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The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin



St George's Day

A PERSONAL VIEW FROM THE BACK ROW

Saint George's Day and the Gang Show have quite a lot in common. They are both times for the public to see us at our best. They are both shows, needing some rehearsal and dedication. They both give you a great boost and a joyful feeling of belonging to something really good.



Even to an increasingly senile eccentric of a heathen persuasion, it was a very heart-warming privilege to assemble with so many friends and colleagues in the scruffy and cluttered car park, and to take a place at the back of the line for the parade from Howard Park to Broadway. The back row is in fact an excellent place to see it. Coming up that slope of Pixmore Way - I'd never realized it was quite so steep - we could see the whole line of hundreds of Scouts ahead with the multicoloured flags nearly a quarter of a mile away. And that was very impressive. Just imagine, if all those in all the groups, who could have joined us had done so: that would have been a sight to astonish the townsfolk who still sometimes say they don't see any Scouts around these days. Filing into Letchworth's parish church between the young citizens was a great feeling. Some of them I knew by sight and they gave me a grin, but almost all of them seemed to be enjoying the show they were putting on. Inside, to see the building so full with standing room only for the late comers, was impressive indeed, and the ceremonial handing over of the colours was beautifully done by the Scouts from all the parishes in our District - Norton and Willian, Wilbury and Weston and Baldock equally with Letchworth. Seeing some of the lads who can be scruffy little erbs, taking their parts so well, gave a real feeling of pride. It's amazing what a difference comes about by tucking your shirt inside your trousers. One troop's colour party stood out spectacularly by ignoring the modern rule that we have no headgear. Good for them! Might we see the return of the old Scout hat by the centenary in eight years' time?

It was very good to hear the Rector, obviously knowing exactly what we are all about, and enjoying himself as much as we were while coping with the symbolism of all that rather dubious zoology that Saint George is lumbered with. The songs in this show didn't have quite the pzazz of the Gang Show, but the organist was terrific.

And oh yes, both shows suffered the same problem, that young speakers or readers are always in too much of a hurry to get their words out, so that we don't hear them - though this time the audience had the advantage of copies of the script.

And outside in the spring fresh air, I dared to desert the Fellowship contingent and change colours to accompany my favourite Scout group, where I was allowed a place of honour alongside the Beavers' colour party. And that was an even greater thrill, to see these tiny fellows walking as tall and proud as any of those magnificent Venture Scouts. Those Beavers are going to be great Scouts in just a few years, and those Scouts are going to be great men (and women) for fighting whatever dragons are lurking in the twenty first century.

Jim Jim Jaunt - a walk with Mr Bruce to the Jubilee Jamboree Indaba and Moot, 1957.

A small but enthusiastic audience was enthralled by KJ's talk Jim Jim Jaunt - a visit to the 1957 World Jamboree at Sutton Coldfield. It was delivered in KJ's inimitable style of wit and detailed observations of events which brought the Jamboree to life together with mention of Leaders who he met there - a real treasure trove of memories as he recalled stories of Jim Bruce, Colin Phillips, Don Greenshields, Michael Tippet and Fred Cogar. Books, articles, newspapers, flags and uniforms all added to the interest of the evening.

This was the first in a series of talks so if you missed this one you can hear Ken again on 12th May when he will be "Rovering to Caithness".

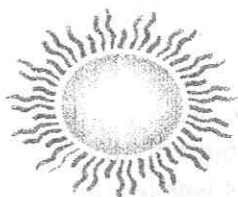
The KJ Diaries

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'S AT 7.30pm AT FIFTH
LETCWORTH SCOUT HQ, SPRING ROAD.

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| 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 |

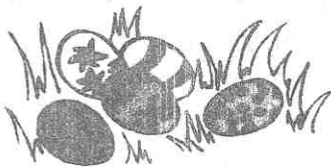
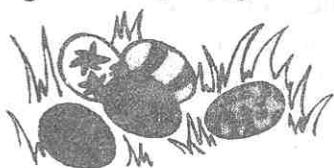
**Admission 50p all proceeds for
Fifth Letchworth Scout Group**



DISTRICT BEAVER SCOUT CHALLENGE

On March 27th teams from 5 colonies assembled at Norton Bury Centre for the annual Beaver Scout Challenge. Taking part were 1st Baldock Tuesday, 2nd Baldock 4th, 8th and 12th Letchworth.

