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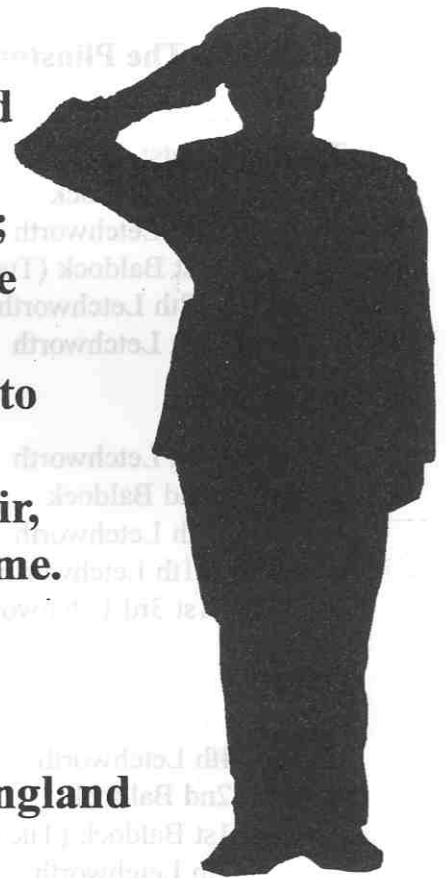
REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made
aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to
roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England
given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke.



DISTRICT ARTS & CRAFT COMPETITION

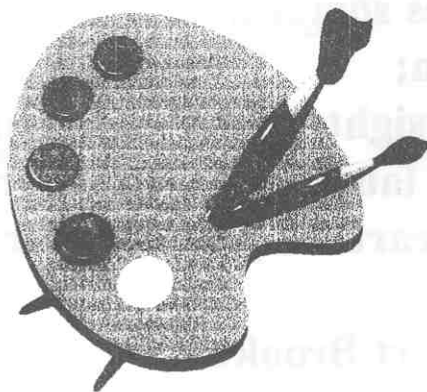
The District Arts & Craft Competition took place on Saturday 16th October at Lannock School. There were a large number of entries in all categories all of which were of a very high standard and made the job of judging very difficult. After the judging parents and members of the Scout District enjoyed viewing the exhibits and the presentation of the trophies. Thank you to the judges who gave up their Saturday morning to help us out. Thank you to Andrea Soulsby who helped organize the event and of course a big thank you to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Adults who took part and the Leaders who helped arrange the displays during the morning. .

Winners	The Fellowship Trophy	Beavers	2nd Baldock
	The Blaxland Trophy	Cubs	4th Letchworth
	The Watson Trophy	Scouts	4th Letchworth
	The Eaves Trophy	Adults	Anne Lilley Fellowship

The Plinston Trophy Overall Winners 4th Letchworth

Table of points:

Beavers - 2nd Baldock	53	Cubs - 4th Letchworth	41
4th Letchworth	28	1st Baldock (Tues)	29
1st Baldock (Tues)	26	7th Letchworth	17
12th Letchworth	7	2nd Baldock	11
8th Letchworth	6	1st 3rd Letchworth	3
		1st Ashwell	2
4th Letchworth	45	Adults - Anne Lilley (F)	15
2nd Baldock	16	Deb Dilley (2B)	9
7th Letchworth	9	Fiona Potts (1B)	7
11th Letchworth	8	Phil May (4L)	4
1st 3rd Letchworth	2	Carolyn Nunnington (7L)	4
		Maggie Miller (4L)	3
		Christopher Bryan (1/3L)	3
Group - 4th Letchworth	38		
2nd Baldock	27		
1st Baldock (Tues)	11		
7th Letchworth	11		
11th Letchworth	4		
12th Letchworth	3.5		
1st 3rd Letchworth	2.5		
8th Letchworth	2		
1st Ashwell	1		



DISTRICT BEAVERS SPORTS DAY - SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 1999

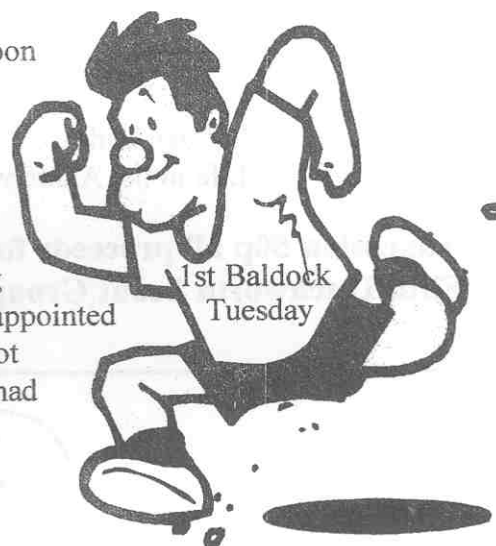
After a showery week which continued into the morning of our Sports Day, I was sure that a few people joined me in anxiously looking up at the sky and saying "No rain please!". Luckily all our wishes were granted when the sun started to come out just before lunch time and stayed with us. Just at the end a few black clouds were threatening us, but we even had time to tidy everything up before the heavy rain started again.

