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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN
OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

18th. WORLD JAMBOREE.

Scout Leaders, where are your candidates for the Jamboree ? We must have more girls and boys interested. Please make sure that no one is missing out.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE. 24th. APRIL ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Please let us have a full turnout. The collection this year will go to 'Unite'.

REHEARSAL 10.00am. ON SATURDAY 23rd. APRIL AT ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

LEADERS TRAINING WEEKEND.

13 Leaders from Beaver, Cubs and Scouts attended a training weekend at Nortonbury on Saturday and Sunday 19th./20th. March.

The idea behind the training was to generate new skills and ideas for leaders and brush up on some of the basics. Each base ran for approx. 1½ hours and Saturday started with how to run a successful camp with the emphasis on camp preparation.

Following a super lunch we resumed the action with backwoods cooking where we cooked eggs in oranges, made pastry twists and even a stew. In our next base we all got tied up in knots, reef knots, timber knots, clove hitch, highwaymans hitch, round turn and two half hitches, more knots than we can remember. The last base of the day was compass and map reading, several games ideas were presented which could be played with Cubs and Beavers, which would make compass and map reading fun and easy to understand, we were given a compass and had to locate messages around the field.

6 leaders stayed over night, breakfast was served and we got ready for day two. Sunday was reserved for discussion, the main topics included, Scouting in the Future, safety and basic first aid, and leader training.

Sunday lunch was a splendid meal and our thanks go to Anne Lilley and Joan Ludford who did all the catering.

A very big thank you to all who helped make this weekend a success especially: Laurie Cook, Chris Page, Roger Comley, Dave Upson. Andy and Colin from the Young Fellowship.

We hope to run more in the future.

Chris Parr. ADC Cub Scouts.

DISTRICT AGM. THURSDAY 12th. MAY. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL. 7.30pm. for 8.00pm.

Please come along and support the District. The District Team attend all Group AGM's it would be gratifying to see representatives from each Group.

SCOUT SHOP.

The Scout Shop will be closed from 31st. March to 19th. April. Also 28th. April and 3rd. May. — If anyone would be prepared to run it on the last two dates please contact Ruth Baker. Tel. 682752.

UNITE.

During 1994, the Scout Association is raising money to help Ugandan Scouts and UNICEF. In order to do this effectively the Scout Association has adopted a project 'UNITE for Uganda' for this year. The aims of the project are to support Scouts in Uganda in their work against disease. The Scout Association has produced a series of books to promote the idea of Unite. There is a book for each section which is full of programme ideas geared for that age group. There is also a badge that everyone is entitled to wear on their uniform during 1994.

1st. Baldock (Templars) Cub pack have been trying out some of the suggestions in their pack evenings recently :-

One evening was spent looking at the composition of the Ugandan flag, and also at the countries of Africa as well as the Districts of Uganda. The boys coloured in copies of the flag and completed word searches drawn out in the shape of Africa and Uganda. Some boys also tried to piece together a jigsaw of the district of Uganda.

Another evening was spent thinking about immunisation, use of water and health in general. We thought about how we take these things for granted in England and how Ugandan people can't. A game was played to try and get across to the boys how immunisation against disease can save lives.

A third evening has been spent making tribal masks - in Ugandan villages people often wear masks for special ceremonies and dances. At the end of the evening the boys tried some Ugandan food - Peanut Loaf, sweet potatoes, tapioca and sweets (made from icing sugar, coconut and mashed sweet potatoes) the sweets were the most popular until the boys were told what they were made from !!! The boys have also been given some monkey nuts to try and grow at home - hopefully we will see some results in a few months time.

The next session we will be doing will be comparing our homes to those that Ugandans live in, and the boys will try to make a model of a Ugandan village of mud huts.

Andrea Soulsby. Akela.

'STILE' CAMP.

To all Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders, with or without a 'Special Need'. This years Camp will be held in the Lake District at 'Ham '94' Great Towers. Cost £100 approx. Date 13th. - 20th. August.

Deposit £30 on application to :-

Robert Lear. 49 Westmeade Close, Cheshunt. Herts EN7 6JR. Tel. 0992 627856.

Enclose name, address, date of birth, telephone and special need if any.

JIM'S MYSTERY TOUR.

Jim's Mystery Tour is returning.

Entrants will be taken to an undisclosed location, asked to find their way to a mystery destination by following a set of clues over two days.

Teams for the competition will consist of two members with the total entry being limited to 12 teams only.

Entry £15 per person.

Date of departure 1st. July 1994.

Further information from Andrew Sims. 47 Baldock Rd. Letchworth. 672212.

WANTED.

Wanted for 2nd. Baldock Scout Group.

