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OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

WARRANTS

Warrants have been awarded to :-

Robert Hemmings	-	GSL 1st. Baldock
Christopher King	-	ASL 1st. Baldock
Susan King	-	ABSL 1st. Baldock
Gillian Oakley	-	ABSL 1st. Baldock
Linda Humphreys	-	ACSL 8th. Letchworth
Irene Ball	-	CSL 7th. Letchworth

We welcome them to the District and wish them success in their Scouting.

ROSEMARY CHARSLY - ACC VENTURE SCOUTS

Congratulations to Rosemary who has been appointed ACC Venture Scouts. We wish her success in her new appointment. She showed her leadership skills and understanding of Venture Scouting in her role as ADC Venture Scouts and the County is fortunate to have her services. She has briefly served as District Secretary and quickly made a mark for her enthusiasm and efficiency. We will miss her but wish her well.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

A new directory has been distributed to Groups. There is one copy for each leader and one for the Group Secretary. Thanks to Rosemary for her hard work in compiling the directory. What a shame that hers is the first name to be deleted !

1st.3rd. LETCHWORTH

After a recent Scout meeting, Scouts from 1st.3rd. Letchworth came across an elderly lady who had been knocked over by hooligans. I received very grateful thanks from a friend of the lady for the way in which the Scouts made her comfortable until their Leaders arrived on the scene. Later they made her tea and took her home. Congratulations to the Scouts on their common sense. They were an example to us all and we are proud of them.

BEAVER SCOUT SPORTS

Well done to the 1st. Baldock (Thursday) Colony which won the Beaver Scout Sports and congratulations to all the Leaders, boys and parents who participated with such enthusiasm and enjoyment on such a rainy afternoon. Are there any Cubs willing to teach our ADC Beavers about the weather ?

ADMINISTRATORS EVENING

It was very pleasing to have over twenty people in attendance at this meeting and to have so many Groups represented. The theme for the evening was the relationship between the District and Groups. This gave rise to lively discussion on topics such as promoting the well being of the Scout Association, finance and property, the Annual Census, Leader appointments and training and activities such as the Scout Shop and Norton Bury Activity Centre.

GANG SHOW WEDNESDAY 11th. DECEMBER

Don't forget to book immediately to avoid disappointment. Tickets are going well so let's pack the Plinston Hall to support the Gang.

ASHWELL CUBS HIT LONDON

London is currently recovering from the invasion of Ashwell cubs and their Leaders. 18 small boys, 7 Leaders and two borrowed minibuses made up the party.

Baden Powell Rouse had the honour of hosting our party, and a marvellous venue for such a jaunt it proved to be - superior camping indoors with real beds and duvets, showers, and a dining room which 'supplied proper cooked breakfasts, enough to sustain the hardiest of tourists.

Our Saturday programme included a visit to Buckingham Palace for the changing of the guard, a trip down the River Thames in the pouring rain and a visit to the Guinness World of Records exhibition in Piccadilly, where the boys were fascinated by the models of the most painted lady, the longest fingernails, the longest jump etc.

On Sunday we went to the London Transport Museum, wandered around Covent Garden marvelling at the itinerant entertainers., and after getting caught in an appalling traffic jam, spent the afternoon at the Wembley Stadium. Here the boys visited the England changing rooms, walked up the players tunnel to the sound of a roaring crowd and climbed the steps to the Royal Box.

Personal memories will be getting lost on the way there and taking in a night time trip along the Embankment, Akela's face when we sang Happy Birthday at breakfast, her cake decorated with Cub Camp, brewing up on the green opposite Westminster Palace while the boys fed the pigeons the remains of their very generous packed lunches, driving in through the Palace gates in two hippy type buses. and being greeted by the police like long lost friends, the giggles in the girl's dorm at 2am. when we couldn't sleep for the traffic noise, and the boys faces when they held the cup aloft at Wembley. They were a picture.

Linda Collins. ACSL 1st. Ashwell.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP AGM.

I have just put down my October issue of 'Scouting' after reading the Fellowship page. Pam Humphries' aim (so she says) is to dispel the Tea and Buns image of the Fellowship.

Well I for one do not. We do a good job providing many things throughout the year, OK I'll list them :-

Organisers, marshals, judges, referees, transport, entertainment, equipment. I could go on, but I won't, but we also provide tea and buns. So Pam, leave our tea and buns alone. I know how the DC. likes his tea. (He doesn't, he drinks black coffee.)

We had a vey good camp at Gilwell this year, the theme being Europeans.

We went French. A tent was transformed into Cafe Artois with Laurie as Rene and full supporting cast :- Mimi, English Airmen, Waiters, and a couple of German soldiers. Modesty forbids me to tell you who I was, 'But listen very carefully I will tell you this only once'.

Many of our members have their own particular forte, setting questions, setting type, setting up camp and knockout equipment, making plants grow, making troughs and window boxes, woggles, displays, dancing (with bells on) singing (in the rain) and driving (me up the wall). We are also capable of teaching these things.

I remember listening to the late Jim Bruce talk about what he did with his 'boys', The basic was the same as now, maybe the technology is different. Let us not forget for whom we do these things.

Maggie Strong.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT QUIZ - FRIDAY 15th. NOVEMBER, ASHWELL.

Please all Packs enter a team, this consists of three boys, one eight year old, one nine year old and one ten year old.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUTS 75th. BIRTHDAY CAROL SERVICE AND RENEWAL OF PROMISE.

This will take place on Sunday 15th. December at ST. George's Church. Please let me know what your pack is going to do by 11th. November at the NEXT LEADERS MEETING

DISTRICT DIARY

NOVEMBER

1st.	Jamboree Presentation.
6th.	Warrants Committee
7th.	GSL's Meeting
11th.	Cub Scout Leaders Meeting
14th.	District Executive
14th.	Beech Spring AGM.
15th.	District Cub Scout Quiz.
21st.	District Team Meeting - 18 South Rd. Baldock
25th.	Initial Training Part 11
30th.	Scout / Guide Commissioner Day - Fearnhill School.

DECEMBER

4th.	Warrants Committee
11th.	Gang Show - Plinston Hall
12th.	District Executive
15th.	District Cub Scouts 75th. Birthday Carol Service - St. George's.

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7th. LETCHWORTH CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP SATURDAY 7th. DECEMBER.

Destination; - LAKESIDE SHOPPING CENTRE, THURROCK.

Depart :- Bedford Road. 8.00am. Grange Shops 8.15am.

Arrive Lakeside :- Approx. 9.30am.

Depart :- 1.00pm. for CITY OF ROCHESTER - for a Dickensian Christmas Extravaganza.

Arrive :- Approx. 1.45pm.

Depart :- 5.00pm.

Arrive Letchworth :- Approx. 7.00pm.

COST :- £6.00 per head.

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