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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

LES COLLINS. 1912 - 1993.

Regretfully we announce the death of Les Collins.

Les joined the Scout Movement in the 1920's as a Wolf Cub in South Shields. On moving to Letchworth he joined 7th. Letchworth as Scout Master and then Quartermaster.

Later he became Assistant Scout Master with 1st. Letchworth, Group Scout Master and then Group Scout Leader when it changed and 1st. merged with 3rd. to become 1st./3rd. Letchworth as it is today.

The District called and he was appointed Assistant District Commissioner for Scouts, he was presented with his Long Service Award and Medal of Merit. We send our condolences to his family.

DICK WALSH.

Dick has resigned as GSL at the 4th. Letchworth. He leaves after completing fifteen years service in Scouting, and we would like to thank him for his contribution to the Group and District over those years.

ANNE AND PETER ELLMERS.

Peters work is taking him to Portugal for three years so they will be unable to continue their Scouting activities with 1st./3rd. Letchworth. We wish them a happy and successful time in Portugal.

WORLD JAMBOREE 1995. THE NETHERLANDS.

COUNTY LEADER TEAM.

The County hopes to appoint its adult leader team for the Jamboree in November. If any leader is interested in applying to join the team, they should contact me as soon as possible.

Bob Williams.

THE SCOUT LAW.

With the increasing number of girls and young women joining the movement the Scout and Cub Scout Laws are to be amended to read :

The Scout Law.

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is Loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the World - wide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self respect and respect for others.

The Cub Scout Law.

Cub Scouts always do their best, think of others before themselves and do a good turn every day.

THE BIG TEAM.

A series of workshops is to be held to improve the retention in Scouting, especially where the move from Scouts to Venture Scouts is concerned. One of the Workshops is to be held in Stevenage on Thursday 7th. October, at 19.30hrs.

There are places for SIX people from our District to attend. It is open to ADC (VS), VSL, SL, VS and Scouts.

If you are interested please contact ADC(VS) Nick Smith. 55 West View. Letchworth.

1st. BALDOCK SCOUTS EXPEDITION TO RUSSIA. AUGUST 1993.

For two weeks this summer 11 members of 1st. Baldock Scouts met with other Hertfordshire Scouts to go to Russia. The aim of the expedition was to help to revive the Russian Scout Movement and to create a greater friendship between our two countries.

We flew to Moscow and after a days sightseeing stayed in a mediocre hotel. Everybody was impressed with Red Square and the Kremlin. Following this we caught the 'Midnight Train' (at 10pm) to St. Petersburg. The train was stuffy but an experience. On reaching St. Petersburg we were assigned to hosts and spent the next 2 days staying with Russian Scouts and their families. Sightseeing in St. Petersburg was interesting as the City is very beautiful. We visited the Winter Palace and the elaborate Pushkin Palace and gardens.

We then moved 40km. into the forest where we were to camp for 6 days. The camp was situated by the shores of a lake and activities included canoeing, rope-bridges, hiking and sports. The camp enabled both nationalities to learn more about each other and scouting.

After this we adjourned to St. Petersburg again, and once more sightseeing was the order of the day (Ian said that.) Other events included seeing the Kirov Ballet perform an assortment of well known pieces eg. Swan Lake, and going to a Russian 'steam bath'. After this cleansing experience we returned to Moscow and after visiting McDonalds we returned to England.

After a superb trip we all felt that we had learned more about scouting, and hopefully we conveyed some of the spirit of scouting to our Russian counterparts.

Das Vidanya (Goodbye in Russia.)

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP FLAG DEDICATION. 26th. SEPTEMBER. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

I was privileged to participate in the Flag Dedication Service. What a shame that not more Scouting members attended, especially as the Scout Fellowship have helped every group in the District over the years.

The theme of the service was Friendship as shown in the hymns and prayers chosen. Refreshments were provided at the Guide Headquarters afterwards.

Anne Lilley.

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT SPORTS. 19th. SEPTEMBER. PIXMORE SCHOOL.

