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Co-ordinator

Two New Beaver Colonies Open in the District



The Beaver Scout Motto

Fun and Friends

Beavering really got underway in October 1982, when they were officially introduced throughout the U.K., with the introduction of the new uniform (of a grey sweatshirt and turquoise neckerchiefs with a maroon woggle - and optional jogging bottoms) for boys. Three and a half years later (on April 1st, 1986) the *Beaver Scouts* finally became an official section throughout the U.K., with the adoption of a simple promise, and so the Beavers became official members of the World Scout Organisation.

The Beaver Scout Promise

I promise to do my best
to be kind and helpful
and to love God

What a good start to the New Year - two new Beaver Colonies have opened. Congratulations to 1st 3rd Letchworth and 1st Ashwell and good wishes for your future success. Paula Jordan is Beaver Leader at 1st 3rd Letchworth and Grietje Brenner and Corinne Butterworth are in charge at 1st Ashwell.

Already the enthusiasm of the Leaders has been reflected by the interest and excitement of the youngsters who have entered the world of Scouting. They will soon be invested and we look forward to meeting them at District events.



1st 3rd Letchworth



1st Ashwell
Story Time

The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin



The Queen's Golden Jubilee



All groups have been issued with a pack full of ideas for celebrating the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Please use this pack to help make the Golden Jubilee an important part of your programme during the coming year.

The prepared activities take account of Her Majesty's desire to emphasise The Commonwealth during Golden Jubilee Year and fall into three areas:-

- * Let's Celebrate
- * The Commonwealth
- * Our Future

Every activity can be used "to make a difference" to your local community, to the wider world and to the future. This will demonstrate how Scouting can make a real difference, not only to the young people that we work with, but also to others and the world around us.

The pack contains some excellent posters for you to display in your HQ - please make good use of them.

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Important dates for all Leaders. Please make a note of the following diary dates.

28 February	Find out more about Explorer Scouts - Barron McCann Ltd
15-16 March	District Gang Show - Plinston Hall
28 March	District Adult Quiz Night - Wyndley Wood Fund Raiser
7 April	PRI Launch for ALL - Stevenage
20 April	St George's Day Service Rehearsal - 4.00 pm St Paul's Church
21 April	St George's Day Parade and Service - Kennedy Gardens 2.15 pm

District Scout Fishing Competition 1 June 2002



Scout Leaders please make a note
in your diary.



The District Fishing Competition will be held at Broom, Bedfordshire on Saturday 1 June 2002.

Contact Peter Frankland SL 4th Letchworth 01462 490597 for more details and an entry form. Come and join in the fun. Scouts, Leaders and Parents have the opportunity of enjoying a stress free day lazing by the lake. Enjoy an afternoon snooze and go home with stories about the one that got away. Entry fee is £5.00 per participant.



*Two Drawings of Scouts in the role of Saint George.
From Baden-Powell, Scouting for Boys (1908)*

SAINT GEORGE AND SCOUTING FOR BOYS

In *Scouting for Boys*, Baden-Powell wrote of chivalry and the knights of old. He tried to show Scouts a new path to chivalry and honour. Saint George was the Patron Saint of England, and of the Knights of the Garter, the oldest order of chivalry in Europe. They were familiar subjects to most English boys when B-P was writing. Here is what he wrote:

ST. GEORGE

They (the knights of the Round Table) had as their patron saint St. George, because he was the only one of all the saints who was a horseman. He is the Patron Saint of cavalry from which the word Chivalry is derived, and the special saint of England.

He is also the Patron Saint of Boy Scouts everywhere. Therefore, all Scouts should know his story.

St. George was born in Cappadocia in the year AD 303. He enlisted as a cavalry soldier when he was seventeen, and soon became renowned for his bravery.

On one occasion he came to a city named Selem, near which lived a dragon who had to be fed daily with one of the citizens, drawn by lot.

The day St. George came there, the lot had fallen upon the king's daughter, Cleolinda. St. George resolved that she should not die, and so he went out and attacked the dragon, who lived in a swamp close by, and killed him.