'What's this - no rain? I'm not sure that our Beavers can compete in dry conditions'. We had trained for the Easter Egg wide game in wellies, carrying umbrellas. We had practised reading quiz questions under a sprinkler so that the wet, inky squiggles wouldn't defeat us on the day. Oh well! We competed bravely, but it was difficult in such lovely sunshine with no sunglasses. With the wide game, scavenger hunt and quiz finished everyone had orange squash and creme eggs. While our Beaver ADC added up the points all the Beavers played 'Tunnels' (a popular game with 2nd Baldock with surprising few decapitations - you have to be there!). The overall winners were 4th Letchworth who were presented with an invisible trophy. The actual trophy, won last year by 1st Baldock Thursday now under new management, has gone AWOL. Luckily, Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council has offered to buy a new trophy which will be presented to 4th Letchworth (Probably the day before the next Beaver Challenge). Thanks to everyone who helped Deb organize this year's enjoyable Challenge. Well done to 4th Letchworth. Thank you to our DC Bob Williams and our District Secretary Rita Hawkins for coming to watch, though we know you only turned up for a freebie creme egg!



Congratulations

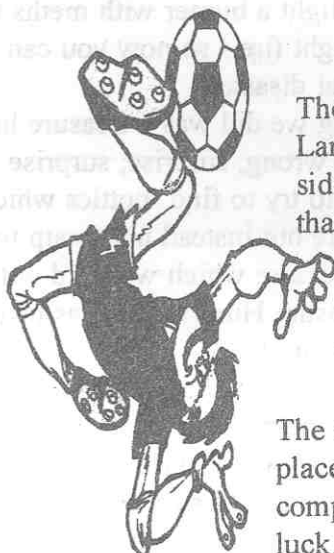
Mick Dilley - 2nd Baldock G.S L.
 Barbara Crombie - Chairman - Norton Bury
 Peter Baker - Committee Member - Norton Bury
 Ruth Baker - Booking Secretary - Norton Bury
 Sheila May - Providore - Norton Bury
 Ron Smith - Appointments Secretary
 Phil Taylor - Executive Committee Member
 Julie Speltinckx - 8th Letchworth BSL

Bar to the Medal of Merit
 Chief Scout's Commendation
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LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Chris Page - 1st Baldock - SL
 Anne Lilley - Fellowship
 Venetia Crowther - 1st 3rd Letchworth CSL

Bar to the Long Service Decoration
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 Long Service Decoration



District Cub 6-a-side Football Competition

The biannual Cub football competition was held on Saturday 17th April at Lannock School. It was the first time the competition had been held outside. (whose bright idea was that?). We had the full range of weather other than snow. However, the Cubs thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and we were entertained to some excellent football. Nine teams from eight Packs took part and played each other on a league basis. All the games were keenly fought which, resulted in some very close and entertaining football.

The eventual winners were 2nd Baldock with 8th Letchworth in second place. The 2nd Baldock team will now represent the District in the County competition in Hemel Hempstead on the 8th May. We wish them the best of luck.

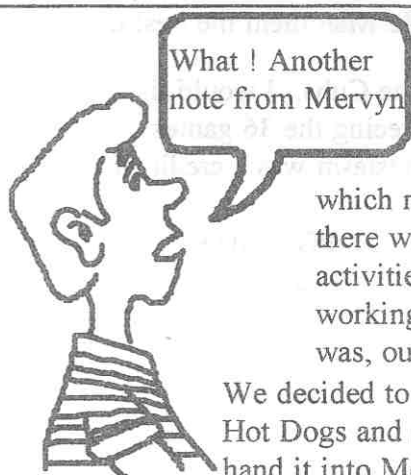
It was pleasing to see a large number of parents watching and encouraging the Cubs. I would like to thank all the Leaders, the parents (Team Managers) and Anthony for refereeing the 36 games. Thank you to all the Cubs who took part and whose sportsmanship and enthusiasm was a credit to their Group and Leaders.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	P	POSITION
1st Baldock	8	1	7	0	1	0	1	10	3
2nd Baldock	8	5	2	1	9	1	8	17	1
2nd Weston	8	1	4	3	2	5	-3	7	8
1st 3rd Letch	8	1	5	2	3	3	0	8	6
4th Letch	8	2	4	2	2	4	-2	10	5
5th Letch (A)	8	1	5	2	3	7	-4	8	7
5th Letch (B)	8	2	4	2	3	5	-2	10	4
8th Letch	8	4	1	3	7	4	3	13	2
12th Letch	8	0	6	2	2	4	-2	6	9

