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# Co-ordinator

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin



## World Scout Jamboree 1998 - 99

The 19th World Jamboree took place in Piraquin, Chile (60km South of Santiago) next to the foot hills of the Andes. The view was something that cannot be described in either words or with photographs, you had to be there.

Having finally finished the gruelling flights, which lasted about 24 hours in total (with stopovers), we boarded a coach and set off on the five hour journey to the camp. We arrived in the afternoon at our sub camp Chibchos and using up our last dregs of energy we set up the camp, found the supermarket then ate dinner. At about midnight Tony Morrison (the contingent leader) said "paperwork time" and a large groan was heard throughout the Jamboree Site.

After not a lot of sleep we got up at 7.00 am for breakfast and the day was used to finish off setting up the camp and making our camp entrance gate which took four hours. The previous evening had been used as a greeting session where myself, Dale and Neil were up until 3.00 am just saying Hola ! to everybody we met and chatting to the other British Scouts. The next day was all opening ceremony and Sharon (another Leader with our contingent) invited everybody to get up at 6.00 am to join her for a run (and every morning after that), but

I decided not to indulge myself choosing the evening for a couple of laps around the central shopping area. The opening ceremony was not one for the Scouts but more orientated to the viewers watching which was great because we got to catch up on some sleep. Lots of singing and dancing to 'Swing Low Sweet Chariot' and 'Rule Britannia' followed and we all managed to loose our voices.

The following morning everybody signed up for the peace badge and joined various international patrols. Over the following days we used various activity bases as part of the peace badge and went on a trip to a manure manufacturing farm, to learn about non chemical fertilisers and their benefits.

Everybody had a good time and we were sad to leave the Jamboree. On the last day there was a kit and address swap and final goodbyes.

Next on our tour of South America was Argentina for Home Hospitality. This was the part that I was most nervous about. I felt as if I was going to be imposing on someone's hospitality. I knew very little of their customs but it turned out very well. In our four days there we visited most of Rosairo including the flag monument and we met the mayor.

The World Jamboree s something that nobody who went will ever forget because it was just so good. I would recommend it to any Scout who wishes to go in the future.

Many thanks to all those who helped to make it possible for us to attend and to the District Team for being so supportive.

I will be pleased to make presentations to troops who wish to have a more in depth talk on the Jamboree.

Oh by the way, try visiting the Chibcery website - [www.chibchas.comm](http://www.chibchas.comm), there's a picture of us doing our cultural bit on it.

Simon Templeton 1st 3rd Letchworth Scout



Vanessa & Graham Ness  
11th Letchworth CSL & Treasurer

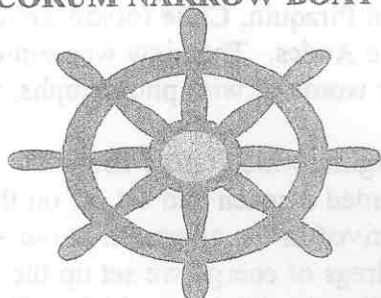
Mandy & Peter Woolmer  
7th Letchworth Helpers

## Ring the Changes

34 Cloisters Road, Letchworth

Tel: 01462 637718

### DACORUM NARROW BOAT PROJECT



A narrow boat - the BELFAST - is available for hire. It offers a high standard of accommodation for up to 14 passengers with central heating, a shower, a fully equipped galley and flush toilets. Details from Mervyn Templeton (Water Advisor) or directly from the project 01442 23033.

### DISTRICT ARTS & CRAFTS

The biannual District Arts & Crafts Competition will be held on Saturday 16th October 1999 at Lannock School, Letchworth. As always the competition will be open to all sections and Group members.

Rules and competition categories will be circulated via the ADC's nearer the time.



### BADGES - A New Order Service

There are so many badges that it is too costly to stock them all. This means that Leaders are sometimes disappointed when they cannot obtain a badge immediately.

In order to avoid this disappointment I am willing to take advance orders for badges and to post them to you when I receive them. Orders must be received at least a month in advance.

Order forms will be available in the Scout Shop.

