



Co-ordinator

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin



LAURIE AWARDED MBE FOR SERVICE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN LETCHWORTH



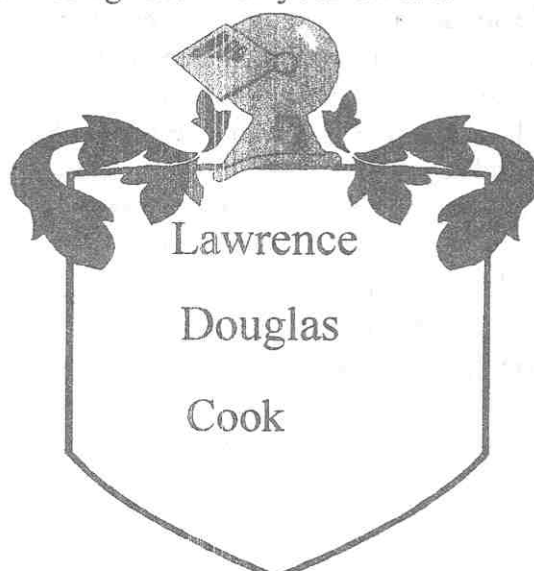
North Hertfordshire's only award winner in the Queen's Birthday honours list is our very own Laurie Cook. The award has come at a time when he has just received the highest honour for outstanding service in the Scout Movement, the Silver Acorn.

The MBE has been awarded for his services to local Scouting and Guiding and the Royal Naval Association.

In years gone by he was an active Scout Leader and helped his wife with Guides. Since his retirement as a leader he has organised adult support for Scouting through the Scout Fellowship, who have made him President of the Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Fellowship. He has helped build an extension for the Guide's Headquarters and he has become known throughout the District for his annual plant stall which has raised thousands of pounds over the years for local charities.

Laurie is a very popular person who is respected for his commitment and enthusiasm. He is extremely community minded and the only reward he seeks is the satisfaction and acknowledgement of those he helps.

Congratulations Laurie we are delighted with your award.



NATIONAL MILLENNIUM BADGE

The millennium badge is now available and can be worn on uniforms from September 1999 to the end of the year 2000.

The cost price of the badge is 50p but it is to be sold for £1.00 with the extra 50p being donated to a charity of the District's choice.

It has been suggested that Groups might like to purchase the badge and then gain the charitable contribution by selling it to their members for 50p.

I hope all members of the District will wear the badge and that we will be able to make a good contribution to charity.

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
LETCHWORTH SCOUT HQ, SPRING ROAD.

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| 14 July | First at Lochearnhead - entirely new experiences 1963 -1964 |
| 4 August | With SEVENTH and EIGHTH
Canterbury pilgrims 1964
Jamboree Cymru 1965 |
| 8 September | Volvic for the water
The discovery of Auvergne 1965 |

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



The Scout Fellowship

Firstly we all offer our congratulations to Laurie for being awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthdays Honours and also congratulations to three of our members Ann Lilley, Joan Ludford and Mike Durrant who have been awarded the Scouting Long Service Award.

Ann Lilley is helping with the 11th Letchworth Cubs on an occasional basis and Mike Miles is also helping as Quarter Master.

Stondon Transport Museum. 12 people are coming to the museum on the 17th July and we will be meeting there at 11.00 am in the car park. If any others would like to come please let Margaret Durrant know on 01462 624731 as soon as possible. Venture Scouts this includes you as well. Turners Music Hall We so far have 15 people interested in going to Turners. There are still places available. If we can get a minimum of 24 people it will cost £10 per head which includes the show and afternoon Christmas Tea. This is on Sunday 7th November. It would also make it worthwhile hiring a coach. This trip is open to everyone in Scouting and their families. One of our members has been twice and says it is a very enjoyable show, so why not come along and join us. Please contact Margaret Durrant on the above number as soon as possible as we must get this booked quickly.

The cake stall on the 29th May in the town centre was a great success and over £100 was raised which we shared with 7th Letchworth Scout Group.

