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

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and success in their Scouting. We have a very busy programme of fun filled activities at County and District level and I know this will repeated within the Groups.

The excitement and value of the Scouting programme to boys and girls has been proven over the years and we must continue to make every effort to ensure that it is available to as many people as possible so please keep recruitment of Leaders and Scouts to the fore in your plans.

I look forward to sharing in your activities during the coming year.

Bob Williams D.C.

WOOD BADGES

Congratulations to Nick Farmer - GSL 5th Letchworth, & John Tomkins - GSL 11th Letchworth, who have gained their GSL Training Wood Badge.

First Response

The Scout Association now requires all Districts to make FIRST RESPONSE (First Aid) Courses available to all Leaders within a year of their appointment. These will be arranged by our ADC (Leader Training). It would be good for any other Leader who does not hold a first aid qualification to join one of these courses.

Please see Co-ordinator for dates.

NORTONBURY

Nortonbury House is in need of 2 small wardrobes to replace some that are in the house. If you have any that you think may be suitable then please contact Barbara Crombie on Letchworth 671062

CO-ORDINATOR

As I visit Groups in the District I never fail to be impressed by the wide range of adventurous activities taking place. It would be nice if news of these adventures was shared with others so please let Co-ordinator have a short article about your activities and the people involved. This becomes particularly interesting in future years when people look back on District events and personalities.

Knights of the Road

One dark, cold evening as she was returning from an orienteering evening with the District Scout Troop our District Secretary's car came to a bumpy halt with a puncture outside Stevenage Station. Out jumped two patrol leaders from 8th Letchworth - Julian Humphreys and James Wood who quickly and efficiently changed the wheel. Well done - a true Scouting good deed.

Mountaineering and Climbing Authorisations - November 1997

The following Leaders have mountaineering & climbing authorisations :-

Glenn Colley	Chris Lunnon	Nick Farmer
Tim Coiley	Chris Page	Gordon Pettit
Maggie Coiley	Andy Simms	

All other authorisations are now out of date

DISTRICT SCOUT QUIZ

The second District Scout Quiz was held on Friday 28th November at 7th Letchworth Headquarters, St Thomas's Church, Bedford Road. 10 Teams from six Groups entered the spirit of the Quiz. The standard of the teams was very high and they answered questions ranging from Scouting Skills to local knowledge. Only 5 points separated the top three. Winners 1st Baldock 79 points, second 4th Letchworth (A) 74.5 points and third 4th Letchworth (B) 74 points. Well done to Daniel Staines, Adrian Lai, Robert Willoughby, Duncan Jackson and Stephen Mahoney - the 1st Baldock Team. Extended thanks to 7th Letchworth for use of the hall and all the Leaders who helped on the night and not forgetting Bob Williams the Quiz Master.

GROUP EXECUTIVE MINUTES

A number of Groups already send their Executive minutes to the District Secretary. This is very useful in providing information about their activities and helps me identify areas where assistance is required. It would be helpful to me if all Groups adopted this practice.

Bob Williams D.C.

DIARY DATES

JANUARY

7th	Warrants Committee Meeting - Norton Bury
8th	District Scout troop - Climbing (Finsbury park)
8th	District Executive Meeting - Norton Bury
10th	Deadline for Peak Assault Entries
12th	District Cub Leaders Meeting - 32 The Rowans
15th	District Scout Leaders Meeting - Norton Bury
19th	District Beaver Leaders Meeting - 53 Hawthorn Hill 8.00pm
20th	DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY CO-ORDINATOR
23rd	Deadline for return of Census Forms
24th	District Cooking Competition - Wrayfield Farm

FEBRUARY

4th	Warrants Committee Meeting - Norton Bury
5th	District Scout Troop Meeting
12th	District Executive Meeting - Norton Bury
15th	DEADLINE FOR MARCH CO-ORDINATOR
19th	District Team Meeting - Norton Bury