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Co-ordinator

Thursday 7 March 2002 saw the first investitures of 1st Ashwell Beaver Scouts. Maggie Miller ADC (Beavers) firstly presented Corinne Butterworth and Grietje Brenner with their Beaver Scout Warrants after which Maggie invested nine Beaver Scouts into the Colony.

Lawrence Brenner
Jake Butterworth
Ben Larking
George Griffin
Stephen Hare
Luke Jones
Matthew Lloyd
Kia Pettitt
Rupert Tillbrooke



St George's Day Parade & Service



Sunday

21 April - St Paul's Church, Letchworth

This year's parade will assemble at St Francis College, The Broadway, Letchworth at 2.15 pm (If wet please go straight to the Church) Full dress uniform should be worn.

The parade will leave at 2.30 pm to make it's way to the St Paul's Church for the service at 3.00 pm.

The rehearsal for colour parties and readers will take place on the Saturday 20 April at 4.00 pm at St Paul's Church, Letchworth. Colour parties need only wear their neckerchiefs at the rehearsal.

It is important that all colour parties attend the rehearsal.



The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

Congratulations to Roger Sands C.C.



Awarded for service of the most exceptional nature.

Congratulations to Roger on a double celebration. This year marks his fiftieth year in Scouting and it has been most deservedly recognised by the granting of the Silver Wolf Award.

Roger's life has been devoted to Scouting and its ideals. He never fails to tell us that it is the biggest and best youth movement in the world—it is the commitment and enthusiasm of people like Roger which makes Scouting so good.

The Silver Wolf is just reward for the contribution he has made to the development of Scouting although Roger would be the first to praise the support he has had from those around him, especially his wife Janet and all the Leaders and young people whose love for Scouting give him such satisfaction

County Scout Cooking Competition Sunday 10 March 2002

5th Letchworth the winners of our District Scout Cooking competition represented the District at the County Scout Cooking Competition. Eight teams took part.

The standard was very high and our team did well to come in fifth place only a few point behind the winners from Wilstone and Long Marston. Congratulations to them for representing the District with such credit.



The Letchworth & Baldock District Gang Show AGM will be held on Monday 22 April at 1st 3rd Letchworth Headquarters, Icknield Way at 8.00 pm.
Everyone is welcome to come along.

Gang Show 2002

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Gang Show and many thanks to all those who came along to support us.

Please ensure that all the young people who took part receive the appropriate badge for all their hard work – they deserve it!!

**Andrea Soulsby
Producer – District Gang Show**

On Saturday the 9 March Laurie Cook, Arthur Scott and Mike Durrant assisted by KJ and myself set off for Wymondley Wood for the hedgerow planting. There was a force 8 or 9 gale blowing at the time and after fighting our way to our section to be planted we set about the task. The fact that none of us could stand upright did not deter us and after several dashes across the field to capture blown away plants, rabbit guards and Mike's cap we managed to plant our 10 metres in the 2 hrs we were told it would take. We arrived back at the car parking area to be told that it was now too dangerous to continue planting that day so the afternoon session for the boys would be cancelled. I would like to say a big thank you to Laurie, Arthur, KJ and Mike for staying the course under extremely difficult circumstances.

On a much lighter note the Fellowship would like to invite all Leaders, Helpers and their families and friends to join us on a day out at Newmarket races on 20 July. The cost for the family enclosure is £4 and there is entertainment for the children. If we can get enough people we will hire a coach for the afternoon. We will be leaving Letchworth about 12.30 pm. Please contact myself Margaret Durrant on 624731 or Fred Lovelock on 672043.

Margaret Durrant



THANK YOU

to everyone – almost 100 of you over the day – who braved the weather to turn up at Wymondley Wood to help us plant hedgerow shrubs. We didn't plan a force 10 gale and it certainly didn't help, but it served to emphasise the need to establish a wind break of trees on what at the moment we acknowledge to be a relatively exposed site. Force 10 winds, however, are very exceptional!

I would also like to thank Peter Deary for organising the event and Tom Mealing for working with the youngsters to create the carved marker pegs. The next step along the road is for the Heritage Foundation to prepare the ground and sow the grass. We hope to set meadow flower seeds around the perimeter of the site and then to move on to "landscape" the site with the planting of more trees - All steps along the way to what will eventually become an attractively landscaped and sheltered site.

Your active participation in creating this facility is most encouraging to us and very welcome.

Barbara Crombie

On behalf of the Wymondley Working Committee

The Twentieth Annual Rotary Club of Letchworth Garden City 15 mile walk will take place

Date : Sunday 19 May
 Registration Fee: £1.00
 Entry Forms from: Peter Jackson, 32 South View, Letchworth, SG6 3JJ
 Tel: 01462 484413

peterjackson32@btinternet.com

The walk takes place around the borders of Letchworth and is fully marshalled with check-points, route map and refreshments. Walkers do not have to complete the full course and transport will return any drop-outs to the start.

