



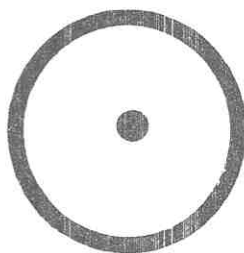
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The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

KENNETH ROY HART

18th October 1921 - 11th January 2000



**Trusty, loyal, helpful, brotherly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, clean as the threshing wind.**

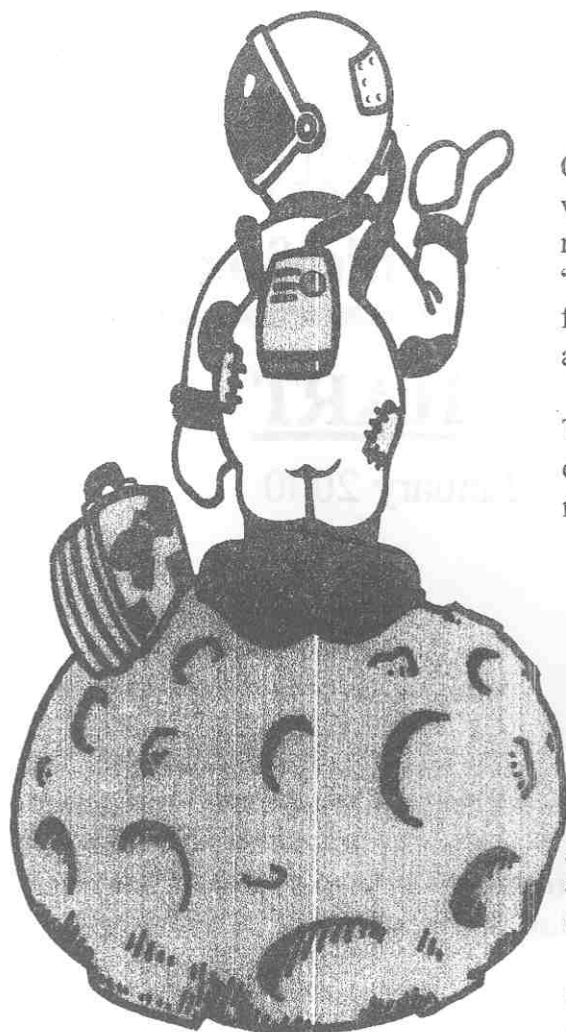
Ken Hart lived out these principles even though he had not been a Scout as a boy. Having helped out at his elder son Kevin's first Cub camp in 1959 and later prompted (Head-hunted) by the then District Commissioner, Les Brown, Ken became involved with 7th Letchworth as a leader. In May 1961 he received his warrant as a GSM and five years later was appointed ADC (General Duties). Ken also served periods as ADC (Cubs), ADC (Scouts) and ADC (Development). He was a tireless worker for the boys, the group, the District and the Movement as a whole and his achievements were many and diverse. That closest to his heart was the establishment of the Norton Bury Scout and Guide Activity Centre, of which he was the prime instigator around 1967 and which was opened in 1979. Although he gave up as a warden about a year ago he continued to look in whenever he was that way.

He received a well deserved Medal of Merit for outstanding services in 1976 and the Silver Acorn in 1980.

Ken was most happy working with the boys and thoroughly enjoyed camping with groups or district, especially those tranquil moments at the end of the day when, with the Scouts in their tents, the Leaders sat round the campfire embers with cocoa and "chocky bickies".

Goodnight Ken

SPACE



On the 17th of November the 5th Letchworth Cubs went to an Astronomy night at Standalone Farm. We met in the coffee room at 8 o'clock. The man said "Do any of you want to look through the telescope first?" we shouted "We do" so we went and had a look at the telescopes first.

Through the first telescope we saw a cluster of stars called the Seven Sisters. There were loads of stars making the Seven Sisters.

Then we came to a telescope which had the planet Saturn and my favourite planet is Saturn. The rings were great. You could see at least 3 rings at Saturn. It was excellent.

Next was Jupiter it was big. I saw a bit of colour but that's it really. Now the Moon was good. We could see the craters and the wind looked as if it was going through the Moon. It is funny that some one walked on it and I've seen it.

One of the last things we saw was millions and millions of stars they were great.

Then we met back at the coffee shop and had some crisps and drink. Then it was time to go. It had been an excellent night and now it is all over.

Sam Williams - 5th Letchworth Cub

My Promises For The New Year

I am going to go camping with Cubs,
get lots of badges and win all the games.
I'm going to make more improved meals.
I'm going to help Mum do the housework.

