



Co-ordinator



Happy Easter to all our readers

The light nights are with us again which provides the opportunity for more of the adventurous outdoor activities which are the core attraction of Scouting.

Unfortunately restrictions imposed by the foot and mouth disease precautions limit visits to the countryside and we have to close Norton Bury until Easter at least. However most Groups have open ground around their HQ's which will enable them to practice camping and pioneering skills.

So far there are no problems regarding the St George's Day Parade at Ashwell. We have consulted interested parties and they all want us to go ahead.

We are keeping our fingers crossed about Lochearnhead in the Summer. The priority now is to finalise the list of leaders who will be present. Please contact Nick Farmer as soon as possible to confirm your availability—and your money would also be welcome !

AGM's will soon be upon us. Please ensure the formal part of the meeting is well organised but don't let this dominate the evening - it is an opportunity to publicise your activities and involve parents. (articles in the January, February and March issues of Scouting Magazine provide good advice on the running of a successful AGM).

Bob Williams D.C.

Spring is in the air



Scout Fellowship Newsletter

A canal trip has been organised for Sunday 22 July at Pitstone Wharf, Leighton Buzzard, travelling the Grand Union Canal via Startops End and Marsworth Reservoirs.

Would any of you like to visit the Dog Racing Track at Peterborough or Walthamstow for a future outing. The cost would be approximately £20 per person which includes, coach, admission, race card, drinks and also a basket type snack. If you are interested please let the Fellowship Secretary, Margaret Durrant know as soon as possible. Tele: 01642 624731

Scouts, Venture Scouts and Fellowship (and others)

25 & 40 Mile Challenge Walk 2001 The Ridgeway

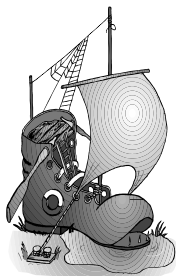
30th June - 1st July

This year's walk will take place along the first part of the Ridgeway. Walking from Ivinghoe Beacon to Streatley (Goring).

It is open to Venture Scouts, Scouts over 13, Scout Fellowship, Parents and Leaders.

We always have good fun at this event so why not come along and join elite members of the District who have achieved this challenge.

If you are interested forms should be available from your Scout Leader.

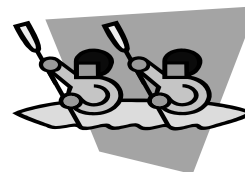


Ring in the Changes
Anne Gutteridge 4th Letchworth CSL -
new telephone number
01462 620486 with immediate effect

Fairlands Valley Park

The District Water Adviser, Mervyn Templeton is happy to arrange sailing sessions at Fairlands Valley either for an occasional evening or over several weeks for those Troops which want to extend their sailing skills or perhaps complete one of the sailing proficiency badges. He is generally available most Tuesday and Thursday evenings and alternate Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Those that can sail can take advantage of the Youth Saturday morning sailing sessions at Fairlands every Saturday between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon at £3.00 for the session.



Sailing sessions will be arranged in May and June for those Scouts participating in the 2001 Lochearnhead expedition. This may involve two or three days over week-ends and will teach the basic skills of sailing to enable maximum participation and progress when on the much larger water of Loch Earn.



If you have a requirement please contact
Mervyn Templeton
Home 01462 635620
Work 01438 353241
E-mail: fairlands@clara.co.uk

H.E.N. (Hertfordshire Euro-Navigation)

HEN is an orienteering competition for teams of four people held somewhere in Europe over the half term weekend of

24th to 27th October 2001

You need to be 16 or over to take part and you must be insured by the movement.

Keep an eye on future HSG's for entry form and more details.

District Beaver Challenge

Well done to Matthew Hare, James Hare, Jack Woosey, Darren Boughton, James Hunt and Rase Hawkins-Hill of 7th Letchworth Beavers for coming first in the District Beaver Challenge.

Results

Placing	Group	Points
1st Place	7th Letchworth	43
2nd Place	2nd Baldock	42
	8th/12th Letchworth	42
3rd Place	5th Letchworth	41
4th Place	4th Letchworth	40
5th Place	1st Baldock	38



Due to the foot and mouth problems this year's challenge was held at 12th Letchworth HQ....many thanks to Monica Thomason, 12th Letchworth GSL.