HAVE FUN AND RAISE FUNDS FOR YOUR GROUP OR CHARITY

Registration Fee of £1.00 per walker is charged to help with administration and refreshments cost but in the case of Scout and Guide Groups Rotary has agreed this money will be refunded to support the costs of the new activity centre at Wymondley Wood.

75% of the money raised will be retained by the walkers for the Group or Charity of their choice.

Stars in their eyes !



There is a line that goes in CE3K as they enter the arena in Devil's Mountain something like 'It certainly is a beautiful night for it' that seemed so fitting tonight. The Letchworth Astronomical Society had organized for us an evening of star gazing at their Standalone Farm observatory. Magic. I saw for the first time.. the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter, the Orion nebulae and a globular cluster. I was impressed, my twelve Scouts were impressed and my five parent helpers too. The evening had been cancelled twice before owing to our wonderful British weather. This evening was perfect. My Scouts were so well behaved. We ended with a fall-in in the dark and a round of applause for Kevin Pye and friends. Even Jamie Frost was enthusiastic and promised to go home and do a report for me on the computer.

If the weather had turned we would have had a St David's evening. With Welsh rarebit, Snowdon maps and Welsh dragons. Saved!! I handed out letters about survival weekends, the 15 mile walk and hedge planting at Wymondley Wood. So much going on. Sometimes it seems so easy!!



Dave Strong
SL - 7th Letchworth

1st Baldock (Knights) Cubs **We Went to Letchworth Museum**

First off we all met up at the Baldock train station. We went on a train, it was twelve minutes late. We all then set off to the Letchworth station on the train, it was very good.

We then walked to the museum. When we got inside it was amazing. We went upstairs to a quiz and it was hard finding the stuff.

We had to do a worksheet, it was fun. We all really enjoyed looking at animals and flowers and the prehistoric history of Letchworth.

I would like to go again.

By Tom B
Ben C
James E
Stevie L



The World Jamboree- Thailand

Please support Joel Miller, ex 4th Letchworth Scout, Steven Woolmer ex 7th Letchworth Scout and Nick Howell ex 11th Letchworth Scout all of whom are now members of the Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit as they raise money to fund their trip to Thailand. The County has organised a prize draw and they will be selling tickets in the District. The proceeds of the draw will go partly to the Scouts and partly to meet administrative expenses associated with the organisation of the County contingent.

PRI - New Programme

By the time most of you read this edition of Co-Ordinator, the local Launch of the new programme will have already happened. I hope that you all enjoyed the day and gleaned as much out of it as you could. My intentions now are to follow this up with some sessions for each section to go through the finer detail of the programmes, this I hope to do during the summer months. I know some of you are keen to get started straight away on the new programme, please feel free to do so if you are comfortable with the changes. If at any time you have any queries or concerns then please contact me and if I haven't got the answer then I will probably know someone who will! Above all else, please remember that no young person should lose out because of these changes – allow them to complete the award they are on before starting one of the new awards.

Explorer Leaders – if you are at all interested in becoming a leader with the new Explorer Section (for 14-18 years olds) then please let Dave Hawkins know as soon as possible.

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

Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council

Cordially Invites you to its

A.G.M.

**Thursday 9 May 2002
7.30 pm for 8 pm
at**

**2nd Baldock Scout Group Headquarters
Catholic Church Hall, Limekiln Lane, Baldock**



Scout Association Participation Death of Her Majesty The Queen Mother

Members might wish to be made aware that The Scout Movement is to play a key role in arrangements leading up to the Funeral of HM The Queen Mother.

Over 60 Venture Scouts and Queen's Scouts will be taking up duties in Westminster Hall where they will be assisting with members of public signing the Books of Condolence and receiving any floral tributes. The Scouts will be working in three shifts every day until the Funeral on April 9.

John Fogg - Communication Department, Gilwell

Peak Assault 1 -3 March 2002

The District was represented in this year's Peak Assault by two teams from Beech Springs VSU and a team from Bacchus VSU. After a mystery coach journey they arrived in the Black Mountains to set up base camp at Llantony Abbey in a spectacular valley between Abergavenny and Hay-On-Wye. After a few hours sleep they woke up to the sight of the snow capped mountains where they were to spend the next twenty four hours following a route which they had planned to earn points by visiting as many bases as possible - this included an overnight camp.

The competition is a test of map reading skills and endurance. Team work is vital for success. All our teams returned tired but in good spirit having displayed a high level of Scouting skills - well done to all the contestants.



District Quiz Saturday 23 March

KJ's Countryside Bashers not only have a reputation for their walking exploits but they also make an accomplished quiz team with many local triumphs to their credit. The District quiz was no exception. Seven other teams from Groups and the Fellowship were unable to knock them off the top spot, in spite of a strong challenge from 11th Letchworth.

Forty contestants had an enjoyable evening and displayed a wide range of knowledge topics as varied as national flags, local buildings, recognising well known faces, identifying towns and food and drink.

The evening, which included a fish and chip supper, made a profit of £138 which will go towards equipping Wymondley Wood.