Letchworth & Baldock and Hitchin District Patrol Leaders' Weekend

Whilst most of you were no doubt enjoying the spectacle of this years Gang Show a band of brave Leaders from both our District and Hitchin combined under the un-bounded talents of our ACC (Scouts), Neil Broughton, were running a training weekend for PL's, APL's plus potential candidates at Norton Bury. In all we had 32 Scouts evenly spread across the two Districts and they were subjected to a mind boggling amount of information not only aimed at running their Patrols but also trying to give them a better appreciation of what we poor, long suffering leaders have to go through in order to make the troop nights and activities run smoothly. A themed game was run through the weekend by Mervyn Templeton which crammed a theoretical years troop activities into the weekend and set the teams targets for activities to be organised and undertaken along with all the necessary paperwork and planning that has to be gone through. It was great fun, you ate breakfast during March and by the time you stopped for a drink mid morning it was already April, it certainly focused the mind and allied to sessions from the PL's "Ruff Guide" and the VITAL support pack made for what I hope was a very intense but worthwhile weekend for all those who attended. I would like to say a big thanks to Anne Lilley and Gwen Pack for feeding us, Rita Hawkins who as usual worked tirelessly all weekend, the duty warden (Bob Williams) and all other Leaders who gave up their time to run sessions for us.

Chris King - ADC (Scouts)



What! Another note from Mervyn

On the first night it was pretty hectic at Norton Bury as there were Scouts every where. When we first arrived we had to go and see Mervyn Templeton so that he could book us in and tell us

which room we were sleeping in for the first night of the weekend. After a while there was a meeting in the interview room. In this meeting we were told what activities we were going to be doing on the weekend, we were also told which working groups we were in. I was in Red Hill, then we were told who our tutor was, ours was Stan. The first task we were given was to plan a patrol activity day.

We decided to go dry slope skiing in Welwyn Garden City. Time to stop for supper of Hot Dogs and soup, we needed to complete the task in the morning before breakfast and hand it into Mervyn.

During breakfast we received a letter from Mervyn saying that the Beavers were using the District minibus on the day we planned our trip, so I had to write another letter from our Patrol saying that we were willing to change the date of our trip to a time when we could get the District minibus as transport.

Hello my Name is Kieran Finch. I am a member of the 2nd Baldock Scouts. I am here to tell you about the Patrol Leaders weekend which took place in the Easter Holidays at Norton Bury. Here are a few things we did. The first big thing we did was to plan a hike. My group and I planned our hike to start at the pig farm in Stotfold and to end back at Norton Bury. There were about 4 or 5 teams in the hike and our team was last back. When we got back from the hike we were asked to cook our own tea which was a complete disaster! Here are a few things that went wrong: The chicken was not chicken but more like rubber. The curry turned into soup because somebody told us to add a glass of water to make it taste nice, and whilst trying to light a burner with meths the grass sort of caught fire! so now you can see why it was a total disaster!

The last big thing we did was a treasure hunt which also went wrong, surprise, surprise. We were meant to try to find bottles which contained treasure but instead my group took a liking to the treasure which was laid out for the Beavers Treasure Hunt which was taking place the following day!

All of this helped me gain my Pathfinder Award, and even helped some of the older Scouts gain their Explorer Award.

I want to thank the Leaders for a great weekend, and for giving up their holiday to help us.

