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Co-ordinator

AGM Awards

Congratulations to the following Leaders who were presented with their awards by Colin McIntyre (County Secretary) at this years' AGM.

Chief Scout's Commendation

Fiona Eve	BSL	(8th Letchworth)
Rob Hemmings	GSL	(1st Baldock)
Chris King	ADC	Scouts



Wood Badge

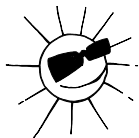
Deb Dilley	Commissioner	ADC Beavers
Chris Gee	Cubs	1st 3rd Letchworth
Dave Hawkins	Commissioner	ADC Cubs
Maggie Miller	Beavers	4th Letchworth

Long Service

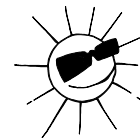
25 Years	Rob Hull	ASL	1st Baldock
15 Years	Wendy Neath	BSL	2nd Baldock
10 Years	Sonja Hall	CSL	1st Baldock
10 Years	Maggie Coiley	AVSL	Beech Springs VSU
5 Years	Allan Patterson	District Chairman	

5 years award were presented at Group AGMs to:-

Jeremy Croxford	CSL	7th Letchworth
Sue Finch	Treasurer	2nd Baldock
Chris King	ADC Scouts	
Sue King	AVSL	Beech Springs
David Miller	Chairman	4th Letchworth
Brian Rosendale	VSL	Beech Springs
Geoff Smith	ASL	5th Letchworth



County Cub Scout 6-a-side Football Competition



The District was pleased to host this year's County Cub Scout 6-a-side Football Competition. The event took place on Saturday 12 May at Lannock School. The District was represented by 12th Letchworth Cub Pack. They competed against eleven other Districts, despite it being the Cup Final on the telly. It was a very hot and sunny day which lent itself to some very exciting football. Some of the matches were closely contested. 12th Letchworth played some exciting and entertaining football and just missed out on a place in the semi-finals. Well done to the Cubs who played and to the Leaders, parents and friends who came along to support them.

The competition was won by Harpenden & Wheathampstead District who beat Ware District in the finals. Bob Cooper ACC (Cubs) presented the Trophy and certificates.

Thank you to Bob Williams, Deb & Mick Dilley, Anthony Hawkins, Robert Williams and Lannock School (who provided the refreshments and use of their facilities) without whose help the event would not have been such a success.



Dave Hawkins
ADC (Cubs)

Hertfordshire Training

Forthcoming training dates to be held at Well End are as follows:-

Phase 3/40	–	Sat 29 Sept plus Sat 10 Nov
Phase 4 (Venture)	–	10/11 Nov plus 2 dates in 2002 tba.
Phase 5/29	–	Tues 9 Oct plus 17/18 Nov
First Response	–	Sat 23 June OR Sat 17 Nov
GCA Unit 2 (Supporting Leaders)	–	24 th June
GCA Unit 10 (Developing Scouting)	–	16 th September
GCA Unit 3 (Managing Safety)	–	Wed 26 th Sept & Wed 3 rd Oct
GCA Unit 4 (Administration & Support)	–	29 th September



Welcome to:

Michael Wheeler - 1st Baldock ASL

Christine Hart - 12th Letchworth ABSL

Membership Subscription 2002

About this time last year The Scout Association gave advance information about the level of the next year's subscription (i.e. 2001)

At its meeting in March, the Committee of the Council considered a detailed report on the Association's finances, including the budget for the financial year 2002. In the light of information available, the Committee has decided that the Headquarter's membership subscription for 2002 will be £15.30, with a rebate of 35p for prompt payment.

I hope that Groups will welcome this early notification and that it will help their budgeting arrangements.

Extract from communication to Council, County, Area and District Commissioners
John Bevan - Chairman, Committee of the Council

Congratulations to the following leaders who have completed training recently:-

Phase 1 & 2 –	Wayne Jeffrey	–	Beech Springs VSU
	Ian Hunt	–	12 th Letchworth Scouts
	Lesley Gwilt	–	2 nd Baldock Scouts
	Carolyn Nunnington	–	7 th Letchworth Cubs
	Tim Hodge	–	1 st /3 rd Letchworth Scouts
	Christine Hart	–	12 th Letchworth Beavers
	Val Tierney	–	1 st /3 rd Letchworth Cubs
	Jane Shann	–	1 st Ashwell Scouts
	Vicki Luker	–	12th Letchworth
Phase 3	Chris Lewis	–	1st 3rd Letchworth Scouts
Phase 5	Fiona Potts	–	1st Baldock Cubs
GCA Unit 3	Wendy Tierney	–	2nd Weston GSL
GCA Unit 9 –	Dave Upson	–	1 st /3 rd Letchworth GSL
	Wendy Tierney	–	2 nd Weston GSL
	Andrea Soulsby	–	Assistant to ADC(AT)
GCA Unit 5 –	Dave Upson	–	1 st /3 rd Letchworth GSL
	Wendy Tierney	–	2 nd Weston GSL



District Skills Day

What skills would you like covered at this year's skills day in November?

