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DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

WARRANTS.

Congratulations to the following leaders who have been awarded their Warrant.

Wendy Neath	BSL 2nd. Baldock.
Carl Speltinckx	ASL 8th. Letchworth.
Maggie Strong	GSL 7th. Letchworth.

Wendy's appointment heralds the opening of a new Beaver Colony in September at 2nd. Baldock. We wish them all success.

DISTRICT MINI-BUS.

We are very grateful to Letchworth Round Table who have presented the District with a mini-bus. They have always been supporters of Scouting and our appreciation goes out to all their members.

John Wright and Mike Durrant have kindly agreed to administer the mini-bus and booking enquiries should be directed to John (Letchworth 673779).

BADGES.

As you know Ken and Sheila Bridge have resigned as badge secretaries. I would like to thank them for their service over the years and I know that they will remain involved as members of the Scout Fellowship.

I am very grateful to Bill Pack who has volunteered to take on the role as Badge Secretary. He will sell badges from the Scout Shop when it re-opens after the summer holiday.

LEADERS BARBECUE.

We are holding an informal barbecue at Norton Bury on Thursday 16th. July at 7.30pm. to thank Anne Lilley and Ken and Sheila Bridge for their contribution: to the District. Everyone is welcome, but would Groups please give Barbara Thwaites (tel. 892020) an idea of the number likely to come.

CHAMPION HILLS BARN DANCE.

This year the date and venue has been changed. The Barn Dance will be held at The Priory - Great Wymondley on 5th. September, The tickets will cost £6.00 and are available from members of CHVSU.

LEE VALLEY.

I have received pamphlets on "Activities for Youth Groups in the Lee Valley Park". Please contact Bob Williams if you are interested.

TESCO COLLECTION 18th./19th. SEPTEMBER.

Once again the Scout Association have been given permission to hold a collection at Tesco's. In the past we have failed to gain the full potential from this event, so I would like us to make a big effort this year.

Barbara Thwaites (tel. 892020) is drawing up a rota so please contact her if you can help.

The takings will go to the "Promise Appeal".

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT CAMP.

This years theme was "Euro '92" and the countries represented were Holland, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Spain, Greece, Irelnnd and France.

At the bases on Saturday morning we made windmills from Holland, pasta pictures - Italy, Disney masks - France and camp fire songs.

In the afternoon we held a "Mini Olympics" with knock out equipment, every boy was presented with a Gold Medal. The Executive Committee sold tuck for us. The Service Team ran a very rousing Camp Fire in the evening.

On Sunday morning Peter Ellmers had queues of Cubs waiting to go on the aerial runway and absail the wall.

1st.3rd. Letchworth were Ireland and all weekend boys, girls and adults were climbing "Ballony Castle" to kiss the "Ballony Stone" and coming away with a certificate to prove it.

This is my last Co-ordinator as ADC Cub Scouts, thank you all for a very happy last 6 years. I have made some very good friends and have had marvellous backing from everyone. Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell Cubs and Leaders are truly the best.

I am sure you will give Chris Parr the same support when she takes over in September. I wish her all the enjoyment I have had.

Anne Lilley.

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP.

The day dawned - there was a misty fog (but I hadn't had my first cup of tea yet).

We set off through the Jungle of Letchworth to pick up supplies and made our way to a place called Hillshott. There seemed to be a large gathering of natives, most calmly waiting; with just one small and tightly wound up body running around. (This later turned out to be the Head Gaffer).

We were issued with instructions "Kettle" was mine, one was counting metal discs known as float. Some of us were given strange markers with which to identify the flora, while others were dusting strange and wonderfully full coloured bottles known locally as Raffle which you could not exchange for metal discs but with numbered paper.

As the sun reached a designated spot in the sky, there was a rush and by noon there was no more - anything. Visitors that had travelled far had little to choose from but willingly handed over more metal discs for food and nourishment. (The tea and coffee being free this year).

Then the rains came with accompanying thunder and lightning, and all jumped away from metal tent poles which was known as a sign of appeasement to their gods, it worked as the sun shone again and there was another flurry of visitors. These were in special apparel, boots calld wellies, and anoraks, The Hillshott garden looked like loggers had been through.

During this time the Head Gaffer and his 'boy' were demonstrating a local craft called Hanging Baskets, this was also pleasing to their gods because when the float was released the metal discs totalled 1,000.

Well done to John, John, K.J. Bridie, Ken, Anne, Dennis, Joan, all who made cakes and all who visited with special thanks to Mollie and Jean and the Head Gaffer - Laurie.

Maggie Strong.

1992 DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA.

MONDAY 20th. JULY. 7.00 - 9.00pm. LETCHWORTH OPEN AIR POOL.

The following are races we propose to run, please indicate which you wish to enter.

CUB SCOUT.	JUNIOR SCOUT under 13.	SENIOR SCOUT over 13.
Freestyle	Freestyle	Freestyle
Breaststroke	Breaststroke	Breaststroke
Backstroke	Backstroke	Backstroke
Freestyle Relay	Freestyle Relay	Freestyle Relay
Medley Relay	Medley Relay	Medley Relay
Venture Freestyle		
Leader - male Freestyle		
Leader - female Freestyle		
Fellowship Freestyle		

Proper swim suits must be worn.

Spectators must stay on the balcony, only uniformed leaders allowed on the poolside.

Refreshments available.

There will be a raffle - Promise Appeal. Each Group please supply prize.

Entries to be returned by Saturday 11th. July 1992 to :-

Mr. Laurie Cook. 22 Hillshott, Letchworth.

Entry fee £5.00 per pack/troop/unit.

Discount for Groups entering £10.00.

Will all Trophies be returned to Laurie Cook by 11th. July.

DISTRICT DIARY

JULY

- 1st. Warrants Committee
- 2nd. District Team
- 9th. District Executive
- 12th. District Cub Sports
- 16th. Leaders Barbecue
- 20th. Swimming Gala
- 23rd. GSL's Meeting.

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd. Warrants Committee
- 10th. District Executive
- 18/19th. Tesco Collection
- 26th. Beaver Sports
- 28th. Scout Leader Meeting