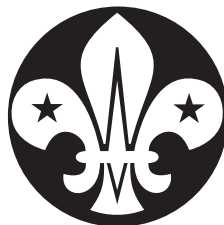


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THE LONDON MARATHON.

As some of you may already be aware, I ran in the London Marathon on Sunday 2nd. April. My aim was to complete the 26 miles 385 yards and raise funds for 8th. Letchworth, The Macmillan Appeal (Macmillan Nurses) and the Leonard Cheshire Foundation (Cheshire Homes.)

Two of my most outstanding memories of the day were the sheer volume of people taking part (it took 12 minutes after the cannon fired signalling the start of the race before I crossed the start line) and the support given by the watching crowds.

4 hours 29 minutes and 48 seconds after crossing the start line on Blackheath Common (along with 26,000 other runners) I crossed the Finishing Line in the Mall to complete my first marathon. The aching legs next day and sun burn (it was the hottest London Marathon in its 15 year history) were all worth it. To date I have raised just over £250 in total. Thankyou to the people who sponsored me and to those who came up to give me their support on the day. It was certainly a day to remember.

Graham Hopkins. A.S.L. 8th. Letchworth.

FERRET TROPHY.

This was very successful, 8 teams took part, what happened to the others who accepted the challenge and backed out ?

This year a Guide Patrol entered and - wait for it - thrashed the Scouts. Next year it will be up to them to set the tasks.

Among items required were, a hearse, a person awarded the OBE or MBE, ten photos from OS references, a clown in costume demonstrating balloon modelling, a shell suit modelled by a man with a moustache, in all 86 items. The final places were 1st. The Guides. 2nd. 2nd. The District Service Team and 3rd. 2nd. Baldock.

Many thanks to Lee Crossman and helpers for organising the event.

DISTRICT TREASURER.

We are sorry to see Mike Mansfield retiring at the District A.G.M. He has been a valuable treasurer for many years now (never relinquishing a hold on the Districts money without a struggle). We thank him for everything he has done over the years.

CO - ORDINATOR EDITOR.

I am retiring in July and this position will become vacant. Editor of the Co-Ordinator is an interesting job, keeping the District Groups up to date. It doesn't take up much time, Groups are quite good furnishing me with news. Anyone interested please contact Bob for further information.

SEVEN CENTRES DRAW.

Hopefully by now, your Group will have sold a number of tickets. If so please could you return any ticket stubs and monies to me as soon as possible as this would help me immensely. Rita Hawkins. 1 South Close, Baldock.
01462 491228

DISTRICT FELLOWSHIP.

We have (again!) been overawed by the response to one of our events. Of 29 invitations sent out, only 6 had the courtesy to reply. This event would not have cost anybody anything. Thank you if you were one of these.

Once again it is that time of year when the great outdoors calls us. The grass needs cutting and the borders need tidying. If you are having trouble filling your garden with colour have you tried "Cook's Campaign"? With this old family recipe your troubles will fly. Phone 01462 674046 for an order form. This treatment has a proven record. Tried and tested over many moons, with many local people returning year after year for another dose., In other words it's time to order your garden requirments from Laurie ! The plants will be on sale on Saturday 27th. May 1995 from 22 Hillshott. Letchworth.
See you there!

DISTRICT BARBEQUE.

Make a date THURSDAY 6th. JULY. AT NORTONBURY.
Further details will follow.

NORTONBURY CHAPEL.

The Rev. Chris Liley is dedicating the outdoor Chapel at Nortonbury on Tuesday 30th. May. Unfortunately this is a holiday week, but please try and come. We hope to have some activities on show from 8.00pm. with the dedication at 8.30pm. Refreshments will be served.

McDONALDS LITTER PICK.

On Saturday April 2nd. 17 Cubs and myself met at Mcdonalds in Letchworth, we were there to take part in a Litter Clean Up, this is a competition for local groups, this year it was against Cubs and Brownies. We were divided into a group of Cubs and two groups of Brownies, off we went to collect litter from certain areas in Letchworth, when we returned to Mcdonalds and had our rubbish bags weighed we were delighted to find the Cubs had won easily, after having photographs taken we all went inside to the best part of the event. Coke and Burger provided by Mcdonalds. Many thanks to Lorraine Robson 4th. Letchworth who stayed to help.
I have now collected the trophy and will be taking it round to the packs who participated, during the summer term.
Chris Parr. ADC Cub Scouts.

