



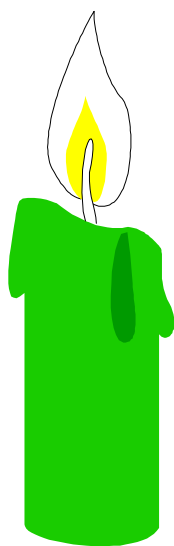
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Merry Christmas from
your DC and Editor



May the eagerness of the shepherds ,
the joy of the angels,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas.



The Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Bulletin

Hill-walking – what leaders should know

This article attempts to give leaders of the Scout and Explorer sections an overview of what is available from the County team to them and to their Scouts. It is also an attempt to provide a clear statement of what authorisations are needed for mountaineering activities, and how to go about getting them.

A calendar of events for 2002/2003 is also included, though HSG should be consulted for authoritative dates.

What is available for Scouts and Explorers?

The County Mountaineering Section organizes a number of events aimed at the Scout and Explorer sections. Youngsters can attend these course on their own, or as a group; with or without their leaders.

For the younger, or less experienced walkers, there is the Scout and Guide Weekend at Orchard Farm during the summer and the Initial Hill-walking Course (IHC), held at Lochearnhead over Easter. There is also often an introductory hill-walking weekend at Coetmor Mill in the autumn. The Guides also organize hill-walking events which Scouts can attend.

For the more experienced, there is the Initial Mountaineering Course (IMC), which is run at the same time as the IHW at Lochearnhead over Easter. For older Explorer and Network Scouts, there is the Advanced Mountaineering Course (AMC), held at Lochearnhead between Xmas and New Year.

What is available for Leaders?

For leaders, there IS a variety of weekend and week-long courses aimed at teaching skills and building experience prior to assessment for authorisations.

A Basic Walking for Leaders weekend is held at The Mill in the Autumn, and there is the IMC and AMC as for Scouts; though the curriculum is more tailored towards the needs of the individual.

The Need for Authorisation

See also POR and Fact Sheet FS120418, obtainable from <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk>

These rules replace the previous 'M' form scheme.

Terrains

For the purpose of authorisation, the concept of Terrain has been introduced. The definitions of the various terrains are contained in POR, but are included here for convenience.

Geographical areas not requiring a specific Authorisation

Terrain Zero

This includes walking routes where **all** of the following criteria apply:

- Below 500 metres above sea level
- Within 30 minutes travelling time of a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of summoning help (such as a telephone box)
- has no element of scrambling (i.e. no part of the route requires the use of hands in order to proceed)

Geographical areas requiring an Authorisation

Essentially, authorisation is required for any route which falls outside of the definition of Terrain Zero; however, the degree of authorisation depends on how much the route differs.

Terrain One

- is above 500 metres but below 800 metres above sea level
- is more than 30 minutes but less than three hours travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of summoning help (such as a telephone box)
- the route may cross rough or rocky ground, but there must be no scrambling

Terrain Two

- any part of the route is above 800 metres
- has an element of scrambling
- is more than three hours travelling time from a road which can take an ordinary road-going ambulance or a building which is occupied (such as a farm) or another means of summoning help (such as a telephone box)

What Authorisation do you need?

For Terrain Zero

As stated above, no formal authorisation is required for hill-walking in Terrain Zero; however, this doesn't mean just anybody can take young people out in the hills. You still need to comply with POR and you must assess the risks associated with the activity.

For Terrain One (Summer only)

The applicant must hold either the Mountain Leader Training Board's (MLTB) Walking Group Leader award (WGL) or demonstrate experience and skills equivalent to the assessment standard of that award.

Note: from January 2004, applicants must have completed at least the training course for the WGL, or have been formally exempted by a Mountain Training Board.

Note: There is no Terrain One (Winter). All winter activities, other than those in Terrain Zero, require a Terrain Two (Winter) authorisation.

For Terrain Two

The applicant must hold either the MLTB Mountain Leader – ML (Summer) award or demonstrate experience and skills equivalent to the assessment standard of that award. For Winter conditions, the ML (Winter) would be the required award.