When he was faced by a difficulty or danger, however great it appeared—even in the shape of a dragon—he did not avoid it or fear it, but went at it with all the power he could put into himself and his horse. Although inadequately armed for such an encounter, having merely a spear, he charged in, did his best, and finally succeeded in overcoming a difficulty which nobody had dared to tackle.

That is exactly the way in which a Scout should face a difficulty or danger, no matter how great or terrifying it may appear to him or how ill-equipped he may be for the struggle.

He should go at it boldly and confidently, using every power that he can to try to overcome it, and the probability is that he will succeed.

St. George's Day is April 23rd, and on that day all Scouts remind themselves of their Promise and of the Scout Law. Not that a Scout ever forgets either, but on St. George's Day he makes a special point of thinking about them. Remember this when April 23rd comes round again.

For all those leaders, helpers, committee members (or even parents) who are interested in becoming involved with the new EXPLORER section then read on

On Thursday 28th February there will be a meeting at 1st Baldock Scout HQ, at 8pm, for anyone interested in finding out about **leadership opportunities within the District for the new EXPLORER section.** This section is for all 14-18 year olds in the Scout Movement.

As well as section leaders, there will be roles for assistant section leaders, an Explorer Commissioner (as we have ADC's for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and an Administrator.

The Administrator does not necessarily have to be an uniformed role.

Please come along and express your interest in this new and exciting section. I will be able to tell you a little more about what activities/training this age-group will be expected to participate in and how it is envisaged that each unit will be run. However, please remember that this new section will not be attached to Groups, but will be local units in the District (similar to the way Beech Springs VSU are now)

Any questions/queries that you may have about any aspect of PRI then please contact me either by phone (01462-643992), snail mail (32 The Rowans, Baldock) or E-Mail (a.soulsby@ntlworld.com)

Andrea Soulsby - PRI Change Agent for Letchworth & Baldock District

St George's Day Parade and Service

21 April 2002

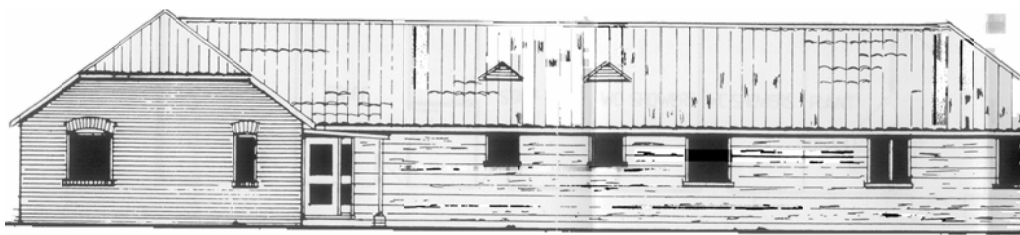
This year's St George's Day Parade and Service will be held at St Paul's Church, Letchworth on Sunday 21 April 2002 starting at 3.00 pm. The parade will assemble at Kennedy Gardens. Please assemble at 2.15 pm so that the parade can move off at 2.30 pm

There will be a rehearsal for FULL COLOUR PARTIES WITH NECKERCHIEFS ON Saturday 20 April at 4.00 pm at St Paul's Church.

Further details will be published in Co-ordinator as they become available.



WYMONDLEY WOOD



Help us design a souvenir badge for our new Activity Centre.

The design must include the words Wymondley Wood Scout & Guide Activity Centre.

It can be any shape (eventual size will be 6 cms) using a maximum of four colours.

Don't worry if your drawing skills are not as good as you would like them to beit's the ideas we want, so young and old alike stand an equal chance.

The winning design will be made into a cloth badge and sold in the tuck shop.

The competition is open to all Scouts, Guides and Leaders in Letchworth and Baldock Scout District, Letchworth South Guide District, Letchworth North Guide District and Baldock Guide District.

The closing date is 31 July 2002

Each entry must carry your Name, Address, Telephone No. and the section you are in such Colony/ Pack/ Troop/ Group/ Unit/ Company/ District etc etc.

