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LEADER WARRANTS.

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have been awarded their Warrants:-

Mrs. Jacky Thorpe and Mrs. Jane Gibbs.

Both ACSL at 12th. Letchworth.

FERRET TROPHY.

On 18th. October at 8th. Letchworth HQ. there were seen Can Can Dancers, a live pig, a decorated and lit Christmas Tree, a Patrol Tent unpacked, erected, taken down and repacked within 12minutes, 3 uniformed Cub Scouts in a sealed cardboard box, an "OLIGOCHAETE" over 3" long. These were some of the 73 items to be collected for the Ferret Trophy.

Only 5 groups took part, 4 collecting and 8th. Letchworth who organised it, many thanks to them.

The winners were 12th. Letchworth, runners up 1st. Baldock, 1st.3rd. Letchworth and 7th. Letchworth.

What can 12th. Letchworth think up for next year ?

BUSY BALDOCK CUB SCOUTS.

1st. Baldock Cub Scouts have been working hard on badge work, they have contributed these reports :-

OUR COMMUNICATOR DAY. by ADAM HEMMINGS.

We met at the Cub Hut on Sunday 20th. September. It was a nice day, we went in the mini-bus to Tolmers Camp site. It was a bit like Nortonbury. When we got there we were split into teams of four. Everybody had to do the first thing together which was to collect something from the woods and meadows for each letter of the alphabet.

We stopped half way through this to do the other things. These were :-

RADIO MESSAGES.

My name in phonetics is 'Alpha' 'Delta' 'Alpha' 'Mike'.

We also did :

TELEPHONE MESSAGES.

We learned how to use a telephone and how to send emergency messages.

SECRET CODES.

We used a candle and lemon juice. We had to remember a message for twenty minutes. I can still remember mine, it is "Whilst walking through your field by the foot path I couldn't help noticing the sheep walking out of the open gate at the top end".

At the end of the day we finished our A-Z collection we had started in the morning, it was hard to find things for some of the letters like O,U,V.X,.

We used this collection to make our own coded messages.

We all had a good and interesting day at Tolmers.

CUB SCOUT CHALLENGE by DAVID STAINES.

11th. October 1992 at Nortonbury.

It was good !

We were split into teams of four. The first challenge was to carry a bell around the assault course. It was hard the bell rang 12 times.

Next we had to put pegs in a sweet jar, we used an elastic band attached to four pieces of string. We were not allowed to touch the pegs and the sweet jar was inside a big circle that we couldn't go in.

Next we did some orienteering with Chris. We used a compass to find bits of a map, when we had all the map we went to look for the treasure and I found it.

Then we tried shooting with an air rifle. I missed the target. Then it was lunch time, we had to cook our own dinner. We made our own fire. We cut the top off a potato, scooped the inside out and put an egg in the potato and put the lid on with match sticks. We cooked them in the fire. We cooked bacon on sticks and bananas with chocolate buttons in. After dinner we did shooting again, I was better this time.

Next we had to find lots of bits of wire and join them up to get a bell to ring.

The last challenge was to build a bivouac, ours was good enough to keep us dry.

STAND IN CUB SCOUT LEADERS.

There is no need for any Pack to close for an evening if their Leaders cannot make it. Any ADC or DCSL will fill in, a phone call is all that is needed.

DISTRICT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP.

The AGM was very successful and well attended. The theme was French and a very attractive !!! French waitress was on hand. The entertainment was provided by duetists Susan Hughes and Joan Cave with Biddy Reed on piano. The Fellowship have an Open Evening every 4th. Monday at Guide HQ.

FUTURE EVENTS.

December 31st. See the new year in with friends at St. Thomas, Bedford Rd.
February St. Albans Gang Show.
March 13th. Barn Dance. St. Thomas.
April Tramps Supper and Stroll.
May Plant Stall.
June 4/5/6th. International Fellowship Camp, Gilwell.
Bookings now available.

GANG SHOW.

Tickets are available from Maggie Strong. Tel. 675197.

BUNGEE JUMPING.

The Committee of the Council has decided that the activity Bungee jumping is specifically forbidden as a Scout activity. Policy, Organisation and Rules will be amended in the Autumn, but the Rule is effective immediately.

7th. LETCHWORTH CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP.

Saturday 5th. December. Thurrock, Lakeside. Cost £6.00 per head.
More details from Fiona Simkins 676639. Shaun Howard 679209.