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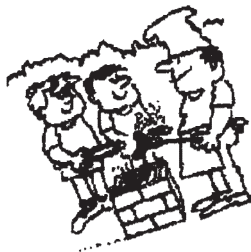


THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Many thanks to Anne Lilley for the work she has done for the District over the years in various different capacities and hope that you enjoy "retirement" through your involvement with the Fellowship.

Please send any future contributions for 'CO-ORDINATOR' to the new Editor - Andrea Soulsby

CONGRATULATIONS to Dave Hawkins (ACSL 2nd Baldock) and Deborah Hoeg (ACSL 1st Baldock) who have been awarded their Wood Badges



DISTRICT BARBEQUE

Thursday 6th July - 7.30pm - Nortonbury House

If you have not bought your ticket yet, then please contact Barbara Thwaites (892020) as soon as possible.

Price: £21.50 per head (under 12's free) - includes food and first drink.

"SCOUTS & GUIDES: IN THE SPOTLIGHT" - Saturday 7th October

The Scout Association are presenting a show at the Royal Albert Hall, London on Saturday 7th October 1995. The participants in the show come from all over the United Kingdom. If you would like to see this show then contact Andrea Soulsby - 10 tickets have been booked and £10 will secure your ticket - transport will be extra.

If anyone would be prepared to drive a minibus then please let me know.

DISTRICT MINI-BUS

Please note that mini-bus bookings can be made through either:-

- Bob Williams, 53 Hawthorn Hill, Letchworth 686727
- Chris King, 55 Westeli Close, Baldock 490218

Keys are available at both addresses.

AUTHORISATION FOR ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES

The Scout Association has issued new regulations for the authorisation of adventurous activities. In order to ensure that our District authorisations are in order, I propose to cancel all existing authorisations in September and require Leaders to renew their authorisation in accord with the new regulations, You will be contacted individually with regard to your authorisation..

Bob Williams DC

BEAVER SCOUT CHALLENGE 29 April at Nortonbury

Teams from seven colonies took part in this years 'triathlon' - a quiz., a wide game and a scavenger hunt.

Congratulations to 1st Baldock Wednesday colony who won the shield,

NORTONSURY CHAPEL DEDICATION - Tuesday 30th May

The dedication was due to take place at 8.30pm, at 7.30pm the heavens opened, the porta cabin was put to good use, almost overflowing with rain and approx, 70 Scouters, Guiders and friends who bravely turned up.

As Chris Liley, vicar of St Georges Church, arrived the rain stopped and we made our way to the Chapel area where several shrubs were planted. Chris blessed the Chapel and cross (made by Norman West). Peter Deary gave the Reading and everyone sang, with gusto.

Brownies in the 'House' joined us, all in their identical yellow macs, and the Trefoil Guild provided the refreshments.

Many thanks to Chris Liley, Norman West and all those who supplied the plants. Special thanks to Sheila May for organising the evening and to Colin Phillips for his hard work in preparing the area.

Please use the Chapel for your Scouts Own, or as a quiet place.

Anne Lilley - ADC(PRO)

CUBS HIT THE ROAD!

On Sunday 21st of May the 8th Letchworth Cub Scouts joined the Letchworth Garden City Rotary Club Charity Walk to raise funds for their new HQ. The weather was fine just right for walking. I set off from Highfield School at 9am and after 10 miles I had my lunch break at Nortonbury farm. My dad joined me for the second half of the walk but - only five miles, to complete - he had the easy bit! When I got to Highfield School, Akela was nowhere to be seen and neither was the car with all our lunch boxes. Finally both turned up and I went home for a short break before my swimming lesson. What a great day!

Jonathan Wilson - 8th Letchworth Cubs



COUNTY CANOE SLALOM TRAINING & COMPETITION - 20/21 May 1995

On Sat 20 May seven 1st Baldock Scouts joined with approx. 50 other scouts from around the county at Batchworth Lock for a bit of slalom training and ..., on Sunday 21 st May the same seven lads entered the slalom competition and WON!!!

Although our boys had been canoeing before, this was their first attempt at Slalom. 'Well done' to them all, but a special 'Well done' to Mark Hemmings (15 yrs) and David Staines (12 yrs) both of whom came second in their age classes.

Our new County Commissioner, Roger Sands, will be coming to present the trophy at the troop meeting on 14th July,

Also, Well done to Simon Templeton (13 yrs), a 1st/3rd Scout, who won his age class in the slalom,

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SEVEN CENTRES DRAW

Can I firstly thank all the groups, and especially the co-ordinators for all their efforts in selling raffle tickets and so raising funds not only for their group but for the Hertfordshire Seven Centres.

As a District we raised £1227.60 of which 50% has been sent to County and 50% has remained with the Groups:

The draw took place on Saturday 10th June at Weston Park, Stevenage. Bob Williams and I attended, representing the District, At least one 2nd prize (mountain bike) was won within the District.

