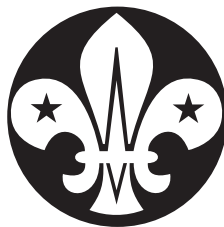


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DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

MIKE JOHNSON - DISTRICT SECRETARY.

Mike has resigned as District Secretary as he is moving to Cornwall. Our thanks to Mike for his efficient work for the District over the past two years. We wish him and his wife Glen a happy retirement in Cornwall. Until a new District Secretary is appointed please direct all correspondence to the District Commissioner.

ANNUAL CENSUS AND MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION 1994.

Census forms have been distributed to Groups and must be returned to the District Commissioner by FRIDAY 21st. JANUARY. it would help if Leaders provided their GSL's or Group Secretary with the necessary information as soon as possible e.g. the number in their section broken down by age and sex. PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - DO NOT WAIT TO BE ASKED.

The Membership Subscription will be £11.70 per head. (HQ. £7.75, County £2.00, County Training Levy £1.25, District £0.70.)

This money must be paid to the District Treasurer by FRIDAY 18th. MARCH.

1st. BALDOCK GO RUSSIAN.

At St. Mary's Church Hall on 2nd. December there was standing room only when the whole Group took part in a Russian Evening. This was the finale of their International Friendship Award. The Scouts who went to Russia gave their presentation with slides, displays and memorabilia helped by the rest of the scouts, Beavers and Cubs drew maps, made Faberge Eggs, cooked Russian food, made hats, a circus, collage and scrap books. This was the culmination of weeks of hard work. At the end of the evening Bob Williams congratulated everyone and presented the whole Group with their Award Badges.

CHIEF SCOUT AWARDS.

Since the last report I have been privileged to attend the presentation by 1st. Ashwell Scouts who have achieved their Chief Scout Award. The boys put on a display and invited parents to inspect it they were also able to enjoy fresh cakes made on the premises.

GANG SHOW '93.

Congratulations to all Cubs, Scouts, Guides and Adults who took part in Gang Show '93 You all worked together as a team (cast and crew) and produced a really good show - I was proud to be involved. Well done.

Andrea Soulsby. Producer GS '93.

One year ago, at the performances of Gang Show '92, I recall enjoying the new experience of working 'front - of - house' in Plinston Hall. I had not been with the Fellowship for very long and my knowledge of the District's notables was rather limited. Those around me all seemed very confident with what they were doing and I was happy just to direct members of the audience to their seats ready for curtain up. I remember being impressed, almost over-awed, by the apparent efficiency of it all, hoping the time would come in the future when I, too, might become a part of this

well oiled machine.

Preparations for Gang Show '93 found me in at the begining with eyes, (battery assisted) ears, and note-book wide open, ready for anything. Quite how I came to volunteer for the position of Secretary to the Committee is a matter for some conjecture but I'm certainly not sorry now. I realise only too well how prior commitments often cannot be avoided but continue to marvel at how well the members of the Committee workrd together. Communication was continuous, problems were recognised and resolved, and the other essential ingredient, hard graft, was in abundance.

The outcome ? A wonderful show which was thoroughly enjoyed by every member of the audience I spoke to (which was many!), both young and old, after all three performances. Their reaction is a living testament to all your efforts, an essential "Thank You" to every one of you who made a contribution, no matter how unimportant you may feel your part has been.

After twelve months, I was still working as an usher during each performance. But I was a great deal wiser, too , having seen what goes on 'behind the scenes' in all senses, and realising that the calm, collected, confident appearance of the 'old hands' was actually the strangling effect of dry mouths and nervous tension! To be honest, it is quite an enjoyable experience, but only in retrospect. Rather like a trip on a roller-coaster! You may be sure I'll be there for my trip next time.

Only one disappointment. I was sorry (perhaps 'angry' would be a better description) to hear that there are those amongst us who see the Gang Show as, "a waste of time" and "rubbish". Those of you who feel this way are being unfair to those youngsters in your charge who could benefit and enjoy involvement in the show, and to your many colleagues in the Movement who don't hold myopic and possible selfish attitudes.

To everybody involved, thank you for all your efforts and hard work. Through Gang Show '93 you've brightened and enriched someone's life by puting a smile on their face and, I hope, enjoyed yourself whilst you've been doing it.

Now isn't that exactly what we're in the Movement for ?

MIKE MILES.

DISTRICT SIXERS AND SECONDRS TRAINING WEEKEND. 26th.27th. FEBRUARY.

Have you all replied to Chris Parr for this weekend ? If not please do so by 10th. JANUARY. All Packs benefit by this weekend.

DISTRICT DIARY.

JANUARY.

5th. Warrants Committe.
10th. Scout Leaders meeting.
Cub Leaders meeting.
13th. District Executive.
24th. District Fellowship Evening.
LAST DATE FOR CO-ORDINATOR.
27th. District Team meeting.

FEBRUARY

* 2nd. Warrants Committee.
* 10th. District Executive.
21st. GSL's meeting.LAST DATE FOR CO-ORDINATOR.
26/27th. District Sixers and Seconders Weekend. Nortonbury.
28th. District Fellowship Evening.
* 5th. St. Albans Gang Show.