

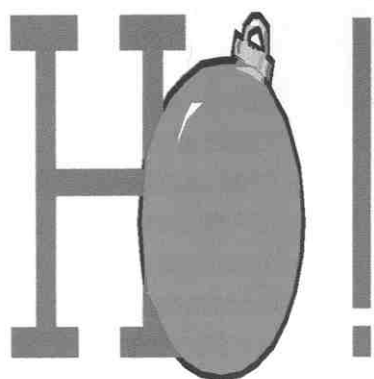


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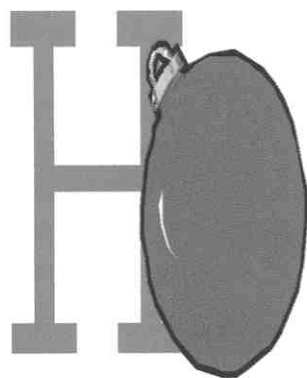
The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

Season's Greetings



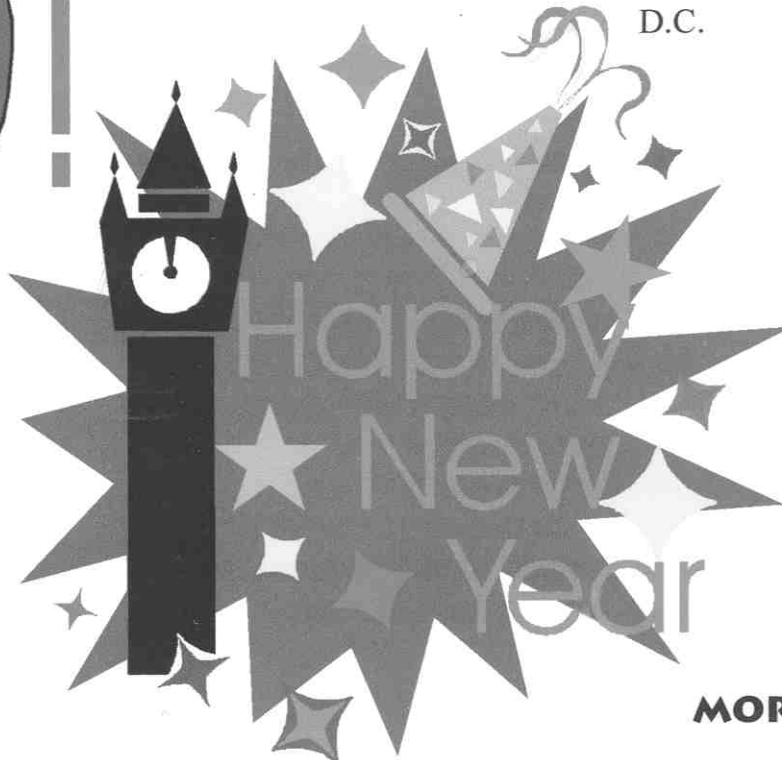
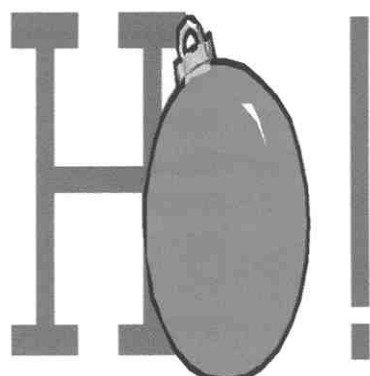
This is a time of excitement and celebration when our thoughts turn to the joys of Christmas. It is also a time when we can reflect on our Scouting during the past year and the fun and adventure enjoyed by our youngsters.

The year has seen Groups carry out all sorts of activities from Beaver Fun Days, to Cub camps and Scout and Venture expeditions abroad. There has been welcome adult support from the Executive and the Fellowship as well as from Norton Bury and the Scout Shop.



I would like to thank everyone involved and wish you all peace on Earth, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year .

Bob Williams
D.C.



12th Letchworth Cubs

A Prayer

Dear Lord
Thank you for Cubs
I have a lot of fun
We play a lot of fun games there
Save the Queen, help me to do my best and
help other Scouts and to be good
Amen

David H



Why I like Cubs

Some of things we do are
Going to the police station and you can go
in a cell.
And we went to the fire station.
I am a new Cub and I think its is really
cool group to go to.

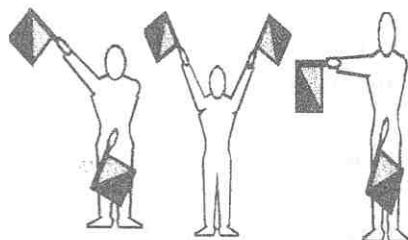
Adam Wright

I like Cubs because when you are there
you always have fun. And sometimes do
gross things.

