

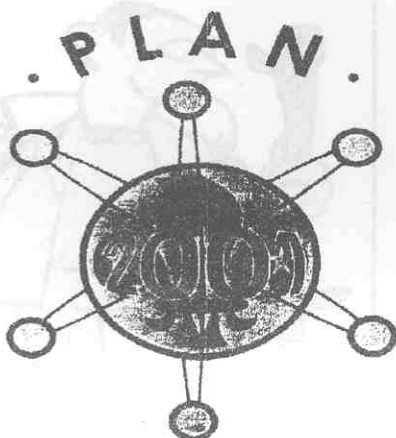


Co-ordinator

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

FRED COGAR

We were sorry to hear that Fred Cogar has been in hospital following a heart attack but we are pleased to say that he is now at home and making a good recovery. **We all send you our best wishes, Fred and Valerie.**



PLAN 2001 - MOTIVATION

How often do adults helping with a Troop wonder if it is worth it? What about you? Do you go to your Troop on a high and ready for anything or do you sometimes wonder whether to bother?

It is important that all the adults in the Scout Section feel motivated. If the adults are motivated then the Troop will get better support, carry out more activities and have more fun and adventure.

The motivation part of Plan 2001 concentrates on how we can help to motivate each other. The Plan will be looking at a number of areas including

GOING FOR GROWTH

The Committee of the Council has agreed a 50 percent refund of that element of the annual Membership Subscription payable to Headquarters in 1999 in respect of any increased numbers of Members in Scout Groups (including District Venture Scout Units) during 1998. New Scout Groups - registered between 1 February 1998 and 31 January 1999 - will also receive a 50 percent refund of the Membership Subscription payable in 1999. The precise administrative arrangements will be notified later.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

The Committee agreed that all youth and adult members registered at the time of the 1999 Census will receive a personal membership card. The number of cards provided will equal the numbers returned in the census, and there will be space on the card for the holder's name to be entered locally. Arrangements to provide membership cards to those joining during the year will be announced.

CENTRES DRAW

The County Prize Draw to raise funds for the Activity Centres will take place in 1999.

It is a good opportunity for Groups to raise funds as 50% of the takings can be kept for Group Funds. This year it is being organised by our District so let's show the others what we can do !!

As this point in time it would be good for Groups to be thinking of appointing a Draw Co-ordinator - a good job for a helpful parent. **MORE...**

* Good ideas - sharing good ideas that work and making sure that others get to know about them.

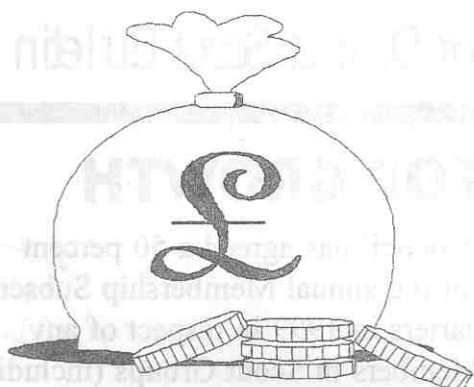
* Saying thank you - it would be great if we all felt appreciated for the effort that we put into Scouting

The Scout Section hopes to start a national Scout Leader thank you day - watch out for details

* Using existing resources - the idea is not to invent new resources when good ones already exist.

Plan 2001 will make sure that people know about the resources that can help them.

FREE MONEY



The Practical Environmental Project is an initiative sponsored by Volvo. Now into its second year, the programme is designed to involve young people in practical projects. The programme will award grants between £100 & £1,000. There will also be a National Award Scheme for completed projects with three annual awards of £2000, £3000 & £5000

For an activity pack or more details please contact:
Practical Environmental Projects, P O Box 158 Marlow,
Buckinghamshire SL7 1FS

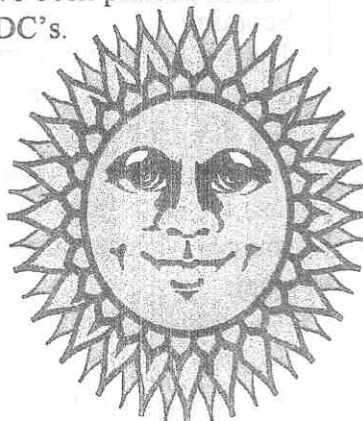
VOLVO VALUE

SUMMER CAMPS

This has been a busy period for Scout troops in the District. 2nd Baldock spent an adventurous week in the Austrian Tyrol where they stayed in a chalet and enjoyed white water rafting, hiking, swimming and dry tobogganing. 1st Baldock returned to their favourite camp site at Hay-on-Wye. This provided the opportunity for canoeing, hiking and cycling and a number of Scouts undertook the Chief Scout's Challenge. Also at the camp site were 11th Letchworth who enjoyed a similar range of activities. 5th Letchworth and 8th Letchworth joined forces for a visit to Orchard Farm. Their week started badly when Grant Chapman suffered bad injuries in a fall on Thorpe Cloud which resulted in the mountain rescue team being called out and a trip to hospital by helicopter. Fortunately Grant is making a good recovery and 5th and 8th had a good week canoeing, hiking and rock climbing. 1st 3rd Letchworth participated in an activity week at Tolmers, 2nd Weston visited Walesby and Beech Springs VSU went to Anglesey. Whilst there they undertook a trip to Snowdonia and a day visit to Dublin, Ireland.

Thanks to the Leaders who gave their time to lead these camps and whose organisation and camping skills have been praised in the reports that I have received from visiting DC's.

