovely feeling ! The funny thing about the money is that they have 20 and 50 zlotych notes, although these notes appear virtually worthless they have a very important use Toilet paper is in desperate shortage over there and you get charged 100 zloytch for two squares, thank goodness we took a few Tesco multipacks, anyway it was cheaper to use money (notes) rather than purchase the toilet paper. It raises a chuckle going to the loo and finding money down it.

One of the most memorable experiences was our time spent in Berlin, there were people with hammers chipping away at the Wall, we hadn't got any hammers but a large iron girder came in handy and 2 hours of hard labour rendered a large slab of Berlin Wall flattened. We have a large piece destined for a life as a trophy, we're currently thinking up a challenge. We certainly know how to pull a crowd, a couple actually came up to me on the ferry journey home and told me they'd seen us in Berlin as well as in Prague 2 weeks previously. Small world ! I'm proud to be able to say that nobody remembers us for bad behaviour. The entire Unit were a credit to themselves as well as the Movement.

There is so much more I could tell you about but all those interested, ask us, and we'll tell you more. Our roaming photographers have a good record of events.

Finally, and most importantly, we must set a challenge. Has any other Unit sunk 100 bottles of Champagne at £1 a bottle, it was irresistible. Who needs lesser beverages when the best is so freely available !

Thank you to everyone who went for 17 super days.

Nicola Macrae (AVSL Champion Hills).

SWIMMING GALA

RESULTS - CUB SECTION

	<u>1st</u>		<u>2nd</u>		<u>3rd</u>
Breast Stroke	L.Dewsbury 12L		A.Feltham 11L		M.Hemmings 1B
Back Stroke	J. Merry 1B		G.Jeeves 8LD		C.Willey 4LC
Freestyle	G.Shorts 12L		J.Booth 1/3L		B.Sharman 11L
Medley Relay	12th L		1/3 L		8 LD
Freestyle Relay	12th L		1/3 L		1st A

RESULTS - SCOUT SECTION

	<u>1st</u>		<u>2nd</u>		<u>3rd</u>
Junior Breast Stroke	T.Bell 13L		L.Dewsbury 12L		I.Stark 1A
Junior Back Stroke	G.Steele 13L		J.Tiplady 7L		R.Lee 1A
Junior Freestyle	J.Eele 11L		M.Collins 1A		R.Coiley 1B
Senior Breast Stroke	G.Shorts 12L		A.Bithray 1/3L		R.Moore 11L
Senior Back Stroke	J.Tiplady 7L		N.Merry 12L		J.Eele 11L
Senior Freestyle	R.Osborne 11L		D.Ball 7L		A.Shakeshaft 1/3L
Medley Relay	11th L		12thL		1st A
Freestyle Relay	11th L		7th L		1/3L

OVERALL GROUP RESULTS

	<u>Cubs</u>	<u>Scouts</u>
1st	12th Letchworth	11th Letchworth
2nd	1/3rd Letchworth	1/3rd Letchworth
3rd	8th Letchworth (Dorians)	12th Letchworth

Our thanks to all the swimmers and their Leaders and to the Scout Fellowship for organising and running the event.

GAZ LAMPS

The Country Gentlemen's Association has given us some Gaz lamps. If any group would like some please contact Phil Taylor Tel: 683311. It will be the responsibility of the group to ensure the safety of the lamp.

DISTRICT DIARY

SEPTEMBER

5	Warrants Committee
10	Champion Hills VSA AGM
13	District Executive
24	District Team
26	G.S.L's
29	Beaver Sports

OCTOBER

3	Warrants Committee
10	Scout Leaders
11	District Executive