Maggie Miller, 4th Letchworth BSL organised a great afternoon for the six oldest Beavers from each Colony as the final part of her Phase 5 training.

The event started with half the Colonies taking part in a quiz, with the others doing a scavenger hunt (run by Ann Martin, 11th Letchworth BSL). When completed the teams swapped round.

After squash and biscuits there was a forfeits game which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The winners of the Challenge were 7th Letchworth, closely followed by 2nd Baldock and a joint entry from 8th and 12th Letchworth.

During the award ceremony 12th Letchworth BSL Vicki Luker was presented with her warrant and three Beavers from 7th Letchworth were given their Beaver Challenge Certificates.

Well done to all who took part and those who organised a super afternoon for the Beavers

Deb Dilley ADC (Beaver Scouts)

GSL's and Chairmen's Conference

We met with 80 GSL's/Chairmen from around the County for a most interesting day discussing the development of Scouting - it is surprising how one's own problem are common to so many others as well.

Congratulations to the organising committee for arranging stimulating discussion sessions covering topics such as adult recruitment, Group planning and the image of Scouting and far arranging so many interesting displays on various aspects of Scouting.

The day ended with a dinner and first class entertainment from the St Albans Gang Show team.

We have returned with books, factsheets and information packs which we hope will be of use to others in the District

Nick Farmer GSL 5th Letchworth
Rob Hemmings GSL 1st Baldock

LOCHEARNHEAD NEWS

The History of the Station

August 4 1962 saw the then Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean officially open the Station. Many local dignitaries and personalities attended the event. Many continued to provide help and support for many years, some to the present day.

The Station was a success from the start. With the set up of Mountaineering Courses enabling young people to have the opportunity to be introduced to the wonders of the mountains. Similar courses are still run today.

The Station has been used by Hertfordshire Scouts every summer holiday, Easter and Christmas, with Scottish Scouts and geographically closer located groups using it at weekends and other school holidays.

The foresight of Melville Bal-sillie has helped thousands of young and those not quite so young to meet, explore and enjoy the wonder of the Mountains

Sailing & Canoeing



I am sure that you have given thought about your training for your time on the Loch. You will get so much more out of the time spent in Scotland if you have a basic grasp of how to handle a boat and a canoe.

Training Courses

All groups have received details of the courses available at Fairlands Valley. They provide a wide range of opportunities. If you are interested please contact Mervyn Templeton, our Water Adviser (01462 635620)



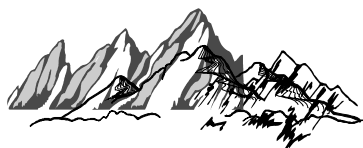
Am I Too Late ?

No you still have time to join the expedition. But we have set the 28 May as the last day of acceptance. After this date we will be offering any vacant places to others. Don't miss out by delaying.

There are still places available for the second week and if you wish you can extend your stay for another week at an extra cost of £75.

Will I get the chance to go again, if I miss this opportunity ?

Yes ! If for any reason you can't go with this expedition, then you could go on one of the County run trips at Easter or to one of the other centres in Wales, or the Peak District, Sailing at Mersea Island, Canoeing at various locations. See the HSG magazine for details.



Payment by Instalments

If you wish to pay by instalments (you should have a record card) Please send it along with your payment to Mike Thomason, the District Treasurer at 10 Newlands, Letchworth.

Badges

There are a number of badges that you can complete or go a long way to completing. Providing that you have done some preparation then here is a list of some of the badges that are open to you.

Cyclist, Elementary Canoeist, Elementary Helmsman, Hill Walker, Hiker, Rock Climber.

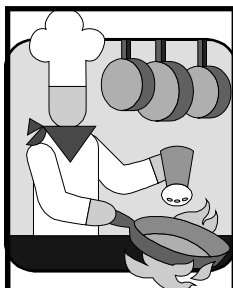
You may find more, and if you have fulfilled the requirements then the badge will be yours.



Leaders

It is important that we have a list of Leaders and their skills as soon as possible. Many people have indicated their availability but it is now time to confirm that you will be at Lochearnhead and the dates that you are available. Please contact Nick Farmer immediately (01462 627673)

County Scout Cooking Competition



Menu

Chef's for the day

Robert Corr, Emma Gwilt,
Matthew Ivory-Webb and Richard Betts.