John Hicks - (Badge Secretary)



### CUB COOKS BADGE 5TH LETCHWORTH

Sixers and Seconders from 5th Letchworth Cub Pack have been working towards their Cooks Badge over a number of weekends. The results of their efforts culminated in seven invited guests being served a three course lunch of:-

Sardine Pate with Melba Toast  
Stuffed Jacket Potatoes,  
Pasta with mushrooms and bacon sauce.  
Roll and Butter  
Marshmallow, pineapple and banana Trifle.

Followed by tea and coffee

The Cubs prepared, cooked, served the meal and then tidied away and washed up. All the guests, Bob & Deirdre Williams, Dave & Rita Hawkins, Kenneth Johnson, Fred Lovelock and a Cub Mother thoroughly enjoyed their meal and after some tough questioning from Rita all agreed that they all deserved their Badge. Dave Hawkins ADC(Cubs) was invited to present the Cubs with their badges at the Cub Pack Meeting on Tuesday 23rd February 1999.

WELL DONE TO ALL THE CUBS AND TO AKELA

Dave Hawkins ADC(Cubs)

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## TRAINING COURSES AT PHASELS WOOD

### Archery Supervisor Course

\* the course has been designed for Phasels Wood to enable leaders to supervise their own group on Phasels Wood archery ranges

\* Date: Saturday 6th March

\* Cost £22.50

### Air Rifle Shooting

\* All leaders require this qualification to instruct their own Groups

\* Date Sunday 18th April

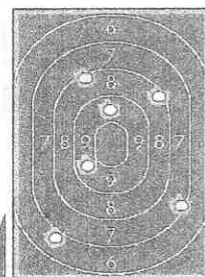
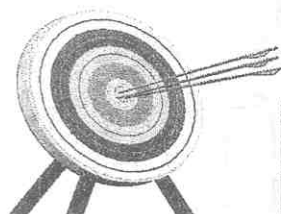
\* Cost £15.00

### Abseiling and Climbing Wall Authorisation Course

\* The course covers authorisation to belay and supervise on the Climbing Wall and Abseiling Tower

\* Date to be negotiated with Phasels Wood for groups of up to 5 people

\* Cost £5.00 per person



Further details from ADC (Scouts) or Phasels Wood (01442 252851)

## Chief Scout's Award - by Adam May 1st 3rd Letchworth

During my third year at Hitchin Boys School I published the School Newspaper with a couple of friends. It was twelve pages long and included games music, school clubs, school news, competition, sport and advertisements. This covered the culture section.

For my adventure section I attempted potholing at Phasel's Wood. I had never done it before because I was afraid of going down small, narrow passageways. As I came to smaller and smaller tunnels I told myself to continue - and I did.

With a friend I went out the day before to set up an orienteering course for our Scout night. The Scouts set out but didn't complete it as they ended up chasing one another. I also organised an incident hike.

I found the health section harder. At school I did cross-country running but I always came last through me giving up. One day I set myself the challenge of beating two more each week until, at last, I would come first. On the first week I came last again but I kept up my challenge. One week I beat three people the next week five, then seven, then ten and finally seven weeks later I had beaten them all.

In the community section, with three others, I prepared, cooked and served and cleared away a formal meal for four people.

For my personal project I helped at our Cub Pack. I organised activities like a mini hike, a wide game on Norton Common and ball games.

In the commitment section I had to visit and find out about two types of work, I did this as part of my year 10 industrial visits. I went to Warren Graphics and Pronto-Print Printers. For the leadership award I had to take part in a meeting of the PLC and take action. I had gained an electronics badge too.

Adam was presented with his Chief Scout's award by Neil Broughton (ACC Scouts)

WELL DONE ADAM

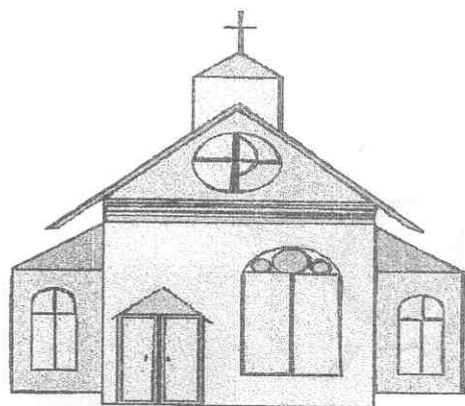
## DISTRICT INTERNATIONAL ADVISER

Glenn Coiley has accepted the post of District International Adviser. He will act as a link between the District and Mike Aston (ACC International). He will keep you informed of international affairs and if you have any question on travel or overseas events Glenn will be pleased to help.