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After breakfast we were given another task to work on. This time we had to organise a hike. Unlike the skiing trip we had to actually go on the hike in the evening. Meanwhile we had bases to go to individually. My first base was how to teach others. In this base we had to write down instructions for making a paper aeroplane. The instructions had to include things like which way the paper should be held. My instructions were quite clear because the two adults managed to make my aeroplane. Time for a short break and a visit to the tuck shop. My next base was dealing with challenging behaviour. At this base we discussed how to keep challenging people under control. I found this very useful. When this base had finished we had another patrol meeting. We had to finalise where we were going on our hike in the evening. We also had to sort out a menu for the evening and how many tents we needed for the whole patrol to sleep in. We needed four. After lunch we had one more base, Delegation. In the base I learnt how to give people jobs to do so that no one would be bored at the meetings. When this had finished we had until four o'clock to get ready for our patrol hike. At four o'clock sharp we left in the minibus to the graveyard in Stotfold where we started our hike. At quarter to five we arrived at Norton Bury. A very short hike, all the leaders were shocked to see us back so early in the evening, we weren't supposed to arrive back at Norton Bury until about six o'clock. The leaders told us to set our tents up and collect our evening food from the house. It took us half an hour to set our tents up and start cooking our evening meal of super noodles and bread. After dinner our patrol met up in the interview room to do some work on our next task. Our next task was to plan a patrol camp at PAW'99. After this meeting we had a few hours to go round fun bases on our own. I chose to do Archery, Backwood cooking and orienteering, unfortunately I missed Simon Templeton's talk on his trip to Chile. Then we went to bed, it was a very cold night and the zip on my tent had frozen in the morning, I had trouble getting out.

The next morning after a hearty breakfast, we had lots of things to prepare, some of these things were to prepare a speech on our patrols thoughts of the weekend. After lunch we had two more bases to go to, mine were about dealing with money and setting standards. Also in the afternoon we had a talk about our Chief Scout's Award.

Overall the camp was a great success and I recommend it to all the PL's and APL's that get the opportunity to go in the future

Stephen Woolmer - 7th Letchworth Scout



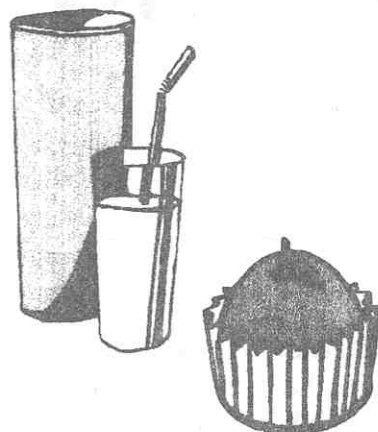
2nd Baldock Beaver Scouts See Red !

Although the Beaver Scouts of 2nd Baldock Group are always helpful and useful people (?!) every now and then we carry out A 'Colony Good Turn'.

We decided to raise money for charity on Red Nose Day, March 12, by holding a themed evening in place of our usual meeting. The Beaver Scouts were dressed in red instead of uniform and played games such as relay racing, pushing a red ball with their noses and snowball fighting with red snowballs made of paper. They had red squash, red nose cakes and red lollies.

To raise money we were sponsored to find round, red items and the Beavers managed to find 88 different objects. This amounted to over £80 that we donated to the Red Nose Charity. A very successful good turn.

Wendy Neath (BSL)



A COMMISSIONED CRITIQUE - GANG SHOW 1999

With the proud date of 1957 on one's Gang Show neckerchief, one is allowed to sell programmes and see this year's production three times. It's great!

And so was the show. After the slickest and smartest opening I've seen for years, it took us on a foot-tapping tour throughout the twentieth century which is almost the same as the first century of Scouting. Mafeking was relieved on 17th May 1900 (last year of the nineteenth century) and Baden-Powell's funny ideas for boys were published in 1908, which sorts out that comic and slightly inaccurate sketch on How It All Began. The courage of the boys of 1909 to appear in public in baggy shorts was equalled by that great team on-stage ninety years later! I just wish they had sung a bit louder, as they did later on. Some of those Ralph Reader songs brought vivid memories of past shows and members of the Gang Show no longer with us. Seeing and hearing today's generation talking on the tradition brought tears to my sentimental old eyes.