Minted grapefruit and orange with kiwi garnish

Chilli beef tacos, side salads and guacamole
and sour cream and chive dips

Pancakes filled with bananas and topped with a
ginger and honey sauce.

2nd Baldock Scouts represented the District at this and came a creditable fourth. They had to provide a three course meal for 5 people from a budget of £12. The menu had to include grapefruit, oranges and kiwi in the starter minced beef or lamb and a stock cube in the main course and pancakes in the dessert.

Our DC was invited as guest to sample the meal which he thoroughly enjoyed.

It was nice to see and smell the variety of dishes prepared by the different teamsand the standard was pretty high all round.

Good luck in the regional finals to 1st Berkhamsted who turned out champion chefs on the day.

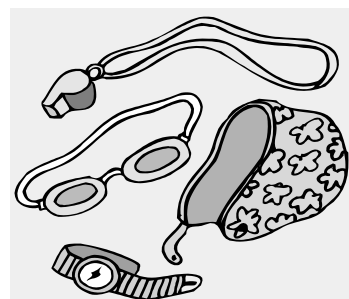
Deb Dilley

County Cub Scout Swimming Gala

On Saturday 24 March the District Swimming Team took part in the County Swimming gala which was held at Westminster Lodge Leisure Centre, St Albans.

The team had been chosen as a result of the trials held earlier in the year. The team consisted of

Kieran Anderson	1st Baldock
Thomas Lee	1st 3rd Letchworth
Alex Edwards	4th Letchworth
Stuart Taylor	12th Letchworth
Joshua Moss	4th Letchworth
Oliver Cunnington	5th Letchworth
Robert Wright	12th Letchworth
Matthew Duric	4th Letchworth
Adam Booth	5th Letchworth
Thomas Ayres	5th Letchworth



The swimmers took part in individual events including breast stroke, crawl and back stroke. The evening finished with a series of exciting medley relays.

Congratulations to our team and thanks to Anne Gutteridge 4th Letchworth CSL and Wendy Tierney 2nd Weston GSL for organising the team. Thanks to all parents and leaders who went along to support.



Welcome to Wymondley Wood

An open meeting was held at the Guide HQ to display the draft plans for the new activity centre at Wymondley Wood. It was good to meet so many people interested in the project.

Inevitably the shadow of Norton Bury hung over the meeting as so many people have put such hard work into the centre over the years. However, it is difficult to justify further developments there in view of the amount of money required to bring it up to standard.

The offer of a new activity centre is an exciting prospect and now the site has been agreed it is up to us to develop it to our needs. It is an attractive site with both open field, pond and woodland and offers opportunity for many activities. We also have freedom to plan the interior of the building as we wish. Concerns have been expressed about the location of the site, its security and health aspects and we will have to take these on board.

The whole project is open for discussion. Members of the District Executive and District Team have been briefed. They will be pleased to discuss the project with you and it will be discussed at future section meetings. Please get involved and have your say.

Thanks to David Ames and Terry Gray of the Heritage Foundation who came along to discuss the Foundation's plan for the development of the area.

GOOD NEWS

Norton Bury will be open again as from the week end of 20 April provided that there is no outbreak of foot and mouth within the surrounding area. However visitors must not use the surrounding fields and footpaths.

ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

SUNDAY 22nd APRIL - ST MARY'S CHURCH , ASHWELL

PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT THE RECREATION GROUND AT 2.15 pm.
(If wet please go straight to the Church).

The rehearsal is on Saturday 21st April at 10.00 am Neckerchiefs



A Prayer for the stressed

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I cannot accept, and the wisdom to hide the bodies of those I had to kill today because they got on my nerves.

And also, help me to be careful of the toes I step on today as they may be connected to the feet I may have to kiss tomorrow.

Help me always give 100% at Scouts

12% Monday

23% Tuesday

40% Wednesday

20% on Thursday and

5% on Friday

When I'm having a bad day and it seems that people are trying to wind me up, it takes 42 muscles to frown, 28 to smile and only four to extend my arm and hug someone.

From the Guide County Review



BROWNIES

"Norton Bury and Cottesloe hosted the greatest number of Pack Holidays in 2000"

CAMPING

"The most popular campsites this year have been Norton Bury and Tolmers".