Do you want to learn/go over some practical skills?

Is there any particular area of the sectional training programme you would like to discuss/share ideas about?

Please pass any ideas/comments to Andrea Soulsby as soon as possible so that we can tailor the day for your needs.

Climbing Wall Authorisation

Would you like to be authorised to use one or more Climbing Walls?

Chris Gee (1st/3rd Letchworth) is in discussions with the Warden at Tolmers with the view of getting a group of people assessed for Climbing Walls. We can then look into getting you assessed for taking groups of Scouts onto walls at other sites around the area.

If you are interested in this area of Scouting then please contact Andrea Soulsby or Chris Gee.



Special Needs

The next big event in the Special Needs calendar is the "BRING A BUDDY DAY" to be held at Phasels Wood on 22 September.

This is open to anyone with a Special Need and their buddy, a great day is planned with all the facilities at Phasels available.

NEW LOGO CAR STICKERS

If you would like five vinyl stickers of the new Corporate logo just the right size to go in your car window, please send a stamped addressed envelope (19p) to

**Information Centre (Car Stickers)
The Scout Association
Gilwell Park
London E4 7QW**

Out of County Training

If anyone would like to undertake any of their training outside of Hertfordshire then here are some details:-

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| Cambridgeshire – | Leadership Two – Sat 13 Oct & Sat 10 Nov – Abington
GSL/Commissioner – 8/9 Sept – Copley |
| Bedfordshire – | Introduction to Section (Cubs) – 13/14 Oct – Bromham
Introduction to Section (Scouts) – 3 / 4 Nov – Bromham
Activity Leadership (Cub & Scout) – 10 Sept & 28-30 Sept – Bromham
Section Leadership – 18 Nov – Bromham
GSL/Commissioner – 24/25 Nov – Bromham
Camp Fire Leader – 23/24 June - Bromham
Administrator – 16 Sept – Bromham |
| Gilwell Park – | GSL/Commissioner – 14-20 July OR 22-28 September
Leadership Two – 5-7 November |

If you are interested in any of the above courses then please contact Andrea Soulsby for further details as soon as possible.

TOPS Community Sports Scheme

TOPS is a National Lottery funded project aimed at improving sporting skills in young people. The scheme is based around bags full of sports equipment and cards with ideas on how to use the equipment that have been developed by Sport England.

I am trying to arrange a course with NHDC, after which the District would receive a free bag containing sports equipment worth several hundred pounds. This sports bag would then be available for all Groups in the District to use.

If you wish to take part in this session then please contact Andrea Soulsby asap.

Gilwell Reunion

Calling all Wood Badge Holders – Would you like to attend the Gilwell Reunion on Saturday 8th September and pick up some new ideas etc.



If you would like to go along then please contact Andrea Soulsby asap and we can arrange transport down to Gilwell Park – if there are enough of us then maybe we could use the District minibus.

OUTDOORS (Scout Shop Ltd)

UK's Largest Tent Shows



The UK's largest tent show will be taking place throughout the UK this summer.

Whatever tent you are thinking of buying, you won't go away disappointed from an Outdoors Tent Show.

On display will be the complete 2001 range of specialist tents from Outdoors and leading brands such as Terra Nova, Wild Country, Coleman, The North Face, Vaude and Vango, as well as tents suitable for family camping and summer tents for occasional use. They have even catered for those wanting an inexpensive tent to take to pop festivals.

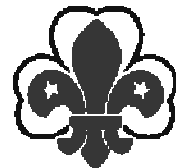
The nearest one to us will be held at PETERBOROUGH 16– 17 June Arthur Mellows College, Glinton (off A15 NW of Peterborough. Details from Outdoors, Peterborough Tel: 01733 561000

At all Tent Shows there will be some extra special offers:

Lichfield Sintra 2100	now 94.99	RRP 159.99
Lichfield Sintra 1800	now 74.99	RRP 129.99
Vango Solana 400	now 99.99	RRP 169.99
Phoenix Ascent	now 169.99	RRP 279.99
Phoenix Hex	now 179.99	RRP 289.99

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

THE SCOUT FELLOWSHIP IS GOING TO THE DOGS!