Bob Williams
District Commissioner



NEW MEMBERS FOR THE FORTY MILE CLUB

In gruelling weather conditions Nick Brown and Anthony Haskins (Beech Springs) were among the elite who completed forty miles along Offas' Dyke between Monmouth and Hay-on-Wye

..... AND THE TWENTY FIVE MILE CLUB was joined by Glenn, Maggie and Louise Coiley (Beech Springs) Andrew Walsh (Beech Springs), Julian Humphries and James Wood (8th Letchworth), Rita Hawkins (District) and Gill Burrough (Steeple Morden).
Congratulations to them all.

MORE...

Activities Resources

Revised Factsheets

The following revised Factsheets are now available in the Resource Centre at Gilwell Park.

Authorisation for Hillwalking and Mountain Biking (FS12041-free)

Authorisation for Climbing and Abseiling (FS120402-free)

Authorisation for Activities in Caves and Mines (FS120403-free)

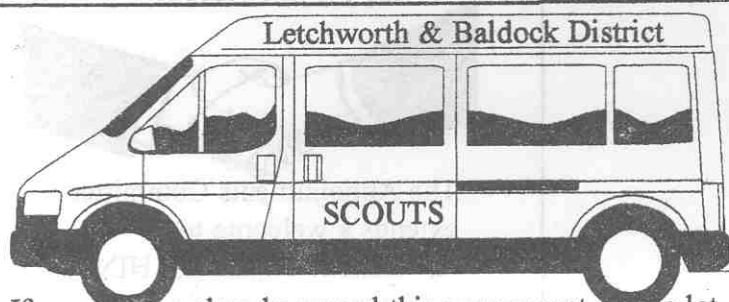
Authorisation for Water Activities (FS120601-free)

Home Contacts (FS120078 -73p)

CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD

NICK BROWN (1st Baldock) has completed his Chief Scout's Award. Well done Nick for this great achievement in Scouting and good luck with Beech Springs VSU.

First Class



If anyone has already passed this assessment please let Rita Hawkins know so that we can keep our District records up to-date.

MINI-BUS ASSESSMENT

The following leaders successfully completed their mini-bus driving assessment:

Chris Gee	1st 3rd Letchworth
Dean Lovelock	5th Letchworth
Sue Lovelock	5th Letchworth
Lorraine Robson	4th Letchworth
Dave Upson	1st 3rd Letchworth
Bob Williams	District

THE FIFTH LETCHWORTH CUB PACK Working for the Waterwise Badge

From Easter to the end of Summer Term we took part in various activities, learning where water comes from, where it goes, how it is stored and what happens to it before it comes to our homes.

A campover was planned for a weekend in May at Scout HQ, Spring Road. On the Saturday we took ourselves off to the Barton Hills and traced the source of the stream back up into the hills where it came out as a spring. The boys had great fun making dams and of course drinking lots of the fresh water. Sunday the Pack went on a trek to Norton Common led by K.J. who took the Pack to parts of the common that they did not know existed to track the water source there.

We have played water games, learning how to save water; collected pennies by fining parents a set amount for using water which raised £50 which we sent to the African waterwise project to buy pipes for an African village.

Saturday 6th June we held a water Olympics assisted by the District Fellowship, it ended with one all mighty water fight, blaster guns, coke bottles, buckets, bowls: at which point Akela said wait for the cue to start the water fight, I was just about to start the water fight when there was one all mighty clap of thunder and the heavens opened up and there was water, water every where, needless to say everybody was well and truly soaked. One boy was heard to say, "How did Akela do that?" At this point I thought it a good idea to present the Waterwise Badges to all present as they had truly earned them.

More water projects were undertaken with dirty water to make it clean. We also had a shades and shorts cocktail party evening, where everybody mixed their own cocktails with: ice cubes, straws, umbrellas, stirres, cherries, oranges, lemons, ice cream, Yum Yum, lots of good cocktails.

End of the summer term was finished off with a games night, sixes quiz and BBQ. The Fifth are still carrying on the water project next term

Sue Lovelock Akela


DIARY DATES

September 1998

2nd Appointments Committee
3rd District Scouts - Norton Bury
4th - 6th Gilwell Reunion
7th District Cub Leaders Meeting
10th District Executive
14th District Beaver Leaders Meeting
17th District Team Meeting
24th District Scouts Leaders Meeting
26th Beavers Sports Day
27th Scouts 5-a-side Football competition
30th District Scout Troop - Norton Bury

October 1998

2nd-4th Scouts County Patrol Camping Com
6th District Executive Meeting
18th District Cubs - Sea World Trip
22nd Administration Evening
25th Nightjar - Scouts



Don't forget to
make a note

NORTON BURY WARDENS

Commencing

1st September	Mick Balls	893855
8th September	Colin Phillips	671705
15th September	Maureen Kell	684665
22nd September	Gwen Keech	894512
29th September	Michael Wright	679789
6th October	Anne & John Chapman	686772
13th October	Carl Speltinckx	834772
20th October	Mick Balls	893855
27th October	Sheila May	673427
3rd November	Ruth & Peter Baker	682752
10th November	Anne & John Chapman	686772
17th November	Michael Wright	679789
24th November	Dave Hawkins	491228

WELCOME



The Appointments Committee
extends a welcome to
KATHERINE (KATE) HINDLEY
Assistant Scout Leader,
7th Letchworth

Farewell to

Tony Ward ASL 4th Letchworth
Carol Power ACSL 8th Letchworth
Sunivar Petty BSL 12th Letchworth

BANNED FROM SAFEWAY

Have you ever dreamt of knocking down one of those big piles of tins displayed in a supermarket aisle.

Well Sue Lovelock and Lesley Farmer did just that when they were trying to navigate a trolley full of food for twenty hungry Scouts in Derbyshire.

Eventually they placated a non too pleased manager but imagine his reaction when they turned into the next aisle and sent the corn flakes flying !

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