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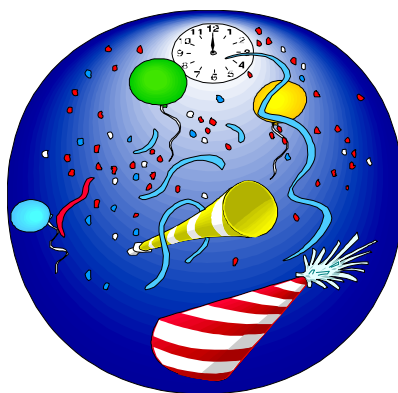


Co-ordinator



Happy New Year from the District
Team

Dave Hawkins
Chris King
Deb Dilley
Maggie Miller
Andrea Soulsby
Gareth Howell
Ron Smith
Bob Williams



To the Letchworth & Baldock
Scout Groups, Leaders and
Helpers

The Norton Bury Committee
The Scout Shop Manager
The Mini Bus co-ordinator
The District Executive Committee
The Fellowship
The Editors of Group Newsletters
The Gang Show Committee and
most important of all the Beaver
Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts,
Venture Scouts, parents and
Scouters everywhere

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Happy New Year to Scout Leaders and other adults who help them run their activities. I know this is going to be a busy year because I am already hearing of plans for annual camps, night hikes, canoeing, climbing and other adventurous activities.

It is also pleasing to hear from Leaders who are planning their own personal training. This is essential to the proper delivery of our programme.

Talking of the programme reminds us that we will shortly be hearing details of the new training programme and our minds must turn to the new Explorer Scouts and Scout Network.

I look forward to responding to the challenge with you all during the coming months.

Dave Hawkins (D.C.)

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

Explorer Scouts

Training Dates Coming Up

Here are a few of the facts:

- Explorer Scouts is for 14—18 year olds
- Explorer Scouts will be starting up in your area next summer (2002)
- The programme, which you will help to set, will be brilliant. It will be focused on action and adventure !
- Explorer Scouts is being organised at District level.
- The website—www.scoutbase.org.uk has more Explorer Scouts information.
- In Hertfordshire we are building a new website—ww.herts-explorer-scouts.org.uk which will give you loads more info. Email website@herts-explorer-scouts.org.uk for a notification when it's up and running
- The Assistant County Commissioner for Explorer Scouts is Keith Jennings. Contact him at keith@herts-explorer-scouts.org.uk or call 01920 467761 for any help or information you need.

Phase 3/41 – Sunday February 3 + March 17
3/42 – Monday May 13 + 3 further evenings

Phase 4/11 (Cubs) – 1-3 March + 17-19 May

Phase 5/30 – Tues February 12 + 23/24 March

GCA Unit 3 – Managing Safety – Sunday
3 February

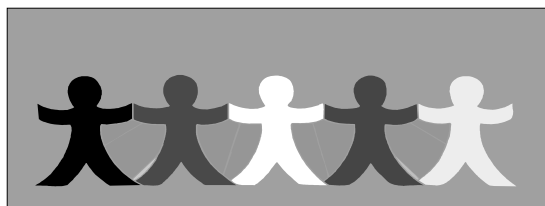
Unit 10 – Developing Scouting – Sunday
17 March

Unit 4 – Administration & Support –
Saturday 23 March

Unit 8 – Scouting in the Community –
Sunday 24 March

Beaver Scout Sleepover Module – January 15 –
you must have completed Phase 4 (Beavers)

If you would like to attend any of the above trainings then please contact Andrea Soulsby



Gang Show 2002

Special Offer for Tickets

If you book (and pay for) your tickets **BEFORE** January 26 then you may purchase them for £3 per ticket.

Booking forms will be sent out to all sections in the New Year, so in the meantime work out how many tickets you will need and for which performance.



fellowship 

District Fellowship has provided financial help to 1st 3rd Letchworth Beaver Scouts with a donation towards the cost of the flag. They have also agreed to help the Gang Show with the cost of shelving and storage boxes. 1st Baldock Cub Scouts have benefited from a donation towards new camping equipment. On a practical note the Fellowship have helped 5th Letchworth Cub Scouts at their Christmas Party and also their activity weekend. The Fellowship provide valuable support to Groups both financial and practical - just ask. Contact the committee for assistance.

