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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN
OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL SCOUTING IN THE NEW-YEAR

TO ALL OUR READERS.

DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Welcome to Mike Johnson who kindly agreed to take on the role of District Secretary. Mike's daughter, Helen is a member of Bacchus V.S.U. Mike can be contacted at 33 Cloisters Road, Tel. 685179. His first main task will be dealing with the Annual Census - please make it easy for him. (see below)

ANNUAL CENSUS, 1992.

Groups will soon be receiving the Annual Census forms. Please ask your Secretary to complete them as quickly as possible and return them to Mike Johnson by 31st. January at the very latest. The Annual Membership subscription should be paid to Mike Mansfield by 20th. March. We anticipate that the membership subscription will be £11.40 per head but we are awaiting the County figure. Prompt payment by all Groups will enable us to get a rebate of 35p. per head.

JAMBOREE PRESENTATION.

Over eighty guests including members of local organisations who had contributed funds towards the Jamboree and leaders of the Hertfordshire and Greater London North contingents were entertained to a review of their Jamboree experiences by Jeremy Wilson and Richard Young. They provided a display of Jamboree mementoes and photographs, and gave a talk illustrated by slides to the background of music which truly caught the spirit and excitement of the occasion.

A cheese and wine supper completed the evening. Liam Crowther, the third member of our contingent. was unable to attend because of his studies at Swansea University.

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

Thanks to the Scouts of 1st.3rd. Letchworth who represented the District at the Town Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

GREETINGS FROM STETCHWORTH.

Kath Tippet's many friends in the District will be pleased to know that she was looking very well when I visited her in mid-November, and wishes to be remembered to everyone. The founder (in 1957) of the present Fifth Letchworth Group, and our ADC (Cub Scouts) for many years, Kath is living with her son Michael and his wife Anne, at 49 Strollers Way in the village of Stetchworth - which is in Cambridgeshire, though the postal address is Newmarket, Suffolk CB8 9TZ. Recovering from a number of the problems that may affect most of us as time goes by, Kath has had a very successful

cataract operation and is now able to read and write again, and really seems to be enjoying life despite its physical difficulties. We had a good old gossip about old times, and I'm sure she would be delighted to hear from anyone who cares to write a note

K.J.

THE GREEN BERET CHALLENGE 1991.

We arrived at about 8.00pm. We were camped at the far end of the field. It was a long walk. The field was surrounded by a very large wood. The tents were around the edge of the field.

We were team number ONE so we had to be up very early. The first activity was the assault course. The first obstacle was two pieces of wood with foot hold in it. The idea was you had to get all six members of your team across to the other side and back again in about five minutes. The second obstacle was a kind of aerial runway. It had two ropes that you had to go down to get the points. In all there were about ten obstacles. That afternoon we had an orienteering course, we had a map that did not make any sense and a compass that did not work. That night we went on a night exercise. This is a series of bases at which you had to do separate tasks. For example at one base you had to tie knots and at another you had to build a one man hut using Scout staves. The bit I liked most about Green Beret was you had some experience of working in a team and having to cooperate with each other.

Overall we came eighty first out of 119 teams. I think I might go again on next years Green Beret, so that I can get even more experience and win.

Thomas Hindley. Age 11 years.

7th. Letchworth Scouts.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT QUIZ.

This was another successful and enjoyable quiz. It was held at Ashwell this year and proved an exciting evening.

Ten teams took part and at the end of the questions only six points separated the teams, 2nd. Baldock, 4th. Letchworth Cavaliers and 8th. Letchworth Aeolians finished with the same score, after a tie break 8th. and 4th. still tied, one more question and still a tie, so it was decided that the Trophy should be shared.

We thank Joan Ludford for another set of interesting questions, and 1st. Ashwell for their hospitality. Peter Norton presented the Trophy.

CUB SCOUT 75th. BIRTHDAY CAROL SERVICE. 15th. DECEMBER. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

3.00pm.

Will all Leaders please notify, parents etc. that parking will be in the Swimming Pool car park.

Rehearsal for Prayer readers is at 7.00pm. on Thursday 12th. December. at St. George's Church. This will only take about half an hour. Please make sure you boys attend.

Keith Davies will be on Bedfordshire Radio on Monday 16th. December at 6.20 and 6.50pm. the later time he will be ren wing the Promise, Please encourage your boys to listen.

SCOUT JOB WEEK.

If your Group intends to take part in Scout Job Week please let Mike Mansfield know the number of participating members by 17th. January 1992 so that he can order the materials for you.

HERTFORDSHIRE TRAINING TEAM

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

INTRODUCTORY COURSES.

Unit/13 Jan. 11th.	Unit/14 Jan. 12th.	Unit/15 Apr. 11th.	Unit/16 Apr.12th.
Feb. 8th.	Feb. 9th.	May 30th.	May 31st.
March,7th.	March 8th.	June 20th.	June 21st

LEADERSHIP 1

BEAVERS	CUBS	SCOUTS	VENTURES
Jun. 25/26	Mar. 13/14/15	Feb/Mar.28/29/1	Apr. 3/4/5
Mar. 28/29	May 8/9/10	May 15/16/17	Jun. 5/6/7
	Jun. 12/13/14		
	Sep. 25/26/27		

LEADERSHIP 11

Jan 4th.	Apr. 25th.
Mar. 21/22	Jun. 27/28

DISTRICT DIRECTORY UP.DATE.

District Secretary - delete Rosemary Charsley
- insert Mike Johnson, 33 Cloisters Road. 685179

SCOUT SHOP	Ruth and Peter Baker's address should be 18 Sollershott East.
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DISTRICT DIARY

DECEMBER.

1st.	Nightjar.
11th.	Gang Show.
15th.	Cubs 75th. Birthday Carol Service.

JANUARY

9th.	District Executive
13th.	Cub Leaders Meeting
23rd.	G.S.L's Meeting