Tom Flint - 12th Letchworth

Remember This

Great is the power of might and mind,
But only love can make us kind,
And all we are or hope to be
Is empty pride and vanity.
If love is not a part of all,
The greatest man is very small

What I would like to do with Cubs in the Year 2000.

I would like to go

Camping	Walks
Running	Visit a Scout Troop
Campfire	Assault Course
Visit a Museum	Walk and Hikes
Quiz	Outside Ball Games
Visit another Cub Pack.	

Taha 12th Letchworth

St George's Day Parade and Service 7th May 2000



This year we hope to celebrate the millennium with a special outdoor St George's Day Parade and Service to be held at Highfield School on Sunday 7th May 2000 commencing at 3.00pm. The parade will assemble in the Kennedy Gardens at 2.15pm so that it can move off at 2.40pm.

On this occasion the parade will dismiss at Highfield School and there will be a picnic tea for the youngsters.

In order to help with this 4th Letchworth have been asked to organize the picnic (Groups will be expected to contribute food) and the 5th Letchworth will be seeking your help with the running of the service which will be conducted by the Rev'd Nicholas Setterfield.

On the day we will need as many marquees as possible together with tables. (Offers gratefully accepted). You will also need ground sheets for your contingent to sit on.

An invitation has been extended to the Guides in the District to join us.

The outdoor venue will enable parents to attend the service.

In the event of bad weather the service will be held in the school hall.

There will be a rehearsal for FULL COLOUR PARTIES WEARING NECKERCHIEFS ON Saturday 6th May at 10.00am at the School

DEVELOPMENT OF SCOUTING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

NEED: To Grow

AIM: To support and encourage Scout Districts and Scout Groups to provide quality Scouting to *more* young people

The focus of Hertfordshire County Scouts is on working with Scout Districts and Scout Groups in the process of Development. External support needs to be in place to support the Scout Group with development, although the actual development issues should be generated and owned by the Scout Group. To start this process we ask the Scout District and each Scout Group to consider the following:-

1. Identify the present situation

How many Sections in your Scout Group, how many young people in each Section, how many adults in each section, what kind of programme do you run - mainly indoor / a lot of outdoor / number of camps / join in District and County events / fun based etc.

2. Identify where people within the Scout Group and the Scout District want to be in one, two, or three years.

One way of helping you to answer this questions is to ask yourself "What makes good Scouting?"

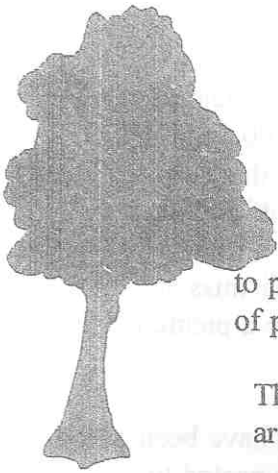
3. Identify ways of getting there (The Plan).

The plan is yours, implemented by you, monitored by you, owned by you. However I can help you through the above process and the County Team / District Team is there to help you get from where you are now to where you want to be in one, two or three years times.

Please share your plan with me. I am a strong believer in sharing good practise across the County especially those "ways of getting there".

Bill Turnbull ACC Development

NOTICE BOARD



Norton Bury Grounds Management

The grounds at Norton Bury are being developed to provide a variety of wildlife habitats. This involves a range of projects running throughout the year.

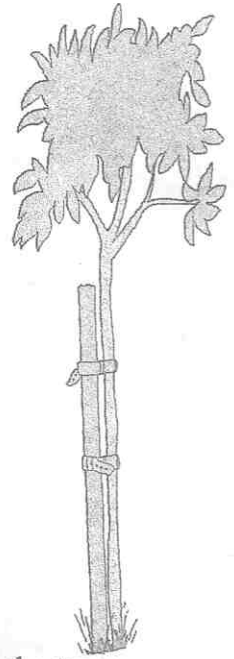
The next task is to continue renewing the boundary hedge around the camping ground.

HELP REQUIRED on SATURDAY 19th FEBRUARY
09:30 HRS to 15:00 HRS.

Come for an hour or two. Come all day and bring a sandwich lunch. Drinks will be provided throughout the day.

There are ongoing opportunities to fell trees and light bonfires. Why not take the troop down to Norton Bury for a conservation activity day?

Contact Peter Deary on 01462 686859 to book in to the hedge planting or to arrange a conservation day. Typical task could be putting up nesting boxes or placing a nesting island on the moat using pioneering equipment. Plus the tree felling of course.