PATROL TENTS. 10'x 8' WITH GROUND SHEET AND FLY SHEET.

Please contact Dave Hawkins on 0462 491228.

8th. LETCHWORTH CUB SCOUTS CHARITY EVENING.

8th. Letchworth Cub Scouts entertained parents and friends with music, sketches jokes and a song.

The evening was organised to raise money for Dominic Williams, a 19 year old who is taking a year off before going to University, he is trying to raise £1,000,000 for Charities including :-

British Heart Foundation, Alzheimers disease, Cystic Fibrosis, Cancer, Motor Neurone, Spinal Research, Leukaemia, Mental Handicap - Adults and Children. With entrance, raffle and refreshments the evening raised approx. £25.

GANG SHOW AGM.

Letchworth and Baldock District Gang Show are holding their AGM on Monday 18th. April, 8.00pm. at Nortonbury. Please come along, we must have a lot of hidden talent in the District, if not on the stage, with needle and thread, saw and paint brush.

IDEAS FAIR SATURDAY 23rd. APRIL. LETCHWORTH COLLEGE.

I have had no display material, surely Groups must have something for me.

Anne Lilley.

TO ALL GROUPS.

After your AGM will you please send the names of your new committee to Alan Wright. 193 Nevells Road. Letchworth. He will then update the District Directory.

DISTRICT DIARY.

APRIL.

6th.	Warrants Committee.
14th.	District Executive.
18th.	District Gang Show AGM. Nortonbury.
19th.	5th. Letchworth AGM.
23rd.	St. George's Day Parade Rehearsal. 10.00am. St. George's Church .
24th.	St. George's Day Parade and Service.
28th.	DISTRICT TEAM MEETING. 18 South Rd. Baldock.

MAY.

4th.	Warrants Committee.
	1st. Baldock AGM
5th.	4th. Letchworth AGM.
9th.	Cub Leaders Meeting.
12th.	District AGM. St. George's Church Hall. 7.30 for 8.00pm.
21st.	Beaver Challenge.

SCOUT DATES KNOWN TO HSG EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT at 18 March 1994
APRIL 1994

- 2-9 Initial mountaineering course, Lochearnhead, Perthshire
- 3 Rock climbing course, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 3 Resuscitation award course, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 7-9 Gang Show, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire
- 8 Electronics badge course begins, Tolmers, Hertfordshire
- 9-10 Phase 3 Leader training 3
- 9-10 Air rifle competition, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 9-10 Canoe surfing, East Runton, Norfolk
- 9-16 Initial mountaineering course, Lochearnhead, Perthshire
- 15-17 Time Zone, Well End, Hertfordshire
- 15 and 7-8 May: Phase 5 Leader training 2
- 16 County Scout swimming gala, St Albans, Hertfordshire
- 20 BCU canoe safety course begins, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
- 22 Publicity planning for Venture Scouts, St Albans, Hertfordshire
- 22-24 BCU instructor training course, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
- 29 to 2 May: Introduction to the hills, Orchard Farm, Staffordshire

MAY 1994

- 1 Rock climbing course, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 1 Resuscitation award course, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 8 County canoe races, Great Ouse, Bedfordshire
- 13-15 Family camp, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 13-15 and 16-17 September: Phase 4 Cub Leader training, Well End, Hertfordshire
- 14-15 BCU training for canoeing with disabled people, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
- 15 Region 3 Scout Fellowship Day, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire
- 21-22 Sea canoeing, Poole Harbour, Dorset
- 29 to 4 June: Sailing courses, East Mersea, Essex

JUNE 1994

- 3-5 Basic Pioneering badge course, Tolmers, Hertfordshire
- 5 County Beaver Scout fun day, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 5 Rock climbing course, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 5 Resuscitation award course, Phasels Wood, Hertfordshire
- 10-12 National Scout Fellowship camp, Gilwell Park, Essex
- 11 and 9 July: Phase 3 Leader training 4
- 12 Buccaneer trophy competition, Tolmers, Hertfordshire
- 17-19 Phase 4 all sections Leader training begins, Well End, Hertfordshire
- 24-26 Twenty Five and Forty Mile Walk, Oswestry, Shropshire, to Bodfari, Clwyd
- 25-26 Phase 4 Scout Leader training begins, Well End, Hertfordshire

JULY 1994

- 1-3 Jim's Mystery Tour II
- 3 Cub canoeing day, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire
- 4 Scout County AGM, County Hall, Hertfordshire
- 8-10 Romanesque weekend, Stevenage, Hertfordshire
- 30 to 13 August: Activity fortnight, Tolmers, Hertfordshire