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Co-ordinator

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As the Millennium year draws to it's close we can look back in satisfaction on a successful year's Scouting. The Millennium Camp at Norton Bury will remain in the memory of the five hundred campers for many years to come. An exciting programme of events and adventurous activities was made even more memorable by the atrocious weather which turned the camp site into a mud bath. Nevertheless this was appreciated by many of the youngsters who took the opportunity for an unscheduled mud bath and by the parents who had to clean up the mess!

Other events which remain in my memory include an inspiring St George's Day at Windsor where I attended the annual Queen's Scout Parade and met George Purdy the Chief Scout who later presented me with my Silver Acorn at

Tolmers. Our own St George's Day Parade and Service outdoors at Highfield School in the Company of the Guides was also successful.

I enjoyed visiting Groups and a wide range of events which they stage. The Falconry display at Norton Bury was fascinating and the Vultures of the Gorges du Tarn were spectacular. As usual camping formed the core activity and I visited camps from the basic surroundings of Hitchwood to the sophisticated activity centres of Tolmers and Phasels Wood.

On the social side Operation Ferret and the Annual Barbeque brought people together in the spirit of friendly competition and comradeship.

1st Baldock are to be congratulated on their fine new H.Q's and 4th Letchworth on the celebration of their 70th Anniversary.

I would like to thank everybody for making me so welcome at these events and wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year. It is your skills and commitment that make Scouting so successful in the District.

Bob Williams DC

4th Letchworth Celebrates 70 years of Scouting

Congratulations to 4th Letchworth Scout Group who on Saturday 18th November celebrated seventy years of Scouting.

A local school was the venue for an evening of celebration, with plenty of food and drinks for the guests who rocked away the evening to the sound of the sixties and seventies.



Members and ex-members were given a commemorative badge.

Bob Williams, District Commissioner on behalf of the Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council presented David Miller, present chairperson with a framed certificate to mark this special achievement.

A big thank you to all who made the evening such a success.



7th Letchworth Win Cub Quiz

After an exciting final round outsiders 7th Letchworth raced past their rivals to reach the finishing post in first place.

An interesting challenge was posed by Quiz Master - Phil May (ACSL 4th Letchworth) which included rounds on topics ranging from Scouting Skills to General Knowledge.

Could you answer these questions ?

Where do Cossacks live ?
What is a pawpaw ?
What do the letters HGV stand for ?
Can elephants swim ?

Such questions posed no difficulties to our clever Cubs.

Congratulations to the winning team from 7th Letchworth
Adam Glendenning
Thomas Karrman-Bailey
Richard Seaholme

and to the worthy runners up from 2nd Weston
Ashley Tierney
Christopher Holt
Craig Brown

.....and 4th Letchworth retain the Scout Quiz Trophy



What type of aircraft is a Sikorsky?
The answer to this tie break question enabled 4th Letchworth (Garden City Goons) to retain the Scout Quiz Trophy for another year in a close finish with 7th Letchworth (Odin).

David Strong, Dave Upson and Chris King acted as Quiz Masters and taxed the brains of the teams in a Who Wants To Be A Millionaire style quiz.

Congratulations to the winning team of:

Adam Robson
Toby Nutter
Richard Lander
Scott Partington



I bet Skip can't answer these questions himself ! How are we meant to know who was the first man on the moon? We've never been there.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Thank you for the good turn out on Remembrance Day. 1st 3rd Letchworth, 5th Letchworth, 7th Letchworth and the Scout Fellowship attended the ceremony at the Letchworth War Memorial where they paraded our flags and laid a wreath with dignity. Elsewhere 4th Letchworth, 1st Ashwell, 2nd Baldock and 1st Baldock attended ceremonies at their local parish churches.



The British Legion very much value the role played by young people on this occasion.



Remembrance Road

There's a road I call remembrance where I walk each day with you.

It's a pleasant, happy road, all filled with memories true.

Today it leads me through a spot where I can dream a while.

And in its tranquil peacefulness I touch your hand and smile.

There are hills and fields and budding trees and stillness that's so sweet.

It seems that this must be the place where God and humans meet.

