



# Co-ordinator

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

## What is the problem?

Over the past few years in Hertfordshire, nearly 40% of the Cub Scouts have not made it into Scouts. This is a great shame - especially for the young people concerned.

In some Groups the link between Cub Scouts and Scouts works really well, and this is good news. In other Groups, we think that the link might need a bit of a helping hand.

## What are we doing about it?

The "Going Up" project is designed to promote the link between the Cub Scout and Scout Sections. It should be a bit of fun for the Cub Scouts and Scouts and we hope that it will make the transition process easier for young people and for Leaders.

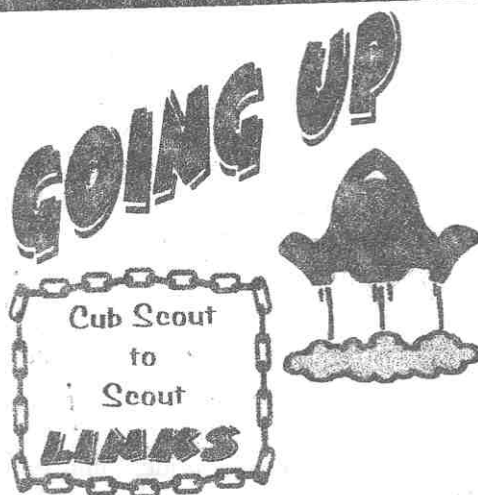
The scheme is really simple and consists of two parts:

### GOING UP BOOKLET

This is used to record and drive the linking process. It is filled in by the Cub Scout, the Scouts and the Leaders - so that everyone is involved. Older Cub Scouts should be given the pack as they start the linking process (about four to six weeks before they finally move from the Pack to the Troop)

### CERTIFICATE

Every Cub Scout who successfully links will receive a certificate from the Assistant County Commissioner (Cub Scouts). To get the certificate, send in the form at the back of the "Going Up Booklet".



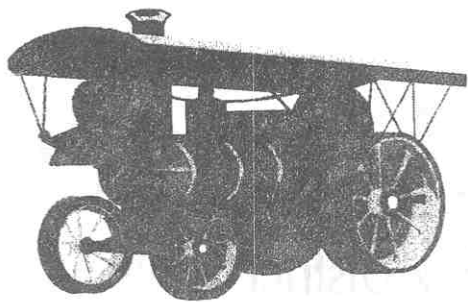
## CENSUS 31st JANUARY 2000

The next census will soon be on us so now is the time to start collecting the necessary information. As explained in the Scout Association paper, "The National Cost of Supporting Scouting" which has been circulated to all Leaders, the National Subscription will be £12.50 per head with additions for the County and District.

Membership cards will not be issued next year. On the other hand, the requirement that names and addresses should be recorded at local level has begun to prove its worth, and will be continued. The reasons are:-

1. the proper maintenance of records for child protection
2. the need for 'auditable' census returns
3. the need to 'debug' the system for the time when a proper database becomes possible
4. the need to be able to answer specific queries when certain sorts of incident occur.

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## 8th Letchworth Cubs Sleepover

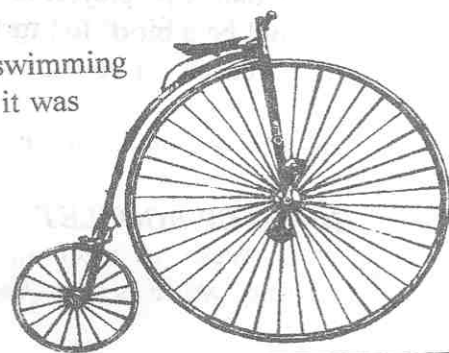
**Saturday 10th July**

Today we met at the Cub Hut at 8.45 a.m. Then we went to Letchworth Station by bus. We walked outside the station for about 20 minutes until we went to the platform to get on a train to London Kings Cross. We had to stop at nearly every station. When we arrived we went to the underground to go to the Leicester Square to go to the Transport Museum. We went right round the museum. Then we went to the shop. When we had finished in the shop we had our picnic lunch outside in Convent Garden. Then we walked to Trafalgar Square to catch an open decker bus. It was a blue bus and we had it all to ourselves. We went right round London in 1 hour 45 minutes. Then we went on another open decker bus for free, but we didn't have this one to ourselves. This took us to Baden Powell House for tea. Then we went to the underground to get back to Kings Cross and got our train back to Letchworth. We had to walk back to the Cub Hut. When we got back we played a game of rounders and had hot dogs before IT WAS BEDTIME!