Eight packs enjoyed glorious weather for the District Sports. Beech Springs Venture Unit ran the event with their usual efficiency. There were races for Mums and Dads and Leaders.

11th. Letchworth came top for the second year, with 1st. Ashwell runners up. Congratulations to all teams who took part.

CO-ORDINATOR.

We would like to thank Maggie Strong for printing the Co-ordinator last month at such short notice.

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP AGM. SATURDAY OCTOBER 23rd. GUIDE HQ. ICKNIELD WAY.

7.30 - 8.00pm.

Talk and Slides - The Way Back (The Oregon Trail.) by M. Brett.

HERTFORDSHIRE INTEGRATED LEADER TRAINING SCHEME.

Tutors /Trainers Well End. 30th. Oct. 0915 hrs.

ADC(LT) / DC / ACC Well End 30th. Oct. 1400 hrs.

GSL's / All ADC /ACC / p.t.a./ DC. Should attend Local Launch.

Any Leader may attend Local Launch. 8th. Letchworth HQ. 18th. Nov. 20.00hrs.

DISTRICT DIARY.

OCTOBER.

1st./2nd.	District Arts and Craft.
4th.	Scout Leaders meeting.
6th.	Warrants Committee.
12th.	Initial Training.
1ath.	District Executive.
23rd.	Scout Fellowship AGM. Guide HQ. 7.30 for 8.00pm.
25th.	Last date for Co-ordinator.

NOVEMBER.

3rd.	Warrants Committee.
11th.	District Executive.
18th.	Herts Leader Training Launch - 8th. Letchworth HQ.
19th.	District Cub Scout Quiz.
23rd.	Last date for Co-ordinator.

18 September 1993

SCOUT COUNTY DATES KNOWN TO HSG EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

● ● ● OCTOBER 1993

- 1 Communicator badge course begins, Tolmers
- 1 Canoe information evening, Welwyn
- 1-3 Basic hill walking for adults, Coetmor Mill
- 8-10 Introduction to white water canoeing, Orchard Farm
- 9 Leadership 2 course 15 begins, Well End
- 9-10 Training techniques course, Well End
- 10 Leadership 2 course 16 begins, Well End
- 10 Forester badge course begins, Tolmers
- 10 Bungo hockey tournament, Welwyn Garden City
- 14, 16, 17 Canoe instructor training, Stevenage
- 15-17 Jamboree on the Air
- 17 Canoeing training, Stevenage
- 23-24 GSL and Commissioner training, Well End
- 27-30 Hertfordshire Euro Navigation
- 30 HILTS briefing for Commissioners, Well End
- 30-31 Training techniques course, Well End

● ● ● NOVEMBER 1993

- 4 HILTS local launch, Ware
- 11 HILTS local launch, Leverstock Green
- 13-14 GSL and Commissioner training, Well End
- 18 HILTS local launch, Letchworth (8L HQ, 7 for 7.30 pm)
- 19-21 Green Beret Challenge, Lees Wood
- 20 Chambers Pot supper quiz, Ware
- 20-21 Relationships training, Well End
- 21 Canoeing training, Stevenage
- 27-28 GSL and Commissioner training, Well End

● ● ● DECEMBER 1993

- 9 HILTS local launch, Welwyn Garden City
- 10-11 Gang Show, Letchworth
- 19 Canoeing training, Stevenage
- 27 to 3 January: Advanced mountaineering course, Lochearnhead Scout Station

● ● ● JANUARY 1994

- 14 and 19-20 Feb: Phase 5 Leader training 1
- 15-16 and 27 March: Phase 4 Beaver Leader training, Well End
- 22 and 12 Feb: Phase 3 Leader training 1, Well End
- 23 and 13 Feb: Phase 3 Leader training 2, Well End

● ● ● MARCH 1994

- 19 County Cub swimming gala, St Albans

● ● ● APRIL 1994

- 2-9 Initial mountaineering course, Lochearnhead Scout Station
- 9-10 Phase 3 Leader training 3
- 9-16 Initial mountaineering course, Lochearnhead Scout Station
- 15 and 7-8 May: Phase 5 Leader training 2