October 16th is the AGM and we are hoping to get John Bennett to give a talk on the time he spent in the Seychelles.

December we are hoping to arrange a wine tasting.

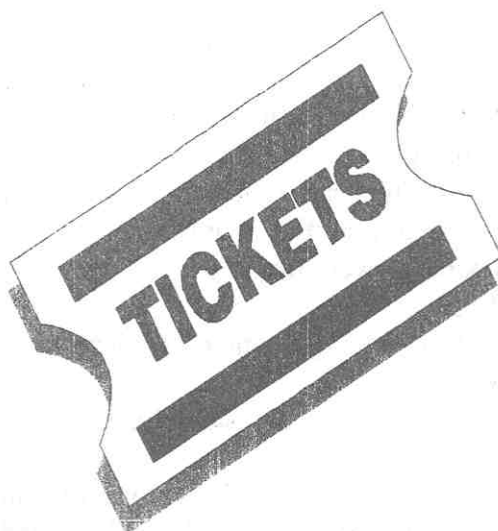
7 Centres Draw

The 7 Centres Draw has now taken place. Although we didn't have any main prize winners in the District a third prize was won by Mr Gilbert (1st Baldock) and a fourth prize was won by Eric Woodward (1st Baldock).

Tickets sales in the District were just over £1500. This was a creditable effort and I would like to thank Phil Taylor our District Co-Ordinator and all Group organisers for their help.

Final figures are not available but the total amount raised by the draw is likely to be just over £20,000.

The Draw was organised for County by a committee from the District under the chairmanship of Peter Dixon-Payne and they are to be congratulated for their efforts.



PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

I have asked Rita Hawkins to take up the vacant role of Public Relations Officer. This will enable her to continue many of the activities which she took on board when she was District Secretary.

In particular she will edit and publish Co-ordinator, keep the District Scrapbook and seek press publicity for Scouting events.

Please keep in touch with Rita and pass all your news on to her so that she can maintain a high profile for Scouting in the District. Good publicity is a powerful tool for the recruitment of both Scouts and Leaders.

Bob Williams
District Commissioner

NORTON BURY

The Management Committee has always been aware that a climbing wall at Norton Bury was thought to be a desirable facility. The Committee would like to know whether there is anyone out there with the necessary expertise who would be prepared to work on such a project?



The assault course at Norton Bury needs to be regularly checked for safety and refurbishment. Again is there anyone in the Scout District who would be prepared to take on the responsibility?

Volunteers WANTED

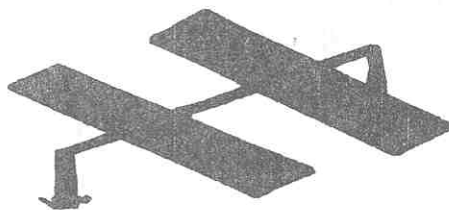
Have you got a few hours to spare, then the District Scout Shop needs your help. The shop is open Tuesdays and Thursday from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm in term time only.



If you could spare two hours once a month then please contact Nora Hitcham on 01462 627905

She is waiting for your call !

It is a measure of just how much we are missing Colin Phillips' input to the Centre. The "It's a Knock Out" equipment is now in a poor and possibly dangerous state. If there is anyone who feels that it is worthwhile maintaining this equipment, please contact Bob Williams. If not we may have scrap it rather than let it be used in a dangerous state.

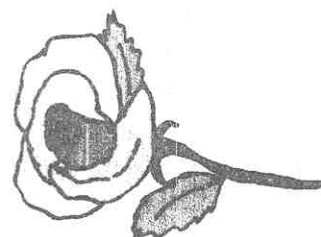


FIFTH LETCHWORTH CUB NEWS

A camp over was held on the 1st / 2nd May at the Group HQ, Spring Road. 25 Cubs slept over, plus 3 Leaders and another 5 Cubs came for the day activities.

