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WOOD BADGE.

Congratulations to Andrea Soulsby who was presented with her Wood Badge by District Commissioner, Bob Williams, at the 1st. Baldock AGM.

BEAVER SCOUT CHALLENGE.

Five teams (consisting of the eldest eight boys in a Colony) came for a "challenging" afternoon at Norton Bury on May 10th.

We started with a quiz, based on Trivial Pursuit - this was followed by a wide game and the third challenge was a scavenger hunt. We finished with squash and biscuits and the trophy was presented to the winners - 4th. Letchworth - A special "well done" to Jackie and her Beaver Scouts, up until the challenge, they had finished runners up in every District event ! Our thanks to Chris Page and 1st. Baldock Scouts for devising and running the wide game and to Julie Speltinkz for the scavenger hunt. As usual - the Beavers enthusiasm made it a great afternoon.

QUOTES FROM THE AGM's.

The Developement of Beavers.

"There have been some long awaited changes for the Beaver Scout section during the year: Colonies may now have their own flag, go on camps and overnight stays (accompanied by their parents) and take part in entertainments such as Gang Shows (suitability of performance to be decided by Beaver Scout Leaders and parents) these changes allow more freedom for colonies to make their own decisions and allow Beaver Scouts to take a full part in Group and District activities - It takes the "can't" out of Beaver Scouting !" Sheila Staines ADC Beaver Scouts.

75 Years of Cub Scouts.

"I think the most tear jerking occasion was at the 75th. Anniversary Carol Service held at St. George's Church. I felt so proud seeing a full church and every pack doing an item. We had 75 candles on the altar and at the end all joined hands in a final prayer." Anne Lilley ADC Cub Scouts.

A good resolution for all our Scout Groups.

"We hope to maintain a high activity profile throughout the coming year. Your son will be encouraged to participate in all troop and District activities. He will be expected to participate in all 'dress' functions when full uniform is required. We have yet to achieve 100% on these occasions. We are a uniformed youth group and your son should be encouraged to wear it and be proud of it. We also encourage the growth of your son's scouting commitment through badge work and service. In the small hours when you are sewing his badges

BE PROUD OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS.

Peter Ellmers. SL. 1st.3rd. Letchworth.

Ventures in Action.

" How many strokes would it take to golf your way to the summit of Helvellyn? 271 according to Chris Lunn of Bacchus VSU. And he should know, as his unit has just achieved this amazing feat."

"Beech Springs have also been active locally, undertaking a conservation project at the Alms Houses in Baldock."

"Champion Hills undertook some hard work, helping to renovate another of the Counties centres at Orchard Farm in Derbyshire. This included building drystone walls, general repair and maintenance and shifting about two tons ' of soil. Exhausting, but rewarding.

Nick Smith. ADC Venture Scouts.

From Shaun Howard who has just resigned as GSL at 7th. Letchworth.

"The past years have seen the 7th. Letchworth grow from strength to strength and are now a Group of young people that have entered competitions both locally and county wide, have helped older residents, cleared parts of the town to make it a cleaner and safer place in which to live, helped with fund-raising which directly and indirectly helps both themselves and the Group survive. They are the future generation, and if they can receive something out of Scouting, then we as Leaders, feel our voluntary work has been made worthwhile.

1st.3rd. Donkey Derby.

This is being held on Sunday June 14th. at Standalone Farm. It opens:=at 12.30pm. and the first race is at about 2.00pm. There will be a car boot sale and craft stalls. Anyone wanting information or a stall should phone Jane Powell, on Letchworth 670538.

BADGE SECRETARY.

Our thanks to Ken and Sheila Bridge for their contribution to our District Activities. They resigned at the AGM, but we were unable to find anyone to replace them. We need a volunteer urgently or our Scouting activities will be without a Badge secretary from August onwards.

LETCHWORTH FUN DAY - 11th. JULY.

Any Group wishing to take the opportunity to raise funds should contact Karen Pollock (Letchworth 671734 or Stevenage 359884) Games, craft stalls are welcome, but no food or drink.

DISTRICT DIARY.

JUNE.

3rd. Warrant Committee.
5th. 4th. Letchworth AGM.
5/6/7th. District Cub Scout Camp.
11th. District Executive.
29th. Cub Leaders Meeting.

JULY.

2nd. District Team 18. South Road. Baldock.
9th. District Executive.
12th. District Cub Scout Sports.
21st. Beaver Scouts - Norton Bury.
23rd. GSL's Meeting.