Note: from January 2004, applicants must have completed at least the training course for the ML award (summer or winter as appropriate), or have been formally exempted by a Mountain Training Board.

You should note that Summer and Winter are not defined by the seasons but by the conditions that actually prevail or are forecast. Thus, as an example, if there is any likelihood of snow or ice, then a Winter authorisation is required (even if it is the middle of August!)

How to apply

If you believe that you qualify for any of the three levels of authorisation (Terrain One Summer, Terrain Two Summer or Terrain Two Winter), or you wish to work towards achieving one, you should contact me: Gareth Howell on 01462 677090 or <mailto:gareth@howell.uk.com>, and I will take you through the detailed requirements and the assessment process and also provide you with the necessary forms to complete. If you wish, you can download the guide (Fact Sheet FS120418) and the assessment application form (Fact Sheet FS120406) from Scoutbase.

As a guide, the form needs to be completed and signed by the applicant, countersigned by the applicant's GSL and then passed to me. I will then move it through the system.

You will probably be asked to attend an assessment weekend where your suitability to lead will be assessed by one of the County team.

Calendar of Events

As an indication of what's out there, the following events are currently being organised at County level. Full details can be found in HSG (*You do read HSG don't you!*)



2002

Pre-AMC Instructors/Section meet
Pre-AMC Xmas
AMC

6 - 8 Dec at the Mill
20 Dec - 26 Dec at the Station
27 Dec - 4 Jan at the Station

2003

Not the Multi-Activity 4 Days
IMC/IHC
ITTH
Scout/Guide weekend
IMC/IHC Course Reunion weekend
Basic Walking for Leaders
Pre-AMC Xmas
AMC

11 -15 April (Guide run event)
18 -26 April at the Station
2 - 5 May at Orchard Farm (Guide run event)
13-15 June at Orchard Farm
12 - 14 Sept at the Mill
10 - 12 Oct at the Mill
19 - 26 Dec at the Station
27 Dec - 4 Jan at the Station

Gareth Howell
District Mountain Adviser





District Cub Scouts Quiz - Friday 15 November 2002

Results:

1	2nd Baldock	68.5
2	8th Letchworth	61.5
3	2nd Weston	59
4	4th Letchworth	57
5	1st Baldock (Knights)	54
6	1st 3rd Letchworth	52
7	5th Letchworth	49
7	12th Letchworth	49
9	7th Letchworth	44

It was pleasing to see the majority of the Packs attending the District Cub Quiz on Friday 15 November at 5th Letchworth Headquarters.

After some interesting and varied rounds including Scouting, General Knowledge, European Countries and Capitals the scoring was very close. Well done to Tommy Hunt, Martin De'ath and Harry Nelson from 2nd Baldock who won the competition. Many thanks to Simon and Wendy Tierney from 2nd Weston who organised and ran the event and thank you to 5th Letchworth for allowing us the use of their Headquarters and to all the Leaders, Helpers and parents who helped with the scoring.



District Scout Quiz - Friday 22 November 2002

Music

Scouting

Current Affairs

	Team Name	Troop	Points
1	Dimwits Limited	7th Letchworth	139
2	The Number Ones	12th Letchworth	138
3	The Rippers	2nd Baldock	116.5
4	Meglo Maniacs	4th Letchworth	103
5	Three Brains & Jordan	4th Letchworth	101
5	Ashwell Dragons	1st Ashwell	101
7	Blanks	2nd Baldock	98
8	Zotans Returns	1st 3rd Letchworth	96.5
9	Australian Farm Animals	10th Royston	94
10	Terrible Threesome	2nd Baldock	77
11	Box	7th Letchworth	71.5
12	Cockroaches	7th Letchworth	69
13	John's Team	1st 3rd Letchworth	54