Glenn can be contacted on 01462 642150  
or GCoiley@AOL.com



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## St. George's Day Parade and Service

This year's St George's Day Parade and Service will be held at St Michael's Church, Letchworth on Sunday 25th April starting at 3.00pm. 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 be dismissed at the Paddling Pool at about 4.00pm. Please inform parents that this will be the pickup point.

There will be a rehearsal for FULL COLOUR PARTIES WEARING THEIR NECKERCHIEFS on Saturday 24th April at 10.00am

### DON'T EVER

Don't ever try to understand everything-  
some things will just never make sense.  
Don't ever be reluctant to show your feelings-  
when you're happy, give into it!  
when you're not, live with it..  
Don't ever be afraid to try to make things better-  
you might be surprised at the results.  
Don't ever take the weight of the world on your  
shoulders.  
Don't ever feel threatened by the future-  
take life one day at a time.  
Don't ever feel guilty about the past-  
what's done is done. Learn from any  
mistakes you might have made.  
Don't ever feel that you are alone.....  
there is always somebody there for you  
to reach out to.  
Don't ever forget that you can achieve  
so many of the things you can imagine-  
imagine that ! It's not as hard as it seems.  
Don't ever stop loving  
don't ever stop believing  
don't ever stop dreaming your  
dreams

Laine Parsons

### DISTRICT GANG SHOW

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 26th March and Saturday 27th March. There will be evening performances on both days commencing at 7.30pm and a matinee on Saturday commencing at 2.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £2.50 for the flat seating and £4.00 for the tiered seating.

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.

Tickets are available from Plinston Hall Box Office.



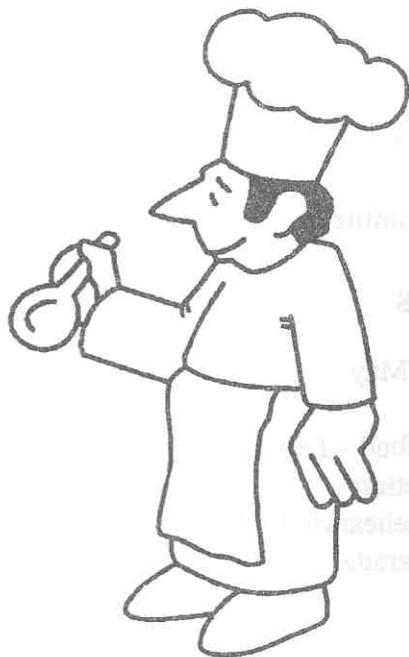
### 5th Letchworth Scout Troop

The 5th Letchworth Scout Troop now meet on Friday's 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm at the 5th Letchworth H.Q. in Spring Road. Please update your Directory.

**BEST WISHES** to Callum Abbott, Nicholas Meakin, Tom Herring, Tom Austin, Lawrence Darcy and Richard Darcy from 1st Baldock (Knights) Cubs when they go to the Wizzy Really Wet Show Grand Final at B.P. House on Saturday 20th March.

Watch out for the results in the April Co-ordinator.





## The 5th Letchworth Cubs

Move over Ready Steady Cook; 9 Sixers and Seconders took part in undertaking their Cooks Badge, over two Saturdays. The first Saturday they chose the menus, that they were going to cook for a three course meal. They also made their own menus cards, covered safety in the kitchen, health and hygiene, what equipment they would need and who they would like to invite to eat it.

The second Saturday arrived, nine eager Cubs could not wait to try their hands in the kitchen. All contributed to cooking a three course meal, laying a table, serving the meal and washing up afterwards.

Our guests were from the Pack and the District. I know our guests enjoyed themselves, but then again I have not seen any of them since!

I was very proud of the boys. They of course, all passed their Cooks Badge and had fun at the same time which is what Cubs is all about.

### CENSUS 1999

It is pleasing to see an increase in our members this year and it

is a credit to all Leaders who have worked hard to achieve this. Apart from a small drop in the Scout section, all other sectors have increased in numbers and it is particularly good to see the resurgence of Ventures. It is also good to note the increase in Leaders.

