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THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN  
OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK  
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Many Thanks to everyone who sent their best wishes after the birth of our second child, a boy called Robert. He was born on Wednesday 24th July weighing in at 7lb 7oz.

*Andrea, Hugh and Megan Soulsby*

CONGRATULATIONS to Christopher King (SL - 1st Baldock) and Christopher Lunnon (VSL - Bacchus VSU) who have been awarded their Wood Badge.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Scouts from 11th Letchworth who have gained their Chief Scout Award - Graham Boar, Matthew Brown, Richard Harrison, Tom Merry and Robert Milburn.

WARRANTS have been awarded to Chris Page - SL 1st Baldock and Neil Ludlow - ASL 1st Baldock, Congratulations to you both on finally becoming leaders; and to Antony Freeman - ASL 4th Letchworth - welcome to Scouting.

**REMINDER**

The Scout Shop re-opens after the Summer break on Tuesday 10th September at 6pm

**FELLOWSHIP AGM**

The Fellowship AGM is to be held at the Guide HQ Icknield Way, Letchworth on Saturday 19th October, 7pm for 7.30pm. The meeting will be followed by a Buffet and Quiz. All are welcome to attend.

**DRUGS**

The Youth & Community Service is running a series of drug awareness courses at basic level. They are open to leaders working in voluntary organisations.

**BASIC DRUGS AWARENESS TRAINING -**

Thursday 10th October Stevenage 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday 17th October Stevenage 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Further details and applications forms can be obtained from John Howatt on 01438 747422



**GANG SHOW 1997**

There will be an information gathering meeting on SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER for everyone who is interested in this years Gang Show, We will go through everything that will be in this years show during this meeting and answer as many questions as you may have. Rehearsals will then start properly on Saturday 5th October.

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER - 5.30pm til 8.00pm - 1/3rd Scout HQ

## SUMMER CAMPS

This has been a busy year for Summer camps. 1st Baldock returned to their favourite spot in the Wye Valley near Hay-on-Wye and they were joined by Beech Springs VSU. It is a beautiful site by the river with the Black Mountains in the background. They were joined by Alan Rand for a days canoeing at Symmonds Yat and also did a two day hike and pony trekking. The DC presented warrants to Chris Page and Neil Ludlow.

1st/3rd Letchworth were a little way downstream in the Forest of Dean. This is another attractive site with views across the field and forest. Their programme included canoeing and climbing. 11th Letchworth spent a week climbing, hiking and canoeing in Snowdonia.

A number of groups visited official Scout camp sites where they were able to benefit from the facilities provided, such as canoeing, climbing, archery, shooting and go-karting. 7th Letchworth took a large party to Hawkthirst. 5th Letchworth went to Buckmore Park in Kent which is well-known to many of our groups and 8th Letchworth visited a similar centre at Thiftwood near Brentwood in Essex.

2nd Baldock camped nearer home, at Wrayfield Farm, but still had an exciting programme which included golf, swimming and a day at Kempston Activity Centre for canoeing, climbing and archery.

Some groups are already turning their thoughts towards 1997. Why not talk to one another and swap ideas and thoughts on sites and activities?