Anagrams

General Knowledge

Sport

This year saw thirteen teams enter the District Scout Quiz which included a team from 10th Royston Scout Troop. Thank you to the Quiz Masters Dave Strong, Lorraine Robson, Adam Robson and Ian for setting interesting and challenging questions. In particular the music round, especially for anybody over the age of twenty. Half time refreshments were provided by Deb Dillely who worked the loaves and fishes miracle, having been told to cater for eight teams. Well Done to the fifty one Scouts who took part. Turn to page nine and try your hand at the Christmas Quiz and you could win a camera. The winner will be drawn for all correct entries received by 31st December 2002



Tree and shrub planting at Wymondley Wood

Manor Wood Conservation Volunteers have worked at Norton Bury since the autumn of 1998 when 100 hedgerow shrubs were sourced and the planting of a 20 meter length of hedge was organised. Two further lengths of hedgerow were planted in 1999 and 2000. In addition occasional tasks were carried out including the nurture of the "millennium copse" which included three trees planted by Letchworth Guides and two oaks grown from the seed of the Erdisley Great Oak. A number of conservation activities were undertaken with groups staying at Norton Bury.



At Wymondley Wood in February 2002 MWCV organised the funding, sourcing and planting of the western boundary hedge. Fourteen groups, four Guide and ten Scout, paid £10 for the privilege of planting 10 meters of the hedge in very windy conditions. In the event only 130 meters of hedge was planted on the day due to the wind reaching gale force in strength making planting in the afternoon impossible. The remaining 70 meters was planted by MWCV.

Peter Deary

Remembrance Sunday

I have just returned home from this year's Remembrance Day Parade. I was very impressed with the turn out that was made by the Beavers, Cub Scouts and Venture Scouts. There were eighteen colours paraded, nine of these were from the Scouting sections.

It was good to see so many there, we may not be able to march like the Army or Air Cadets, but we presented ourselves very well. The Parade Commander looked along the line of colours, smiled and gave me a nod of acknowledgement.

Well done to all who attended.

Nick L Farmer
ADC (Scouts)

Explorers Fly a Kite

Join the Explorer Scouts on their first major expedition

Book the date in your diary

Date: 24 –26 January 2003

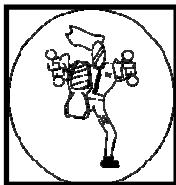
Venue: Malvern Hills

Activities will include

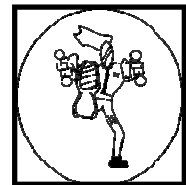
- * Hike over the Malvern Hills
- * Kite flying on the hill top
- * Exploring the natural hill springs
- * Plus anything else you plan

If you are interested please contact Neil Ward
01462 624583 or e.ward5@ntlworld.com

Beech Springs VSU 25th Anniversary party



Date: Saturday 14 December 2002
Venue: Norton Bury
Time: Mid-day until Midnight
Cost: £5.00 per head for party and BBQ



Bring your own drink

Overnight camping is available. Bring a tent.

For further details please contact

Rachel Anderson

21 Olden Mead

Letchworth

SG6 2SP

01462 6766551 / 0775 382782

rachie@ntlworld.com

7th Letchworth **CUBS** Pack Holiday

We have just had a very successful Pack Holiday combined with 8th Letchworth Cubs at Phasels Wood Activity Centre. The weekend started very wet and cold but it did not stop us having a lot of fun.

A sleepless night Friday but a very busy Saturday, potholing, Cresta run, archery with Nick Jewell from Ashwell Cubs and last but not least rifle shooting.

Afterwards a quick snack, then out for a walk around the woods so that they did not go to sleep, I wanted a full night's sleep Saturday!

Dinner cooked by our live in chef Jeremy Croxford of shepherd's pie followed by apple crumble and custard, what more can you ask for after a long day?

With washing up finished, we had a campfire led by Simon from 8th, hot chocolate and cake followed and into bed by 8.10 pm. Simon can't tell the time but the Cubs did not complain at all ! They were all fast asleep by 8.45 pm. Leaders were not far behind in bed by 10.00 pm .

