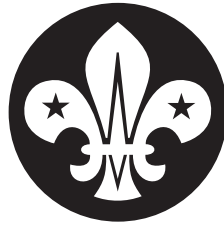


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DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Happy New Year to everyone and hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas.

Have you all made your New Year's resolution? Well I have, and my resolution is to make sure that everyone knows when the deadline is each month for your entries into Co-Ordinator. Firstly let me remind you that Co-Ordinator is sent to all Groups during the first week of the month. This means that the deadline for information will usually be around the 20th of the month – but please look at the Diary Dates in each issue for the actual date.

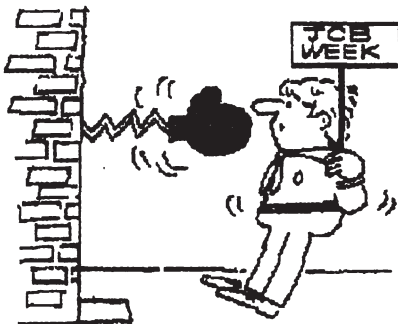
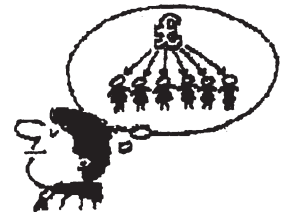
if there are any changes you would like seen to Co-Ordinator or any comments in general then please let the editor know.

CENSUS 1996

Forewarned is forearmed, all you Group Secretary's out there will be very shortly receiving a brown A4 envelope, in which will be the Census form for your Group to complete.

THIS MUST BE RETURNED TO ME (District Secretary, Rita Hawkins) BY FRIDAY 19th JANUARY 1996.

I will send the boys round to any Group missing the Deadline.



SCOUT JOB WEEK 8th - 13th APRIL 1996

Any Group wishing to take part in this successful fund-raising activity, please let me know by 10th January 1996, as I need to order the materials required. No, I do not know what next year's materials are!

Rita Hawkins – 01462 491228

SKILL CERTIFICATES

Just a quick reminder about Skill Certificates

To all skilled persons, to GSL's and to Group Charimen – please remember that the District is busy updating its records and we need you to tell us who the skilled people are. If you hold a certificate for say Hill Walking, canoeing or some such activity and you haven't already done so, please urgently send details, with supporting evidence, to John Chapman – ADC (Leader Training).

Don't hide your light under a bushel

Can I take this opportunity to thank all the Groups that have allowed me to attend their Group Meetings. I have found the experience very rewarding, so much so that I look forward to attending your meetings again in the New Year

Rita
District Secretary

THE FOOD SAFETY (GENERAL FOOD HYGIENE) REGULATIONS 1995

These new regulations were published on 19th July and came into force on 15th September 1995. A guide to the regulations has been produced by the Department of Health. The booklet, which is free of charge, is available from :-

BAPS Health Publication Unit
Storage & Distribution Centre
Heywood Stores
Manchester Road
HEYWOOD
Lancs.
OL10 2PZ

WELWYN G.C DISTRICT SCOUTS NIGHT HIKE

On the 25th and 26th of November, 30 patrols from 12 districts including Letchworth and notably, Hull, joined 16 patrols from Welwyn Garden City District to take part in this annual event: The competition, organised by Tony Cobb of W.G.C. Scouts, coped admirably with a surprise Rally competition at two in the morning. 35 teams finished and over 85 adults were involved. Dave Strong and Michael Gilley of 7th Letchworth were thanked for running one of the bases and "for their professional approach to the event". The standard and commitment of the competitors who walked for up to 11 hours and completed 8 bases would I presume, make this the premier night hike competition in the County. Our Falcons won the pioneering section with 82 points out of 100.

Position	Team	Points
1	1st Radlett Ruffs	533
12	7th Letchworth Falcons	442
28	7th Letchworth Owls/Merlins	366
29	7th Letchworth Kiwis	365
33	7th Letchworth Eagles/Hawk	319

James Blacker – SL, 7th Letchworth

WILBURY HALL

7th Letchworth Cubs and Scouts have now moved into the new Wilbury Hall in Bedford Road, which was opened in August by Pam Rhodes. We are all very pleased to be using this new facility and would welcome any Scouters from the District visiting either the Scouts on Fridays or the Cubs on Wednesdays after the New Year.