Rod Tiplady	-	Chairman	01462 632647
Arthur Scott	-	Treasurer	01462 670123
Margaret Durrant	-	Secretary	01462 624731

Roger Sands visits 8th Letchworth H.Q.

Sheila Tickner awarded her GSL Wood Badge

8th Letchworth Scouts were honoured with a visit from Roger Sands (County Commissioner). The occasion was the presentation to Sheila Tickner of her Wood Badge and GSL Warrant.

The presentation was made in the presence of 8th Letchworth Cubs, Leaders and parents together with members of the District Team. It was good to welcome Terry Dowding (District Commissioner Potters Bar) and Barbara Charlish who attended in recognition of the work Sheila previously undertook as a leader in Potters Bar.

Roger also presented Edmond Tickner with his Wood Badge.

Good luck to Sheila and all at the 8th Letchworth.



1st Baldock Scout Group Pick Up An Award

On Tuesday 20 November myself, Kieran Anderson and Jonathon Hatchett went to Hatfield to accept an award on behalf of the 1st Baldock Scout Group. We got an award of £250 because of our recycling, bulb planting, hedge planting projects and visits to the old people in Osborne Court (singing carols)

The award was presented by the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire and Chairman of Groundwork Hertfordshire, Christopher Laing. Only five groups out of all those nominated in Hertfordshire received an award and 1st Baldock Scouts were short listed because they got all the Scouts, from Beavers up to Scouts involved with and aware of issues regarding recycling, conservation and care of the community.

Tuesday Cub Scouts have been focusing on conservation and recycling and examples include adopting a wolf cub at Woburn Safari Park, bulb planting around the town, collecting and help to sort and sell jumble, collecting aluminium cans and ink cartridges, picking up litter around the town and talking about recycling of various things

Thomas Durking
1st Baldock Cub Scout (Knights)



County Mini Bus Assessment

Congratulations to the following who have successfully completed their County Mini Bus Assessment.

Congratulations

John Austin	- Assistant Cub Scout Leader - 1st Baldock
Jeremy Croxford	- Cub Scout Leader—7th Letchworth
Deb Dille	- Assistant District Commissioner - Cubs
Anne Gutteridge	- Cub Scout Leader - 4th Letchworth
Peter Frankland	- Scout Leader - 4th Letchworth
Jackie Hare	- Assistant Beaver Scout Leader - 7th Letchworth
Gareth Howell	- District Mountain Adviser
Mark Hunt	- Beaver Scout Leader - 7th Letchworth
Wayne Lovelock	- Helper - Lochearnhead
Fiona Potts	- Cub Scout Leader—1st Baldock
Garry Robb	- Assistant Scout Leader - 4th Letchworth
James Standen	- Cub Scout Leader - 12th Letchworth
Anthony Whitaker	- Helper - 4th Letchworth
Amanda Woolmer	- Cub Scout Leader - 7th Letchworth

Join the circus

Bring on the Clowns.

Advance notice of the Gilwell Park Beaver and Cub Fundays on 22/23 June 2002. A whole day of activities, including a big top and circus skills in addition to the normal activities. To receive more information and a booking form contact Gilwell Park Campsite, or alternatively register on the website www.scoutbase.org.uk/gilwellpark.



The Queen's Golden Jubilee

Her Majesty the Queen has requested that her Golden Jubilee focuses on the Commonwealth of Nations. The Commonwealth is a voluntary association made up of fifty four countries and a further 24 states from around the world. It includes over a quarter of the world's population and land surface. Half the population of the Commonwealth is under twenty five years old. All member countries recognise HM Queen Elizabeth II as the Head of the Commonwealth. The Head of the Commonwealth acts as a focus but has no constitutional or executive function. It is purely symbolic.

