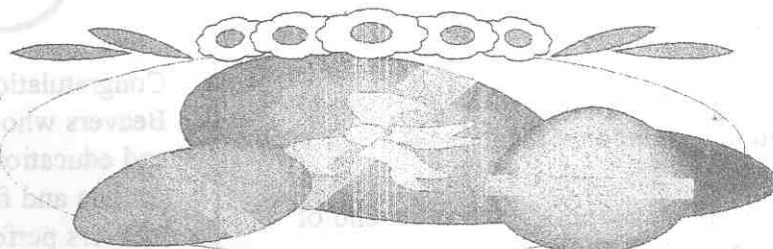




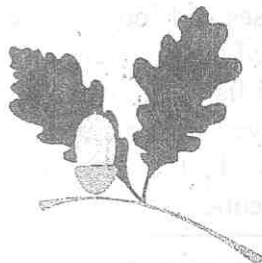
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# Co-ordinator

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin



## Happy Easter



### Laurie Cook - Silver Acorn Award

Congratulations to Laurie Cook who has been awarded the Silver Acorn for especially distinguished services to Scouting.

Laurie was appointed Assistant Scout Leader of the 1st 3rd Letchworth in 1971 and he became Scout Leader in 1975 - a post which he held until he retired in 1983. He continued to serve Scouting as a member of the District Executive and Chairman of the District Scout Fellowship. Laurie's energy is boundless and he is to be seen helping at many District events, not to mention the funds he has raised over the years at his renowned plant stall.

Scouting is only one of Laurie's many interests and we are mindful of his active support of the Royal Naval Association, the Nightingale Centre and the Ernest Gardiner Day Centre.

**Well done Laurie on a great achievement.**

### 1st Baldock Hit the Lottery Jackpot

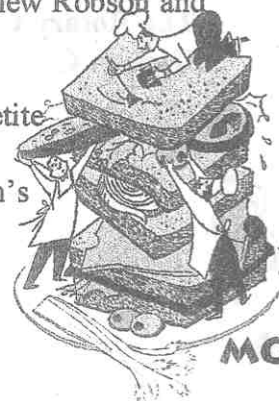
After years of struggling to get the resources together to build the new HQ, 1st Baldock have received a huge boost to their ambitions. A lottery grant will remove their financial worries and enable them to concentrate on a speedy completion of the building. Our thanks go especially to GSL Rob Hemmings whose commitment and perseverance obtained the grant at the third time of applying.

Good Luck 1st Baldock

### 4th Letchworth Cooking

We are proud of the 4th Letchworth Cooks, who came third in the County Cooking Competition. The team was Joel Miller, Adam Robson, Matthew Robson and William Lewis.

Just to wet your appetite their delicious menu will be in next month's Co-ordinator



**MORE...**

## The KJ Diaries

Ken Johnson, Scout editor of "HSG" reading LIVE from his own archive of **original medieval manuscripts** recording in intimate detail the circumstances of certain Scouting events personally witnessed by himself during the past forty two years

WEDNESDAY AT 7.30pm AT FIFTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT HQ, SPRING ROAD.

- 14 April Jim Jim Jaunt - a walk with Mr Bruce to the Jubilee Jamboree Indaba and Moot 1957
- 12 May Rovering to Caithness - the other end of this island 1959
- 9 June Roundup - searching for scattered Scouts 1960 -1961
- 14 July First at Lochearnhead - entirely new experiences 1963 -1964

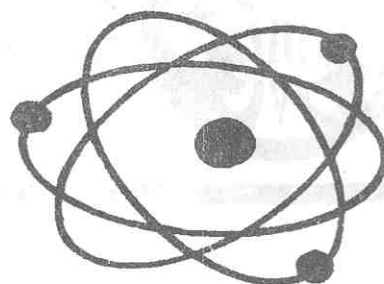
**Admission 50p all proceeds for Fifth Letchworth Scout Group**

## PLANS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

The Millennium group is busy making plans for the celebrations.

They want to produce a Millennium badge for the District, so watch out for details for a design competition.