What a "Sixer" Does

A Sixer keeps his Pack under control
When they are being naughty and
there for a sixers works very hard.
When Akela asks for help
I always do what she needs me to do.
I also help new boys when they are
being invested.
I also teach new Cubs because I know lots

COOL



How it feels to be invested

I felt nervous when I had to speak
It felt like I was going to laugh my head off
When I got invested I like Cubs

Nick

Programme Review Nation-Wide Consultation

On 25th September at the AGM of The Scout Association, the Programme Review Group began the Consultation with the Movement on it's proposals for the future of UK Scouting.

Our District Commissioner has been sent the following package containing:-

- * A 15 minute video - *'the review - A Movement Of Change'*
- * Copies of a booklet - *'the review - Visions For The Future'*, that outlines in detail our proposals for change.
- * Copies of a questionnaire - *'the review - Have Your Say !'*.

Bob will make arrangements to show the video at the 'Skills Day', 'Swop Shop' - 28th November at Cottered and at the next Leader's Meeting.

The District has sufficient copies of both the booklet and the questionnaires for one copy per Group which will be distributed shortly. Further copies are available in November's SCOUTING Magazine and on ScoutBase. (www.scoutbase.org.uk) and County is sending an additional copy to each Group.

The Consultation on the proposals for the future of UK Scouting is very important and the Scout Association is anxious to hear from as many members of the Movement as possible before the end of February 2000.

'Together we will make the future programme better, more relevant and more meaningful for young people and I hope you will take the opportunity to play your part in the consultation'

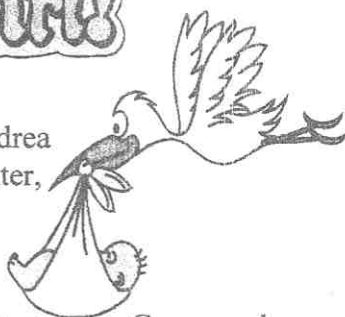
George Purdy
Chief Scout



Congratulations to Hugh and Andrea on the arrival of their new daughter, Tegan.

Tegan will soon be joining her sister, Megan and brother, Robert at many Group and District events, including the Gang Show.

Everybody in the District sends their warm wishes and congratulations.



Thoughts for A New Millennium

Have a heart that never hardens,
and a temper that never tires, and
a touch that never hurts

God has given us two hands - one
for giving the other for receiving

Don't wait for something to turn up -
get busy and turn it up yourself.

If it's worth doing, it's worth overdoing.

A moment's insight is sometimes worth
a life's experience

Those who give - receive.

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.

- 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
- 9 February Chanaboree
How did we get away with it ? 1972
- 8 March France Invades Wales
Coetmor Mill ? Le Moulin
au Grand Bois! 1973

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

TRAINING

Congratulations to the following
Leaders and Helpers who have
completed their Phase I and II
training.

- Rachel Baines CSL 12th Letchworth
- Jackie Hare ABSL 7th Letchworth
- Mark Hill BSL 12th Letchworth
- Sue Marina ASL 1st Ashwell
- Fiona Potts CSL 1st Baldock
- Mandy Woolmer ACSL 7th Letchworth

Have you used the Scout Information Centre ?

Information Centre Facts

The Scout Information Centre is open 08:00 to 20:00 Monday to Friday and 09:00 to 12:00 Saturday morning.

Staff regularly deal with 260 enquiries per day from Scouters around the UK

Remember you don't have to phone during business hours as the Information Centre is open when you need it.

Many of the factsheets held by the Information Centre are available electronically and can be emailed direct.

New services include an international opportunities list and Country support packs to help your Group plan hassle free visits to Germany, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands

The Information Centre can be contacted by

Telephone : 0845 300 1818
Fax: 0181 4985 407
email: info.centre@scout.org.uk



We are there to help

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you to the 1st 3rd Letchworth and 5th Letchworth Scout Groups and the Scout Fellowship for the good turn out at the Remembrance Day Parade.

They all looked very smart and were a credit to the District. Special mention for Christopher Attersley (5th Letchworth) and Matthew Gee (1st 3rd Letchworth) for laying the wreath during the ceremony.



We will remember them

Laurie's night of celebration

Mr Simon Bowes Lyon, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire presented Laurence Douglas Cook with the MBE he was awarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. He was accompanied by Paul Brenham, Chief Scout Commissioner for England.

The award was in recognition of his services to local Scouting and Guiding and the Royal Naval Association.

The ceremony was attended by family, close friends and colleagues from Scouting, Guiding, the Royal Naval Association, the Ernest Gardiner Day Hospital and the Letchworth Horticultural Society. Such is Laurie's popularity that people travelled from as far as Ireland to be with him on the evening. We were honoured by the presence of four District Commissioners - Fred Eaves (1967-1976), Peter Norton (1976-1984), Fred Cogar (1986 - 1987) and Bob Williams (1988 - to present).

After the presentation guests joined in a buffet supper at which Laurie cut his celebration cake.

