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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN  
OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK  
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### **Warrants**

After the Appointments Meeting on 7th Feb 1996, the following appointments and changes now apply:

Sally Young – Special Needs Adviser (in addition to ADC(VS))  
Gordon Pettitt – District Adviser (Mountains)  
Chris Lunnon – District Adviser (Mountains)  
Glenn Colley – VSL Beech Springs  
Maggie Coiley – AVSL Beech Springs  
Chris King – SL 1st Baldock  
Rob Hemmings – GSL 1st Baldock (renewed)  
John Tomkins – GSL 11th Letchworth (also note that John is no longer the DA (Water Activities))  
Nick Farmer – GSL 5th Letchworth  
Geoffrey Smith – ACSL 5th Letchworth  
Jeremy Croxford – ACSL 7th Letchworth  
Fiona Eve – ABL 8th Letchworth (from Hitchin)

Please also note : Shaun Howard has resigned as ADC(S)  
Paul Miller has resigned as DA (M)

Welcome to the newcomers and Good Luck to all

### **DISTRICT CUB LEADERS MEETING**

Please note that there has been a change of date and venue for the March Meeting only. The meeting will now take place on TUESDAY 12th MARCH at 8.15pm, and will be at 1st Baldock Scout Hut (corner of Park Drive and The Rowans)

### **ADMINISTRATORS EVENING - Thursday 28th March -8pm**

The next Administrators Evening will be on Thursday 28th March at Nortonbury. Will all Groups please send representatives. Many Groups have new committee members who will benefit from talking and listening to the District Team and their fellow Administrators.

### **ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE**

#### **SUNDAY APRIL 21st AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH, LETCHWORTH**

Please assemble at Kennedy Gardens at 2.15pm. The rehearsal is on Saturday 20th April at 10am. Full uniform.

For further details please refer to last month's Co-Ordinator.

### **DISTRICT AGM**

The District AGM will take place on Thursday 9th May 1996 in the Ciulow Room of St George's Church Hall. Please put this date in your diary.

## CENSUS 1996

The District total membership was 715. Scout membership of the sections is as follows (\* 1995 figures in brackets):-

Beavers - 145 (128)  
Cubs - 255 (233)  
Scouts - 170 (161)  
Ventures - 7 (20)

The District total and membership of the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections is the highest figure that we have recorded, so congratulations are due to all leaders who have worked so hard to provide the quality scouting which is proving so attractive to youngsters.

These figures could easily be increased because 1) there are still Groups without a Beaver colony and we know there is a proven demand for this activity. 2) There are sections operating at less than maximum numbers. A recruitment drive here would increase numbers without having to find new leaders. 3) Scouting is not represented on the Jackmans Estate and it is time we tried to get it going again, probably starting with a Beaver Colony and Cub Pack.

The Venture Scout figures are disappointing, but the Venture Leaders have already made plans to rejuvenate the section and I am confident that next year's figures will tell a different story,

The age profile of the District (see attached bar chart) reflects the National situation with a peak of nine year olds and a significant fall away amongst the older age groups in Scouting. Progression through the movement is a serious question which has been taken up by County. All Groups should have received information about the 6-20 Project and I will be inviting Leaders to join a team to represent the District at a Workshop where the problem will be discussed in depth.

### District Leaders

	Beavers		Cubs		Scouts		Venture		GSL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Leaders	3	12	12	11	18	5	4	1	4	0
Helpers		4		3	11	4				
	3	16	12	14	29	9	4	1	4	0

70 Uniform + 22 Helpers = 92 Leaders in total

### District Advisers

Paul Miller has resigned as Mountain Adviser as he has left the District. Thanks to Paul for his work in this capacity. The role of Mountain Adviser has been taken over by Gordon Pettitt (19 Bygrave Road, Baldock Tel:895457)

Sally Young will take on the role of Special Needs Adviser (3 Redhoods Way, Letchworth Tel:684608) in addition to her role as ADC(Ventures)

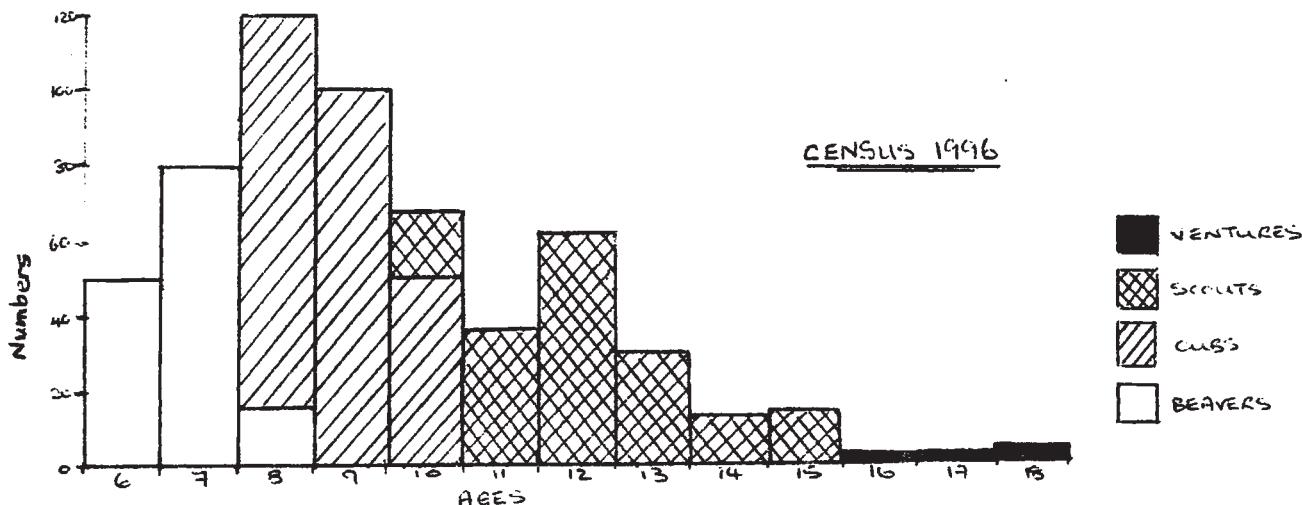
John Tomkins has resigned as Water Activities adviser and the post is temporarily vacant.

