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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN
OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

HELD ON THURSDAY MAY 20th. AT PLINSTON HALL.

We were pleased to welcome The Chairman of North Herts District Council, Councillor Bob Flatman on his first official function. He gave the Councils thanks and best wishes for all Scouting does in the Community. Gordon Dumelow retiring Chairman also sent his best wishes.

Our thanks to those Groups who were represented also Letchworth and Baldock Guide Commissioners, and as always it was good to see Fred Cogar again.

Peter Norton who was our Chairman sent his greetings from Egypt.

Bob Williams thanked Bill Pack and John Chapman who have retired as GSL's from their respective Groups. All Leaders, helpers, the Scout Fellowship, Executive Committee, Gang Show, the support of Lay people and the Nortonbury Committee.

He also thanked Ruth and Peter Baker for their tireless running of the Scout Shop, with this he announced their retirement in a year and appealed for someone to take it over.

It was especially nice to have Rosemary Charsley as Paul Brenhams representative for the County. She said she was very pleased as it makes a pleasant change to come into a familiar District.

Paul thanked all those who have supported the 7 Centres Draw. He has been working to set up a Scout and Guide Orchestra in Hertfordshire and has now found a person to undertake this task.

He has noticed that more young people seem to be smoking. A survey showed that ages between 13 and 23 years in Hertfordshire 56% were smokers compared with 25% as a National figure. Paul is asking us all to support him in a NO smoking policy in the presence of our young people.

Lastly Rosemary joined with Paul in thanking the District for the contribution and service given to Scouting in Hertfordshire.

7 CENTRES DRAW.

I have sent off £344,50 so far with more to follow. Final figures will be announced later.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting this scheme and their patience when receiving calls from me whilst upon the verge of panic.

I feel you all need a large pat on the back and a big well done for all your hard work. Thank you.

Maggie Strong.

BOOK THIS DATE THURSDAY 15th. JULY.

We are holding a Barbeque again this year for Leaders, helpers and families. The venue is NORTONBURY. The cost is £1.00. The time 7.30p: onwards.

If you wish to attend please contact Anne Lilley. 676337 or

Barbara Thwaites 892020. by Thursday 8th. July.

Further details in July Co-ordinator.

THE COMMUNICATOR BADGE.

On Saturday 15th. May, 18 boys from 1st. Baldock Cubs met at the Scout Hut for their Communicator Badge. We were split into 4 groups and were sent off to different bases. We did 3 bases before lunch and 1 after.

1. CODES. Baloo was teaching us how to break codes using numbers, drawings, backwards writing and mirrors.
2. TELEPHONE. Akela (Thursday) told us how to put a message onto an answer phone, then we tried it out on her machine. Then she played pairs with the sounds and what they mean.
3. SIGN LANGUAGE. A lady from the Deaf Association called Pauline taught us how to speak in sign language. We learnt whole words as well. I can say A PLANE CRASHED.
4. Kingfisher and Akela (Tuesday) took us on a scavenger hunt. We went round Baldock picking up bits that matched the letters on our sheet. While this was going on we had to remember a message for half an hour.

Paul Hoeg. 1st. Baldock Cub Scouts.

NEWS FROM THE AGM's.

Parents attending the 1st. Ashwell AGM saw an excellent video of Cub Scout badge activities and games made by Cub Leader Linda Collins. Cubs were also busy entertaining at the 4th. Letchworth where there was musical entertainment and card tricks and at 8th. Letchworth where they performed camp fire sketches. At 2nd. Baldock the Beavers performed a puppet show. Badge work was on view at 1st. Baldock and the evening ended with a barbeque.

Fred Lovelock became the new Chairman at 5th. Letchworth but 11th. Letchworth lost two long standing members with the resignations of John Chapman as GSL after 10 years service and Jill Roberson as treasurer after 12 years service. I would like to thank all Group Executive Committees for their hard work during the year and for all that they do behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of Scouting in the District.

I attended all Group AGM's this year so I was disappointed that four groups were unable to send even a single representative to the District AGM.

Bob Williams. DC.

COUNTY CUB SCOUT SIX A SIDE FOOTBALL. SATURDAY APRIL 24th.

As winners of the District Six a Side football competition it fell on 2nd. Baldock to represent the District in the County competition. Winning two out of three of their group matches they progressed to the final stages. After a shakey start, losing both their first two matches the boys showed great character in winning two of their remaining three matches, including beating the eventual winners. Bishop Stortford were the winners' with 2nd. Baldock coming 4th. a very satisfactory result with 13 teams entered. Team :- Stephen Hawkins, David Jenkins, Gregory Rose, Stuart Fenn, James Toal, Edward Miller, Andrew Downey and Thomas White.

David Hawkins. ACSL.

DISTRICT DIARY.

JUNE.

2nd. Warrants Committee.
6th. District Beaver Challenge.
10th. Executive Committee.
20th. Beavers at Gilwell.
24th. District Team.
25th. LAST DATE FOR CO-ORDINATOR.
28th. Scout Fellowship Evening.

JULY.

7th. Warrants Committee.
8th. Executive Committee.
9/10/11th. County Cub Camp. Gilwell.
12th. Cub Leaders Meeting.
15th. District Barbeque.
Nortonbury.
25th. LAST DATE FOR CO-ORDINATOR.
26th. Scout Fellowship Evening.