Simon Bowes Lyon
Lord Lieutenant
and
Laurence Cook
MBE



ATTENTION ALL

GROUP SECRETARIES

Listen to the rattle of your letter box.

No it's not Christmas mail
It's the CENSUS FORMS

Please get rid of them as soon as possible
before they clutter up your house.

Ron Smith has a good receptacle for them.

MORE...

The Development of Scouting

Bill Turnbull has been appointed ACC Development and he will be meeting the District Team in January.

I would like to show him examples of good practise within Groups and the District. If there is anything you are particularly proud of please let me know.

1. Do you have a Group newsletter?
2. How do you communicate with parents?
3. How do you include parents?
4. How do you welcome new Scouts?
5. How do you plan your meetings?
6. Do you have a special event?
7. What are your favourite Group events?
8. Do you have a web site?

A reply from every Group would be welcome.

Bob Williams D.C.

Become a Star Reporter

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

All you have to do is send SCOUTING Magazine something that shows how much you enjoy your Scouting - whether you are a Beaver Scout, Cub Scout, Scout, Venture Scout, Leader, Administrator or Helper/Parent.

You might like to.....

- * Write a short story, poem or prayer
- * Photograph our Colony, Pack, Troop, Unit or Scout Group
- * Make a model and send a picture of it in
- * Draw a picture of what you do at Meetings



Everyone who enters something will receive a SCOUTING Magazine *Star Reporter* certificate. Everyone who gets their entry published will be sent a special *Star Reporter* prize and certificate.

One person each month will be the SCOUTING Magazine *Star Reporter of the month* and will receive a fantastic SCOUTING Magazine prize and certificate.

Send your entry to:-

The Scout Association, "Star Reporter" Baden Powell House, Queen's Gate, London, SW7 5JS

(SCOUTING Magazine - November 1999 Page 25 for more details)

District Cub Scout Quiz

2nd Weston

Harvey Hayman
Edward Moys
Christopher Amoss

1st Baldock (Knights)

Carl Stephenson
Laurence Darcy
Richard Darcy

2nd Baldock

David Condron
Gregory Neath
James Gordon

1st 3rd Letchworth

Daniel Hand
James Gateson
William Butler

4th Letchworth

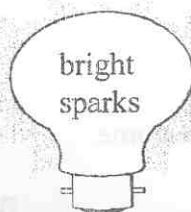
Matthew Duric
William Dollman
Toby Nutter

5th Letchworth

Robert Johnston
Sam Williams
Christopher Smith

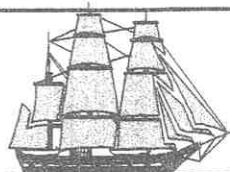
7th Letchworth

Thomas Karrman-Bailey
Adam Glendenning
Alex Grover



Do you know the boiling point of water at seal level or the continents represented by the five rings of the Olympic symbol ? If not you wouldn't have done very well at the Cub Quiz. These questions posed no problems for the experts from our Cub packs, especially 4th Letchworth who turned out worthy winners. In a close finish they just beat 1st Baldock (Knights) and 2nd Weston into second and third places.

Thanks to John Austin (1st Baldock Templars) who set the questions and acted as Quiz master, the leaders who acted as adjudicators and 2nd Baldock for hosting the event.



2nd Baldock All At Sea

It was an early start for 2nd Baldock Cubs Scouts, Scouts, Leaders, Parents and Friends on Saturday 20th November. They board a coach to visit the Historic Dockyard at Chatham. Included in the party were two Cubs from 11th Letchworth. Once at the dockyard we visited many of the attractions and displays.

First port of call was a tour of the "Wooden Walls" exhibition which was based on the journal of William Crockwell who was an apprentice to Mr John North, Carpenter of the Valiant. The exhibition, through the eyes of William showed how the Valiant was built in 1758. Then it was lunch time. After lunch we went to the Ropery where we were given a display of rope making. The shed was about quarter of a mile long and is still used to make rope commercially. Then in two groups we had a tour of a destroyer and a submarine. Brilliant. A well worth while trip for any Group.

Dave Hawkins ACSL



Diary Dates 1999

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
17th	Camp 2000 Meeting - Norton Bury
22nd	District Scout Cooking Competition 1st Baldock H.Q.
25th	ADC's Meeting - 2nd Baldock H.Q.
29th	County Great Patrol Hunt - Quiz
7th Feb	District Beaver Leaders Meeting
9th Feb	K.J. Talk - 5th Letchworth H.Q.
10th	District Executive Meeting
19th/20th	Operation Ferret
4th/5th March	Sixers & Seconders Weekend
4th March	County Cub Swimming Gala
12th March	County Scout Cooking Competition
24th/25th March	District Gang Show
28th March	ADC's Meeting
15th April	District Beavers Bangers & Bash
6th May	County Cub Football Competition
7th May	St George's Parade & Service
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)

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