Irene Ball – CSL, 7th Letchworth

WORLD JAMBOREE

Back in October, the District held a presentation Evening when the three Scouts who represented Letchworth & Baldock at the Jamboree gave an illustrated talk; this was by way of a "Thank you" to those local Organisations & Groups who kindly donated monies to our 1995 Fund. It was attended by representatives from the Letchworth Civic Trust, from the Garden City Heritage Foundation, from Rotary Clubs of both Letchworth and Baldock and from Baldock Lions too. John Gilbert from the County, together with Pauline Gimson, DC Baldock Guides and our Scout Fellowship were also present.

There follows some memories of the Jamboree from one of the Scouts.....

My Memories of The Jamboree

My most abiding memory was how huge the Jamboree was 30,000 people all in the same place, and all camping.

When we reached Crystal Palace I began to see the sort of numbers we were looking at, *just* from the UK contingent.

When we got on sight that was another big memory for me, seeing the sight for the first time and just admiring the size and splendour of it all.

It is difficult to list all my memories, simply because there are so many but I will try my best!

Perhaps the most overwhelming memory was the opening and closing ceremonies where 30,000 multi-national scouts were joined together in just one arena, all singing and dancing in a fun, but peaceful way.

The main elements of the Jamboree were: 'fun, but also to unite Scouts from around the World and both of these elements were achieved. Meeting all the different nationalities was perhaps the biggest pleasure and exciting experience.

All in all the Jamboree was excellent and a truly wonderful experience.....

By
Mark Wright - Ted Patrol
Herts " ZIG " Unit
Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell District Scouts.

Future Is Now

1995 - Jamboree Logo
Dronten - The Netherlands

Diary Dates

JANUARY

- 3 - Warrants Committee
- 10 - District Jamboree 1996 Meeting - Nortonbury
- 11 - District Executive Meeting
- 15 - District Cub Leaders Meeting - 32 The Rowans
- 20 - DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY CO-ORDINATOR

FEBRUARY

- 7 - Warrants Committee
- 7 - District Jamboree 1996 Meeting - Nortonbury
- 8 - District Executive Meeting
- 18 - DEADLINE FOR MARCH CO-ORDINATOR
- 24/25 - Cubs Sixers/Seconders training Weekend - Nortonbury

Other dates to note are:-

APRIL 1 - District Gang Show AGM - Nortonbury

MAY 3-6th - District Jamboree - Nortonbury

JUNE 14-16th - The Scout Fellowship Camp will again be at Weston Park

DISTRICT JAMBOREE 1996

CONGRATULATIONS to Jonathon Marlow - 5th Letchworth Cubs, James Batchelor - 7th Letchworth Cubs and Simon Temletone - 1st/3rd Scouts, whose entries to the "Design-A-Badge" competition have all been used as inspiration for the Badge design for the District Jamboree.

We are still in the process of finalising details for the Scouts and Venture Scouts Activity day on the Saturday of the Jamboree and hopefully we will be able to give out details of that next month.

We still need your ideas for activities that could be run for different age groups on the Sunday of the Jamboree, Each Group has been asked to come up with 2 ideas - one for the Beaver/Cub age group and one for the Scout/Venture age group, These activities are to be run at a minimal cost and it should be fairly easy for other leaders to take over the running of the activity during the day. This is so that no one leader is "stuck" on one activity for a whole day. Please pass your ideas onto your Group rep in time for the February meeting - 7th Feb.

GROUP REPRESENTATIVES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

1st ASHWELL -
1st BALDOCK - Andrea Soulsby
2nd BALDOCK - Dave Hawkins

SERVICE TEAM - Michael Wright
BEAVERS - Sue King
CUBS - Chris Parr
SCOUTS - Shaun Howard
VENTURES - Sally Young

1st/3rd LETCHWORTH - Dave Upson
4th LETCHWORTH - Nigel Spur
5th LETCHWORTH - Sue Lovelock
7th LETCHWORTH - David Strong
8th LETCHWORTH - Graham Hopkins
11th LETCHWORTH - Paul Fitzgerald
12th LETCHWORTH - Jane Thorn