Fifty two Beavers turned up with their parents to enjoy the District Sports Day at Norton Bury. They enjoyed their obstacle race, sprint, egg and spoon race, skipping with hoops, relay, water race, sack race and they finished off with the marathon. Fiona and I would like to thank everybody for all the help and support on that day including Andrew from 1st Baldock Scouts, Jonathan and Gregory from 1st Baldock Cubs and all Leaders and Parents. I am sure all the boys enjoyed themselves and gave their best.

I would also like to thank the Fellowship for making the afternoon even more enjoyable by serving up tea/coffee and orange juice and of course for the money raised with the raffle.

I would like to congratulate every Beaver Colony for taking part and especially 1st Baldock (Tuesday) Colony for coming first and winning the trophy, 4th Letchworth Colony for coming second and 8th Letchworth Colony for coming third. I was disappointed that 5th Letchworth and 1st Baldock (Thursday) Colonies did not manage to join us at this event. I am sure they would have all had an enjoyable day. Maybe next year?

Many thanks again for your support and help
Sonja Hall (ABSL 1st Baldock Tuesday)



Visit to 1st Ashwell

I was pleased to visit 1st Ashwell Cubs to present Marcus Farnfield with his prize for winning the District Millennium badge competition. (badge on page nine) We will be wearing his badge on our Millennium camp neckerchief and in the meantime Marcus has received his prize of two tickets to Chessington Zoo.

1st Ashwell is a successful mixed Cub Pack and it was interesting to join the boys and girls in a lively discussion of crime prevention with their local policeman.

It was good to meet Fiona Potts (1st Baldock -Knights) who was attending the meeting as part of her leader training.

The community theme continued when I joined the Scouts for a fascinating demonstration of sign language given by a mother of one of the Scouts.

It was good to see the Scouts lively again as the last time I saw them they were looking tired and weary after Nightjar. Well done to the 1st Ashwell Group for an imaginative and interesting evening of Scouting.

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.

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. 1969

12 January Lofoten Lark
2000 Life in the Arctic with Balsillie 1971

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

Thanks to People Like You

There's something
we should never forget -
That people we've known
or heard of or met
By indirection have had
a big part
In moulding the thoughts
of the mind and the heart -
And so it's people
who are like you
That people like me
should give thanks to,
For no one can win
just on his own -
Too bad there aren't
a whole lot more
People like YOU
to be thankful for.



**The Scout
Fellowship**

At the AGM on the 16th October John Davies resigned as Chairman of the Fellowship as he and Mavis have moved out of the District, but they will remain members. We wish them well in their new house and thank them both for their great efforts with the Fellowship.

Rod Tiplady agreed and, was elected, to be the new Chairman and all the other committee members remain the same.

Please contact Margaret Durrant on 01462 624731 with any requests or queries until Rod has had the chance to find his feet.

We have arranged a wine tasting evening for the 15th January 2000, so if anyone is interested please let Margaret know on the above number.



Haarlem Jamborette or 9 from 11 go mad in Haarelem

During late July and early August 6 Scouts, 3 Leaders and a member of the Scout Fellowship travelled together with over 100 others from Hertfordshire Scouts, to Haarlem in the Netherlands. We went to join 2700 others from all over Europe (and Canada and Taiwan) at the 8th Haarlem Jamborette.

This 4 yearly event operates along similar lines to the World Scout Jamboree; with groups being allocated a camping area, supplied with victuals on a daily basis and then joining in a very full programme of activities. The Hertfordshire contingent was split into two groups and allocated camping areas in two of the four sub-camps (Sparndamm, Haarlem, Soarnwoude and Halfweg). 11th Letchworth camped in the Halfweg sub-camp together with Stevenage Scouts and Sea Scouts, Watford Scouts and Ware Scouts. Apart from being directly under the flight-path into Schipol and the swarm of biting flies that feasted first on the insect repellent and then on Nick, it was bliss.

