



I am pleased to announce new appointments to the District Team to look after the Scout Sections in the new programme.

Chris King will be DC Explorer Scouts and Sue King will be Explorer Scout Administrator.

Nick Farmer will be ADC (Scouts)

These are key sections where we must work hard to build up our numbers and retain Scouts. The new programme has introduced significant changes in this area with the change in age ranges and the new Explorer Section.

We must respond with an imaginative programme so please give Chris and Nick your enthusiastic support and contribute your ideas to ensure adventurous exciting activities.

Dave Hawkins—DC

### St George's Day 2002

The sun shone, the band played and we marched with pride behind our colours.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders turned out in large numbers and made an impressive sight as the parade stretched the whole length of Kennedy Gardens before turning into Pixmore Avenue en route for St Paul's Church. The streets were lined with parents, grandparents and other well wishers who enjoyed the music of the band and the spectacle on the parade.

The church was filled to capacity for an enjoyable service led by the Revered Chris Van D'Arque and it was inspiring to hear all the Scouts renew their promise in front of our guests the Chairman of North Hertfordshire District Council and Mike Aston ACC (International).

During the service Margaret Miller and David Miller were presented with their Warrants as ADC (Beavers) and Group Scout Leader - 4th Letchworth.

Thanks to 4th Letchworth for organising and hosting the event and especially to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts who read so well.

The collection of £139.00 will be donated to the Garden City Hospice—Tiger Club

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#### Nick Brown joins Queen's Scouts at Windsor Castle.

Stepping out in style for the annual St George's Day Parade at Windsor, Nick Brown, from Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit, Baldock was proud to be received by Her Majesty The Queen, who is Patron of The Scout Association.

Accompanied by HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, some 550 Queen's Scouts were inspected. It was among the Queen's first weekend of public engagements after the official period of mourning following the death of HM The Queen Mother and the memorial service for HRH The Princess Margaret.

To mark this year's Golden Jubilee theme of the Commonwealth, the occasion was also made extra special by the presence of over 50 Scouting representatives from Commonwealth member countries sporting an array of different uniforms.

#### DISTRICT CUB FOOTBALL TRIALS

The District held two football trials one in March and one in April, to choose a team to represent the District in the County Six a side competition to be held in Stevenage on Saturday 25 May.

Thank you to Tim Blenkin and Anthony Hawkins for running the trials and taking on the difficult task of choosing the ten Cubs to form the team. They had a very difficult job, as there were many good players at both trials. Thank you to all of the Cubs and their parents for giving up the time to take part.

Good luck to the Cubs who have been chosen to play in the District Team.

4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Vaughn Lewis 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Philip McEvit 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth James Hare 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Scott Crowhurst 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Rafe Hawkins-Hill 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Matthew Hawkins 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Luke Gatward 8<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Thomas Nunn 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth 12<sup>th</sup> Letchworth Robert Wright Tom Carter



The Queen's Scout Award is the highest and most prestigious award presented for personal achievement within the Scout Movement. Venture Scouts aged between 16 and 20 are eligible, and it is gained only by those showing the highest level of personal commitment. Holders have demonstrated extremely high standards of self-



discipline and achievement in community service, activities and interests.

fellowship Reminder to all cooks / chefs



The Fellowship has arranged to hold a cake stall to help raise funds

Venue: Letchworth Town Centre

Date: Saturday 18 May

Time: 9.30 am - 11.00 am

Please help by baking or buying a cake or two. Contact Margaret Durrant 01462 624731 if you can help on the day.

Laurie Cook is arranging a coffee morning and will also be selling his plants.

Venue: 22 Hillshott, Letchworth

Date: 25 May Time: 10.00 am



#### **New Publications Order Form**

We will be sending off orders on behalf of Groups on 8th May, 29th May and 19th June.

If you wish to order any of the Adult Resources, Certificates or Young Peoples Resources then please *return the order form, with money*, *to Andrea Soulsby* as soon as possible. Your order will then be included in the next order to be sent off.

Please note that the special offer prices quoted on this order form are only available until the end of June – after that you may order publications via Nora Hitcham at the Scout Shop, but prices will be 20% higher.

You may order as much, or as little, as you wish – you are not restricted to just one of any item.