Please send your design to:

Scouts: Bob Williams, 53 Hawthorn Hill, Letchworth, SG6 4HQ

Guides: Maureen Kell, 107 Spring Road, Letchworth , SG6 3SL



Scout and Guide Uniform

It has come to our notice that a shop opening in Eastcheap intends to sell Scout and Guide Uniform.

Please encourage your parents to continue their patronage of our own Scout and Guide Shop. Not only do they get a good deal but the profit from the shop is a good source of income to the District. It is this which allows us to have one of the lowest District levies in the County - without this income the District levy would have to rise by about £1.50 per person



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCOUT & GUIDE SHOP

UNDER 8s AT CUB SCOUT MEETINGS

The following advice has been received from the Programme and Development Department.

BACKGROUND

The Children Act 1989 states that young people under the age of 8 years may not be out of the **care** of their parents for more than two hours, unless that care provision is registered with the local authority under the Act and open to inspection by OFSTED.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

Despite strenuous efforts to obtain a definitive answer there remains no statutory definition of 'care' in the Act. Therefore it is still unclear whether the regulations apply to Cub Scout Meetings. It is unlikely that we will be able to get a definitive answer and **therefore we must continue to advise Leaders not to have under 8s at Cub Scout meetings.**

The "two hour" rule applies from the time an under-8 is placed in the 'care' of another to the time that the parent resumes that care. This will often be longer than the actual Section meeting. So our advice to the Movement must remain - as are the current rules - that **under eights should not attend Cub Scout meetings.**

LINK ACTIVITIES

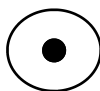
Given the above link activities between the Beaver Scout Colony and Cub Scout Pack will need to be handled very carefully. Two positive suggestions are that older Cubs could attend Beaver Scout Meetings to explain to the Beavers about how the Pack operates and what they can expect when they become a Cub. It would also be possible for Beavers to attend Pack Meetings with their parents in attendance. This approach has the benefit of enabling the Beavers to be part of the Pack meeting and provides an opportunity for the parents to meet the Leaders and for them to see what happens at a Pack Meeting.

SLEEPOVERS

Exemptions in the Act indicate that the Scout Association's rules and guidelines for Sleepovers are unaffected.

DAY TRIPS

The advice given for provision for day trips for Beaver Scouts remains unaffected. Up to 5 visits of over 2 hours a year to unregistered venues are permitted under the Children's Act. Unregistered venues are likely to be campsites, school fields etc. There is no restriction for visits to registered public places such as Zoos, theme parks etc.



Michael Johnson
District Secretary 1991 - 1993

We were sorry to hear the sad news of Mike's untimely death from a heart attack at his home in Cornwall. We will remember him for his efficiency and good humour as District Secretary.

Our condolences go to his wife and daughter Helen who was a member of the Bacchus Venture Scout Unit.



Wardens at Norton Bury

We are looking for new volunteers to act as Wardens at Norton Bury.

It is an interesting job where you meet Scouts/Guides and their Leaders, not only from our District, but also from further afield.

You are required to open up for visitors and ensure that everything is in good order for them and check everything is left tidy at the end of the visit.

If you are interested or know of someone else who might help please contact

Bob Williams (01462 686727) or Barbara Crombie (01462 671062)

Training Dates coming up

Phase 3/42	– Mon 13 May plus 3 further evenings to be arranged
Phase 4(Beavers)	– 14/15 Sept plus 10 November
Phase 4(Cubs)	– 1-3 March plus 17-19 May
Phase 4(Scouts)	– 15/16 June plus 29 Sept plus 12/13 October

Please contact Andrea Soulsby (ADC) Adult Training on 01462 643992 or e-mail a.soulsby@ntlworld.com for an application form or if you have any questions/queries.

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

NSRA Rifle Shooting –	James Standen	– 12th Letchworth Cubs
	Paula Dilley	– Beech Springs VSU
	Andrea Soulsby	– ADC (Adult Training)



Scout & Guide Shop Help Wanted

Bored on a Tuesday or Thursday, nowhere to go ! Then why not volunteer to help at the Scout & Guide Shop. Open Tuesdays and Thursday between 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm term time only. No experience needed as on the job training will be given.