After the inevitable travel problems (mainly down to Anglia Trains who, despite having confirmed seat bookings for all the Scouts and Leaders, put on a train with just four carriages for everybody who was trying to catch the Stena Seacat from Harwich to Hook of Holland) we arrived in Harlemaat about 2am. Due to various problems we spent the first night in a big marquee together with contingents from Glasgow and Essex! Despite this traumatic start, we soon set up camp the following day and started to settle into a routine revolving around the fixed events and organised activities. During our ten day stay we spent a day in Amsterdam, another in Haarlem and yet another on a trip around northern Holland. We also went on an "environmental" hike, built a pontoon bridge, lost in the volleyball (to the Scots), took part in a country fayre (we set up some stocks and took it in turn to have wet dishcloths thrown at us), made some excellent candles and handicrafts, did a lot of swimming and sunbathing and ate tons of excellent food. Oh, and we did a campfire sketch as well. The Leaders also had a great time each evening in T'Mokki. Along with all this, we made lots of friends and experienced a great deal of International Friendship, even if we did get a bit fed up with the early morning callisthenics and continuous music coming from the Prinz Willem Sea Scouts next door.

Eventually of course, we had to come home. As we had a 5am start on the final day, we decided to pack everything up the night before and sleep out under the stars. That went fine, but 5 minutes after we left, the heavens opened after 10 days on 30 degrees plus temperature and all our tents got soaked: in other words, just like every other camp!

Overall, we all had a great time (even Tom, who cut his foot badly on the first day and accidentally had his eyes sprayed with insect repellent).

I can highly recommend this camp to anybody who is looking for an easy way to take a group of Scouts abroad for a true Scouting experience. The organisation was first rate, and beyond coughing up the money (although £200 for 10 days abroad is extremely good value) we had to do very little organisation ourselves. I can see this becoming a regular event in the diary of 11th Letchworth Scouts. Roll on 2003

Gareth Howell (S.L.)

MEET THE DISTRICT TEAM

This was an interesting evening attended by members from all Sections including administrators in the District. We had an informal chat about matters of common interest whilst enjoying cheese and wine.

The DC took the opportunity to remind us of the "Millennium Chase" programme and encouraged Groups to join in our own Millennium Celebrations - especially the camp at Norton Bury in May 2000.

He also introduced the updated material for the GSL/Commissioners Handbook which will be given to Groups in exchange for their old edition.

Ron Smith (Appointments Secretary) showed the new application and The Confidential Enquiry Form (CE) issued by the Scout Association and there was a general discussion on the recruitment of leaders. Don't forget our training day at Cottered on 28th November which is an ideal opportunity for Leaders to swap ideas.

Nightjar '99

The Glowing One!

On the night of Saturday 16th October, 11 teams of Scouts from 7 of the 10 groups in the District took part in the annual night hiking competition: competing for the Nightjar trophy. This year's event took place in the area to the west of Ashwell, and was based on Hillockpit Hill Farm, by kind permission of Nick and Tim Farr. The weather was a lot kinder this year, being clear and still, but cold and with some patchy mist later in the night.

Overall winners of the Senior trophy were 1st/3rd Letchworth, with 4th Letchworth in second place. 2nd Baldock showed the way home in the Junior section, with 11th Letchworth in second place. 2nd Baldock's win was all the more impressive as they beat both the senior teams that finished, and they completed the course with only 5 time penalty points. Congratulations to all the teams that entered, and particularly to those that finished!

A point to note from this year's event is the need for leaders to actually read the instructions that are issued, and ensure that their contents are fully communicated to parents. We had several instances of Scouts presenting themselves in trainers or Wellington boots; despite being told quite clearly that they were to wear walking boots or stout shoes.

My thanks to all the leaders who assisted with the running of the event: particularly Lorraine, who despite her injured wrist produced refreshments for all!

Gareth Howell (SL - 11th Letchworth)



LOCHEARNHEAD 2001

AUGUST

4th - 12th or 11th - 18th

In preparation for the expedition to Lochearnhead in 2001, we are aiming to assist you to undertake leadership training in the following areas:

Canoeing, Sailing, Mountaineering and Climbing.

We need instructors and assistant instructors for the two weeks we are in Scotland. The opportunity for one or two weeks, is there for you. The more people we have to assist with activities the greater the opportunity there is for you to enjoy the full range of activities on offer.

The County run many courses through the year for canoeing and mountaineering, look in your HSG for details. I am going to arrange a full First Aid course to be run at the beginning of the year 2001. Age limits will apply.

If there are people out there who hold relevant authorisation certificates please let me know, as this may give the opportunity to allow others to expand on their experience or try an activity for the first time.

We are intending to have up to ten patrols undertaking activities each day. This means we require up to three adults per patrol depending on the nature of the activity.