## Boffins at 7th Beavers



Congratulations to 7th Letchworth Beavers who provided an entertaining and educational science display for parents and friends. Groups of Beavers performed experiments to illustrate scientific principles and invited their visitors to have a go. Experiments covered electricity, magnetism, gases and food tasting. Models included a lighthouse, hover craft and fish and magic tricks were played with magnets, water and eggs which ended up in the shape of a cube.

## FOUND FOUND FOUND

Are you missing a pair of walking Boots or a wash kit, unused, left at Norton Bury after the Sixers and Seconders Weekend.

Tel: 01462 643432 Dave Hawkins

## 'The Garden City 15'

### CHARITY WALK

SUNDAY 16th MAY 1999

The 17th annual sponsored Charity Walk around the borders of Letchworth organised by

**The Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City**

Details from:

Rotarian Tim Jeeves

**Tel: 01462 679274**

**Fax: 01462 629727**

## ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY 25 APRIL - ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, BROADWAY, LETCHWORTH

Please assemble at Howard Park (Paddling Pool) at 2.15pm

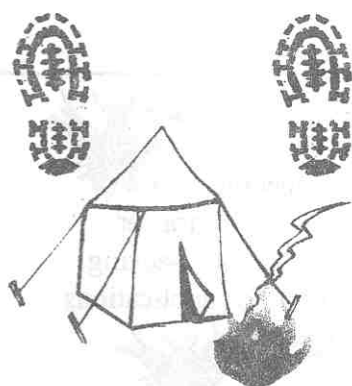
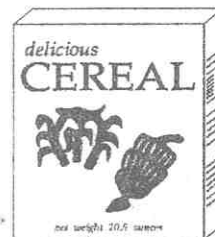
The rehearsal is on Saturday 24 April at 10.00am.

**Neckerchief's only.**

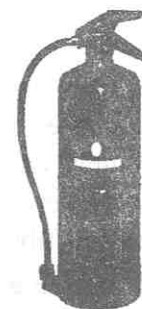
For further details, please refer to the February and March Co-ordinators.

# LIFE WITH THE CUBS

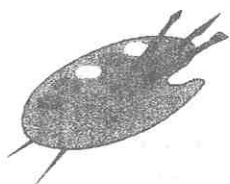
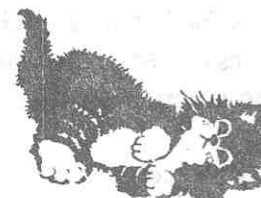
You're here today to listen to me  
 And learn about my favourite hobby  
 I want to tell you why I'm so keen  
 About Tuesday Nights with my men in green  
 They vary in age from 8 to 11  
 And with me as their boss they think they're in heaven  
 Another clue is the advert for Weetabix  
 And the wonderful things you can do with stones and sticks  
 If all your guesses have lead to failure  
 I can tell you now, I'm a Cub Scout Akela  
 After this you will understand more about the movement  
 And your knowledge of cubs will show improvement  
 I'll tell you about badges, awards and how it all started  
 But if something doesn't rhyme try and be good hearted.



Robert Baden Powell loved the great outdoors  
 When he grew up he joined the army to fight some wars  
 But then one fine day he wrote an army scouting book  
 He realised that most boys would read and look  
 So he formed a camp in 1907  
 For 20 boys who were based in Devon  
 They fished and tracked and climbed some trees  
 The boys swam, lit fires and collected honey from bees  
 Baden Powell thought "Hey I know"  
 Scouting for boys is the way to go  
 After his death in 1942  
 Scouting continued to touch everyone  
 Although there's been changes throughout the years  
 Cubs are going strong - hence I've turned to the beers



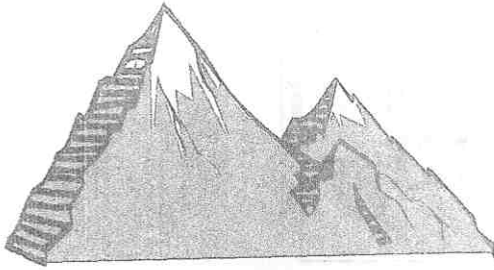
You can gain badges in camping, cooking and exploring,  
 There's always a challenge, nothing is boring  
 Handiwork, entertaining, collecting and sports  
 Where I get to see little geyser's running around in shorts  
 Learn to do art, make friends, learn safety so you don't get hurt  
 And occasionally look up Akela's skirt  
 Be kind to animals and humans to,  
 Wash your hands after you've used the loo ....(Not currently very successful)  
 Learn about the planets, music and World Conservation  
 If Cubs ask me a question I'll give a full explanation



I've told you today about my hobby that I love,  
 It's not all roses, it can be tough -  
 But I know in years to come, probably about ten,  
 I would have contributed towards the making of well rounded young men  
 If you believe that you'll believe anything .....