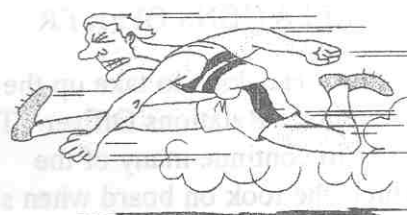
Bases on the Saturday morning were

1. Making flowers from tissue and tin foil into roses and carnations.
2. Decorate a badge / make and decorate a butterfly plant holder
3. Draw and design a pasta collage.



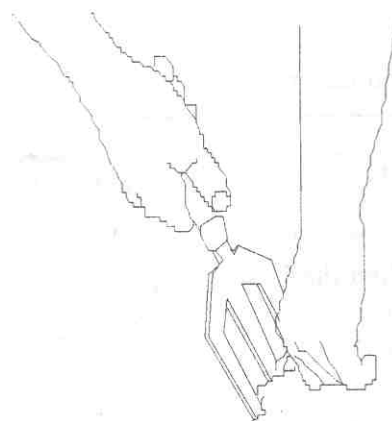
After lunch we all walked to Norton Common where the afternoon was spent doing the athletes badges. The Cubs achieved 29 athletes 1, 28 athletes 2, 12 athletes 3. Well done to all the Cubs, they did work very hard for them. A slow walk back, then a visit to the tuck shop.

Later a choice from the Fish & Chip Shop. The evening was rounded off with some old and new camp fire songs. (All were asleep by 10.30pm)



Sunday morning after the normal fry up fourteen Cubs lead by Baloo and K.J. boarded a mini bus and headed off to Barton to walk up Telegraph Hill and back. They left the HQ at 10.30 am and arrived back at 3.00 pm looking rather jaded, but they assured me they had a wonderful time.

Myself, Ann and Lesley Farmer also joined by Dean headed off to the Ernest Gardiner Day Centre where we were met by the matron and with her approval set about weeding and clearing somewhat over grown flower beds. Two hours later after we had finished the Matron and her assistant served us coffee / juice and cakes, which was very well received. Matron was very pleased with the work that had been carried out. This was done as part of their conservation badge which as a Group we are working on. The Cubs had done a sponsored litter pick the Tuesday before for the Centre. I cannot tell you how much money has been raised for the Centre as it has not all been collected in yet. The Matron will come to a Pack night and the Group will present her with a cheque.



The Cubs did go home tired but all were back again Tuesday night for more Scouting.

Thank you to Fred and Snowy for turning up Saturday at the Common to assist myself and Ann

Sue (Akela 5th Letchworth)

DISTRICT CUB CAMP

The annual District Cub Camp took place over the weekend of the 18th - 20th June at the Boyd Field Camp Site in Henlow, Bedfordshire. This is the first time that many of the Cubs Packs had visited the site and all were impressed with the facilities and the site itself.

Seven Packs attended the Camp, hundred and twenty Cubs and in excess of twenty eight leaders, helpers and parents camping. Having put the tents up on the Thursday night all that remained was for the Cubs to arrive on the Friday evening. They started arriving from 6.00 pm and all were on site by 7.15pm after negotiating the traffic jam at the Arlesey railway bridge. Once the Cubs had settled in the camp was officially opened. The Cubs were split into six Groups for the duration of the camp. Dean Lovelock (5th Letchworth) and Jared Walbridge (1st 3rd Letchworth) organised three wide games after which it was time for supper and lights out.

Like every first night the Cubs decided it was better to stay awake than go to sleep just in case they missed anything.

On Saturday six bases had been arranged with each group undertaking each base during the day.

Archery and Assault Course

Balancing Clown

Electronics

Hot Air Balloon

Banger

Explosive

All went very well and the Cubs enjoyed themselves.

After dinner there was time to visit the Tuck Shop before heading off to the Camp Fire, where we were joined by a Pack of Cubs from Cambridge. Once again Graham (Big Bretha) and his team had been enlisted to run the camp fire and as usual it was excellent with even the DC joining in with some of the songs and actions.

After supper it was time for some very tired Cubs to hit the sack and within 30 minutes the camp was quiet. Time for the Leaders to relax before heading off for a well deserved rest.