ADULT RESOURCES	OFFER PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Scouting Essentials	£13.20		
Nights Away	£15.60		
Beaver Colony Essentials	£ 6.80		
Beaver Colony Programmes	£10.00		
Cub Pack Essentials	£10.00		
Cub Pack Programmes	£12.00		
Scout Troop Essentials	£10.00		
Scout Troop Programmes	£12.00		
Explorer Unit Essentials	£10.00		
Explorer Unit Programmes	£10.00		
Network Essentials/Programmes	£12.00		
CERTIFICATES (packs of 10)	OFFER PRICE	<u>QUANTITY</u>	TOTAL PRICE
INVESTITURE – Beaver	£2.00		
– Cub	£2.00		
- Scout	£2.00		
– Explorer	£2.00		
– Network	£2.00		
CHIEF SCOUT AWARD – Bronze	£2.00		
– Silver	£2.00		
- Gold	£2.00		
– Platinum	£2.00		
– Diamond	£2.00		
RECORD CARD – Beaver	£2.00		
– Cub	£2.00		
- Scout	£2.00		
– Explorer	£2.00		
Blank Certificate of Excellence	£2.00		
Certificate of Achievement	£2.00		
YOUNG PEOPLES RESOURCES	OFFER PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL PRICE
Beaver Scout LOGBOOK	£1.60		
Cub Scout POWERPACK	£2.80		
Scout MATRIX	£8.00		
Scout Record Book (pocket size)	£1.60		
Explorer/Network NAVIGATOR	£8.00		
Total Quantity			7
Total Price			

Please make all cheques payable to "Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council"

Return to: Andrea Soulsby - 32 The Rowans, Baldock, Herts SG7 6HL

<sup>\*\*</sup> GROUP:

<sup>\*\*</sup> Contact Name & Address:

#### **Enfield Scout Sailing Association**

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RYA 2 Day
Power Boat Levels 1& 2 Course
Mon/Tues 3 & 4 June 2002
9.00 am to 5.30 pm
At Central Lagoon Clubhouse

(South side of Meadgate Road, Nazeing, Essex)

Cost - adults and juniors £70.00 each (minimum

age 14 years)

Tea and coffee available bring your own lunch.

It is strongly recommended that all power driver have a current First Aid award

Phone Allan 020 886 1868 or email allan@lanstein.fsnet.co.uk

Allan Lanstein, 93 Lakenheath Southgate London N14 4RT RYA 1 Day
First Aid Course
Saturday 8 June 2002
9.00 am to 5.30 pm
At Central Lagoon Clubhouse
(South side of Meadgate Road, Nazeing, Essex)

Cost - adults £14.00; juniors £10 ( suggest minimum age 143/14 years)

Tea and coffee available bring your own lunch.

Candidates should have (shared/borrowed?) access to a current First Aid Manual

Phone Allan 020 886 1868 or email allan@lanstein.fsnet.co.uk

Allan Lanstein, 93 Lakenheath Southgate London N14 4RT



#### SIXERS & SECONDERS WEEKEND 13 –14 APRIL NORTON BURY

The District held their annual Sixers & Seconders weekend at Norton Bury Activity Centre. Over sixty Cubs attended the dry but cold weekend with most Cubs staying over night. We had a number of very brave boys and girls sleeping in tents, on a night that turned out to be very cold with a frost on the ground by morning. Well done to all of the Cubs and Leaders that stayed out all night.

During the weekend we held six bases. The Cubs spent One and a half hours on each base learning new scouting skills.

Fire lighting Tent pitching
Flags, countries, cultures Orienteering
Assault course Sign Language

On Saturday evening there was a short hike, the Cubs had to find ten letters to make the Cub Scout Motto DO YOUR BEST. We ended the day by sharing a campfire with Scouts from Hatfield

On Sunday the Cubs completed the bases they had not already been to. We finished the weekend with a 'Cubs Own' to take time to reflect on the things that we had been doing over the weekend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sue Lovelock and her catering team for the excellent food. Thank you to the two leaders from Braughing for giving up their Saturday to help teach the Cubs Sign Language. A very big thank you to all the Leaders for giving up their time to make this a very enjoyable weekend for everyone.

Amanda Woolmer ACSL 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth

## District Scout Fishing Competition

Saturday 1 June 2002

The annual District Fishing competition is being held at Ivel Valley Fisheries, Broom, near Shefford Open to all Scouts and Adults.

The cost for the whole day is £5.00 per participant.

For an application form contact Peter Frankland 41 Clothall Road, Baldock SG7 6PE Tel: 01462 490597

Closing Date 18 May 2002



# District Barbecue - Saturday 13 July 2002

Come and join us at the Annual District Barbecue. It is a good opportunity for all the family and friends of Scouting to relax in the attractive grounds of our Activity Centre at Norton Bury. Once again the popular barbecue has been extended to cover an afternoon and evening to allow more young people to attend.

There will be a bouncy castle and games for the children.

All proceeds from this Barbecue will go towards World Jamboree and Wymondley Wood.

Book the date in your dairy.

