

Co-ordinator

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

GANG SHOW 1998



This year when the Gang Show Committee asked the District Scout Fellowship to be ushers again, I offered to ush at all three performances. Ushing, I thought, wasn't too difficult, and I'd have the chance to see if the show improved as it went along, without the expense of three tickets.

As things turned out, it was one of my better decisions. It did. Friday night was pretty good, despite the well remembered tradition of a few forgotten lines and unexplained gaps when we held our breath in hope. The County Commissioner said he enjoyed it, and he should know.

Saturday afternoon was good, with noticeably increased confidence among the older and younger members on stage.

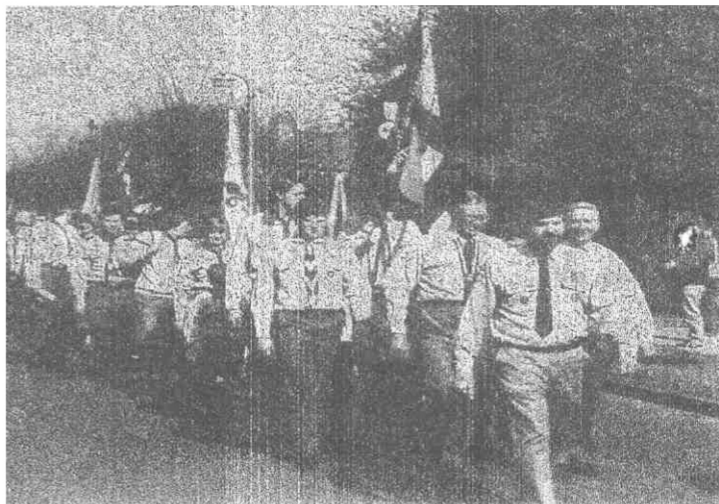
Saturday evening was Very Good. The feeling of family fun was there in

full strength, particularly during the deliberate chaos of "Smelly Feet". At the other two performances this had just been a comic song, but tonight it became a party as those overgrown kids persuaded innocent people out of their seats and into the spotlights.

As a postscript, if you didn't buy one of the tapes or CDs of the fresh new recording of Ralph Reader classics, I strongly recommend you to get one from Andrea. It's almost like having the show at home.

And finally, let me nominate Michael Pearce, Eleventh Letchworth, for a special badge as outstanding litter gatherer during the interval extension ushing on the last night. The Good Turn still lives!

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**ST GEORGE'S DAY
PARADE 1998**

The storm clouds parted to allow the sun to shine on our annual St George's Day Parade as over three hundred Scouts and Leaders marched from Norton Way South to St George's Church.

The Revd Chris Briggs held a lively service on the Star Trek theme and we renewed our promises in front of the Chairman of North Herts District Council, Councillor Mrs Lorna Kercher and Ray Chambers from Hertfordshire Scouts.

During the service our new St George's and District flags were dedicated.

Well done Michael Eve and 8th Letchworth for organising such a successful service.

DISTRICT BARBECUE

THURSDAY JUNE 25th - NORTON BURY

By popular demand -the District Barbecue is back for another year. Please make a note in your diary THURSDAY 25th JUNE at NORTON BURY. All leaders, helpers, Group Members, family and friends of Scouting are welcome including children.

Tickets will cost £4.00 adults and £2.00 for under 12s, drinks will be extra.

Tickets can be obtained from Rita Hawkins (491228).

Bring the family for an evening of fun and games.

Any profit, made at this event will be donated to the World Jamboree Fund.

SIXERS & SECONDEERS WEEKEND

Over the 7th & 8th March I went to sixers and seconders weekend I learnt first aid and how to breath for them, what you do is put their head back and breath twice in their mouth and go to their strum bone and put you hand in a house shape and push 12 times and do it again until help arrives. I really enjoyed the assault course and cooking.

James Wiltshire (1st Baldock Knights)

We had to collect up bits of dry grass and little sticks. We also collected up sticks a bit bigger to add onto the fire after it was alight. To begin with we put a bit of cotton wool on the ground. We put the dry

grass on the top of the cotton wool. After that we got four matches and a striker and lit the matches and set fire to the cotton wool. After it was on fire we blew onto the fire from the side so as not to get smoke into our lungs. I kept mine going for ten minutes. After that we peeled green bark sticks and cooked marshmallows. After we had cooked them we were allowed to eat them.

Edward Johnson (1st Baldock Templars)

My first activity was art, I made a spinner and a Union Jack picture. We also did codes which I didn't really like. Cooking which was hot, smoky and very yummy. Compass work which was very interesting and a trip to Letchworth police shop to get some information and where we had a go on a motorbike. I had a great time, we played many games, I really enjoyed myself.

Sam Munford (1st Baldock Knights)

On Sunday we went on the assault course. We had to hook a bit of dead tree log. Afterwards we did knots with Ball and compass work too, which was good.

Careen Cross (1st Baldock Knights)

We went to first aid training and they taught us how to wrap bandages and there was this dummy and we were practising resuscitation

Shaun Pateman (1st Baldock KMghts)

DISTRICT A.G.M.

This is an open invitation to all involved in Scouting.

Come along and support the District.

**WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 1998
7.30 PM - 8.00 PM
ST MARYS CHURCH HALL,
BALDOCK**

HOW IS YOUR MAP READING?

We hope it is better than that of our District Chairman who set out for Tolmers and finished up in a pub near Dunstable.

The next course in map reading will be..... !!!

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WE CUT OUR FIRST ALBUM

1st Baldock Cubs and some members of the Gang Show, along with Big Bertha (alias Graham Adams) and Jenny and Danella, went along to a recording studio at Henbw to make their first album. This all happened on Sunday 5th April.