### **Sunday 11th July**

In the morning we played a couple of games. We went to the swimming pool for about an hour then we went back to the Cub Hut then it was time to go home !

We all had a good time. Daniel Eve 8th Letchworth Cubs.



### **For your information**

1. Leaders often ask for information about **P.O.R. (Policy, Organisation and Rules)** Each Group has its own copy and additional copies are on sale at the Scout Shop. It is also available on CD ROM.
2. A new **District Directory** has been issued. If you have not received a copy please ask your Group. Otherwise additional copies are available from Rita.
3. **Parents Newsletter** - The newsletter has been given to ADC's for distribution to Groups.
4. **Arts & Craft Competition** - Clarification on a couple of items
  - i) what category does clay fall into? **Category 4**
  - ii) what category does an item made from wool and wood fall into? **Category 5**
5. **"Going Up Booklet"** - is available from the Scout Shop priced 5p per copy.

## A WEEK AT TOLMERS

Fourteen 1st 3rd Cubs and Scouts plus two sensible leaders and Chris ventured out for a week of clean fun, then went to Tolmers to get very dirty and tired.

The first thing everyone did when they got there was put up the tents "oh' yea" and jumped into a muddy pond or in many Cubs cases thrown in by the oh so irresponsible Chris.

The first night everyone slept like a log, apart from Adam Mitchell who turned out to be actually sleeping on a log (he put himself on the worst spot).

The organisation of activities was excellent. You could choose exactly what you wanted to do and then do it, so unlike school.

The list of activities was endless some of the best being, sailing, skiing, quad biking, pot holing, canoeing and archery.

The weekend was very multi cultural as the Dutch Scouts pitched their tents next to ours. We learnt many things from them like how to be rowdy the Dutch way, shout at tea and say English words so they sound strange.

Apart from the Dutch there were another 700 Cubs, Scouts and Guides there, so you were always meeting new people, or getting harassed by Guides in Adam Wharton's case.

The camp site was excellent. It was set in Tolmers wood and had a muddy pond at the bottom of the site, perfect for cooling down after a long hard day or getting sucked under and drowned by the very thick mud at the bottom.

The whole week was excellent and rounded off by Dave's amazing Spotted Richard, a legend in its own lifetime (which is very short after 14 hungry 1st 3rd's have been at it).

By Adam and Chris Wharton



1st 3rd Letchworth Cubs & Scouts

## Phil Taylor

Phil has resigned from the District Executive as he is retiring to Norfolk. Phil has served the District for fifteen years as Chairman of the 8th Letchworth Scout Group and a member of the District Executive. He will be known to Leaders for his role on the Appointments Committee and to parents for his service at the Scout shop.

We thank Phil for his enthusiasm and commitment and wish him and Sue many happy years in their new home in Norfolk.

# Good Luck

## 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.

13 October    A Yank at the Wheel                      1966  
International adventure with Roger  
B Keeney

10 November    Guides' Tents and Lasham Twice  
Stomes in mountains    1967/68/70  
Scouts in the clouds

8 December    How to Build a Bridge  
Eagles and Eclaireurs in  
both directions.

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



The Fellowship AGM will be held in the Guide Headquarters on the 16th October 1999. All Leaders and Group Committee Members are very welcome to join us, 7.00 pm for 7.30pm.

After the business part of the evening (which doesn't usually take too long) there will be light refreshments and a talk by John Bennett on his time in the Seychelles.

If you would like to come please let Margaret Durrant know on 01462 624731 so that the catering can be organised.