Booking forms will be available via your Group shortly.

First drink included in the price plus orange squash available free all day for children.

### 25/40 Mile Walk The Ridgeway

It's time to bring out your walking boots and join us on the Hertfordshire Scouts 25 / 40 Mile Challenge Walk. The District once again will be providing the back up support for anybody entering via the District for this unique challenge

Event: 25 & 40 Mile Challenge Walk

Venue The Ridgeway

Date: 28 - 30 June 2002

Cost: £25.00 - includes all entrance fees,

camping fees, food and transport.

Forms will be available shortly from your Group Scout Leader or direct from Rita Hawkins 01462 643432 email rita.hawkins@ntlworld.com







We wish a speedy return to health to Mick Dilley (GSL 2nd Baldock) and Mike Thomason (District Treasurer) who are both recovering form heart by pass operations.



#### Commemorative Certificate

Scouts throughout the UK are likely yo undertake a whole range of activities to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee.

If you are taking part and would like a special certificate to commemorate your contribution, you can apply for one through the ScoutBaseUK website at Http://www.sbuk.org.uk/jubilee.php.

Certificates will be awarded for activities or events that can be shown to have 'made a difference' to your local area. Application forms can also be requested from the Information Centre.

### The Queen's Golden Jubilee Procession, London 4 June 2002

#### 100 Adult Volunteers Sought

Once again The Scout Movement has been asked to assist with a high-profile state event. Volunteers are being sought to spend a very long and very arduous day assisting the team responsible for the huge Jubilee Parade in Central London and also the associated activities in the Royal Parks. Fifty are required to assist the team of stage managers in the formation and co-ordination of the six large groups participating in the Queen's Procession. A further fifty are required to help distribute water supplies.

You will need to be aged 18+ and unless you are very fit—probably not more than about 50. The day will be long, tiring and will involve a lot of walking and standing. You will need to have patience, common sense and the ability to follow instructions often under considerable pressure. It will, however, be a small moment in history.

If you would like to volunteer and get yourself to London for the day (4 June) then please email the following information to the Information Centre. We will pass on the first 100 to the organisers who will then contact you directly.

Email the following information to info.centre@scout.org.uk Name , Age, Postal Address , Home Telephone No, Mobile Telephone No, Email address and Role in Scouting.

### Initial Hill Walking Course / Intermediate Mountaineering Course - Lochearnhead, Easter 2002



Over the Easter week, three leaders from Letchworth and Baldock: Gareth Howell, Fiona Potts and Stephanie Williams; plus two Venture Scouts: Nick Howell and Stephen Woolmer, attended the IMC at Lochearnhead Scout Station. Over forty other Scouts and Leaders from Hertfordshire also attended, together with approximately thirty instructors, assistants and helpers. Some of the younger scouts were on the IHC.

Attendees are split into parties of four or five, based on ability, and follow a course of instruction in the skills required to make the best of the Scottish mountains in summer. A separate course, the Advanced Mountaineering Course, covers winter skills.

Over the course of the week, we went on four separate day hikes, aimed at improving skills and personal fitness and took part in a three day expedition; camping at altitude in the wild. For some this was their first experience of wild camping.

In my case, our party camped in Inverlochlarig Glen and climbed Stob Binnein, Stob Garbh and Beinn Tulaichean over the two days We also spent time improving our micro navigation and rope handling skills.

We did find some snow to practice with our ice axes. When we climbed Meal nan Tarmachan, we needed our ice axes to help us up a 100ft near vertical climb on snow. Imagine climbing a 100ft loft ladder and you will get some idea.

The week ended with the traditional end of course dinner and entertainment.

The IHW is aimed at Scouts from the age of 13 upwards and is an excellent introduction to mountaineering. The IMC is really aimed at older Scouts and Venture Scouts, and at adults. If you love the mountains, or even if you are just curious, I can strongly recommend both the IHW and the IMC as a way of gaining experience and having a great deal of fun.

If you'd like to see some of the photographs I took on the IMC, go to http://www1.m5kvk.org/Scouts/IMC2002/photos/Page.html

Gareth Howell ADC (Mountain Adviser)



#### **MILKMAIDS' GLORY**

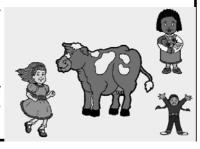
Milkmaids' Glory was on stage, they were all calling Daisy to come. After Daisy came on stage the cow came on stage, I then got squirted.

HOW I LIKED IT.

When I got squirted that was my favourite part.