I will be visiting each Pack and Troop in the New Year to explain what Lochearnhead has to offer them. SOME OF THE CUBS OF TODAY WILL BE OLD ENOUGH TO ATTEND IN 2001.

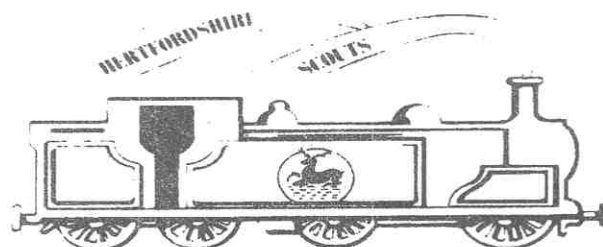
As you will be shortly planning your programme for 2000, will you please include as much preparation for Lochearnhead 2001 as you can. Introduce your Troop to sailing and canoeing at Fairlands Valley or Cheshunt Young Mariners Base.

Hold a light weight camp including a hike with kit. Travel over to Phasels Wood or Boyd Field (Henlow) to experience a climbing wall.

If you have any problems with obtaining authorised personnel to help with these activities, remember there are people with the relevant authorisation within the District to help you. Contact our Water and Mountain Advisors (Their name and telephone number are in the District Directory).

Even those not taking part in the Lochearnhead Expedition will have had some excellent Scouting.

Nick Farmer (GSL - 5th Letchworth)
Lochearnhead Expedition Co-ordinator



LOCHEARNHEAD SCOUT STATION.

4th Letchworth Cub gives a helping hand

The Chailey Heritage is a residential school, near Haywards Heath in Sussex for severely handicapped children up to the age of eighteen. They have a Scout Group and Guide Company based at the Heritage each having separate identities and occasional joint activities.

The Scouts have been running Summer Camps under canvas for over 25 years. These have been held in the New Forest, on the South Coast, Brownsea Island, Oxfordshire as well as on local farms.

Activities include trips to local attractions, backwoods cooking, swimming in the sea, wheelchair football, pioneering, canoeing and many others.

Andrew and Trisha Nutter have been helping as part of the team with the camps since 1985 and took their son Toby in 1990 at the age of 6 months.

This year the Group went to Norjam 99, an international jamboree organised by Norfolk Scouts and Guides at the Royal Norfolk Show ground from the 31st July to 7th August. There were over 4,000 people attending from around 230 countries.

As well as helping at the camp, Andrew and Trisha are registered as Shared Carers with Hertfordshire County Council Social Services. The Shared Care Scheme provides respite care for families where there is a need for the parents to have free time knowing that their child, in need of special care, is being properly looked after. Daniel is 14, is visually impaired, diabetic and comes from a family where every member is visually impaired. Daniel is in mainstream school and is at the top of his class for most subjects. He joined a local Scout Group within the last 12 months and visits us for a Saturday every three weeks, joining in with whatever we happen to be doing.

For the duration of the camp Toby and Daniel shared a two man hike tent. They got themselves washed and dressed for breakfast each morning, using the nearby camp facilities. They joined in with the other eighty people in the Chailey party at all meals. There was a wide range of activities available throughout the week including, abseiling, amateur radio, archery, canoeing, woggle making, leather carving, glass engraving and quad biking to name but a few. Once the two boys had decided what they were going to do each day they were free to come and go around the site. This involved Daniel putting his hand to Toby's shoulder and relying on him not to get lost. We rarely saw them between meals but knew what they were doing from the constant chatter that went on during meal time and from others reporting back on what they had seen them doing.

The pair of them took an instant shine to archery. Having had their allotted session they went back for a second go. After they had a turn on all the other activities each day they always went back to improve their techniques with the bow. The instructors, a team made up a Norfolk Scout Fellowship who do archery as a regular activity, responded by given them special attention.

During the week the Chailey contingent went to the Air Museum at Duxford for a day. We bought a small model aeroplane which enabled Daniel to understand what Toby was telling him about each of the different exhibits by relating to the model.

When there wasn't a planned activity, and the archery team were taking a rest, Toby and Daniel went and played their adapted game of football together, often attracting others to join in. On other occasions they would join in with the rest of the Chailey contingent at their camp fires and in other games

At night time Toby helped Daniel get ready for bed and often talked themselves to sleep.

At the end of the week the archery team recommended Daniel for a special award for being a "hot Shot" and Toby for being the best buddy at the camp. The awards were presented to the boys by George Purdy, Chief Scout.

Toby was Daniel's eyes for the whole week only requiring a modest amount of support from others, a credit to his family and to the Scout Movement.