Rita Hawkins - District Secretary

DISTRICT DAY OUT

A total of 92 Beavers descended on the Lee Valley Countryside Centre on Sunday 14th May for our third District visit. This years activities included pond dipping, 'bug' hunting, a 'great dragon' hunt and mini-orienteering (won by 8th Letchworth Beavers who even got a pencil as a prize). As usual the Lee Valley Rangers made this a wonderful day out - informative and great fun!

Sheila Staines ADC (Beavers)



LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE - Sunday 18th June

There were approx. 30,000 cyclists leaving Clapham Common between 6am and 10am and heading for the sun at Brighton

I was cycling as part of a team from the R.A.C, and we left Clapham Common at 06:20. 7 hours later I arrived in Brighton having cycled 58 miles and walked up Ditchling Beacon! The weather couldn't have been better, with the sun coming out as we cycled along the promenade.

Our team hope to raise about £10,000 for the British Heart Foundation. Many thanks to those who sponsored me.

Andrea Soulsby

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES - HERTS YOUTH SERVICE

The following activities are open to all young people over the age of 12. Young people with disabilities are particularly encouraged. Individuals can just turn up and see what goes on. Groups need to book in at least a week in advance.

MONDAYS - canoeing at Stanborough Lake - 6pm until dusk - £1.50 - take a change of clothes,

TUESDAYS - canoeing in a swimming pool - 6pm until 7pm (term time only) - free - Sir Frederick Osborne School, WGC,

WEDNESDAYS - climbing at Phasels Wood - 7pm until 9.30pm - £2 - no experience required.

THURSDAYS - windsurfing and sailing at Stanborough Lake - 6pm until dusk - £2.50 - take a change of clothes

For further details or to book phone John Weinstock - 01707 649691

DISTRICT LEADERS TRAINING WEEKEND - 4/5TH NOVEMBER 1995

Have you returned your form to Chris Parr yet? If not, and your only excuse is that you have lost it, then just give her a ring to let her know that you wish to participate. Your ideas for what areas of training you would like covered are also required as soon as possible. This weekend can only take place if you want it to, and is aimed at leaders from ALL sections. Chris Parr can be contacted on Baldock 892001

LETTER FROM THE CHIEF SCOUT

Please find attached a letter from the Chief Scout explaining about the recent publicity in the National Press regarding the Promise and Law.

DISTRICT ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION -7th October 1995

Please find attached a copy of the classes and entry rules for this years Arts & Crafts competition.

All entries to be taken to Nortonbury on Friday 6th October, with Judging and viewing on Saturday 7th October.

Diary Dates

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- 1 - Emergency First Aid Course - 1st Baidock Scout HQ
- 3 - County AGM
- 4 - Beaver Programme Launch - Stevenage
- 5 - Appointments Committee
- 6 - District Barbeque - Nortonbury
- 12 - District Jamboree 1996 Committee meeting - 5 South Close
- 13 - District Executive
- 19 - Beavers Bangers & Bash
- 22 - 7th Letchworth Annual Camp - Southern Ireland
- 23 - County Cub Canoeing
- 29 - 1st Baldock Annual. Camp - Peak District

AUGUST

World Scout Jamboree - Holland

SEPTEMBER

- 6 - Appointments Committee
- 11 - District Cub Leaders meeting - 32 The Rowans
- 14 - District Executive
- 24 - District Cub Fun Day - Weston Scout Park



Helping young people get the most out of life

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12th June, 1995

A NOTE TO AREA/COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THE PROMISE & LAW

I thought I should write to explain the circumstances leading to the publication of the article in the Sunday Times on 11th June. I am conscious of its strong negative impact on our standing, and am anxious to reassure you on the matter of the Promise and Law.

I am sure that you all know well my own commitment to the Promise and Law, as well as to the fundamental value that they seek to express. While it is important that we keep them under review, and, in the light of the Today & Tomorrow research, that we continually search for ways in which to enhance understanding of them and integration of them into our programme, please be assured that there are NO PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE. In fact we have not yet decided how to take forward the study to address the issues Nos 7 & 8, on pages 6 and 7 of the 'Today & Tomorrow' research report that was sent to you in the Autumn.

The fact that this study is on our agenda became known to a journalist on The Sunday Times last week, and he had a three hour discussion on the telephone with Derek Capper and another three hours or so with me, in three separate conversations. In these conversations he explored with both of us the history of the Promise & Law, and what it is that we are trying to do. John Fogg had briefed him fully on our research, and he focussed on the possible consultation, assuming that it would lead to change. Late in the discussion, he introduced, entirely gratuitously, the question of The Prince of Wales. Taken aback, I was able to say that this had never entered our thinking or discussion, and affirmed my own commitment to the Monarch, along with confidence that this would not be an issue in the foreseeable future. In the final conversation, at the end of a long day, he persisted with focussing on this connection.

I am appalled at the article, since the inference is simply incorrect, and it may have damaged our standing, especially in the eyes of our own Leaders and Supporters around the country. I hope that this note will reassure you, and I attach a short paper that sets out the line that I am taking with all future enquiries. I am looking for opportunities to publish clear statements as to where The Scout Association stands on its values.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "W.G. Morrison".

