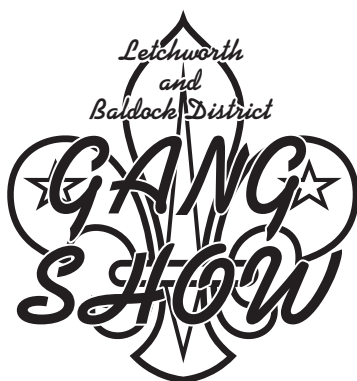


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**THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN
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DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL**



DISTRICT GANG SHOW

The Letchworth & Baldock District Gang Show was first performed in May 1955 at the Co-op Hall. There was an annual show at St. Francis' Theatre until the 21st show in April 1975. There was then a gap of a few years until The District Gang Show was resurrected in November 1983. Again there was an annual show through to December 1993. The next Gang Show was followed in March 1997. This then brings us to the current time and we are now presenting the 33rd District Gang Show. As with everything nowadays, the Gang Show has changed over the years, but I still believe that we try to follow in the footsteps of the great Ralph Reader. The Gang Show should not be regarded as a 'bolt-on part' to Scouting but should be encouraged to be a part of 'normal' Scouting and Guiding in our District. With its unique form of entertainment, the Gang Show is a fast moving variety of song, dance and sketch performed for you by members of the Scout and Guide Associations in the Letchworth & Baldock area.

This years Gang Show will be at Plinston Hall, Letchworth on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st March 1998. There is an evening performance on both days at 7.30pm and also a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are priced at £3.50 for the tiered seats and £2.50 for the flat seats.

Please come along and support this years show - the Gang have been rehearsing very hard since October and are looking forward to presenting a lively and entertaining show.

Further information and tickets can be obtained from Mike Miles on Letchworth 620749

St. George's Day Parade and Service

This years St. George's Day Parade and Service will be held at St. George's Church, Letchworth on Sunday 26th April starting at 3pm. The parade will assemble at the Paddling Pool, Norton Way South. Please assemble at 2.15pm so that the parade can move off at 2.40pm. On returning from the Church the Parade will dismiss at the Paddling Pool at about 4pm. Please inform parents that this will be the pick-up point.

There will be a rehearsal for FULL COLOUR PARTIES IN UNIFORM on Saturday 25th April at 10am.

For further details then please see last month's Co-Ordinator.

Nothing to do! - tell that to the Scouts

How many times have we heard that one? Over the last 2 hectic months 10 boys from the troop (Andrew Walsh, David Albon, David Hall, Adrian Lai, David Staines, Nick Brown, Stephen King, Chris King (jnr), Adam Hemmings and Richard Matheson) have received their Chief Scouts Challenge Award at presentations attended by District and County officials. A 3 day Chief Scouts Award hike was carried out by David Staines and Nick Brown over the Christmas holidays; Tiger patrol has carried out its first camp of the year on a cold and wet Nortonbury weekend; we have entered 3 teams in the District 5-a-side league; taken part in the District Cooking competition; and have boys attending Jamboree training camps, canoe training, orienteering and local conservation work.

Scouts organisation being what it is, over the weekend of the cooking competition, we also had to contend with 2 5-a-side matches and Jamboree training (certain boys wanted to do all 3!). After much chasing around we managed to fulfill our commitment to all, we won both football matches against 1st/3rd and came second to 7th Letchworth in the cooking competition - well done to them and good luck in the County competition - and the training weekend was enjoyed by Stephen King and Simon Templeton (1st/3rd)

If the rest of the year is going to be like this, I don't think I will last to Summer Camp!

Chris King - SL 1st Baldock

DIARY DATES - DIARY DATES	MARCH	
	4th	Warrants Committee Meeting - Norton Bury
	5th	District Scout Troop Meeting
	6th-8th	Peak Assault
	7th-8th	District Cub Sixers/seconders Weekend - Norton Bury
	9th	District Cub Leaders Meeting - 1 South Close Baldock Please note change of date & venue - tel:491228
	12th	Patrol Leaders Council - Norton Bury - 7pm-8pm
	12th	District Executive Meeting - Norton Bury
	15th	County Cooking Competition
	16th	DEADLINE FOR APRIL CO-ORDINATOR
	19th	Meet the District Team - 12th Letchworth HQ - 8pm
	20th-21st	District Gang Show - Plinston Hall
	28th	District Beaver Challenge
	28th-29th	Operation Ferret
DIARY DATES - DIARY DATES	APRIL	
	1st	Warrants Committee Meeting -Norton Bury
	2nd	District Scout Troop Meeting
	9th	District Executive Meeting - Norton Bury
	19th	DEADLLNE FOR MAY CO-ORDINATOR
	23rd	District Scout Leaders Meeting
	26th	St George's Day Parade

STOP PRESS

A message from Colin Phillips

Colin would like to express his thanks to everyone who sent him cards and good wishes for his recovery, also to the many people who have called to see him which has helped to keep his spirit up.

He is now in the Hexton Ward, bay 2, Strathmore House and he would be very glad to see anyone who has a few minutes to spare.

A message from Eileen Phillips

Eileen would like to thank the many people who have given offers of help as Colin recovers. She will be calling in all resources to help her and her family to get Colin back to normality.

Laurie Cook - 80 Years Young!

I wish to thank everyone for their very kind thoughts on my birthday. For the Special Birthday Card with all those signatures on; and all the cards that came from far and wide. The presents that came and especially the National Garden Tokens which I will certainly put to good use.

To those who receive Co-Ordinator, I would ask that they pass on my wishes to those that don't.

Finally, may I say once again thank you to Letchworth & Baldock Scouting District, Letchworth North Guides and Letchworth South Guides, Letchworth Trefoil Guild, Friends of Ernest Gardiner Day Hospital and those not mentioned specifically.

My very best wishes to you all.

Laurence. D. Cook.

2nd Baldock Scouts

We are going on an adventure holiday to Austria on 24th July for 10 days. Activities including cable car up mountain - walk back down, white water rafting, mountain biking, swimming, nine pin bowling, visiting castles, tyrolean evening etc.

If anyone is interested in joining us, then please call Deb Dilley on 01462-730300 for details.

2nd Baldock Beavers

We had an enjoyable visit to Baldock Police Station on Friday 30th January.

Constable Simon Turner showed the boys around the station, explaining use of phones, computers, handcuffs and truncheons etc. We were shown the contents of the Panda Car and had the blue light flashing. We left with the promise of a motorway car visiting us when the weather is warmer.

Deb Dilley ABSL

ADC(Beavers)

A postcard from The International Scout Centre. Kanderste, Switzerland

"DEAR CO-ORDINATOR,

HAVING A GOOD TIME IN SWITZERLAND ON THE COUNTY WINTER ACTIVITY WEEK. ACTIVITIES INCLUDE DOWNHILL & CROSS COUNTRY SKIING, SNOW SHOE HIKING, TOBOGGANING, CURLING, ICE SKATING, AND OF COURSE SNOW BALL FIGHTS. SEE YOU SOON.

GRAHAM HOPKINS

(ASL 8TH LETCHWORTH)"



On
FRIDAY 20th & SATURDAY 21st MARCH 1998
at

The Plinston Hall, Letchworth

Friday & Saturday evenings at 7.30pm
Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm

£3.50 - tiered seats £2.50 - flat seats

For further information & tickets please contact
Plinston Hall Box Office on Letchworth 480282