We are looking at arranging a night at the dog racing. This would be Tuesday evening 23rd October, at either Peterborough or Walthamstow. We would like to invite adult members of the Scout movement to join us.

The cost is £20 per head. This includes coach travel from Letchworth, admission to the course, a chicken or scampi and chips supper and a couple of pints. The coach will leave Letchworth at 5.30pm and if anyone is interested please give Margaret Durrant a ring on 624731. There are also special deals on restaurant meals for a little extra.

On the 4th of May 22 members and friends enjoyed a very good evening at the Gordon Craig Theatre watching Hello Dolly by the Arcadians. We hope to see them again in November when they are putting on Scrooge.

District Barbecue

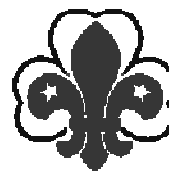
Norton Bury Saturday
7th July - 3.00 pm until late

After a busy time Scouting come and join us to relax with family and friends at the annual District Barbecue. The price will be £1.00 per ticket with under fives going free.

Price includes all food and your first drink.

Contact your Group Committee or Rita Hawkins Tel: 01462 643432 e-mail rita.hawkins@ntlworld.com for your tickets.

Scout Fellowship Report 2000 – 2001



With the strong commitment of our members and Rod Tiplady as the new Chairman, we have continued to have a lot of fun. We have given help at the Scout and Guide Shop and Gang Show which gives pleasure to others.

New Beaver Colonies have received financial support for banners and help at events.

For our fun we included a trip in the mini bus to Little Paxton Nature Reserve as guests of our last Chairman John Davis and Laurie's Garden Party which again topped up the funds.

Shaun Howard's talk on his journey to Hong Kong on the Trans Siberian Railway added interest to the AGM.

Our Christmas Dinner moved to St. Valentine this year, more romantic. The Theatre trips to Stevenage Gordon Craig continue this year and Alison Fulcher will give us a talk on her expedition to the Far East.

A Canal trip on 22nd July on the Grand Union is organised with a cream tea and sunshine. Great stuff.

Roger S Comley

ADC Fellowship

Gift Aid for Membership Subscriptions

The tax man will pay your Group to have members. Increase your revenue by using Gift Aid. All you need to know can be found on the official Scout Website www.ScoutBase.org.uk, library, factsheets, accounts/fund raising.

You can download the factsheets free or phone the Scout Information Centre on 0845 300 1818, requesting a copy of FS190006 for 73p.

Groups in the District have already taken up the challenge and have been rewarded with a cheque from the Inland Revenue of £400 and £500.

Will it cost me more to join the Gift Aid Scheme?

No. You are not being asked to give more money or pay additional Income Tax. You are simply being asked to complete a Gift Aid Declaration so that your Scout Group can reclaim from the Inland Revenue the tax that you have already paid on your subscription.

**The Gift Aid Scheme
is so simple
and it helps
The Scout Group**

**Complete a *Gift Aid Declaration*
and hand it to your child's
Beaver / Cub / Scout Leader/
Venture Scout Leader.**

WE'LL DO THE REST

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0845 300 1818

Life with the Ventures

Bacchus Year Report

It is with great pleasure I can report that Bacchus VSU has survived another year.

Our leader team has been greatly enhanced by an ex-venture scout returning and taking on the role as assistant VSL. Our most sincere thanks therefore must go to Colin Hague; he has added new life and vigour to weekly meetings.

Due to the new change in age groups, we have maintained our numbers. Meetings have been varied with the emphasis on senior ventures running many of the evenings. These have included an evening with Rolf & Bruce Moss Antiques, a talk on Cardington Airships and an evening talk about life aboard HMS Victory. Weekly we have enjoyed discussions, map and compass work, treasure hunts, pioneering, climbing, orienteering and backwards cooking in Weston Hills.

Although we did not have an expedition last summer, we did spend time in the Lake District and in December we had an excellent weekend in Derbyshire. During the time in Derbyshire, the Saturday saw us walking on Mam Tor and Kinder Scout. The Sunday we arose early and we went for a guided tour/walk of England's largest lead mining area from the 1800's - a most fascinating and interesting experience.

Our Peak Assault training had been going well and we were hoping to retain our trophy for the highest place mixed team in the County, but sadly due to 'foot and mouth' this was not to be. This also forced us to cancel our weekend away at Easter and May half term. All our sights are now set on our Expedition to Italy this summer. My thanks go to all our members, leaders and Ventures, for their continued support and commitment to the unit. Our hope is that the Scouts encourage more of their members to move on to Venture Scouts so we can continue the good work.