W.G. Morrison
CHIEF SCOUT

LETCHWORTH .BALDOCK AND ASHWELL DISTRICT ARTS AND CRAFT COMPETITION 1995

- 1/ The Exhibition will be held on Saturday 7th October 1995 at Nortonbury. All entries to be handed in between 7pm & 9pm on Friday 6th October. No late entries will be accepted.
Judging between 10.30am to 1.00pm
Public admitted at 2.00pm
Presentations at 3.30pm.
- 2/ The Convenor is Chris Parr A.D.C. Cub Scouts. Tel 892001, She will make the final decision in the event of any dispute.
- 3/ Two Leaders from each section will be responsible for organising their entries. These to be nominated by their section.
- 4s The following sections are eligible for entry.
 - a Beaver Scouts of any colony in the District who have not reached their eighth birthday.
 - b Cub Scouts of any pack in the District not having reached their eleventh birthday.
 - c Junior Scouts or any troop in the District who have not reached their fourteenth birthday.
 - d Senior Scouts of any troop in the District not having reached their sixteenth birthday.
 - e Adults, consisting of Venture scouts, Scouters, members of Group Councils, The District Scout Council or the District fellowship
- 5/ THE PLINSTON TROPHY will be awarded for TWO years to the Group with the highest number of points gained in the Beaver, Cub, and Scout sections. Groups with more than One Colony/Pack will have their points added separately to those of the Scout Troop and vice versa.
- 6/ Trophies for the winning sections are
Fellowship Trophy - Beaver Scouts
Blaxand Trophy - Cub Scouts
Watson Trophy - Scout Troop
Eaves Trophy - Adults. This is an individual Trophy.
Groups with more than one Colony/Pack must enter them individually.
- 7/ Points will be given as follows:
4 for 1st. 3 for 2nd
2 for 3rd 1 point at judges discretion for each highly commended.
- 8/ There will be no entry fee. The cost will be paid by the District Executive.
- 9/ Leaders of each section are responsible for delivering entries to the competition and removing them between 3.30 and 4.00pm. The Convenor and her assistants cannot be held responsible for entries not collected.
- 10/ No one shall remove exhibits from hall without notifying the Convenor or her assistants.
- 11/ Judges will be appointed by the Convenor. Except in special circumstances no person will be appointed as a judge who holds office in any part of the Scout Organisation in the District.
- 12/ The Convenor reserves the right to cancel a class for any reason or to limit the number of points for a class with a small number of entries.
- 13/ Each entry will have an official Identification label which must be attached and filled in before the day.

BLUE	- Beavers Scouts
YELLOW	- Cub Scouts
GREEN	- Junior Scouts
PINK	- Senior Scouts
WHITE	- Adults
- 14/ Any Exhibit deemed to have been made by anyone other than the person named on the label will be disqualified.

ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION 1995 - CLASSES

- 1/ PAINTING; Any original landscape portrait, still life, abstract, oil, watercolour. (Brushwork)
- 2/ DRAWING; Any original drawing or sketch in pencil, crayon, pen and ink.
- 3/ COLLAGE: Any original design in fabric or other material, which MUST be mounted for wall hanging.
- 4/ METALWORK; Hand or machine made original metalwork of useful or decorative article. Plastic work will be included in this Class. (NOT FOR BEAVERS)
- 5/ WOODWORK; As for class 4 but of wood NOT made from a kit. (NOT FOR BEAVERS)
- 6/ POTTERY; Clay modeling, decorative or useful pottery, glazed or unglazed.
- 7/ SIMPLE HANDICRAFT: Any article made from ordinary objects found around the house and garden.
- 8/ SEWING AND KNITTING; Any article made from wool or cloth, including soft toys, sewing, knitting, embroidery. Class will be sub divided if sufficient entries. (NOT FOR BEAVERS)
- 9/ WORKING MODELS: Models not made from construction kits eg. Airfix. Meccano, Lego, etc. (NOT FOR BEAVERS)
- 10/ SPONGE CAKE; Plain with simple filling. NO DECORATION. Made from following recipe. 4oz. margarine, 4oz castor sugar, 4.oz S.R. flour. 2 eggs. (NO ENTRY FOR BEAVERS OR CUBS.
- 11/ LARGE CAKES; Any Description but not decorated. A copy of the recipe MUST accompany each cake. (NO ENTRY FOR BEAVERS OR CUBS)
- 12/ SMALL CAKES . BISCUITS, SWEETS: Six of the same type will be judged separately if enough entries.
- 13/ PHOTOGRAPHY: COMMERCIALY PROCESSED Black & White or Colour. IF A SET OR ALBUM OF PHOTOS IS EXHIBITED, INDICATE WHICH PHOTO IS TO BE JUDGED.
- 14/ SPECIAL CLASS: BEAVERS Clay Beavers
- 15/ SPECIAL CLASS; CUBS Design Badge for Jamboree
- 16/ SPECIAL CLASS: SCOUTS
- 17/ SPECIAL CLASS; COLONIES Model of Beaver Lodge.
- 18/ SPECIAL CLASS: CUB PACKS. Working models MAX 2ft Sq.