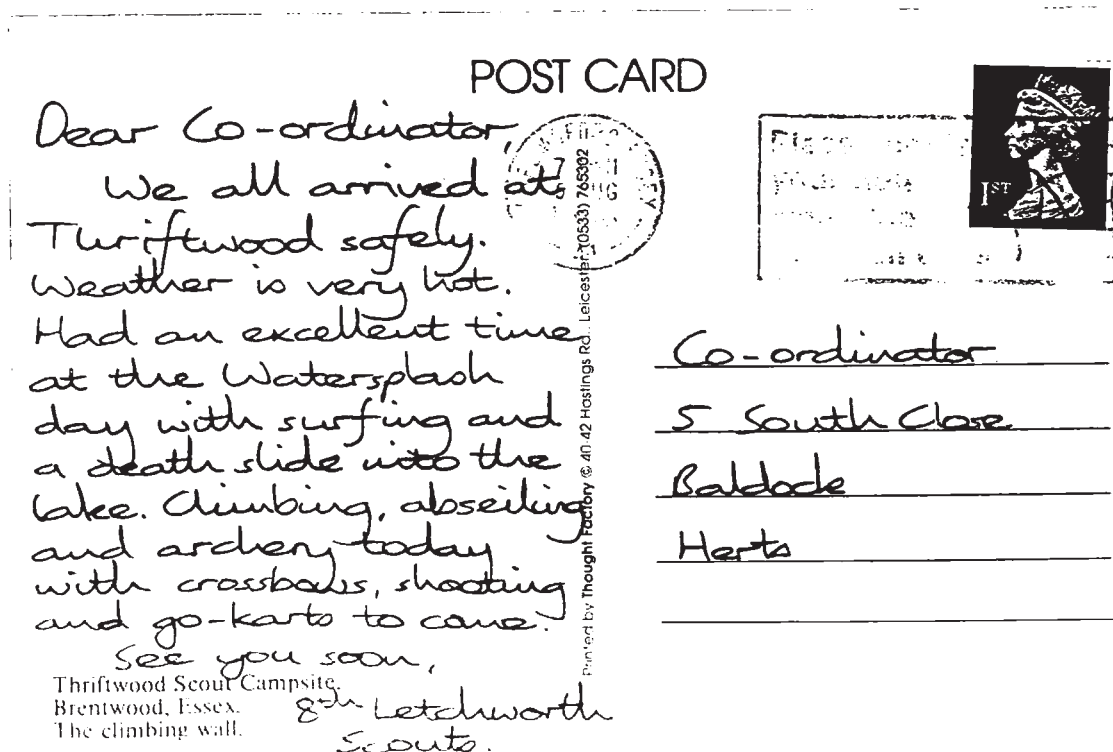
## SUMMER CAMPS continued .....

The District (and so would I) would appreciate any photographs of your Summer Camp which can be included in the 1996 District Scrapbook. My aim is to have photographs from all Groups that held Summer Camps. Please send them to me.

Rita Hawkins. 1 South Close, Baldock, SG7 6DS

## SUMMER CAMPS continued .....

The following post-card was received from 8th Letchworth who were camping at Thiftwood in Essex.



## SCOUTING MAGAZINE

Nortonbury makes the news. The Beaver on the front cover of the August issue is sitting in the entrance to the tunnel of the assault course.

"Scouting" is an excellent magazine full of ideas which should be read by all Leaders. If you do not receive a regular copy, why not order it from the District Scout Shop ?

Bob Williams DC.

## DISTRICT BBQ

This years District BBQ was very well attended with over 60 enjoying good food, drink and conversation. Once again the weather was good to us and the food, cooked by Alan Wright, could not be faulted. The raffle and drinks were manned by the Fellowship (Laurie and Eric) I did not realise that we had a number of red wine addicts in the District, but they will be catered for next year. (You know who you are!!) I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the evening, especially those who stayed behind to clear up, which all helped to make it an enjoyable evening.

Rita Hawkins  
District Secretary.

# Diary Dates

## SEPTEMBER

- 4 - Warrants Committee
- 9 - District Cub Leaders Meeting - 32 The Rowans
- 10 - Scout Shop Re-opens
- 12 - District Exec Meeting
- 14 - 8th Letchworth Official Opening of Headquarters (Paul Brenham)
- 14/15 - Icknield Shield - Scouts
- 15 - Fellowship Challenge - Hertford
- 17 - ADC (Scouts) County Meeting - Welwyn
- 21 - First Rehearsal for 1997 Gang Show
- 22 - District Cub Sports Day - Nortonbury
- 22 - DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER CO-ORDINATOR
- 26 - District Scout Leaders Meeting - Nortonbury
- 28 - County Cub Fun Day - Phasels Wood
- 29 - District Beaver Sports Day - Nortonbury

## OCTOBER

- 2 - Warrants Committee
- 5/6 - Scouts County Camping Competition - Nortonbury
- 10 - County Wardens Meeting - Well End
- 10 - District Exec Meeting
- 15 - DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER CO-ORDINATOR
- 17 - Administrators Evening
- 19 - Fellowship AGM - Guide HQ Letchworth
- 21/25 - Half Term - Scout Shop Closed
- 31 - District Team Meeting