Please involve the advisers in your activities. It is particularly important that you have the proper authorisation for adventurous activities.

in order that the District can keep a better record and control of authorisations, please apply in the first instance to John Chapman (ADC(LT) 47 Baldock Road, Letchworth Tel:686772)

In the January issue of Co-Ordinator we asked you to notify John of any authorisations that you currently hold. Very few people have contacted John. If you have not already done so, please send details with supporting evidence to John as soon as possible.

Bob Williams - D.C.



### Shaun Howard - ADC (SCOUTS)

Shaun has resigned as ADC (Scouts) due to pressure of work and private commitments. I would like to thank Shaun for his services to the District, I am pleased to say that he is still interested in Scouting and has offered to help organise specific events.

I am now looking for a new ADC (Scouts) and I would welcome your advice and recommendations.

In the meantime please contact me in relation to matters concerning the Scout Section.

Bob Williams - D.C.

### SCOUT JOB WEEK - 8th-13th April 1996

Again the Scout Association has teamed up with Lever Brothers and Jif for Scout Job Week and the theme this year is Kitchens - 'Be Kind to Your Kitchen Week!' Thus, as part of Job Week, all participating Groups will receive Jif Kitchen product/coupons for distribution. Also this year there is a chance for one household visited during Job Week to win a family holiday and there are cash prizes for the 3 Scout Groups in the country that collect the most entries for this prize draw.

The timetable for when Rita Hawkins (District Secretary) will receive the Job Week materials is as follows:-

w/c 4th March - information packs, posters etc.

w/c 18th March - Jif products and leaflets (competition entries)

Please contact Rita if you have any queries regarding Job Week.

## Diary Dates

### MARCH

1st-3rd- Peak Assault

- 4 - District Beaver Leaders Meeting
- 6 - Warrants Committee
- 6 - District Jamboree 1996 Meeting - Nortonbury
- 12 - District Cub Leaders Meeting
- 14 - District Executive Meeting
- 16 - Beaver Challenge - Nortonbury
- 16 - County Cub Swimming Gala - Borehamwood
- 18 - Scout County Cooking Competition
- 20 - DEADLINE FOR APRIL CO-ORDINATOR

### APRIL

- 1 - Gang Show AGM - Nortonbury
- 3 - Warrants Committee
- 3 - District Jamboree 1996 Meeting - Nortonbury
- 8-13th - Scout Job Week
- 11 - District Executive Meeting
- 13-14th-Nightjar
- 20 - St George's Day Rehearsal - St Pauls Church
- 20 - DEADLINE FOR MAY CO-ORDINATOR
- 21 - St George's Day Parade - St Pauls Church
- 23 - 5th Letchworth AGM
- 27 - Cub Scout County Football

# DISTRICT JAMBOREE 1996

## SCOUTS/VENTURES ACTIVITY DAY - Saturday 4th May

The Scouts and Venture Scouts and their Leaders, as well as any Cubs aged 9 1/2 years and over, will be having a wonderful day at Bowmans Open Farm, London Colney, where they will be taking part in a multi-activity day.

The activities they will be doing will be as follows:-

ROLARIDA - all age groups

KADET KARTS - minimum height 4' 2" - maximum height 5' 6½"

QUAD BIKES - all age groups

ARCHERY - all age groups

LAZER CLAY SHOOTING - all age groups

A bouncy castle will be available throughout the day as well as admission to the Open Farm itself.

There will probably be structured races/competition for each event throughout the day.

## CATERING

We are now able to confirm that all meals will be catered for centrally (except for Supper).

The menu will be as follows:-

	<u>Saturday 4th May</u>	<u>Sunday 5th May</u>	<u>Monday 6th rday</u>
BREAKFAST:	Cornflakes Sausage/egg/beans Bread & Butter	Weetabix Bacon/gypsy toast/beans Bread & Butter	Cornflakes Bacon/egg/beans Bread & Butter
LUNCH:	Packed Lunch	Packed Lunch	Hot dogs/burgers
EVENING:	Minced Beef casserole Potatoes Fruit cocktail/cream	Roast Beef & gravy Potatoes/mixed veg Apples & custard	

Supper is to be provided by each Group for their own Cubs/Scouts/Ventures/Leaders

If you have anyone who is Vegetarian or has any special dietary requirements please advise Andrea Soulsby as soon as possible.

## 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