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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN
OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

This year's St. George's Day Parade Service will be held at St. George's Church, Norton Way North, Letchworth on Sunday 26th. April at 3.00pm. The Parade will assemble at the Howard Gardens car park. Please arrive by 2.15pm. so that the Parade can move off at 2.30pm. On returning from the Church the Parade will dismiss at the Howard Gardens at about 4.00pm. Please inform parents that this will be the pick up point.

There will be a rehearsal for FULL COLOUR PARTIES in FULL UNIFORM at 10.15am. on Saturday 25th. April at St. George's Church.

Note 1. Those units not turning up at 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 the weather is too wet proceed direct to the Church for a 3.00pm. service start.

Note 3. It would be helpful if you would practise your Colour Parties beforehand.

DISTRICT AGM - WEDNESDAY 13th. MAY. (PLINSTON HALL)

Please make this a date in your diary. All are welcome - Leaders, executive members, Scouts, Fellowship members, parents and many others who support us during the year. The meeting gives us a chance to reflect on Scouting in the District and provides a good opportunity for us all to meet together. Last year's attendance was disappointing. I hope it will not be the same this year.

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS' EVENING.

Thanks to all who attended this meeting. Our ADC's described their role in the District and we discussed other topics such as the Promise Appeal, the law and Scouting, the census and membership subscription and the conduct and quality of AGM's. This is a good forum for the exchange of ideas and we appreciate your interest and attendance.

THE GARDEN CITY 15 MILE CHARITY WALK - SUNDAY 17th. MAY 1992.

Join the tenth 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 refreshment and administration cost.

Persons taking part under the age of 16 years must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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 Rd. Letchworth. Tel. 683276.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT SIXERS AND SECONDBERS TRAINING WEEKEND.

Sixty five Cub Scouts enjoyed a weekend of training at Nortonbury, they were taught how to follow a compass, knots and lashings, how to fold and break a flag, take part in ceremonies and learned some new games. We would like to thank Peter Ellmers for tying them up in knots, and Scouts from 1st. Baldock who made the compass seem so easy that even two Cub Leaders got the right message.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT SIX.A SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

Nine teams took part in this competition at Fearnhill School, the afternoon was very competitive but very sporting, not a yellow card in sight The results were :-

In fourth place 12th. Letchworth. third place 1st.3rd. Letchworth. runners up 8th. Letchworth and this year's winners 2nd. Baldock. they will represent the District at the County Competition on April 11th. We wish them all the best, and congratulate all the players who took part. Our thanks to Michael Wright and Graham Hopkins for refereeing and to Carl Speltinckx for keeping the score board.

We are sorry to have to say goodbye to Janet Bitmead from 8th. Letchworth, due to work commitment she is taking time out, hopefully she will come back in the not so distant future. She will be sadly missed, we wish her well. We also lose Sue Tomlin, thanks to both for all the work they have done.

PEAK ASSAULT 1992.

The afternoon of Friday the 6th. March saw several unwilling Venture Scouts dashing about trying to complete the first stage of what has been proven time and time again, to be an exciting, challenging but above all enjoyable weekend.

This being the final rush to gather kit before leaving for Peak Assault '92. The coach journey that was to take us to the start of the "25th. Anniversar3 Event" was overseen by a rather dubious choice for coach marshall, called Uggi!

Mutters of "I recognise this service station" and "this mud seems Familiar" confirmed the fact that the base camp was exactly the same field as last year, but where that is in relation to Hertfordshire I'm still not sure. After waking to find our 'B' team in six inches of water we left to embark on what was to be a very challenging competition. Mainly relying on mapwork and route planning the first day saw seven hours of hard walking for those who wanted to, or seven hours of leisurely stroll for the less competitive teams, only to find that the high camp was a field_ at a 45° angle.

At 5.45am. a leaders meeting started the second day of the competition, which proved to be navigationally easier with more emphasis on speed, seeing us back at base camp by half past nine in the morning.

For the presentation ceremony we were driven to the Llechwedd Deep Mine, Blaenau Ffestiniog, and then marched for what seemed miles into an underground cavern, where entertainment in the form of a Welsh folk duet were playing for us. The actual presentation saw the winners trophy go to Omega Unit from St. Albans and also an address from our Chief Scout, Garth Morrison.

Truly a memorable and enjoyable weekend that I would recommend to anyone.

Richard POB Young.

Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit.

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PEAK ASSAULT cont.

The three Units all entered two teams, well done to everyone.

District Placings :-

24th. Beech Springs 'B'
37th. Bacchus 'B'
101st. Champion Hills 'A'
103rd. Beech Springs 'A'
107th. Champion Hills 'B'
112th. Bacchus 'A'

BEAVER SCOUTS.

Times have changed, instead of Scouts helping old ladies across the road it is Beaver Scouts helping toads.\
Eight Beaver Scouts from 1st. Baldock joined with Letchworth Naturalists, to lift toads across the road at Red Coats at Wymondley, this is the danger time for them, so armed with buckets and torches they rescued three and returned them to the pond.

County Beaver Scout Euro Day, Lees Wood. June 14th. We are providing the base of England with Royston Colonies.

Help would be appreciated with some of the equipment.

If anyone has any of the following to spare please contact :-

Sheila Staines, 18, South Rd. Baldock. Tel. 893577.

Thin round elastic. Wax crayons, Any amount of card, Staplers and staples, 300 short green garden canes.

DISTRICT DIARY.

APRIL.

1st. Warrants Committee.
9th. District Executive.
12th. Cub Scout Award Day.
23rd. GSL's Meeting.
Initial Training - 2.
25th. St. George's Day, rehearsal.
26th. St. George's Day Parade and Service.
29th. 7th. Letchworth AGM.

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6th. Warrants Committee.
12th. Letchworth AGM.
1st. Ashwell AGM.
*10th. Beaver Scout Challenge - Nortonbury.
12th. 2nd. Baldock AGM.
13th. District AGM.
15th. 8th. Letchworth AGM.
21st. Scout Leaders Meeting.
*11th. Cub Scout Leaders Meeting.