If you enjoy quizzes and a chance to topple the Countryside Bashers your next opportunity is the Scout Fellowship Quiz on 14 September 2002.

Thanks from Maureen Shattock.

"I would like to thank you for sending me your District newsletter 'Co-ordinator'. I have enjoyed reading it every month. I was certainly able to keep up to date on the Beaver Scout front. Over the years I have also felt I got to know the other members of your District very well.

I have been re-reading some of the editions over the past five years and notice how 'Co-ordinator' has evolved over the years. It's great reading the reports from individuals leaders as well as the young people themselves; they all so obviously enjoy their Scouting come rain or shine. Please pass on my congratulations to all involved.

I wish Letchworth & Baldock all the best for the future and thank you for welcoming me into your midst."

Welcome to



Christopher Anstey - ACSL 1st Ashwell



Wardens Norton Bury

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 (Scouts) 15/16 June plus 29 Sept plus 12/13 October

GNAS Archery Course – 11/12 May plus 18/19 May – Basingstoke (run by Hampshire Scouts)

If you would like an application form or more details about training opportunities then please contact Andrea Soulsby – ADC (Adult Training)

Long Service Awards

5 Year Service Certificate

Tony Foxton SL 2nd Weston

10 Year Service Certificate

Susan King ASVL Beech Springs

Dave Upson GSL 1st 3rd Letchworth

Simon Turner CSL 8th Letchworth



Wood Badge

Congratulations to the following

Amanda Woolmer - CSL 7th Letchworth

Sonja Hall - ABSL 1st Baldock

April

2	Nora Hitcham	627905
9	Dave Hawkins	643432
16	Ann Howard	452500
23	Michael Wright	790359
30	Pauline Gimson	677993

May

7	Carol Emsall	674543
14	Ann Chapman	686772
21	Nora Hitcham	627905
28	Ann Martin	627439

June

4	Ann Howard	452500
11	Mick Balls	893855

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

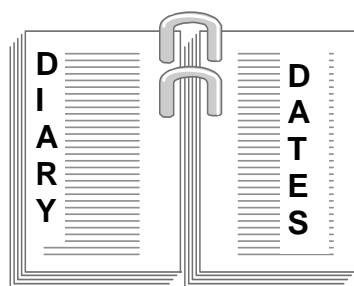
Millennium Volunteers (200 hours) – Paula Dilley – AVSL Beech Springs

NSPCC Child Protection – Fiona Potts – CSL 1st Baldock

Phase 1 & 2
Grietje Brenner – BSL 1st Ashwell
Corinne Butterworth – BSL 1st Ashwell
Stephen Fleming – ASL 1st Ashwell

Phase 3
Dave Strong – SL 7th Letchworth

Phase 5
Jeremy Croxford – CSL 7th Letchworth
Vicki Luker – BSL 12th Letchworth
Christine Hart – ABSL 12th Letchworth
Tony Foxton – SL 2nd Weston



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APRIL

1	Easter Monday		
7	District Clusters P.R.I Launch	Barclay School, Stevenage,	10.00 - 4.00
10	Wymondley Committee Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
11	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
13/14	Sixers & Seconders Weekend	Norton Bury	
15	ADC's Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
20	Rehearsal - St George's Service	St Paul's	4.00 pm
21	St George's Day Parade & Service	St Paul's Church, Letchworth	
22	Gang Show AGM	1st 3rd Letchworth HQ	8.00 pm
27	Cub Scout Football Trial	Lannock School	
29	District Camp Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm

MAY

3 - 6	P.A.W. (Patrol Activity Weekend)	Tolmers	
4	Baldock Carnival		
8	8th Letchworth AGM	8th Letchworth HQ, Sparhawke	
8	Scout & Guide Shop Committee Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
9	District AGM	2nd Baldock HQ, Catholic Church Hall	
13	District Cub Leaders Meeting	2nd Baldock HQ	8.15 pm
14	11th Letchworth AGM	11th Letchworth HQ	
18	Scout Fellowship—Cake Stall	Letchworth Town Centre	
19	Rotary Club 15 Mile Walk		
23	Fund Raising Committee Meeting	1 South Close, Baldock	8.00 pm
24	2nd Baldock AGM	2nd Baldock HQ	7.00 pm
25	Scout Fellowship - Coffee Morning	22 Hillshott, Letchworth	10.00 am
25	County Cub Scout Football		
27	Norton Bury AGM	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
28	5th Letchworth AGM	5th Letchworth HQ, Spring Road	
29	7th Letchworth AGM	St Thomas Church Hall	

June

1	District Scout Fishing Competition		
10	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	2nd Baldock HQ	8.00 pm
13	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
14 / 16	District Cub Camp	Norton Bury	
16	County Scout Football Competition		
28/30	25/40 Mile Walk		

July

1	County AGM	County Hall—Hertford	
6/7	District Scout Kon-Tiki Competition		
11	District Executive Meeting		
13/14	Operation Ferret		
13/14	District BBQ		
14	County Cub Fun day	Wickstead Park	
16	Beaver Bangers & Bash		

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