I hope we can go back again and golden hours renew.

And God go with you always until the day we do.

HSR

Sue Anstey - ACSL 1st Ashwell

It is with sadness that I have to tell you about the serious illness of Sue Anstey. Sue is a highly respected and much loved leader. Sue and her family are being incredibly brave at this difficult time and I would like her to be sustained by the power of our prayers.

In Memory of Ken Hart

A large group of family and friends met together recently to plant a commemorative oak in Ken's name.

Bob Williams spoke of Ken's vision in helping to establish the residential centre for youth groups at Norton Bury over twenty years ago. Together with a team of volunteers, he had worked hard to restore the farmhouse - where the dining room had been used to stable animals - to a condition fit for habitation. He came to love the place over the years and delighted in coming down to walk around the site and talk to the innumerable groups of youngsters from all over the region who come stay at the centre.

The red oak was planted by his grandchildren - Jimmy, Jackie and Robert Hart - in a spot close to the outdoor chapel and overlooking the camp site.

Barbara Crombie, representing the Management Committee, said that monies donated at the time of his funeral would be put towards a trust being established in Ken's name for the benefit of local groups using the centre in the years to come.

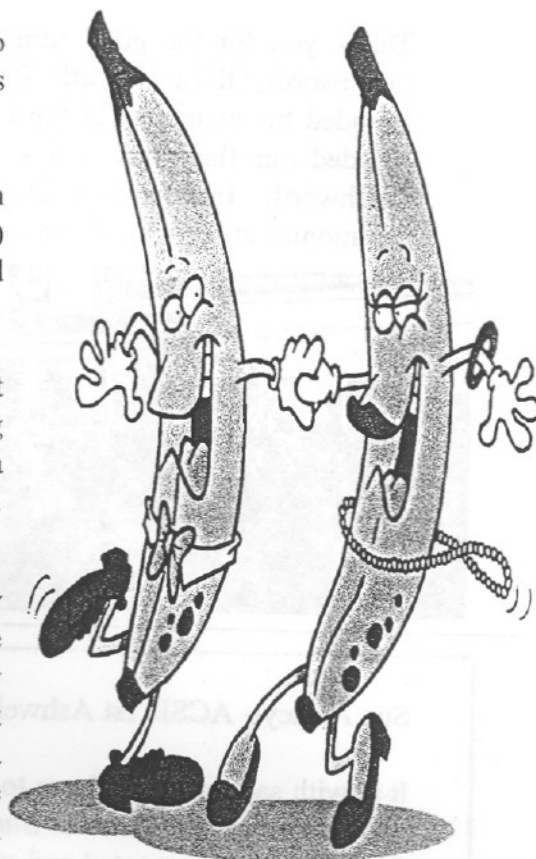
Gang Show 2001

Rehearsals are now in full swing - BUT it is not too late to encourage more of your Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures to take part (adults are also most welcome).

Rehearsals are held at 1st 3rd Scout HQ on Saturdays from 4.30 pm till 6 pm for the Beavers and Cubs (and Brownies) and from 6 pm till 7.30 pm for the Scouts, Ventures and Adults (and Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders).

If you have any questions or queries then please contact Andrea Soulsby (Tel: 643992). If you would like the Gang Show Roadshow to visit your pack or troop to give you a better insight then please contact Chris Gee (Tele: 625167).

Tickets: Please make sure that you put the Gang Show dates in your pack/troop programme and come along and see us at the Plinston Hall on Friday 30th March and Saturday 31st March 2001. Tickets may be ordered from John Wright (Tel: 673779) and are available for group bookings at a special concessionary rate of £2 per ticket. This special rate is for a limited period only and tickets must be ordered and paid for by 31st January 2001 to secure this price !!!!!!!



Mike Miles - Co-producer Gang Show

I am pleased to report that Mike has had his heart surgery at Harefield and is now back home and on the road to recovery.

Change of date - Scout Leaders

Please note that due to the unavailability of 1st Baldock HQ on Saturday 20th January the District Scout Cooking Competition will now take place on Saturday 27th January 2001. See Chris King for details.

