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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN
OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

KATHLEEN LORRAINE TIPPETT

With three sons in Scouting, Kath Tippet was persuaded by District Commissioner Leslie Brown to start a new Wolf Cub pack at Westbury School, where the inaugural meeting of Fifth Letchworth took place on 28 February 1957. She was guided through the opening stages by her eldest son Michael, then a First Letchworth Senior Scout, but Kath rapidly became the ideal Akela. Taking the school's colours for the new pack's neckerchief, she personally sewed the grey border on to hundreds of plain purple scarves.

Her ambition to see a Fifth Letchworth Scout troop was realized in December 1960, and it was followed five years later by a Senior troop, which became a Venture Scout unit for a short time before merging with Champion Hills.

Kath was appointed District Cubmaster in May 1963, and at the group's tenth birthday party she was presented with the Medal of Merit by the County Commissioner, Melville Balsillie. Her husband John, always her support, was now in uniform as Group Scout Leader, and in May 1967 Kath became Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts), a job she carried out conscientiously for three and a half years. For more years than that, she led the backstage costume team for the District Gang Show, as well as winning regular certificates in the adult section of the Plinston Trophy arts and crafts shows. The Tippet Trophy, made by John himself, was presented by Kath to the winning patrols in the annual Scout cooking competition for many years.

The Long Service Decoration came in April 1972, but so did her retirement as Akela owing to poor health. Kath continued to assist at group and district events, and even won a free sailing course in 1974 in a contest for naming the district's newly acquired dinghies.

In recent years after John's death, Kath lived with Michael and his wife Anne at Stetchworth in Cambridgeshire, but it was at Queen's Court in Bottisham that she celebrated her seventy ninth birthday on 6 April with a small family gathering, and that evening died peacefully and happily.

At her funeral service at All Saints' in Newmarket, I was able to represent all Kath Tippet's Cubs, Scouts, colleagues and friends in the District and beyond, who were unable to be there or who had not heard the news. It was a great honour to give her a last Scout salute, wearing my old Fifth Letchworth neckerchief which she had sewed herself.

KJ

5th. LETCHWORTH CUB SCOUTS.

The Cub Pack now stands at 22 boys, over the last year they have achieved the following badges : 4 Sixers, 5 Seconds, 49 Activity, 7 -- 2 year service stars, 11 Cub Scout Awards, 5 Adventure Awards and 3 Adventure Crest. All District Events entered, 2nd. in the District Quiz and to the semi - finals in the football.

Well done.

IDEAS FAIR.

Interest was shown in our display, unfortunately it was mostly from outside the the District.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE.

Congratulations to all who took part in the Parade and Service. It was good to see a full Church. Thanks to Chris Liley for a lively service. £107.59 was collected for 'Unite'

NORTONBURY CHAPEL.

Only two donations have been made towards the Chapel, The shrubs and stone are ready to be put in place now.

DISTRICT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP.

The District Fellowship have a County Challenge Trophy and out turn has come to challenge Stevenage Fellowship. To this end we are holding a wine and wisdom evening. Teams of up to FOUR persons, no entry fee, bring your own wine and wisdom, food will be provided for a truly glittering prize.
Saturday 21st. May 1994. 7.30 for 8.00pm. Guide HQ. Icknield Way. Letchworth.
You do not have to be a member of a team to enter, team members may be co-opted. The referees decision is final. Please reply to Maggie on 675197 for catering numbers.

DISTRICT AGM.

Please do not forget the District AGM. May 12th. St. George's Church Hall.

STOP PRESS.

Phasels Wood Air Rifle Competition. 9--10April.

Scout Leaders :

1st. Ricky Fox. 1-2 Waltham Cross. 2nd. David Upson, 3rd. John Walbridge both 1st.3rd. Letchworth. Well done.

VENTURE SCOUT BARN DANCE.

This will take place in the Barn at Newnham in July. For further details please contact Jeremy Steeley on 0462 485217.

DISTRICT DIARY,

MAY.

4th. Warrants Committee.
1st. Baldock AGM.
5th. 4th. Letchworth. AGM. 12th. Letchworth AGM.
6th. 8th. Letchworth AGM.
12th. DISTRICT AGM. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL. 7.30 for 8.00pm.
21st. Beaver Challenge.
24th. 11th. Letchworth AGM.

JUNE.

1st. Warrants Committee.
5th. County Beaver Day.
9th. District Executive.
10/12 District Cub Scout Camp.