Rachel Baines CSL 12th Letchworth

## PEAK ASSAULT



"Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are naught without prudence and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Do nothing in haste, look well to each step and from the beginning, think what may be the end".

*Edward Whymper 1860*

Bacchus VSU are back. After an eight year drought of Peak Assault top ten places, the Bacchus first team this year set a new unit and probably a new District record when they took third place. Beaten only by two Harpenden teams (again!) it is a great achievement for the Unit and the team say they'll be back next year to go a step further and win the event !

Bacchus is always keen to find new members so if you're 15 or over and you like the sound of Ventures then why not come to one of our meetings ?

If you are interested, contact Graham on 01462 682212

### NORTON BURY SCOUT AND GUIDE ACTIVITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF THE GROUNDS

The Norton Bury Management Committee have agreed the following plan and are seeking two interested and enthusiastic volunteers willing to pursue this as a project for a Natural Pioneer Millennium Award. Brief details of the award are shown below. Ideally the committee are seeking one volunteer with Guide connections and one with Scout connections. The deadline for applications will be 1st July 1999.

#### Development and management for wildlife

This will be undertaken, by a dedicated team, on an ad hoc basis to provide illustrations of the outcome of different management regimes (eg varied grass cutting programmes) on the flora of that area and the insects and other wildlife they attract. The team will also undertake some gardening activity in the immediate vicinity of the house.

#### Environmental Education.

The grounds will be used as a basis to provide training in two areas.

##### **1. Developing Headquarters grounds for wildlife**

Courses to enable the grounds around groups and company headquarters to be a source of wildlife and environmental awareness

##### **2. Badge and award training**

Courses for Scouts and Guides to fulfil the requirements of appropriate badges and awards. An awareness of environmental issues would be achieved using other areas of training. For example, making a portable hide using pioneering techniques or putting nesting islands into ponds using canoes.

Initially the courses would be offered locally with the possibility of countrywide courses as our experience increases.

#### Natural Pioneers Millennium Awards

The above project will form the basis of an application for one of these awards. Awards are granted to individuals and the money is mainly used for training the individual to develop the project although there is an element in the award for tools and equipment. More than one individual can be involved in a project. They complete separate application forms which are submitted together

Anyone interested in this exciting initiative should contact Peter Deary on 01462 686859 for full details of the project and the Millennium Awards





## LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK

Our next event is the Letchworth & Baldock Gang Show on the 26th and 27th of March. We have had a good response for helpers for front of house duties and people have offered to do transport duties.

The April event will be a day trip to Bletchey, to see the code breaking machines and lots of other things that are on the site. This will be the 17th April and they are open from 10.30 until 5.00pm. The cost is £3.50 entrance and there is a cafeteria on site if you do not wish to take a packed lunch. If enough people (members and friends) would like to go we could possibly hire a min-bus or coach.

Also in April we have the St George's Day parade on the 25th at St Michael's Church, Broadway, Letchworth and it would be nice to see a good turn out of Fellowship members.

The Region 3 Fellowship Day will be held in Oxford on 23 May. Every year one of the 10 counties that make up Region 3 in Scouting runs a Fellowship Day for the other 9 Counties. We did our stint in 1996 at St Albans and it is Oxfordshire's turn this year. These are usually good fun and enable the participants to see different parts of the country which they may or may not have seen before. At the same time you meet many like minded people from all round Region 3. Mavis and I have made several friends around the area as a result. Hertfordshire always has a large contingent at these do's.