(thoughts on Gang Show 2002)

By Robert Soulsby 1st Baldock Beavers



#### **PRI**

I hope those of you who collected their new publications after the launch in Stevenage have been reading through them and trying to get to grips with all the changes. Don't worry if you haven't as there is plenty of time for the changeover.

As mentioned in last month's Co-Ordinator, I intend to run some sessions to look at each section's programme in more detail. We will aim to do these at your next District Meetings if at all possible. The Beaver section one is planned for Monday 10 June, so please could as many Beaver leaders as possible come along (even if you don't normally attend the District Meeting). I will try to answer as many questions as I can, but if there is anything I cannot give an answer to then I will take it away and find someone who does have the answer!

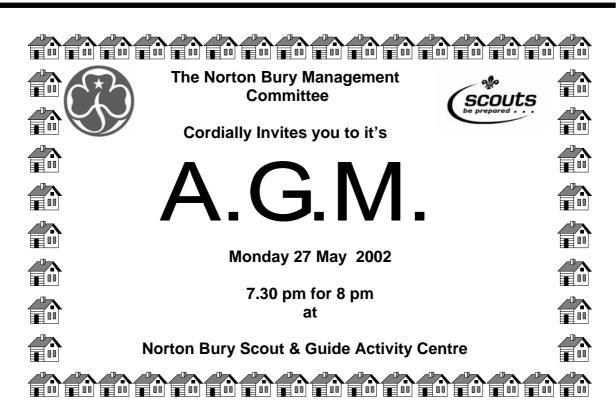
Please also remember that the existing programme for all sections can continue to be run until the end of 2003. John Hicks, District Badge Secretary, still has many badges in stock, and if he hasn't got the one you want then he should be able to find one from another badge secretary elsewhere in the County. If you are planning large pack activities based upon the current training/activity badges then please warn John so that he can make every effort to find the badges for you in time, if he doesn't already have stocks of them.

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



#### Dave's thought's—no hype this time

I have a register that goes back to 1997 when I had twenty seven Scouts in my troop (and I was ASL) Tonight I had twenty one and that is the most in five years. There seemed hundreds of them. Little cub-like people who did not seem lost but were bright eyed and excitable; transferees from two

other troops and my unlucky thirteen from last term.

Started off with Programme sort and explain.

The best programme I have ever put together. Again.

Played whirling jackstay (straight out of PRI troop evenings suggestions) Excellent game.

Patrol sort; two promotions, no arguments.

Talked to the little-cub-like-people (and all they wanted to talk about was KonTiki) whilst Mark Hill our Beaver Leader ran a game with the PL's.

Then talked PRI. No hype, no running down the centre of the hall Game-show like...talked changes, talked enthusiasm, explained Explorer Scouts, talked badges, talked bringing together of Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorer etc, talked Group challenges... but even though they took it in.... there was no buzz, no excitement... perhaps I should have run down the centre of the hall... mmm interesting. And p'raps I understand now why they did that hype...

And they were really well behaved at flag break. Next week I will have five adults with me. Doing bases. Scouting stuff; and how do you do survival cooking in the kitchen... now there's a challenge!

Dave Strong
7th Letchworth SL

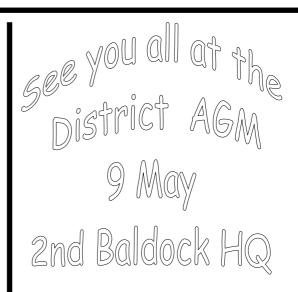
#### Membership Subscription 2003

Last year about this time details were given in advance about the level of the next year's subscription. The Scout Association undertook to try to follow this pattern in future years, notwithstadning the difficulties in forecasting numbers, expenditure, and the external financial climate, more than a year ahead.

The Headquarter's portion of the membership subscription for 2003 will be £17.00 per member.

I hope that you and your Groups will welcome this early notification, and that it will help your budgeting arrangements.

N.B. Based on the above information it seems likely that next year's subscription will be in the region of £25 per head.



#### St George's Day Parade

I enjoyed it but it was a long way to walk!

By Robert aged 5 3/4 years.



#### **Residential Events**

Now that the season of residential events/activities is upon us, it is very important to remember the following when making any plans –

Beaver Sleepovers must have a minimum of three adults at all times, one of which must be a warranted Leader, with a ratio of one adult to every four Beaver Scouts, plus one additional adult in charge.

For all Cub Scout residential events, there must be one adult to every six Cub Scouts, excluding the Leader in charge. The Leader in charge must be warranted and have completed the appropriate training.

For Scout and Explorer camps there are no supervision rules although the Leadership Team and the District Commissioner should be aware of the arrangements.

A PC form should be completed for all Beaver Sleepovers, Cub Camps/Pack Holidays, and Scout Camps over 4 nights duration.