This year's show really seemed to have won back its First Class badge, like the ones we knew forty years ago. Some of the unwanted old traditions also survived, like the long pauses and bumping noises between items, and the apparently incurable tendency of teenagers to say their lines all in a rush like that, instead of Speaking Slowly Enough To Be Heard At The Back.

Oh, it's easy to pick fault at my age. I don't actually remember 1914, but I've seen pictures of Army uniforms and they were nothing like that. We who had gas mask cases in 1939 know they were not the size of shoe boxes, and all evacuees had luggage labels on their coats (And by the way, the French for "My friends" is "Mes amis").



However, we'll remember the high spots - the energy of the dancers and the star singers in the Speakeasy Club, the splendid village backcloth, and best of all that superb "Rock Around The Clock"! (You know, Mr Strong is such a quietly spoken gentlemen off-stage!)

In the Saturday night audience was a leading man in recent productions by the Young Arcadians, who began his stage career as a lad in the Gang Shows. Perhaps he, too, spotted some of the new talent who might follow him. This year's success was mainly due to that wide age range which Andrea mentioned in her programme note. Brownies and Cubs naturally stole their scenes as always, but the adults did not dominate the show as they have done in the past. The presence of older Scouts and Guides and Venture Scouts gave real strength to that family spirit we share.



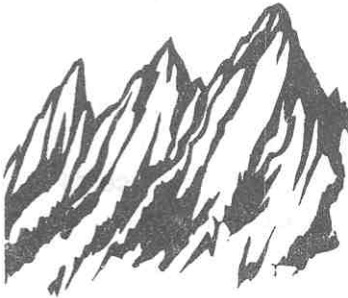
Despite the threat that this was the last one, I trust that there will be a Gang Show in twenty-hundred, to round off and complete the twentieth century.

K.J.

SCOUTING AND KOSOVO

Scouting has joined forces with British Airways and the Daily Express in a campaign to provide emergency clothing and blankets to victims of the conflict in Kosovo. The Scout Association has organised venues where members of the public can drop off their donations. Hertfordshire has provided three drop-in centres at Phasels Wood, Tolmers and Welwyn Garden City.

LOCHEARNHEAD - APRIL 1999



In your last HSG there is a full section regarding the Hertfordshire Scouts Mountaineering Section. Well, I am living proof that the courses that they offer are not only value for money but are very enjoyable, rewarding and great fun.



We set off early on Good Friday morning from Hertford bus station. Making our second pick up at South Mimms service park. This is where the real journey began. We headed north and it was not long before disaster struck! No not us, the TITANIC, the movie, yes that's right, we had on board entertainment. This was followed by Eddy Murphy in COMING TO AMERICA. This all served to pass the 450 miles or so to Lochearnhead.

We arrived in good spirits, though a little travel weary. We were then allocated our accommodation and then we went in for dinner. Following this we formed up into teams and completed our route plans for the next day.

A gentle stroll over the Pudding, a low hill visible from the Station. We then found out that map reading in the hills is not quite as easy as it is in Hertfordshire! But we did not go too far adrift and we did return safely.

Sunday, our route today was up Ben Vorlich and Struc A'Chroin. The weather was wet and misty making the views rather disappointing. However, the feeling of reaching the top of Ben Vorlich and then the upper ridge of Struc A'Chroin was reward enough.

Monday saw us making for the snow. After a short walk we found what we were looking for a long, safe slope to develop our Ice Axe skills, on our backs; feet first, head first, then again on our fronts. All of us sat on a survival bag, racing with another group who had also found our spot of snow. Once we had done all we could we set off again to further our map reading skills. By this time the strain was showing on some of the groups knees, mine included OUCH !

Tuesday found us carrying our basic rope work for the hills. We set up simple belays and hand lines. The route back to the Station took us along the path of the old railway track, we thought, great; a smooth level track for our knees! The only trouble was that this ground was very hard and unyielding. The balls of our feet felt as if they had been beaten with a leather strap and required a long soak in cold salty water to bring them around.

That night we went on a night navigation exercise. We took this very seriously, and made very effort not to get lost. We went into one of the local establishments only to find that they were so friendly that we stayed for a while (how sad!) before finding our way back to the Station.