Beech Springs

This has been a challenging year for Beech Springs, the departure last May of Glen and Maggie Coiley to Australia had a deep effect throughout the Unit, but, thanks to Brian Rosendale and the Unit Executive the Unit has faced and overcome this major hurdle. It is always difficult to follow or replace leaders who had the experience and character of The Coiley's but the movement does indeed have strength in depth and this year has proved that.

The annual expedition went off to Austria and spent an active fortnight walking, climbing, rafting and doing what Ventures do best, getting the most fun out of life! We had 2 teams entered in this year's Peak Assault challenge but the event was cancelled due to the foot and mouth outbreak so we like all the other Hertfordshire Ventures missed out on one of the best events of the year - still roll on next year.

Over the last year our involvement with the Community and the District has continued. We helped with numerous duties at the Muddy Millennium Camp, joined in with the Gang Show, ran some activity bases for the Scouts at Green Beret and last weeks PAW weekend at Tolmers and supplied help and marshals for activities connected with the Baldock Festival. In amongst this we still tried to maintain a varied programme for the week to week activities of the unit.

Numbers, as always happens with Units, have fluctuated over the last year with members going off to University or moving away but we have been actively recruiting. Visiting the Troops around the District to talk to the older Scouts and encourage their participation in the Unit has been paying dividends with new members appearing from all over, it's good to see, as it strengthens the District feel of the unit.

We have this year obtained 2 new Assistant Venture Leaders, Mike Wootton and Wayne Jeffrey. Welcome on board and may you enjoy your time with us!

Thanks to all the leaders (Brian Rosendale, Paula Dilley, Wayne and Mike) for their time and dedication to the unit, to Chris King ADC (Scouts) who has involved us in many District Scout events (and acts as our Mini bus driver) and any one else who has helped us through another successful year.

The Way Ahead

In the coming year we face, as with all sections, the gradual introduction of the Programme Review and all the issues this raises, including changing us from Venture Scouts to The Scout Network. There are many changes heading our way but we will face them with our usual style and determination and along with the rest of the District, look forward to taking our Scouting to new and better levels in the coming years.

Adult Training Report 2000-2001

I am pleased to be able to report again a slightly more successful year than last year in terms of overall training, with five Wood Badges. There are a good number of Leaders who have already committed to getting on with their training, but there are still a significant number who have not yet followed through with their original commitment and or intentions.

I repeat my plea to all leaders to fulfill their pledge to carry out their training. If anyone genuinely has trouble fitting in the formal training sessions run by Hertfordshire County Scout Training Team, in conjunction with the County Team we will always do our best to provide alternatives of dates and formats. On some courses it is possible to fulfill them in a series of weekday evenings, to help those that have to work at weekends etc.

The numbers of Leaders completing the various Phases of training this year and last year are

	Completed This Year	Completed Last Year	Booked for Next Year
Phase 1 Introduction to Scouting	8	7	5
Phase 2 Introduction to Training	8	5	5
Phase 3 Leadership A	4	5	3
Phase 4 Sectional Skills Training	0	2	8
Phase 5 Leadership B	4	2	0
GCA/Commissioners	2	0	3
TOTAL	26	21	24

The culmination of these training phases is the award of the Wood Badge. As I reported in the past, it is possible to complete all 5 Phases of Section Training in just 12 months. This year we have two ADCs who have completed their Commissioner training plus four leaders who have completed the Phase 5 training, one of whom has now to complete some final project work before being awarded her Wood Badge. We congratulate Deb Dilley ADC Beavers, Dave Hawkins ADC Cubs, Maggie Miller BSL 4th Letchworth and Chris Gee ACSL 1st/3rd Letchworth on being awarded their Wood Badges.

In conjunction with the Section ADCS, many Leaders in the District again shared their skills with their own and other Sections last November in a "District Leaders Training" day. The morning session had discussions on Communications, Home Contacts and Activity Authorisations. The afternoon started with separate parallel groups discussing programme ideas for their particular sections. This was then followed by an update on the District Expedition to Lochearnhead and a short insight into the programme review that was being carried out at that time. It is intended to continue this series this year on Sunday 18th November. Please contact Andrea or myself with your suggestions of items you would like to have included in this years sessions.

I would especially want to thank Andrea for all her help and particularly for the number of Phase 1 and 2 sessions that she has conducted to help get our new leaders on the path to training.