During the night it rained but by the time everyone had breakfast the sun came out. Sunday was inter group sports, using equipment borrowed from Norton Bury. This was followed by a Tug Of War competition. At the end of which we held the annual Challenge Match, Cubs v The Leaders, Helpers, Parents and anyone else we could find (we were determined to win after last years poor effort). The first pull was won by the Leaders Team, unfortunately on the second pull the rope broke, so a new rope had to be found, with both teams pulling for all they were worth this rope also broke. So to the dismay of the Cubs the Leaders declared themselves the winners.

After lunch it was time to start to pack away and find everything that had *gone missing*.

At 2.15 we all gathered in a Horse Shoe for Cubs Own, which was conducted by the local vicar and then a short closing ceremony lead by Bob Williams. By which time the parents had started to arrive to take the Cubs home.

Thanks to all the Leaders, Helpers, Parents, The Boyd Field Service Team and Graham and his crew for making it a very enjoyable weekend and a great time for the Cubs.

WELL DONE ONE AND ALL !!!!!

Dave Hawkins ADC (Cubs)



OFFA'S DYKE 25/40 MILE WALK FIVE MORE DISTRICT SCOUTS JOIN THE 25 MILE CLUB

A party of fourteen District Scouts and Leaders arrived at Hay-on-Wye in the early hours of Saturday morning to start the gruelling walk along the northern section of Offa's Dyke. They set off at first light and three hours later reached Hergest Croft and a welcome rest for breakfast. The walk continued through the magnificent scenery

of the Welsh borders but this was not always appreciated by the walkers who had to contend with hot sun and difficult terrain, especially some very steep up hill sections - walkers completing the course would have climbed twice the height of Snowdon during the day. After a short refreshment break at Dolley Green the walkers continued to Knighton where they arrived mid afternoon to complete 25 miles.

Congratulations to Scouts Nicholas Howell, John MacDonald and Tim Stroud and Leaders Andy Sims and Muriel Digne from 11th Letchworth who completed the walk for the first time and Julian Humphreys, Bacchus VSU, James Wood, Graham Hopkins and Carl Speltinckx 8th Letchworth, Maggie and Glenn Coiley, Beech Springs VSU who completed their second walk.

Graham, Carl Andy and Julian completed a further gruelling section but decided to call it a day after 32 miles and we were all left feeling admiration for the 26 walkers who completed the forty mile course.

We all slept well that night and next day there were some stiff and sore limbs but despite the heavy rain everyone was in good spirits. Some of the veterans decided it was time to join the service team next year but others will be back with the elusive forty miles in their sights.

Thank you to the support team who made this all possible.

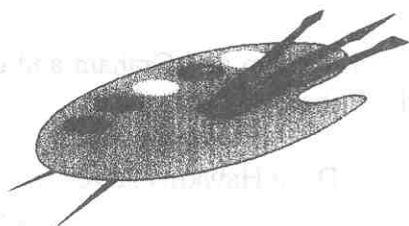
DISTRICT ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION

Beaver, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, Fellowship, Leaders and Helpers

Don't forget that the District Arts & Crafts competition will take place at Lannock School on Saturday 16th October.

Details will be sent to Groups shortly so that you can start your preparations when you return after the summer break.

Hopefully we will have a bumper crop of entries.



District Y2K Badge Competition

A reminder that all entries for the Y2K Badge Competition, open to all sections, must be received by Bob Williams on 31st July 1999.

The winning badge will also form part of the camp 2000 neckerchief.



Timely Thoughts

Take the time to work, for it is the price of success.
Take the time to think, for it is the source of strength.
Take the time to play, it is the secret of youth.
Take the time to read, it is the seed of wisdom.
Take the time to be friendly, for it brings happiness.
Take the time to dream, for it will carry you to the stars.
Take the time to love, it is the joy of life.
Take the time to be content, it is the music of the soul.