To join the shop rota contact Nora Hitcham, Shop Manager on 01462 627905

You meet a better class of people there .

District Scout Cooking Competition

The popularity of the Cooking Competition continues to grow and this year we had twelve teams of chefs competing for the trophy. The main ingredient for this year's competition was fish steaks and fillets and our chefs displayed great imagination in producing a selection such as Salmon Steak with Potato Rosti, Poisson a la fromage, Poached Fish and aromatic pan fired salmon these were accompanied by attractive side dishes of Cheesy mash with mushroom sauce, stir fry vegetables, and grated potato cake flavoured with garlic .

One menu was presented in French and there was a low cholesterol healthy option.

Congratulations to:

Yasmine Watts, Paul Murphy and Alex Wilcock of 5th Letchworth who won the competition with the tasty menu below

Greek Salad + Yoghurt Dip

(Mixed salad of Feta cheese, cucumber and tomatoes, garnished with oregano and black olives. Served with a mint and garlic yoghurt dip).

Salmon Steaks with Potato Rosti and Stir Fried Vegetables

(Salmon steaks served with a browned grated potato cake flavoured with garlic and fresh stir fried vegetables.)

Apple Crepes

Home made pancakes rolled with an apple and orange filling.

and to 2nd Baldock and 7th Letchworth who came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

Thanks to Jen Leathers and Lesley Lewis for judging the competition.

Good luck to 5th Letchworth who will now represent the District at the County Competition in March.



Winners - 5th Letchworth Scouts
with Chris King ADC (Scouts)



11th Letchworth Scout
"Not sure about this
washing up lark".

Good Luck
Peak Assault
1 - 3 March

Good luck to Bacchus and Beech Springs Venture Scout Units who have both entered the prestigious County Peak Assault event. We look forward to reporting their feats in April's edition.



Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts

Gang Show 2002

concessions (children under 14, OAP's etc)

Friday 15 & Saturday 16
March 2002

Plinston Hall, Broadway, Letchworth



BOOKING FORM

All seats may be reserved for collection

GANG

Friday, 15th March,
2002
at 7.30pm

Saturday, 16th
March, 2002
at 2.30pm

Saturday, 16th
March, 2002
at 7.30pm

Adults Concess.	Quantity	Total
£5.00		
£4.50		
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Telephone:

Name:

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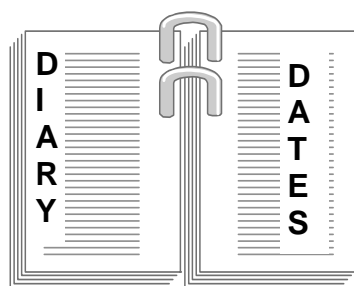
Troop/Group:

UNTIL 16 FEBRUARY:

Payment ("Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Gang Show") should be sent [with a SAE] to: **Peter Marsh, 44, Bedford Road, Letchworth SG6 4GR**
Tel: (01462) 624894

FROM 17 FEBRUARY :

Tickets from the **Booking Office, Plinston Hall, Broadway, Letchworth SG6 3NX**
Tel: (01462) 480282



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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)	
10	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		
25	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
28	5th Letchworth 45th Anniversary		
28	PRI - Explorer Scouts Meeting - All Leaders Barron McCann Ltd		8.00 pm

MARCH

1 - 3	Peak Assault	TBA	
4	GSL Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
8	DEADLINE FOR SUBSCRIPTION PAYEMENT TO MIKE THOMASON		
6	Ghana National Day		
9	County PRI Launch		
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	District Quiz	8th Letchworth HQ	8.00 pm
23	Pakistan National Day		
26	Bangladesh National Day		
28	Good Friday		
31	Malta National Day		

APRIL

7	District Clusters P.R.I Launch	Stevenage	
11	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	
13/14	Sixers & Seconders Weekend	Norton Bury	
20	Rehearsal - St George's Service	St Paul's	4.00 pm
21	St George's Day Parade & Service	St Paul's	

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