We arrived for 10am not really knowing what to expect (or how many!), armed with Camp Fire Song books and plenty of squash to meet our sound recording engineer Kevin 'Peace Man' Green.

We started with Camp Fires Burning - after recording it, Kevin played it back - it was awful - so we had another go - much better We continued in this vein until lunchtime when Akela and Baloo took some Cubs back to Baldock and returned with some more eager Cubs.

We learnt some new songs from Big Bertha and we taught him some as well. By 4pm we were all exhausted Akela and Baloo stayed with Kevin to lay down all the tracks and they came away with a master tape for an hour long album.

If anyone would like a copy of this Camp Fire Song tape, then they are available from Andrea Soulsby at £2.50 each.

Many thanks to everyone who took part and especially to Kevin Green the sound engineer and Big Bertha for his enthusiasm.

Andrea Soulsby - 1st Baldock Cubs

MORE...

CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD DAVID STAINES

District Scout Troop

The District Scout Troop continued its activities with a night hike. Exciting events which lie ahead are a canoeing weekend and the 25/40 mile walk at Monmouth. New members are welcome and the next meeting will be at Norton Bury on Thursday 7th May.



Congratulations to David Staines (1st Baldock) on gaining the Chief Scouts Award. The enthusiasm and commitment which David put into Scouting is embodied in this award. It reflects adventurous Scouting activities, service to the community and David's own personal development. I hope David's success will prove an encouragement to others - we should be gaining a lot more Chief Scout's Awards in the District

NEWS - UPDATES

Badge Secretary

Bill Pack has resigned as Badge Secretary. Ill health has made it increasingly difficult for him to keep up the service. We wish him good health and thank him not only for being Badge Secretary but also for his service to the District over many years.

John Hicks will take over as Badge Secretary and badges will be available as usual from the Scout Shop.

Appointments Committee

The Appointments Committee extends a welcome to Gary Robb as ACSL 4th Letchworth, who has been involved for 18 months as a parent/helper. Julie Waldock as ACSL 1st Ashwell, Sue Anstey ACSL 1st Ashwell. Mark White SL 1st Ashwell and Ian Merton ASL 1st Ashwell. A gentle reminder that the Appointments Secretary (you will find his name in the District Directory) must be informed of any regular helpers/parents.

Directory - 1st Ashwell amendments

Mark White SL- 55 Ashwell Street, Ashwell 01462 - 742872
Ian Merton ASL 38 Back Street, Ashwell 01462 - 742027
Julie Waldock ACSL - 7 Dixies Close, Ashwell 01462 - 742805
Sue Anstey ACSL - 4 Springhead, Ashwell 01462 - 742515
Joan Huggins (Treasurer) 70 Ashwell Street, Ashwell 01462 - 742454

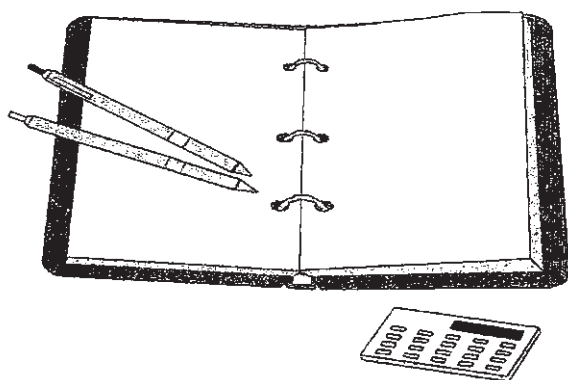
DIARY DATES

MAY 1998

- 6th Appointments Committee - Norton Bury
- 7th District Scout Troop - Norton Bury
- 9th-10th Night Jar
- 10th District Scout 5-a-side Football - Lannock
- 11th Cub Leaders Meeting -1 South Close
- 12th 2nd baldock - AGM
- 13th District AGM - Iviary Church Hall,
- 15th 12th Letchworth AGM
- 17th Letchworth Garden City Walk
- 15th - 29th MAY SCOUT SHOP CLOSED

JUNE 1998

- 2nd Scout Shop Opens
- 3rd District Team Meeting Venue TBA
- 3rd Appointments Committee - Norton Bury
- 4th District Scout Troop
- 5th District Cub Camp Meeting
- 11th District Executive Meeting
- 12th 7th Letchworth 50th Anniversary
- 12th-14th National Scout Fellowship Annual Camp
- 15th Seaver County Fun Day - Tolmers
- 15th Scout Leaders Meeting
- 19th-21st District Cub Camp- Weston
- 25th District BBQ -All welcome



OPERATION FERRET

Sunday 29th March witnessed strange goings on at the 1st Baldock HQ. Why were people sitting in a paddling pool of cold water, chatting up the DJ on the local radio, reading the Hong Kong Standard or presenting a collection of ten foreign currencies ? Of course, it was Operation Ferret time again and seven teams had spent the weekend using their ingenuity to assemble a collection of objects, common, uncommon and, in the case of a double decker bus, impossible. Congratulations to 4th Letchworth who turned out to be champion ferrets and thanks to Michael Wright and Lee Crossman for organising the event.

BEAVER CHALLENGE

Beavers feel at home in the water and at her first event our new ADC Deb Dilley proved that she has inherited Sheila's talent for ensuring a good downpour for the Beaver's.

However, this did not discourage over forty eager and enthusiastic Beavers from enjoying an afternoon of quizzes and wide games - although the Leaders did not seem so sure of some of the weird creepy-crawlies presented to them

The afternoon finished with drinks and chocolate biscuits and the 1st Baldock (Thursday Colony) winning the trophy

Well done to all who took part and thanks to the organisers.

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