Andrea Soulsby – Assistant
John Chapman
ADC Adult Training

Region 3 Cub Scout Space Camp 2001—Phasels Wood

Nineteen Cubs and four Leaders/Helpers from our District will be attending the Cub Space Camp 2001 in August. A week of activities has been arranged including climbing, potholing, sledging, ab-seiling, archery, air rifles and lots more. Evening entertainment will include videos, disco, crafts.

Planning for this event started two years ago and we are sure that it will be a camp to remember.

Best wishes to all those taking part and we look forward to you sharing your experiences with readers of Co-ordinator.

Norton Bury - Wardens



MAY

29 Dave Hawkins 01462 643432

JUNE

5 Mick Balls 01462 893855

12 Barbara Crombie 01462 671062

19 Sheila & David Daws 01462 621699

26 Sheila May 01462 673427

JULY

3 Dave Hawkins 01462 643432

10 Mick Balls 01462 893855

17 Gwen Keech 01462 894512

24 Lee Crossman 01462 634676

31 Carol Emsall 01462 674543

AUGUST

7 Shelley Wilsher 01462 642026

NORTON BURY

We are pleased to say that, from the point of foot of mouth disease, both the site and the house are once again open although, at the time of writing, many of the footpaths in the surrounding area remain closed.

Due to cancellations, **the house is vacant** from July 23 to August 3 and also from Aug 27—Sept 13. Please contact Barbara Crombie (01462-671062) if you are interested in booking these dates.

Regarding the future of Norton Bury, the centre will remain fully open at least until the **end of 2002**. By that time it is hoped that we will have a new - purpose designed—camp site and residential accommodation to move into. We have in any case been assured by The Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation that we will not be required to close Norton Bury's doors before the new site becomes available. This new facility will be administered in much the same way as Norton Bury has always been and will be available to all organised youth groups as well as to schools. Whilst we are, of course, sorry at the thought of losing access to Norton Bury, everyone in Letchworth and Baldock is excited by the prospect that the future holds. **Please continue to visit Norton Bury in the meantime and "watch this space" for further news.**

**Bob Williams—
Management Committee**

Norton Bury Fees

Camp Fees

Local Groups / Units 60p per night

Outside Groups / Units £1.00 per night

House Use

Local Groups / Units Overnight £2.50 per head with a minimum charge of £60.00 per night

Outside Groups / Units Overnight £4.00 per head with a minimum charge of £100.00 per night

Non Scout / Guides Overnight £5.00 per head with a minimum charge of £125.00 per night

Please ring the Book Secretary, Barbara Crombie on 01462 671062 for an up to date list of other charges.

Change of address

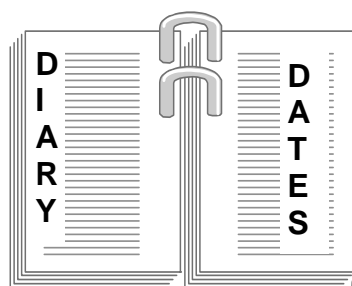
Shaun B Howard is on the move.

His new address will be

One Stubbing Cottage
Mytholm
Hebden Bridge
West Yorkshire
HX7 6LS

Landline: 01422 843687

Mobile: 07803 908348



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JUNE

2	Scout Fishing Competition		
4	Beaver Scout 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	
11	Norton Bury Committee Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
12	2nd Weston AGM		
14	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
15	Bacchus VSU Wide Game	Weston Woods	
16	County Beaver Day	Tolmers	All day
18	GSL Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00pm
20	2nd Baldock AGM	Catholic Church Hall	6.30 pm
26	1st Baldock AGM	1st Baldock HQ	
28	Scout Leaders Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
29/1 July	25/40 Mile Walk	TBA	Weekend

JULY

2	County AGM	County Hall	
4	Lochearnhead Kit Check	Norton Bury	7 pm - 9 pm
5	Lochearnhead Kit Check	Norton Bury	7 pm - 9 pm
7	District Barbecue	Norton Bury	3.00 pm
7/8	Kon Tiki Competition	Henlow	
9	Cub Leaders Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
12	District Executive	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
17	Beaver Scouts Bangers & Bash	Norton Bury	6.00 pm
18	District Team Meeting	George IV	8.00 pm

AUGUST

4 - 18	District Expedition to Lochearnhead	
6 - 10	Region 3 Space Cub Camp 2001	Phasels

SEPTEMBER

10	Cub Leaders Meeting	TBA	
13	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
17	Beaver Leaders Meeting		
17	GSLs Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
20	Scout Leaders Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
22	County Venture Scout Wet 'n' Wild	Lea Park	
22	County Venture Scout Chambers Pot	Lea Park	
22	County Cub Night Hike	Lees Wood / Phasels	
28 - 29	County Scout Camping Competition		

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