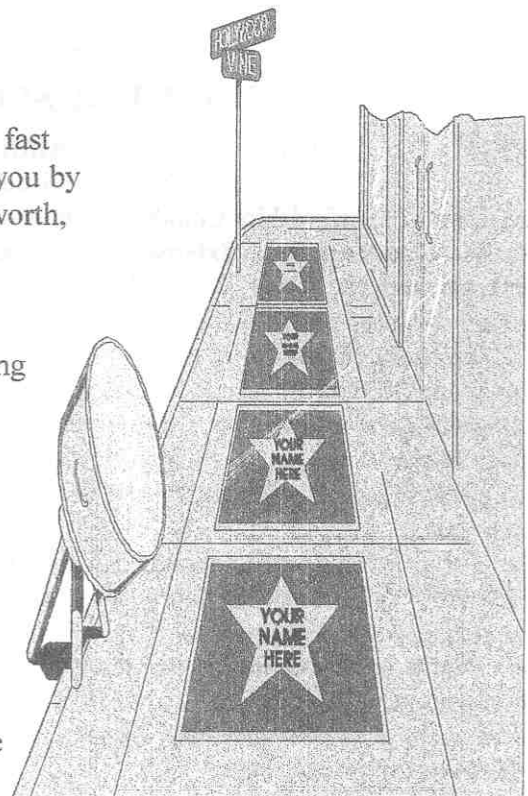
GANG SHOW

With its unique form of entertainment, the Gang Show is a fast moving variety of song, dance and sketches performed for you by members of the Scout and Guide associations in the Letchworth, Baldock and surrounding area.

This year's Gang Show will be at Plinston Hall on Friday 24th March and Saturday 25th March. There will be evening performances on both days commencing at 7.30pm and a matinee on Saturday commencing at 2.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £3.50 for the flat seating and £4.00 for the tiered seating. There will be a concession of one free ticket in every ten purchased (buy 10 pay for 9).

Tickets are available from John Wright, 41 Bowershott, Letchworth, SG6 2ET Tele: 01462 673779 until 20th February, after this date tickets will only be obtainable from the Plinston Hall.



A CENTURY OF SCOUTING :PART 2

Weston was one of the earliest local villages to form a Troop of Boy Scouts. By 1910, Cedric Willway, son of the Vicar of Weston, had become their Scoutmaster, for winter meetings in the school and summer evening exercises in and around the Vicarage meadow. The boys paid a penny a week for subscription, but the Vicar himself gave money to help with the cost of uniforms.

Official Scout hats (with adjustable chin straps) could be ordered by post from official outfitters for 1s. 3d. plus 2d postage. Uniform scarves, 31 inches square, were sixpence each and a boy's entire uniform added up to about eight shillings, or 40 pence in present currency. The Weston lads were noted for their smart turnout at church parades with their own bugle band, and were keen to meet other local troops for football matches, in spite of some poor results. Walsworth Scouts once beat them 6-0, and First Baldock had one record victory of 21 goals to nil.

Unfortunately in 1912 the troop was discontinued when Cedric Willway left the village, and it was not re-formed until after the First World War.

Ashwell's original troop was more fortunate. We have photographs of a camp in Dixies Meadow in 1911 and there are records of Mr Goble as Scoutmaster in the following year, succeeded by Mr H P Pack by 1917: a famous name in the village ! Patrol Second Lawrence Pack, of Ashwell's Cuckoo Patrol, gained a mention in "The Scout" in November 1911 for saving a little child from being killed by a speeding motor-car. "The Scout was prepared. He rushed forward, caught the child in his arms, and bore it into safety, just managing to escape the car by a few inches only."

Baldock Boy Scouts were becoming organized as "The Citizen" mentions the formation of the troop and a Local Association in 1913. Early next year, the Urban District Council "on the motion of Mr Page, seconded by Mr Hall, agreed to lend the Town Hall free of charge to the Baldock Boy Scouts Association for a lantern lecture on 23 April". The word spread, the Scouts gained strength, and in July they enjoyed a weekend camp at Willian under Scoutmaster F. Cockburn. The Secretary, Dr G.B. Mason, is on record as Scoutmaster in 1915, when First Baldock was registered with national headquarters. Half a century later, A.G. Crouch, treasurer of a Scout group at Morden in south London, remembered his Scouting days in Baldock: "Mr Page, well known in those days for his Maltings, was our benefactor. He allowed us to pitch our bell tents on his farm and he also supplied us with free milk and eggs. Another camp we used to run was at Clothall, up the top of Barley Mow Lane".