Well done to the Norton Bury Management Committee and Wardens for making Norton Bury so popular activity centre.

Norton Bury - Wardens



April

3	Lee Crossman	01462 634676
10	Nora Hitcham	01462 627905
17	John Moys	01462 487847
24	Elaine Wigglesworth	01462 626218

MAY

1	Carol Emsall	01462 674543
8	Ann Martin	01462 627439

County Guide AGM



Thanks to Hertfordshire Guides who invited some members of the District team to their AGM at County Hall on Saturday 17 March 2001.

We enjoyed a well run meeting, an interesting talk "Down Memory Lane at the BBC" by guest speaker Mr Peter Doring, an excellent tea kindly provided by ladies of the Hertfordshire Trefoil Guilds and, above all, good company.

Sixers & Seconders Weekend

Owing to the temporary closure of Norton Bury due to the foot and mouth restrictions the annual Sixers & Seconders weekend had to be postponed. I know that this disappointed many Cubs and Leaders.

It will not be possible to re-arrange the event before the summer break, however I hope to run the event in some form in September / October / November 2001.

Dave Hawkins
ADC (Cubs)



Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council

**Cordially invites you to it's A.G.M. on
Thursday 10 May 2001
7.30 pm for 8.00 pm
at
1st Baldock H.Q.
Park Drive, Baldock**

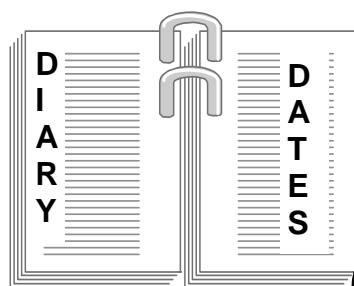
ALL WELCOME

Adult Supporters

The Scout Association issues long service awards to Adult Supporters as well as warranted Leaders. However, we do not have records of these people at District level unless they hold appointment as Helpers or Skill Instructors.

If there are people who have been helping your Group, for example, on the Group Executive, as quartermaster etc for more than five years please ensure that Ron Smith (01462 682900) our Appointments Secretary knows about them so that their service can be properly recognised.

Bob Williams DC



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APRIL

1	District Cub Football Competition	Lannock School	
2	Beaver Leaders Meeting	2nd Baldock HQ	8.15 pm
2	Appointments Committee Meeting		
4	Lochearnhead Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
5	Scout Leaders Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
9	Cub Camp Meeting	1 South Close, Baldock	8.00 pm
12	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
13	Good Friday		
15	Easter Sunday		
21	St George's Day Colour Party Rehearsal	Ashwell	10.00 am
22	St George's Day Parade & Service	Ashwell	2.30 pm
27	1st 3rd AGM	1st 3rd HQ	

MAY

2	1st Ashwell AGM	1st Ashwell HQ	
10	District AGM	1st Baldock HQ	8.00 pm
12	County Cub Football Competition	Lannock School	All day
14	Cub Leaders Meeting	2nd Baldock HQ	8.15 pm
15	5th Letchworth AGM	5th H.Q.	8.00 pm
16	12th Letchworth AGM	12th H.Q.	8.00 pm
18	4th Letchworth AGM	St Paul's Church	
18/19	District Scout Camping Competition	Norton Bury	
23	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
23	7th Letchworth AGM	Wilbury Hall, Bedford Rd	7.30 pm

JUNE

2	Scout Fishing Competition		
4	Beaver Leader Meeting	2nd Baldock	8.00 pm
8/10	District Cub Camp	Boyd Field—Henlow	Weekend
9/10	PL & APL's Weekend	Hitchwood	Weekend
10	County Scout Football Competition	TBA	
14	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
16	County Beaver Day	Tolmers	All day
18	GSL Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00pm
20	2nd Baldock AGM	Catholic Church Hall	6.30 pm
28	Scout Leaders Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
29/1 July	25/40 Mile Walk	TBA	Weekend

JULY

2	County AGM	County Hall	
7	District BBQ	Norton Bury	
7/8	Kon Tiki Competition	Henlow	
12	District Executive	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
17	Beavers Bangers & Bash		
18	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm

Some events may have to be cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth outbreak controls. Please check with your ADC.