### Adult Leader Training

Andrea Souslby is going to help John Chapman with Adult Leader Training. She can be contacted on 01462 643992.

Don't forget the District Training Day  
28th November at Cottered. Speak to your ADC for further details.

### Roger Sands, County Commissioner - new address

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## CUBS

Change of day

1st 3rd Letchworth Cubs now meet on a Friday

11th Letchworth Cubs now meet on a Monday

18:00 - 19:30

12th Letchworth Cubs now meet on a Monday

# ANNOUNCEMENT



### GOING FOR GROWTH

1st Baldock (Tuesday) Beavers are accepting girls into their Colony. This is an important extension of our Scouting activities as the movement becomes co-educational in nature.

It is now a requirement in P.O.R. that every District is able to take girls in each of the Training Sections. I hope others will follow the example of 1st Baldock.



### GANG SHOW ON TOUR

The Gang Show have been out entertaining around the country ! A large group entertained the residents at Hamonte on the 11th September; On the 18th a small group entertained at Temple Court in Baldock, whilst another group travelled to Leamington Spa to join with others from all over the country to do a Gang Show in a day. A very tiring but exciting day - one hundred and forty people started rehearsals at 9.00am and put on a two hour show at 7.30pm !

The last leg of the tour will be on the 25th September, when the Gang Show will entertain the residents at Edwin Knott House.

Rehearsals start on 2nd October at 1st 3rd Letchworth H.Q. so come along and join in the fun.

Contact Andrea Soulsby on 643992 for further information.

### COUNTY TRAINING DATES 1999/2000

Phase 3      23 Oct & 27 Nov  
2000      30 Jan & 27 Feb  
            26 Feb & 25 March

Phase 4 (Beavers)  
30 Sept, 22 Oct, 11 Nov & 26 Nov

Phase 4 (Cubs)  
2000 17 - 19 March & 16 - 18 June

Phase 4 (Scouts)  
2000 24-25 June, 9-10 Sept & 14-15 Oct

Phase 4 (Ventures)  
2000 1-2 July, 6-8 Oct & 12 Nov

Phase 5  
2000 8 Feb & 11-12 March      OR  
            13 March & 29-30 April

Please contact John Chapman ADC (AT)  
or Andrea Soulsby to book any of the above dates.

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# Diary Dates 1999

## OCTOBER

- 1st/3rd County Patrol Camping Competition
- 4th District Millennium Meeting
- 6th Appointments Committee
- 13th K.J. Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 14th District Executive Meeting
- 16th District Arts & Craft Competition
- 16th Fellowship AGM
- 15/17 District Scouts Night Jar Competition
- 21st Meet the District Team

## NOVEMBER

- 3rd Appointments Committee
- 8th District Cub Leaders Meeting
- 10th K J Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 11th District Executive
- 12/14 County Scouts Green Beret
- 14th Remembrance Sunday
- 19th District Cub Quiz
- 26th District Scout Quiz
- 28th District Training Day - Cottered

## DECEMBER

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

# 2000

- 22nd Jan District Scouts Cooking Competition
- 7th Feb District Beaver Leaders Meeting
- 4th/5th March Sixers & Seconders Weekend
- 4th March County Cub Swimming Gala
- 12th March County Scout Cooking Competition
- 24th/25th March District Gang Show
- 15th April District Beavers Bangers & Bash
- 6th May County Football Competition
- 11th May District AGM
- 14th July District Beaver Challenge
- 26th/29th May Camp 2000 - Norton Bury
- 30th Sep/1st Oct Scout Camping Competition
- 30th September District Beavers Sports Day
- 12th/14th Nov Green Beret (Scouts)

## WARDENS - NORTON BURY

From:

5 October	Kay Skingsley	685768
12 October	Mick Balls	893855
19 October	Cyril & Gwen Keech	894512
26 October	Ruth & Peter Baker	682752
2 November	Pauline Gimson	677993
9 November	Mick Balls	893855
16 November	Gwen Keech	894512
23 November	Dave Hawkins	643432
30 November	Maureen Kell	684665

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