Easter Monday in 1916, though remembered in history for the Republican rising in Dublin, was also the occasion for a field day shared by Scouts from Weston, Barley, Royston and Letchworth, followed by a parade led by First Baldock's drum and bugle band.

The name of Norman Saunders is found in many early records of Letchworth's Scouts. In October 1911 "The Citizen" reported that he had resigned as Scoutmaster of the Second Letchworth Troop after four years. Twenty youths aged 11 to 15 were resolved to hold together under ASM William Rayment, meeting weekly on Tuesday evenings at the Boys' Club (the building now containing Morrisons' restaurant!) In August 1912, however, Norman Sanders led a group of Letchworth Scouts on a successful boating holiday from Cambridge to Ely and Upward. Two years later, the Great War began; Captain Sanders was called to different service, and did not return. You can read his name on the war memorial in Station Place. Upwell

Many people had felt that war was coming and a few didn't approve of what they thought were the "military ideas" of Baden-Powell's Boy Scouts. In June 1913, a company of "Boys' Life Brigade Scouts" was formed and recognized as the Third Letchworth Troop, to be run on more pacifist principles. Yet in that August of 1913, sixteen boys had saved one pound each for the international camp at Ghent in Belgium, where they met and made friends with Belgian, French and German Scouts. Mr Reg March had been the troop's secretary but had taken on the leadership, with a former Patrol Leader, R.B. McGrew, returning as ASM in June.

After the Belgian camp, Reg March kept in touch with friends made there, and in particular with a young Belgian Scout named Jean-Pierre Kies. When the Kaiser's army invaded Belgium in 1914, Reg waited for days at Victoria station to meet Jean-Pierre among the crowds of refugees arriving. He brought him to Letchworth, where there was a large Belgian community throughout the war. Among those who stayed on, Jean-Pierre Kies qualified as a doctor and lived the rest of his life in Letchworth.

When the war broke out, Percy Everett, who had helped B.-P. in the running of the Brownsea Island experiment and was appointed County Commissioner for Hertfordshire in 1908 wrote to all the newspapers in the county promising that "1,000 of our Scouts shall be at the disposal of the Chief Constable" for any sort of service at home. A "Scouts' War Book" was published, costing a penny, with advice in "Helping the Empire in War Time", "What to do when raids occur", "How to treat Bullet and Bomb Wounds" and "Fire Fighting". Fortunately this district avoided the need for such heroic deeds, but Boy Scouts were proved to be useful. Very few people had telephones in 1914, so the Letchworth troop acted as messengers to summon a meeting for Special Constables at the Estate Office. A Scout also called at the Police Station three times a day to ask the Inspector for any orders, and the keen lads proved of assistance in taking dispatches to Hitchin and elsewhere. Best of all, they helped to guard the reservoir in the Weston Hills day and night against possible spies and saboteurs.

On his way to reservoir duty one morning, a Letchworth Scout found a purse containing seven shillings in cash. Returning after his shift, he saw a notice outside a house offering a reward for the purse and contents, so he restored the property to its owner, but keeping the Scout Law he refused the reward. Some time later the owner stopped Reg March in the street to thank him for the Scout's action, saying she had not thought much of the movement before, but would not say or think anything to their detriment in future.

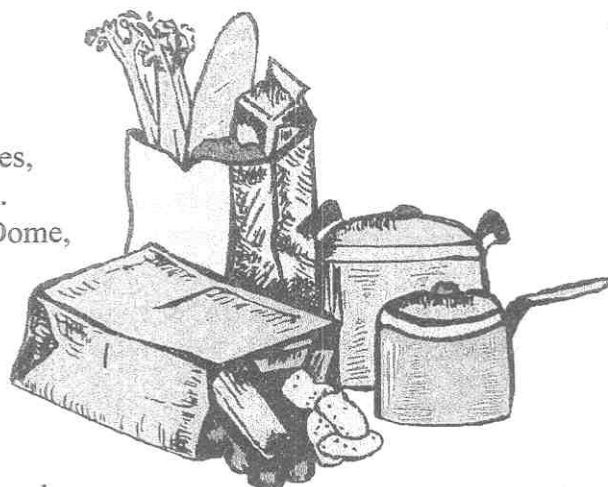
In April 1915, First Letchworth suffered a casualty. Local poultry keepers were contributing eggs to help wounded soldiers, and the Scouts made regular collections. Four of them were at the Scout-master's lodgings in Ridge Road one Saturday afternoon, and while he was out of the room they noticed a revolver on the mantelpiece. Robert Copping picked it up out of curiosity, and it went off, injuring Arthur Van Hooydonk, the twelve year old son of a local factory owner. Dr Wilson and Dr De Ledward were called, and Arthur was taken to the temporary hospital in Pixmore Avenue, and then to Addenbrooke's in Cambridge where an x-ray showed the bullet just touching his spine. He was soon out of danger and was home again in two weeks.