On the 29th May (Saturday) we are holding a cake and plant stall in the town centre outside W.H. Smith's to raise some funds. We will need a LOT of cakes, at least 100, so please members, and your friends, male and female get baking. Start now and put in the freezer. We will also need some helpers for the day, although cake stalls usually sell-out in a couple of hours or so. If you can help even for only a short time on the day please let Margaret know. We will be starting at 9.00 am.

In June the District are holding a summer Fayre on the 26th at the Paddling Pool in Howard Park. We will be doing the refreshments and your help is needed for this also. This is also a good fund raiser for the Fellowship as 75% of the profit is retained by us.

Members have received tickets for the 7 Centres Draw. Please sell as many as you can as the Fellowship retains 50% of the proceeds and this could be a good fund raiser for us.

John Davies - Chairman

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### **DISTRICT CUBS SIXERS & SECONDRS WEEKEND NORTON BURY 6TH - 7TH MARCH 1999**

Over sixty Cubs took part in District Cubs Sixers & Secondrs Weekend. Despite the bad weather they all enjoyed the activities. The weekend was used as an aid to the Cubs obtaining their Challenge Badge.

On Saturday the Cubs were split into four groups and undertook the following bases during the day, orienteering, shelter building, knotting and kite making and flying. On Sunday the Cubs were split into three groups and undertook the following bases, games, fire lighting and electronics. The Cubs that stayed the night at Norton Bury also enjoyed a very muddy night hike around the footpaths and fields of Norton and Baldock.

I would like to thank all the Leaders, from all Sections, who helped run the bases, the Leaders who stayed over and the helpers who helped with the walk. Thanks also to Anne Lilley and Gwen Pack who provided, cooked and served the food and refreshments during the weekend.

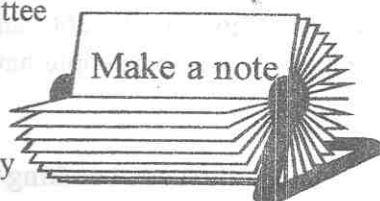
**Dave Hawkins  
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# DIARY DATES

APRIL

MAY

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  
21st 1st Ashwell AGM  
22nd Scout Leaders Meeting  
24th St George's Day Rehearsal 10.00am  
25th St George's Day Parade and Service



1st-3rd Scouts PAW - Tolmers  
4th 5th Letchworth AGM  
5th Appointments Committee  
5th District Scouts - Climbing Wall  
5th 11th Letchworth AGM  
7th 7th Letchworth AGM  
8th County Cubs Football Competition  
10th Beaver Leaders Meeting  
10th Cub Leaders Meeting  
13th District AGM  
16th Rotary 15 miles Walk  
21st 2nd Baldock AGM  
23rd District Scouts Football Competition

## WARDENS - NORTON BURY

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
4 May	Barbara Crombie	671062
11 May	Bob Williams	686727
18 May	Michael Wright	679781
25 May	Lee Crossman	634676

## THE LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

Cordially invite you to its AGM

on Thursday 13th May 1999

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

at 8th Letchworth H.Q.

Sparhawk, Letchworth

ALL WELCOME

## Late News - National Grand Final of the "Waterwise" Competition

On Saturday 20th March 1st Baldock (Knights) went along to BP House in London to represent region 3 in the National Grand Final "Waterwise" Competition. They were competing against six other Cub Packs from across the UK, including Scotland and Northern Ireland all of whom had gained a place in the final by winning their regional heats. Each Pack had to put on an entertaining performance which lasted 10 minutes on the topic of "Water". Although they did not win the overall competition they put on a very interesting and enjoyable performance. The Cubs looked like they enjoyed taking part.

Each Cub who took part received a certificate, a "waterwise" mug and a year free membership to the "Sealife" Centres. The competition was won by a Pack from Huddersfield who received a cheque for £1000.00 to be used to take The Cub Pack on an outing of their choice.

After dinner the Cubs were loaded on a coach and mini bus to be taken on a surprise visit, which turned out to be The Thames Barrier. Cubs and Leaders were taken inside the Barrier to see how it worked and how it was built. After a quick coach tour of the sights of London it was back to BP House and bed.

Many thanks to Andrea Soulsby for all her hard efforts, the six Cubs, Nick Farmer and Bob Williams for driving the minibus on Saturday and Sunday.

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