Wednesday, the start of our three day hike and high camp. The weather was very good and the cloud had lifted to give us a good dry walk. We found a sheltered site to camp, then set off for a new peak to cap. Others had also chosen the same location so we had a game of rounders, yes that's right half way up a mountain we played rounders, in a very boggy marshy flatish area next to the camp site. Bad light stopped play. This was followed by a few songs and the cutting of a birthday cake to celebrate one of the Scouts' birthday. I still find it hard to work out how the cake made it up the mountain and stayed in one piece, and yes it was complete with candles.

A full day's walking with some good views but most of the time we spent in the cloud or just below it in the persistent drizzle. The descent to the site was steep and in places on snow fields, these were fun for you can get down a long way very fast if you have the right technique. But you have to be careful that you don't over shoot your safety margins, or your descent could be your last.

We packed up and set off on our walk out of the mountains back to civilization, a hot shower and dry clothes.

Our last night at the Station was marked with the traditional meal of Haggis, freshly caught that very morning. I was told that we had the clockwise haggis, the longer legs being on the left side of the haggis, this enables it to run very fast around very steep ground.

After the meal we set about the entertainment. Each of the eight groups performed an act, song or sketch, monologue or dance.

Alas the time had passed and now we had to return to Hertfordshire. The Coach arrived, the gear was packed and we embarked. What no TV? this could be bad, but the radio did work and we did hear the Grand National, and my horse did not fall at the first. I don't think it got that far. Well after a long ride down the A1 we arrived first back at South Mimms then Hertford, onward our own separate ways to soak in a long hot bath and the comfort of our own beds.

The laws of the mountains maintained we left only foot prints and thanks. We took only photos and memories. Memories that you as Scouts and Leaders should go and get



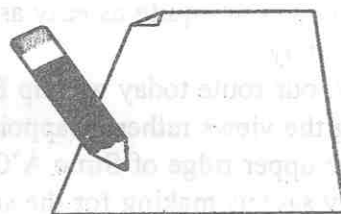
Nick Farmer - GSL 5th Letchworth

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

The District is anxious that no deserving person is overlooked for an award. However, there are gaps in our records. In particular in instances where

- i) a person is non-uniformed
- ii) where a Scout Leader undertook non-uniformed service prior to taking out a warrant
- iii) where service has been undertaken in another District.

Please ask Ron Smith (01462 682900) for a form on which to record your service.



MOVE OVER AINSLEY HARRIOT

4th Letchworth Scouts team of chefs, William Lewis, Joel Miller, Adam Robson and Matthew Robson showed their culinary skills in the County Cooking Competition.

They left the scout hall early on the 14th March, missing Mothers Day, but armed with their trusty twin gas burner, billy cans and one frying pan (who needs all these modern appliances?) they set off for the Aspley Scout hut in Hemel Hempstead, accompanied by their Culinary advisor, Margaret Miller (ABSL). They made their menu en route.

Given a very difficult list of ingredients the four chefs had to create a 3 course meal for 5 people, set a table for the meal and present it professionally.



The Menu they created was as follows:

Starter:

Spinach, orange and bacon salad with a tasty pancake roll

Main Course

Sweet & sour orange chicken, a beautifully fried sauté potato medley, aubergine, spring onion and a delicious orange garnish

Desert

Spicy caramel bananas with swiss roll and covered in fromage frais

Competition was very high from the eight other teams.

Well done 4th Letchworth, they came third, only four points away from getting through to the regional finals.

Good luck next year.



MORE...

The Scout Fellowship

A three year Development Plan has been drawn up for the Scout Fellowship.