NEWS FROM 8th. LETCHWORTH CUB SCOUTS.

We spent a very enjoyable pack holiday at Northern Heights in March. We thought about "The Netherlands" as this is where the World Jamboree is to be held later this year. We made windmills, boats, clogs and hats, had a Dutch meal and even learned a little Dutch. We were very lucky with the weather and with our helpers who worked very hard to ensure all the boys had a good time.

We also made a visit to the Ambulance Station in March. This was very interesting especially when we were allowed into the ambulances. Our term finished with a parents evening where Mums and Dads had to tie reef knots and compete against the cubs with a quiz. The evening was rounded off with an update for the parents on the progress of our new H.Q. building.

Some of the cubs saw the film "The Jungle Book" at Letchworth cinema over the Easter holidays. It was very good even if it was only just about "based" on the original book.

Michael Eve. CSL 8th. Letchworth.

FOR SALE.

Scout Group H.Q. Building. 18 x 14 metres. Kitchen, Toilets, Committee Room, 2 Storage rooms. Entrance, Lobby.
Any offers/enquiries to ALF FREIMANIS. CHAIRMAN 8th. LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP.
01462 676495.

OUR WORLD, OUR FUTURE.

One leaflet per Group is enclosed, this is an interesting leaflet on the environment. Please note inside cover for further free copies.

18 - 25 CONSULTATION PAPER.

One copy per Group. Please read and complete reply form.

DISTRICT AGM. 11th. MAY 1995. ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH HALL.

Please find Invitation enclosed.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE. 23rd. APRIL 1995. St. MARY'S. ASHWELL.

Sunday dawned sunny and mild after a freezing and wet Saturday rehearsal. Every Group was represented, but where were the Venture Scout Units? Visitors included representatives from North Herts District Council, Guides, and past members of the movement. Gill Welham was the County Representative. Everyone congratulated us on the smart turn out and lively service. Our thanks to Rev. Patrick Bright. Well done everyone. The collection was £126 to be divided between Milton Childrens Hospice and Garden City Hospice.

GANG SHOW AGM. THURSDAY 4th. MAY. NORTONBURY. 8.00 for 8.30pm.

DISTRICT DIARY.

MAY.

3rd.	Warrants Committee.
6th.	Ideas Fair. Letch. College.
9th.	5th. Letchworth AGM.
11th.	DISTRICT AGM.
12th.	7th. Letchworth AGM.
	12th. Letchworth AGM.
19th.	4th. Letchworth AGM.
22nd.	11th. Letchworth AGM.
23rd.	2nd. Baldock AGM.
25th.	1st. Baldock AGM.
30th.	Nortonbury Chapel Dedication.

JUNE.

7th.	Warrants Committee.
9/10/11	District Cub Camp.
8th.	Executive Committee.
16th.	8th. Letchworth AGM.

LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP
PLANT LIST 1995
OPEN DAY SATURDAY 27TH MAY 1995

	1/2box = £1		in pots
Alysum-Snow Carpet		Petunia	20p
Aster-single		Dahlias-Coltness	20p
Aster-Ostrich Plume		Begonias	25p
Lobelia-Crystal Palace		Impatiens-Busy Lizzy	25p
Lobelia-Trailing		Nicandra	20p
Silene (can be used in place of alysum)...		Fuchias-named	£1
Salvia-Blaze of Fire	£1:50	Dahlias-named	£1
Stock-Ten week		Ivy's	
French Marigolds		Cactus	
Tagites		Sweet Pea-named	
Petunia-Mixed			

	50p score		10peach
Cabbage- Greyhound		Marrows-Bush	
Cabbage- Primo		Marrows-Trailing	
Brussel Sprouts		Runner beans Streamline	
Leeks- Musselburgh			5p
Lettuce- Buttercrunch		Broccoli-Purple	}
Tomatoes- Alicante		Broccoli-White	}
" - Moneymaker		Cabbage-Flower of spring	}
" - Gardeners Delight		To order only	}
20p each or £ 1 ½ doz.			

Hanging baskets to order

Refreshments free

RAFFLE

OPEN DAY SATURDAY 27TH MAY 1995

IN AID OF TREFOIL GUILD

order forms to be returned to:-
Mr Laurie Cook
22 Hillshot Letchworth Hens