(The above information was taken from the new Scouting publication "Nights Away")

### WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 2007 Are you a good organiser

Do you have experience Scout Camps, and World Scout Jamborees? Are you keen and enthusiastic Scouter who would like to take on a vital and important role, and help us take Scouting into the 21st century.

If you have answered YES to these questions how about helping us organise the centenary celebrations in 2007. We need your help!

The UK is hosting the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Hylands Park in Chelmsford, Essex as part of the centenary celebrations in 2006. We are anticipating an attendance of 40,000!

We are now recruiting for a number of key volunteers to be part of our Jamboree Planning Teams. These teams will help us plan, co-ordinate, and execute this exciting event. In addition, the UK is hosting the European Scout Jamboree in 2005 (with an anticipated attendance of 20,000, as a run-up to the World Scout Jamboree in 2007.

We are looking for people who are keen, enthusiastic, and have experience in the appropriate area, and, in particular, the time to help us develop these exciting ventures. In return, you will be involved at the heart of both events, and gain experience of planning and delivering large scale long term, and really exciting projects!

We are looking to fill places in the following teams: Administration and Human Resources Team Infrastructure Team Logistics Team Programme Team On-site Services Team

We will not ask you to give up all of your roles in Scouting (although you should be aware that the time commitment will increase as we approach 2005 and 2007) but we can offer Leader warrants in the Scouting 2007 District in required, so you don't need to hold a current warrant to apply,

Job descriptions, person specifications and an application form can be downloaded from our website (www.scoutbase.org.uk/2007/recruitment).

Closing date 31 May. If you would like any further information about any of the posts, then please do not hesitate to contact the Scouting 2007 office on 202 8433 7292 or info@scouting2007.org

#### Congratulations

to the following leaders who have completed training recently:-

Phase 4 (Scouts) -

Tony Foxton
Lorraine Robson
Gary Robb
ASL 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth
ASL 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth
ASL 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth
ASL 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock
Chris Lewis
ASL 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Letchworth
Dave Strong
SL 7<sup>th</sup> Letchworth

### Hertfordshire 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

### Bedfordshire Training Dates coming up

- \*Administrator Training Sat 15 September
- \*Beaver Sleepover Module Sat 6 October
- \*Introduction to Section \* (all sections) 19/20 October
- \*Activity Leadership # (all sections) Sun 7
  October Plus 25-27 October
- \*Section Leadership \$ (all sections) Sun 17 November
- \*GCA training \*\* 15/16 June – 23/24 November
- \*Additional Day (3 sessions Equal Opportunities Act, Disruptive Behaviour and Review Process) – aimed at Leaders who have completed their training – Sun 16 November

NB: \* = Herts Phase 3; # = Herts Phase 4; \$ = Herts Phase 5;

\*\* cover several units over the weekend and only need to attend for the units you require Would recommend you either complete all units with Hertfordshire or Bedfordshire Training OR if you have already completed Phase 3 with Hertfordshire then suggest you also do Phase 5 with Hertfordshire.



# Wardens Norton Bury

May		
7 14 21 28	Pauline Gimson Carol Emsall Nora Hitcham Ann Martin	677993 674543 627905 627439
June		
4 11 18 25 July	Ann Howard Mick Balls Jeff Robson Shelley Wilston	452500 893855 684959 642026
9 16 23 30	Bob Williams Elaine Wiggeslworth Sheila & David Daws Val Bartlett	686727 626218 621699 730817

#### Other Training Dates coming up

- GNAS Archery Course 11/12 May plus 18/19 May – Basingstoke (run by Hampshire Scout County)
- First Response Saturday 8 June 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Scout HQ 9.30am till 5:30pm

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





#### **MAY**

3 - 6	P.A.W. (Patrol Activity Weekend)	Tolmers	
8	8th Letchworth AGM	8th Letchworth HQ, Sparhav	vke
8	Scout & Guide Shop Committee Mee	eting Norton Bury	8.00 pm
9	District AGM	2nd Baldock HQ, Catholic C	hurch 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	<ol> <li>South Close, Baldock</li> </ol>	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	Stevenage	
27	Norton Bury AGM	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
28	5th Letchworth AGM	5th Letchworth HQ, Spring F	Road
29	7th Letchworth AGM	St Thomas Church Hall	

#### **June**

1	District Scout Fishing Competition		
8	First Response Course	1st Baldock HQ	9.30 am-5.30 pm
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		
16	Father's Day		
24	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00pm
28	1st Baldock AGM	1st Baldock HQ	
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	Norton Bury	
20	District Fellowship Outing—N	Newmarket Racing	

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