Some of the main objectives are to:-

- * improve our image
- * improve our communications
- * exchange and build upon examples of "good practise" with other Fellowships
- * extend our membership to Leaders, Groups and District Administrators
- * prepare a directory of members' skills
- * improve contacts with Venture Scout Units
- * improve contacts with other Scout Fellowships
- * provide active support for Scouting

A THANK YOU TO THE BEAVERS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

You, and all the Beaver Cubs have been very much in our thoughts, as we were able to go out and present the first of your lovely boxes of cubbing equipment to a brand new Pack of 20 Cubs, with their Scouters, the 1st Buhlebuyeta. Our Leader Trainer (and Area Secretary), Dee Chandler, went out with me and we assisted Akela Eugenia Nkosi in investing the first seven Cubs. It was a proud day for them. Yes, it's over a year since we received your gifts from Hertfordshire, but an awful lot has happened in between. We now have our own Training Team and have run several Introduction to Adult Leadership Courses, a Cub Warrant Course and a Jungle Background and Handcraft Course. We have 7 new Packs established with another 4 on the way ! So you will be hearing from the 1st Buhlebuyeta, with letter and photos.



We are establishing a link-up (Twinning) Programme called Operation Gemini (the Heavenly Twins) between new Groups and Packs in Mpumalanga, and enclosing our suggested method of Twinning, plus a sample of our first letter to an overseas Group, which may give you an idea for your initial letters. You might like to get one of your Packs in the District to Twin with 1st Buhlebuyeta when you receive their letters.

Best Wishes and Good Hunting to you all. Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours in Scouting - Charlie Baty, DC

Press forward with faith in the soundness of the Movement and its future possibilities. - BP's Outlook

JO SULLIVAN

We were sorry to hear the sad news of the death of Jo Sullivan. She was a great supporter of Scouting and for a period in the 1970's she was editor of "Co-ordinator"

We send our sympathy to her husband Ken and his family.

GROUP INSURANCE

I would like to thank all Groups treasurers who responded to my questionnaire on insurance. It is not possible to make direct comparisons without knowing the precise details of cover. However, it was an interesting exercise and we found a number of points to look for which I will discuss with you individually when I meet you at your AGM's

Bob Williams D.C.

NORTON BURY SCOUT & GUIDE ACTIVITY CENTRE

The following activities are available at the Norton Bury Activity Centre. Please contact the duty warden to arrange use of equipment.

Pond Dipping

Snooker / Billiards

Table Tennis

Volley Ball

Badminton

Earth Ball

5-a-side football

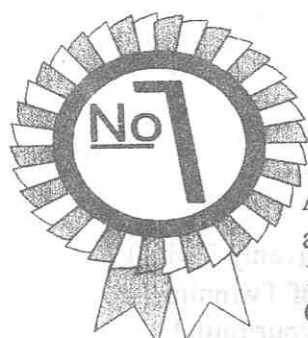
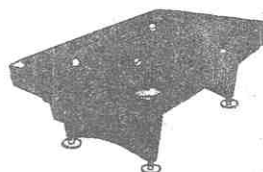
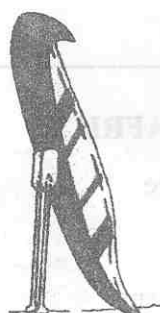
Play parachute

Canoeing

Assault Course

Pioneering

Orienteering



1st BALDOCK RETAIN THEIR COUNTY CANOE SLALOM TITLE

After a weekend's keen competition at Rickmansworth aquadrome 1st Baldock emerged as winners of the County Canoe Slalom for the fifth

year running. This was a particularly exciting performance as most of last year's team have moved on to Ventures.

The canoeist had to negotiate fifteen gates and a weir. The final gates were particularly difficult as they were on moving water beyond the weir.

David Hull won the individual title in a time of two minutes and eighteen seconds and David Staines completed the course in two minutes and thirty nine seconds to gain fourth place.

Congratulations to all the team on their fine performance and to Sheila Staines, their leader who also completed the course.

7 Centres Draw

By now you will all have received your tickets for the 7 Centres Draw. Sales seem to be going well - already there have been three requests for extra book and individuals have sold over thirty books of tickets.

The draw will be held at Phasels Wood on Saturday 12th June at teatime. Why not come along if you are free?

Members of the Fellowship can also visit the National Fellowship Camp and join in their evening disco.

Please return your money and counterfoils to your Group Co-ordinator so that it can all be passed to Phil Taylor (District Co-ordinator) by 28th May.



MORE...

FORTH COMING EVENTS - DISTRICT

Summer Fayre 26th June 1999 Howard Park - Paddling Pool

Thanks to an enthusiastic committee plans are well in advance for our Summer Fayre.