2000

Six Cubs link up to Scouts 5th Letchworth

A ceremony was held at 5th Letchworth H.Q. in September to link six Cubs into the Scout Troop. The six Cubs Sam Duncan, Jonathan Flynn, Paul Wallace, Mark Brinded, David le Brun and Stuart Lawrence were a credit to their Akela. Akela was very proud of them, with three of the Cubs achieving the highest Cub award, the Adventure Crest Award. She hoped that they would become the future Queen's Scouts. Seven more Cubs will be linking with Scouts after Christmas. At the same time Geoff Smith (ACSL) joined the Scout Troop to become ASL. Also present were the GSL, parents, and the Scouts who pulled them into the Scout Troop.

VENTURES DIARY

Chamber's Pot 27 November

7.30 pm - 12.00 am

Drill Hall, Amwell End, Ware

Pots of fun for Ventures. Latest Audio/visual gadgetry.

Getting Organised 27 November

9.00 am - 5.00 pm

Ware Priory

Course for Venture Scouts who want to manage their Units better.

Getting Organised 28 November

As above

Getting into Scouting takes a new form

Our District Appointment Secretary, Ron Smith, reports that there is a new set of forms which prospective Helpers and Leaders must use when they offer to take on roles in the Association. The chief difference is that now the main application form requires the GSL or other Group representative to talk through aspects of Scouting *before* the applicant completes the form.

Some of you will know about these changes because Ron spoke about this new approach at the recent "Meet the District" event. For those Groups which were not represented at that meeting, Ron will contact them over the next week or two.

In the meantime, if you want to put someone forward for your Group, contact Ron to get hold of the appropriate forms. You can find Ron on Letchworth 01462 682900

PLEASE NOTE all the following old forms, should be destroyed: these are the green "Application for a Leader Warrant" LS1/95 the white 'Confidential Enquiry' Form WE/95, and the white 'Application for Adults'.

Operation Ferret - 19th /20th February 2000

Yes Folks ! Operation Ferret will take place next year in February. Please make a note in your diary. This is an event that everyone involved in Groups can take an active part in, from Beavers to Scout, Parent to Grandparents and Leaders and Committee Members.

For those out there that have not heard about Operation Ferret here are a few of the important details.

It is basically a scavenger hunt which takes place over a weekend. A list of items to be collected is collected from the organiser, off you go and collect them. The easier items are worth lowest points and so on up to the hardest items which are worth the highest points.

You have to present all items at given destination and times on the Sunday. IT IS GREAT FUN

MORE...

Diary Dates 1999

NOVEMBER

- 3rd Appointments Committee
- 8th District Cub Leaders Meeting
- 10th K J Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 11th District Executive - Norton Bury
- 12/14 County Scouts Green Beret
- 14th Remembrance Sunday
- 15th Camp 2000 meeting - Norton Bury
- 19th District Cub Quiz - 5th Letchworth HQ
- 23rd ADC's Meeting - 2nd Baldock HQ
- 25th Scout Leaders Meeting
- 26th District Scout Quiz - 7th Letchworth HQ
- 28th District Training Day - Cottered

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY 2000

- 11th Millennium Meeting - Norton Bury
- 12th K .J. Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 13th District Executive Meeting
- 15th Fellowship - Wine Tasting
- 22nd District Scout Cooking Competition
1st Baldock H.Q.
- 25th ADC's Meeting - 2nd Baldock H.Q.
- 29th County Great Patrol Hunt - Quiz

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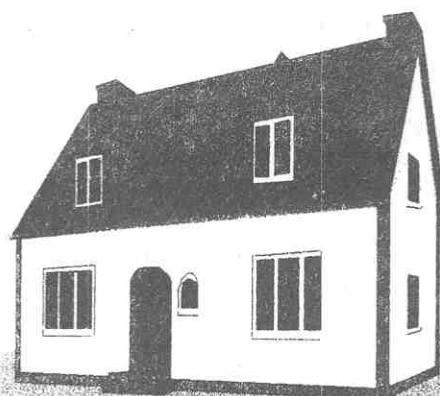
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- 7th Feb District Beaver Leaders Meeting
- 9th Feb K.J. Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
- 10th District Executive Meeting
- 19th/20th Ferret Operation
- 4th/5th March Sixers & Seconders Weekend
- 4th March County Cub Swimming Gala
- 12th March County Scout 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

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| 2 November | Pauline Gimson | 677993 |
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| 16 November | Gwen Keech | 894512 |
| 23 November | Dave Hawkins | 643432 |
| 30 November | Maureen Kell | 684665 |
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