Operation Ferret

Next year's Operation Ferret will take place over the weekend of 17th - 18th February 2001. Operation Ferret is a scavenger hunt in which Groups can take part. This is the ideal opportunity to encourage all parents and friends to join in and help the Group obtain the various items. This year's competition is being organised by members of the 1st 3rd Letchworth Scout Group.

More details available shortly.



Don't laugh this might be one of the items you have to collect

DISTRICT LEADERS' TRAINING DAY

Sunday 26th November - Cottered Guide Centre



What a great day we had - hope you all enjoyed it.

All those who attended joined in with discussions about Communications, Home Contacts and Activity Authorisations. A team-building problem-solving exercise brought us up to lunch time. After lunch the leaders split into two groups to discuss programme ideas for their own sections. This was then followed up by an update on the District Expedition to Lochearnhead in August 2001 and the day was drawn to a close with a short insight into the programme review that is being undertaken at the moment.

Many thanks to all leaders who attended and especially Rita Hawkins for a great lunch, Dave Hawkins for the team building exercise, Nick Farmer and Bob Williams for their presentations.

I have taken on board all the comments, requests and thoughts from the day and will be in touch as soon as I have any answers for you. Many thanks for your contributions.

Andrea Soulsby - Assistant to ADC (AT)

Reminder: Information sheets about Home Contacts and Activity Authorisations can be obtained from The Scout Association Information Centre - Tele: 0845 300 1818

E-mail - info.centre@scout.org.uk Website www.scoutbase.org.uk

Record cards and administration sheets can be obtained either through the Scout Shop or from Scout Aids - High Street, Midsomer Norton, Bath.

Congratulations to the following Leaders who have undertaken training recently :-

Phase 1 & 2	Laura Laing	(4th Letchworth Beaver)
	James Standen	(12th Letchworth Cubs)
	Paul Tierney	(1st 3rd Letchworth Cubs)
	Chris Lewis	(1st 3rd Letchworth Scouts)
	Mark Sinclair	(Bacchus VSU)
	Mike Wootton	(Beech Springs VSU)
	Paula Dilley	(Beech Springs VSU)
	plus 2 leaders from 6th Royston (The Mordens) Beavers	

Phase 3	Mark Hill	(7th Letchworth Beavers)
	Mandy Woolmer	(7th Letchworth Cubs)
	Tony Foxton	(2nd Weston Scouts)

Phase 5	Maggie Miller	(4th Letchworth Beavers)
	John Austin	(1st Baldock (Templars) Cubs)

GCA Unit 5	Deb Dilley	(ADC - Beavers)
	Dave Hawkins	(ADC - Cubs)

INFORMATION

District Directory

Alan Wright and Ron Smith are currently updating the District Directory, please reply to their enquiry and give them any other relevant information about your Group for inclusion.

If you have an e-mail address that you would like to share with others then this would be very useful to aid distribution of information.

Lets us know about any Group that has a web site as well.

Give-away

Barbara Crombie has a photo-copier surplus to requirements. It is not "state of the art" and it's rather bulky but it works well.

Free to anyone who can collect it from
16 Hawthorn Hill, Letchworth. Contact: Barbara on 01462 671062

Co-Ordinator Contacts

We are reviewing the distribution of Co-ordinator and I would appreciate it if groups would confirm that they are being sent to the correct person for distribution within the Group.

They are currently sent to:

1st Ashwell
1st Baldock
2nd Baldock
1st 3rd Letchworth
4th Letchworth
5th Letchworth
7th Letchworth
8th Letchworth

Joan Huggins
Andrea Soulsby
Rita Hawkins
Venetia Crowther
David Miller
Nick Farmer
Penny Lawrence
Julie Speltinckx

11th Letchworth
12th Letchworth
2nd Weston
Bacchus
Beech Springs
Fellowship

Roger Harrison
Mike Thomason
Wendy Tierney
Chris Lunnon
Jennifer Martin
Roger Comley

Rita Hawkins (643432)



Census

Attention all Group Secretaries

Listen to the rattle of your letter box

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

Please complete them as soon as possible and return them to Ron Smith,
32 Cloisters Road, Letchworth.