However, we must not be complacent. Numbers are still below those of the first half of the 1990's so as the millennium arrives we must strive hard to restore our numbers if each section in each Group could increase membership by three we would have another 100 Scouts in the District - please make this a challenge for the next year. Bob Williams D.C.

**Sue Lovelock, Akela 5th Letchworth**

### SUMMARY OF CENSUS RETURNS 1999

Group	Beavers	Cubs		Scouts		V.Scouts		Leaders		Helpers		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1st Ashwell	0	14	6	10	3			3	2		1	39
1st Baldock	18	30		26				8	6			88
2nd Baldock	24	15		6	3			2	3	1	3	57
1st 3rd Let		19		14				4	1			38
4th Let	21	26		22				5	3		1	78
5th Let	8	29		12				3	3		3	58
7th Let	12	16		8	2			2	3	2	3	48
8th Let	17	21		22				4	2		2	68
11th Let	13	8		12		8	1	7	2			51
12th Let	17	19						1	4		1	42
2nd Weston		15		11	2			4	2	1		35
Beech Springs						17	6	1	2			26
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>628</b>

# DIARY DATES

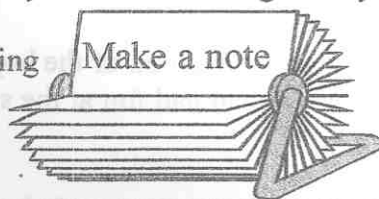
## MARCH

- 1st Cub Leaders Meeting
- 3rd Appointments Committee
- 4th District Troop
- 5th- 7th Peak Assault
- 6th-7th Sixers & Seconders Weekend
- 11th District Executive
- 11th P.L.'s District Council Meeting
- 12th Deadline HSG for April
- 13th County Cub Night Hike
- 14th County Scout Cooking Competition
- 16th Phase 1 and 2 Training
- 17th Millennium Meeting - Norton Bury
- 18th Meet the District Team
- 22nd Summer Fayre Committee Meeting
- 26/27th Gang Show
- 26/28th P.L.'s Weekend
- 27th District Beaver Challenge

## APRIL

- 1st District Scout Troop
- 4th Easter Sunday
- 7th Appointments Committee
- 8th District Executive
- 12th Cub Camp Meeting
- 15th ADC's Meeting
- 16th Deadline HSG for May
- 17th Operation Ferret
- 17th Cubs 6-a-side Football - Lannock School
- 22nd Scout Leaders Meeting
- 24th St George's Day Rehearsal 10.00am
- 25th St George's Day Parade and Service

Make a note



## WARDENS - NORTON BURY

### From

2 March	Ann & Ken Lilley	621271
9 March	Lee Crossman	634676
16 March	Carol Emsall	674543
23 March	Bob Williams	686727
30 March	Barbara Crombie	671062
6 April	Jeff Robson	684954
13 April	John Hicks	676639
20 April	Sheila May	673427
27 April	Ann Chapman	686772

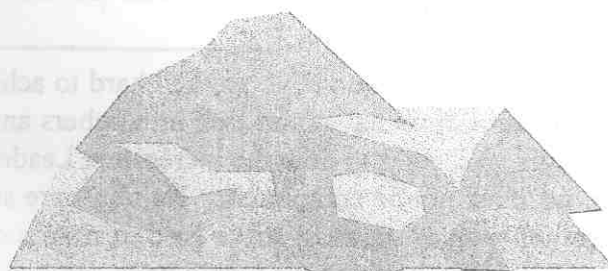


The Appointments Committee extends a warm welcome to:

Ian Hunt 12th Letchworth ACSL who was formerly an instructor with the Group.

The following have completed their phase 1&2 training and we look forward to them progressing towards their Wood Badge

Julie Waldock 1st Ashwell  
 Tony Foxton 2nd Weston  
 Ian Murton 1st Ashwell  
 Mark White 1st Ashwell  
 Colin White 8th Letchworth



## Kempston Indoor Activity Centre

The District have arranged a visit to the Indoor Climbing Complex at Kempston for the Scouts.

Date: Wednesday 5th May 1999

Cost: £7.00

Time: 6.00pm at Norton Bury

Return approximately 10.30pm

To book a place(s) please contact Rita Hawkins  
 01462 643432

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