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## THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

### **NORTON BURY - 1997 DATES STILL AVAILABLE!**

The following dates are still available for hire at Norton Bury (4 of these dates are due to cancellation)

JAN 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 24-26

MAR 7-9, 14-16, both sides of Easter w/e (ie:24 Mar-2 Apr)

MAY 16-18, 30-1 JUNE

JULY 25-27

There is no need to be afraid of the Winter at Norton Bury, as the upstairs is now fully heated and the downstairs is cosy too!!

For further information then please contact Ruth Baker on 01462-682752

### **5th LETCHWORTH**

1. The GSL - Nick L Farmer - has a new phone number - 01462 627673

2. Calling all persons past and present who have had any dealings or membership of the 5th Letchworth Scout Group. 28th February 1957 saw the rebirth of the Mighty Fifth. We would like to hear from all who have been a friend or member of the Group.

Please contact Nick L Farmer on 01462-627673 or Ann Martin on 01462-683948

### **SECOND BALDOCK SCOUTS AND CUBS WEEKEND IN BLACKPOOL - 14/15 September 1996**

10 Scouts, 6 Cubs, 1 Scout leader. 2 Cub leaders and 3 helpers set off from the Catholic Church Hall in Baldock at 7.30am in a Buffalo coach for a fun weekend in Blackpool.

We arrived in Blackpool at 8pm after stopping for a short break in a service area on route and having viewed 2 videos. The intention was to have our picnic lunch on the beach - guess what? - that's right - the tide was right in up to the Promenade! Luckily one of the shelters was free on the Promenade and we ate our lunch (sharing some with the seagulls and pigeons)

Off for a stroll along the Prom and returning to the Tower via the tram - a real novelty for the boys and girls. Up the Tower and exploring all there is to see and do all the levels for the next 3 hours. The cubs used the Tower as part of their Anniversary activities (climbing the Eiger)

Back to the coach at 8pm for a fish & chip supper and then a tour of the lights. It was gone 11 pm when we finally arrived at the Church Hall where we were to spend the night.

Sunday morning 7.30 Breakfast and off to Church for the 9:00 service - leaving the helpers to make our sandwiches for the journey home. Back to the coach and off to the Pleasure Beach - first stop the Pepsi Max - at least for the boys and girls - the leaders chickened out! We separated into groups and all spent a very enjoyable 4 hours. Even the leaders got brave and went on the Avalanche, the roller coaster, the log flume and steeple chasing and ended up with a gentle ride on the galloping horses. From there we walked to the Sandcastle Leisure Pool and had 3 hours in the water with a burger and chips included in the entrance price. We left Blackpool at 5.30pm and arrived back in Baldock at 11pm, exhausted but having had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

Deb Dilley - ASL 2nd Baldock

**1996 Scout County Camping Competition**

On a dark October evening our team were deposited at Nortonbury Scout Centre together with teams from all over Hertfordshire. First, all of our kit had to be carried up to the top field. Because our scout leader had entered us very early (or we were unlucky) we had the pitch that was the most furthest away. We all slept very well that night but had to get up at 7:00am the next morning. We had to get the breakfast ready before the first of the many inspectors came. Throughout the weekend we were inspected many, many, many times. The inspectors were always very polite but never told us how to get extra marks. We had to do a number of different activities including making a video, making a car that had to move across about 8 metres of rough ground just by using a rubber band. Ours worked really well (but only when we tried it in the scout hut afterwards!)

Our team enjoyed the weekend, we were kept busy - so were the inspectors - and our Scouting skills were put to the test. We have just one complaint - could the person who decided what we were going to cook please consult us beforehand next time.

A big thank-you to ALL THE ORGANISERS. WELL DONE.

Matthew Hindley 7th Letchworth Scout Troop

**BEAVER SCOUTS SPORTS DAY**

The annual "gathering of the colonies" took place at Nortonbury on Sunday 29th September. Seven of our colonies competed in a series of races including egg & spoon, sack, obstacle and water relay.

It was a great afternoon with everyone enjoying themselves - Mums, Dads and "younger brothers and sisters" also had a race and were cheered on (rather enthusiastically!!) by the Beavers

The day finished with a marathon after which everyone received a drink and a lollypop.

The results in reverse order were;

7th - 1st Baldock (Tues)

6th - 1st Baldock (Weds)

5th - 12th Letchworth - (or was it 3rd Letchworth?)

4th - 8th Letchworth

3rd - 5th Letchworth -(or perhaps 5th were 5th, or 3rd were 3rd - who are this 3rd Letchworth anyway?) *Sorry Bob!!*

2nd - 2nd Baldock

1st - 4th Letchworth

Our thanks to Bob Williams (DC) who presented the shield to the winners.

Finally a big "WELL DONE!" to Sonja and Julie for organising this event. It was lots of fun - "THANKS" to you both.

**DIARY DATES****NOVEMBER**

6th	Warrants Meeting - Norton Bury
11th	Cub Leaders Meeting - 32 The Rowans
14th	District Executive Meeting - Norton Bury
15th/17th	Green Beret - Lees Wood, Watford
22nd	District Cub Quiz - 5th Letchworth Headquarters
29th	District Scout Quiz - 12th Letchworth Headquarters
30th	County Cub Celebration Service - St Paul's Cathedral

**DECEMBER**

4th	Warrants Meeting - Norton Bury
12th	District Executive Meeting - Norton Bury
16th	Cub 80th Birthday Celebration - Lannock School, Letchworth
19th	Scout Shop Closes for Christmas Break