Web Site

Any Groups who are / wish to develop their own web-sites there are some guidelines issued by the Scout Association available on the ScoutBase website. "Developing a Scout Website" (searching on "website" on ScoutBase will bring up the guidelines as the first choice).

These guidelines should be read before/whilst developing the web-sites as it gives advice to protect individuals against potential harm.



Christmas Volunteers at Sainsburys

As a public relations exercise Sainsburys have asked if Scouts would like to volunteer help pack customers' bags in the two weeks before Christmas. They are looking for teams of about ten Scouts each to do a session of one to two hours.



Also if you want to raise funds there are opportunities to sing carols at the entrance to the store and take a collection.

If you are interested call Elaine Maple at the store on 01462 482082. Also please let me know so that I can co-ordinate arrangements if a number of Groups are interested.

Bob Williams
01462 686727

UP UP AND AWAY

Hitchin District Scouts and the Faukes Flying Foundation offer you the opportunity to discover the adventure of flight. Dreaming of becoming a pilot? We are here to help your dreams take off..... We can provide glider flights at the London Gliding Club at Dunstable on Saturdays or Sundays for an "AM" or "PM" session. Flights are £22 for an aerotow or £10 for a winch launch (aerotows are preferred) Call to arrange your flight - bookings can be made for the Scout Troop, Venture Scout Unit and leaders - also individuals can arrange to have a flight in the Faukes Flying Foundation glider and motor glider.

Bookings: Mike Woollard FFF - 01462 711934 or 079 74 106 190 General Enquires: Rose De Roeck (Hitchin DC) 01462 432494 www.fffoundation.co.uk

World Jamboree 2002

If anyone is interested in finding out more about the next World Jamboree then the official website is as follows:-

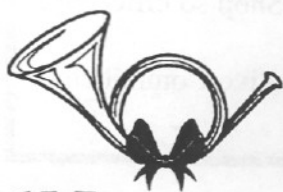
<http://www.worldscoutjamboree20.org>

it takes a while to load up but is very interesting and can be viewed in several languages.

Welcome to:

The appointments Committee has awarded warrants to:

Carol Parker	-	5th Letchworth BSL
Jane Shann	-	1st Ashwell ASL
Paul Tierney	-	1st 3rd Letchworth ACSL
Stephen Fleming	-	1st Ashwell ASL



We welcome them to the District

Final Plea



Does anyone know the whereabouts of 5th Letchworth's marquee?

If so please contact:

Nick Farmer
GSL - 5th Letchworth
Tele: 01462 627673

Diary Dates 2000

December 2000

6th	Appointments Committee
7th	District Patrol Leaders' Council
14th	District Executive Meeting
20th	1st Ashwell Carol Service

January 2001

8th	Cub Leaders Meeting
11th	District Executive Meeting
18th	Cubs Swimming Trials
22nd	Beaver Leaders Meeting
24th	District Team Meeting
25th	Cubs Swimming Trials
27th	District Scouts Cooking Competition

February 2001

8th	District Executive Meeting
17th - 18th	Operation Ferret
26th	Cub Leaders Meeting

March 2001

8th	District Executive Meeting
10th	County Scout Cooking Competition

March 2001

21st	District Team Meeting
24th	District Beaver Challenge
24th	County Swimming Competition
24th/25th	Sixers & Seconders Weekend
25th	Mother's Day
30th/31st	District Gang Show

April 2001

1st	District Cub Football Competition
12th	District Executive Meeting
13th	Good Friday
15th	Easter Sunday
22nd	St George's Day - Ashwell

May 2001

10th	District Executive AGM
12th	County Cub Football Competition
12th or 13th	District Beaver Day Out
14th	Cubs Leaders Meeting
23rd	District Team Meeting

June 2001

8th - 10th	District Cub Camp
10th	County Scout Football Competition
14th	District Executive Meeting
16th	County Beaver Day Out
17th	Father's Day

THANK YOU!

Can we take this opportunity of thanking all the people who have taken on the responsibility of Wardens at Norton Bury Activity Centre throughout the year. Also a thank you to Nora Hitcham and her team of helpers who run the Scout and Guide Shop so efficiently.

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