K.J.

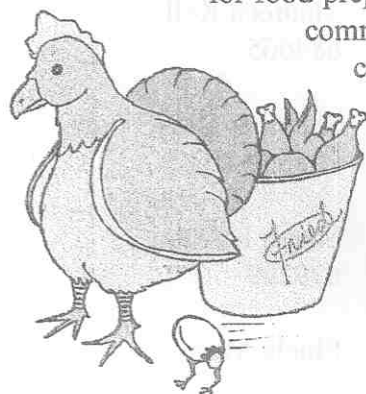
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Gourmets of 4th Letchworth retain District Cooking Trophy

On Saturday 22nd January seven teams met at Wrayfield Farm, Stotfold for the annual cooking competition. It was amazing to see the different meals which could be prepared from the same ingredients. Starters included Salad a la Blues, Viking Melon Boats, Melon-ium Wheels, and Minty Melon. This could be followed by Beef St Thomas, Mince-enium Dome, Shepherds Pie or Spaghetti Bolognese. The meal was completed with sweets such as Apple and Sultana Pancake Layer, Sauté Apples and Egg Custard, Y2 Krepes or Melon Balls.



Our judge for the day Jen Leathers had to make a difficult choice between these appetizing dishes. Judging included marks for food preparation, hygiene, table setting and team work to name just a few. Jen commented that the menus were very imaginative and the standard of cooking was very high. She awarded the trophy to 4th Letchworth with 2nd Baldock close behind as runners-up and 11th Letchworth in third place.



Well done to all teams that took part and good luck to 4th Letchworth who will take part in the County Cooking Competition in March.

4th Letchworth

Joel Miller
Adam Robson
Craig White
Philip Nunnington

2nd Baldock

Richard Betts
Marcus Fryer
Gregory Miller
Kieran Finch

11th Letchworth

Nicholas Howell
Robert Hardy
Philip Brown
John McDonald

7th Letchworth

Matthew Croxford
Shane Batchelor
James Batchelor
Gilesh Pattny

1st Baldock

Robert Hatchett
James Wilsher
Scott Ibbotson
Stuart McHale

1st 3rd Letchworth

Adam Lewis
Ben Cheah
Michael Cheah
William Butler

1st Baldock

Shaun Pateman
James Hewitt
Jonny Kitto

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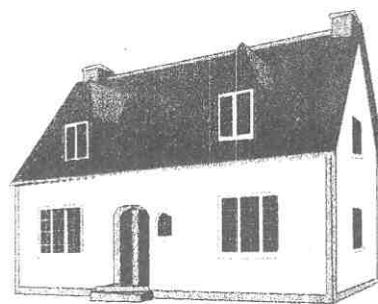
7th	District Beaver Leaders Meeting
7th	Summer Fayre Meeting
10th	District Executive Meeting
10th	District PL'S Council
10th	District Cub Swimming Trials
19th/20th	Operation Ferret
21st/25th	Half Term

MARCH 2000

1st	Camp 2000 Meeting
1st	Appointments Committee
3rd/5th	Peak Assault
4th	County Swimming Gala - Cubs
4th/5th	Sixer & Seconders Weekend
10th	Subscriptions to Michael Thomason DEADLINE
12th	County Scout Cooking Competition
13th	Cub Leaders Meeting
14th	Millennium Meeting
24th/25th	District Gang Show
28th	ADC's Team Meeting

APRIL 2000

5th	Appointment Committee
13th	District Executive
13th	District Scout Leaders Meeting
15th	District Beaver Challenge



NORTON BURY WARDENS

25 Jan - 1 Feb	Elaine Wigglesworth 626218
1 Feb - 8 Feb	Bob Williams 686727
8 Feb - 15 Feb	Maureen Kell 684665
15 Feb - 22 Feb	Sheila & David Daw 621699
22 Feb - 29 Feb	Shaun Howard 679209
29 Feb - 7 March	Shiela May 673427
7 March - 14 March	Mick Balls 893855

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