Attractions will include:-

1st Ashwell	-	Golf
1st Baldock	-	Books, Cakes, Bric-a-brac
2nd Baldock	-	Hook a duck, popcorn Win a Football
2nd Weston	-	Cake Stall
1st 3rd Letchworth	-	Catch A Rat, Face Paints Balloons
4th Letchworth	-	????????????????
5th Letchworth	-	Hoop la, Pound Stall Bar Billiards
7th Letchworth	-	Human Fruit Machine
8th Letchworth	-	????????????????
11th Letchworth	-	BBQ, Bouncy Castle
12th Letchworth	-	Beat the Goalie, Treasurer Hunt.
Fellowship	-	Refreshments
Scout Shop	-	Scout Goods - Uniforms
District Executive	-	Recruitment Display

If you feel you can offer help on the day please contact members of your Group Committee or leaders - any help no matter how small will be appreciated.

DISTRICT BARBECUE

The annual District Barbecue will be held at Norton Bury on Wednesday 7th July from seven o'clock.

The price will be £4.00 per adult and £2.00 per child under twelve.

Under five's free.

Price includes all food and your first drink.

Please bring family and friends and make this a fun occasion.



MILLENNIUM CELEBRATIONS

Design The Millennium Badge Competition

The competition is open all members of the Letchworth & Baldock District.

The design must include the words Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts. It can be any shape (eventual size will be 2.5 inches in diameter), using a maximum of four colours.

The winning design will be made into a celebration badge that can be worn by all members of the Scout Movement in the District during the year 2000.

The closing date 31st July 1999

Please send your design to Bob Williams, 53 Hawthorn Hill, Letchworth, Hertfordshire SG6 4HQ

DIARY DATES

MAY

1st - 3rd	Patrol Activity Weekend, Tolmers
4th	5th Letchworth AGM
5th	11th Letchworth AGM
5th	1st 3rd Letchworth AGM
5th	Appointments Committee Meeting
7th	7th Letchworth AGM
8th	County Cub Football Competition
10th	Beaver Leaders Meeting
10th	Cub Leaders Meeting
12th	K.J. Talk - 5th Letchworth HQ 7.30pm
13th	DISTRICT AGM - 8th Letchworth HQ 7.30pm
15th	District Scout Football Competition
16th	15 mile walk - Rotary
21st	2nd Baldock AGM
27th	Beech Springs AGM

JUNE

2nd	Appointment Committee Meeting
3rd	District Scout Troop
9th	K.J. Talk - 5th Letchworth HQ
10th	District Executive Meeting
12th	7 Centres Draw - Phasels
13th	County Cub Canoeing Day
14th	Summer Fayre Meeting
18th	8th Letchworth AGM
19th	Fishing Competition - Scouts
18-20	District Cub Camp
19th	District Beavers Day Out
24th	Scout Leaders Meeting
26th	District Summer Fayre
25-27	25/40 Mile Walk

WARDENS - NORTON BURY

From		
4 May	Barbara Crombie	671062
11 May	Bob Williams	686727
18 May	Michael Wright	679781
25 May	Lee Crossman	634676
1 June	Peter Deary	686859
8 June	Peter Moules	435103
15 June	Carol Emsall	674543
22 June	Sheila May	673427
29 June	Dave Hawkins	643432

WELCOME TO



Karen-Anne Hay ASL 5th Letchworth

Sue Marina Helper 1st Ashwell

A.G.M.

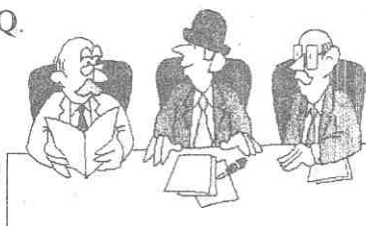
You are all cordially invited to the Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council A.G.M.

Date: 13th May 1999

Time: 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m.

Venue: 8th Letchworth H.Q.
Grange School,
Sparhawke

Hope to see you there. !!!!



For sale nearly new green combat trousers, shirts and coats. Please ring Mick Dilley, GSL 2nd Baldock on 01462 730300 for more details.

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