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SCOUTS & GUIDES MILLENNIUM CAMP

NORTON BURY

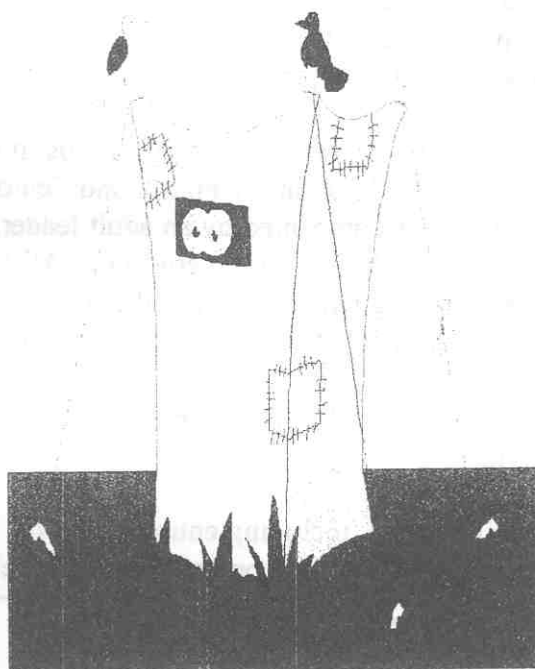
The Millennium Camp will be held over the weekend of 26th - 29th May 2000.

It is hoped that all Groups in the District will attend the camp. Venutre Scouts, Scouts, and Cubs will be camping during the weekend with Beavers visiting during the day.

Guides from the North Hertfordshire Division will also be camping during the weekend. With Brownies and Rainbows visiting during the day.

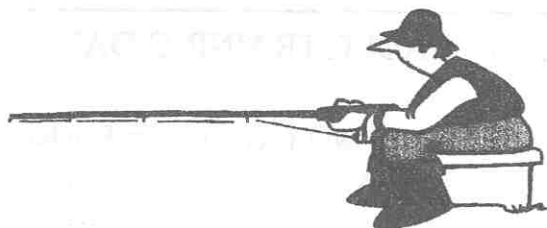
A committee has been formed to jointly plan the camp and the weekends activities. We expect in excess of 650 boys and girls camping with 200 - 300 visiting during the weekend. The committee would welcome any suggestions as to activities that can be run during the weekend.

The expected cost to cover all activities, food, and camping fees will be £35.00 per participant. Day visitors fees have yet to be agreed.



WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

DISTRITC SCOUT FISHING COMPETITON



The District fishing competition tookplace at Manor Farm Lakes, Sandy on Saturday 19th June. After a good day's fishing Ben Smith (4th Letchworth) won the Scout Competion and James Robb was runner up. Anthony Freeman (Techno), (4th Letchworth) won the adult section. The overall winners were 4th Letchworth.

Thanks once agin to Peter Frankland for organising the event.

DISTRICT CUB CAMP QUOITES

I had the pleasure of attending part of the District Cub Camp this weekend. While I was there I once again heard things that make the world of Scouting the wonderful thing that it is.

Whilst I attended to my own ablutions I overheard what I feel must be the quote of the camp

"I can't wait till I get home!". Echoed through the toilet block "Why? It's good here". came the reply. "But I need to check my 'E-mail !!!!".

The other good excuse I heard was.....

"No Akela, I did not kick him ... He got in the way of my foot!".

Not heard at this camp but one I was reminded of at a rather windy camp.

"If our tent blows away will we have to stay in it !"

If you have heard any gems such as these then please pass them on, so we all can have a laugh, Thanks.

Nick L Farmer - GSL 5th Letchworth

NIGHTJAR

Exercise **NIGHTJAR**, Letchworth and Baldock District Scouts' night hiking competition, will take place on the night of the 15th/16th October 1999.

The event will take the form of a timed hike along footpaths, designed to test navigational and time-keeping skills, plus a series of "incidents" that will challenge the team's ability to solve typical scouting problems. Points will be lost for poor-time keeping (arriving at a checkpoint before or after the designated time), and will be scored for performance during the "incidents".