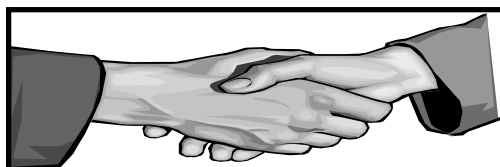
The Commonwealth member countries:

Antigua & Barbuda	Dominica	Malawi	Papua New Guinea	Swaziland
Australia	Fiji Island	Malaysia	St Christopher & Nevis	Tanzania
The Bahamas	The Gambia	Maldives	St Lucia	Tonga
Bangladesh	Ghana	Malta	St Vincent & The Grenadines	Trinidad & Tobago
Barbados	Grenada	Mauritius	Samoa	Tuvalu
Belize	Guyana	Mozambique	Seychelles	Uganda
Botswana	India	Namibia	Sierra Leone	United Kingdom
Brunei Darussalam	Jamaica	Nauru	Singapore	Vanuatu
Cameroon	Kenya	New Zealand	Solomon Islands	Zambia
Canada	Kiribati	Nigeria	South Africa	Zimbabwe
Cyprus	Lesotho	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	

Congratulations and well done to

Edmond Tickner - 8th Letchworth

For achieving his Wood Badge



Scouts Annual Membership Subscription 2002

National Membership Subscription	£15.30
County Levy	£ 4.50
Training Levy	£ 1.00
District	£ 1.70

Total £22.50

Welcome to:

Simon Turner	- CSL 8th Letchworth
Wendy Murphy	- BSL 5th Letchworth
Corinne Butterworth	- ABSL 1st Ashwell
Grietje Brenner	- ABSL 1st Ashwell
Stephanie Marshall	- Helper 2nd Baldock
Brian Plater	- Helper 12th Letchworth
Maureen Millington—Brodie	- Helper 1st Ashwell

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

Phase 3	Laura Laing Lesley Gwilt	4 th Letchworth Beaver Scouts 2 nd Baldock Scouts
Phase 4	Jeremy Croxford	7 th Letchworth Cub Scouts
Phase 5	Sonja Hall Mandy Woolmer	1 st Baldock Beaver Scouts 7 th Letchworth Beaver Scouts
GCA Unit 6	Wendy Tierney Dave Upton	GSL 2 nd Weston GSL 1 st /3 rd Letchworth
NSRA Rifle Shooting	John Austin Mike Wheeler	1 st Baldock Cub Scouts 1 st Baldock Scouts
NSPCC Child Protection Awareness		Chris King – ADC (Scouts) Deb Dilley - ADC (Cub Scouts) Andrea Soulsby – ADC (Adult Training)



The Scout Association recognises the commitment of the following leaders with the award of their Long Service Award

Michael Dilley	- GSL 2nd Baldock	40	20	40 years
Chris King	- Assistant District Commissioner—Scouts			10 Years
Rob Hemmings	- GSL 1st Baldock			10 Years
Anne Gutteridge	- Cub Scout Leader - 4th Letchworth			5 Years

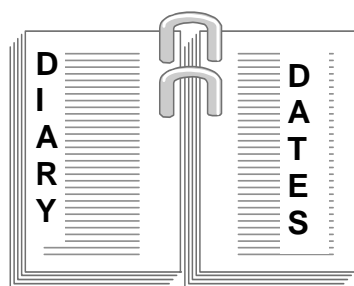
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JANUARY

10	District Executive	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
11	1st Ashwell First Beaver Meeting	Ashwell Village Hall	4.30 pm - 5.30 pm
14	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	2nd Baldock HQ	8.15 pm
21	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	2nd Baldock HQ	
26	Australia National Day		
26	India National Day		
27	District Scout Cooking Competition	1st Baldock	
31	Nauru National Day		

FEBRUARY

2	County Fellowship Quiz	TBA	
4	Sri Lanka National Day		
6	Ascension to the throne—Queen Elizabeth II		
6	New Zealand National Day		
7	Grenada National Day		
8	Fellowship after Christmas Dinner	Broadway (Provisional)	
9	Watford v Grimsby		
14	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
16	Regional Launch PRI		
18	The Gambia National Day		
22	St Lucia National Day		
23	Brunei Darussalam National Day		
23	Guyana National Day		
28	5th Letchworth 45th Anniversary		

MARCH

1 - 3	Peak Assault	TBA	
4	GSL Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
6	Ghana National Day		
10	County Scout Cooking Competition		
11	Commonwealth Day		
12	Mauritius National Day		
14	District Executive	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
15 - 16	District Gang Show	Plinston Hall	
16	County Cub Swimming		
16	District Beaver Challenge		
16	County Guide AGM	Hertford County Hall	
17	St Patrick's Day		
21	Namibia National Day		
23	Pakistan National Day		
26	Bangladesh National Day		
28	Good Friday		
31	Malta National Day		

APRIL

7	County P.R.I Launch		
11	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	

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