The event is open to teams from all troops in the District and is in two classes: Junior (all team members under 13 years of age on the night), and Senior (all team members under 15 1/2 on the night). Junior teams may be accompanied by an adult leader, or registered helper, provided that they do not assist the team (except in the case of emergency). All team members must be invested in that troop's Scout section. The time-keeping requirements will be stricter for senior teams, and they will walk a longer route: otherwise the event will be the same for both classes.

It is expected that if a troop enters a team, they will also provide two adults to assist with the running of the event.

More information, including entry forms will be available prior to the summer break. In the meantime, if you have any questions, contact Gareth Howell on 01462 677090.

WARDENS - NORTON BURY

From		
6 July	Elaine Wigglesworth	626218
13 July	Ken Hart	622164
20 July	John Hicks	676639
27 July	Nora Hitcham	627905

3 August	Ruth & Peter Baker	682752
10 August	Shelley Wisher	642026
17 August	Shaun Howard	679209
24 August	Ann Martin	627439
31 August	Maureen Kell	684665



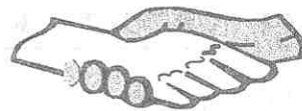
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Sue Marina 1st Ashwell ASL

DISTRICT LEADER TRAINING DAY

This years training day will take place on Sunday 28th November so please make a note in your diary.

We hope to hold it at the Guide County Centre, Cottered and it will be based around the theme of running a meeting, how to plan the meeting, how to open and close a meeting, interesting activities to undertake and how to make links with other Sections.

Please come along to share your experiences and skills and learn new ones.



MORE...



County Cub Fun Day - Wickstead Park 17th July 1999

Each Cub Pack Leader will shortly be receiving the bands they have ordered together with details of the travel arrangements. I have booked 2 coaches which will leave the Letchworth Outdoor Swimming Pool Car Park at 9.00 am. Please ensure that all your Cubs arrive no later than 8.45 am. We expect to leave Wickstead Park at approximately 6.30pm and arrive back at the Car Park around 8.00 pm. Due to the numbers attending some Cubs and Leaders will be travelling on the Hitchin District Coach.

DIARY DATES

JULY

- 5th County AGM
- 7th District BBQ - Norton Bury
- 8th District Executive
- 9th District Beavers Bangers & Bash
- 12th Cub Leaders Meeting
- 13th District ADC's Meeting
- 14th K.J Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q
- 15th District Scouts & Guides Camp 2000 Meeting
- 17th County Cub Fun Day - Wickstead Park
- 21st District Millennium Meeting
- 31st Deadline - District Design a Badge Competition

AUGUST

- 4th K J Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.

SEPTEMBER

- 8th K J Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 9th District Executive
- 25th District Beavers Sports Day

OCTOBER

- 1st/3rd County Patrol Camping Competition
- 6th Appointments Committee
- 13th K.J. Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 14th District Executive Meeting
- 14th District Patrol Leaders Council
- 16th District Arts & Craft Competition
- 16th Fellowship AGM
- 15/17 District Scouts Night Jar Competition
- 21st Meet the District Team

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Appointments Committee
- 10th K J Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 11th District Executive
- 12/14 County Scouts Green Beret
- 14th Remembrance Day
- 19th District Cub Quiz
- 28th District Training Day - Cottered

DECEMBER

- 1st Appointments Committee
- 8th K J Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 9th District Executive

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| 4th/5th March | Sixer & Seconders Weekend |
| 4th March | County Cub Swimming Gala |
| 12th March | County Scout Cooking Competition |
| 24th/25th March | District Gang Show |
| 6th May | County Football Competition |
| 11th May | District AGM |
| 26th/29th | Camp 2000 - Norton Bury |
| 30th Sep/1st Oct | Scout Camping Competition |
| 12th/14th Nov | Green Beret (Scouts) |

SUMMER FAYRE

Thanks to everyone who took part in the Summer Fayre.

We will be holding a meeting at Norton Bury on Monday 19th July to review and evaluate the occasion. In the meantime, if anyone has any photographs of the Fayre, Rita would welcome a copy for the District scrapbook.