Sunday started at 6.30 pm. It was very very wet but it did not stop us. With breakfast over and outdoor clothes on we headed for the pedal cars. What fun was had with the rain, the puddles and very energetic Leaders. They had a fantastic time got very muddy and wet but happy. Lunch, then a Cubs' Own that made me cry! Because some of the Cubs had written some nice things:

Cub Camp is wicked
Cub Camp is cool
All the other Cub camps are drool
The Leaders are cool
And this is the best Cub camp of them all.

A big softy really ! Not such a scary lady.

Amanda Woolmer
7th Letchworth Cubs



District Jamboree

A second meeting for the District Jamboree was held at the end of November. The detailed plans for the weekend are now coming together and if you would like a say in how the Jamboree shapes up then please come along to the **next meeting to be held at 1st Baldock HQ on Tuesday 14 January at 8.15 pm.** If you have an opinion on the District Jamboree then please come along and share it – without your input we cannot ensure that this event will cater for all your needs. We would rather hear your views now, so that the programme can be amended if necessary, than hear the gossip through the grapevine that someone is not totally happy or convinced about an aspect of the event.

Andrea Soulsby
Chair – District Jamboree Committee

Bag Pack at Sainsburys In aid of Wymondley Wood

We require volunteers over the age of fourteen to help with the bag pack at Sainsburys

Date: Thursday 19 December 2002
Time: 4.00 pm - until closing

Please contact Dave Hawkins if you or your troop can help on a rota system. Your help would be very much appreciated and your efforts will go towards equipping the new Centre at Wymondley Wood.

Dave Hawkins

01462 643432 or e-mail
david.hawkins3@ntlworld.com



District Skills Day

Thank you to the Fellowship (Dave Upson, Pete Frankland, Mike Miles and Roger Comley) for making and serving lunch on the recent Skills day at Cottered.

Despite a low turnout, we ran several lively sessions including risk assessment, programme planning, games, insurance, behaviour management, special needs and accounting/finances for events.

Many thanks to Ben Balaam for coming along and running the session on insurance. He brought along with him an up-to-date set of insurance related information for each Group within our District. If you require any further information or advice about insurance then please contact the Scout Insurance Department at Lancing.

Hope that everyone who came along found it a worthwhile day. If anyone has any issues or queries on any aspect of training or the new programme then please contact Andrea Soulsby.



The Gang Show 2003



The next Gang Show will be performed at St Francis College Theatre on Friday 28 March (evening only), Saturday 29 March (afternoon and evening) and Sunday 30 March (afternoon only).

We have had an excellent turnout at rehearsals so far and we are looking at having over 100 young people in the cast this year. So please come along and support them all.

Tickets are now on sale and are available from the Box Office - Peter Marsh on Letchworth 624894.

Again this year we are offering special discounted seats, so until the end of January you may book (and pay for) tickets at the cost of £3 each.

As of 1 February, tickets will be priced £4 for children (under 14 years) & OAPs, and £5 for adults.

For bookings or further information please contact Peter Marsh on Letchworth 624894

London Dungeons

Ten Scouts and seven Leaders met at Letchworth station to catch the 8.55 train to London on their way to the London Dungeons.

After a Group photograph we began our trip round ye olde London, ranging from tales of Jack the Ripper and Anne Robinson as the wicked women of the present day. I was pleasantly surprised at some of the exhibits and did not expect to be so startled by the Jack the Ripper exhibit or so frightened when facing the firing squad.



I am sure it was an experience that everyone enjoyed and would like to repeat.

This is the first event I have organised for the District and I would like to thank the Scouts for behaving so well and the other Leaders who helped me.

Chris Lewis
1st 3rd Letchworth ASL



Wymondley Wood Logo Competition

Congratulations to Alex Surridge from 1st Baldock (Beavers) whose design has been chosen for the Wymondley Wood Camp Blanket Badge. The runner up was Peter Wheeler 1st Baldock (Beavers). Thanks to Simon Turner—8th Letchworth CSL who was the only adult entry. Thanks to all other entrants whose participation made the judging very difficult.



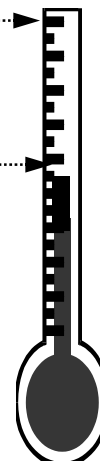
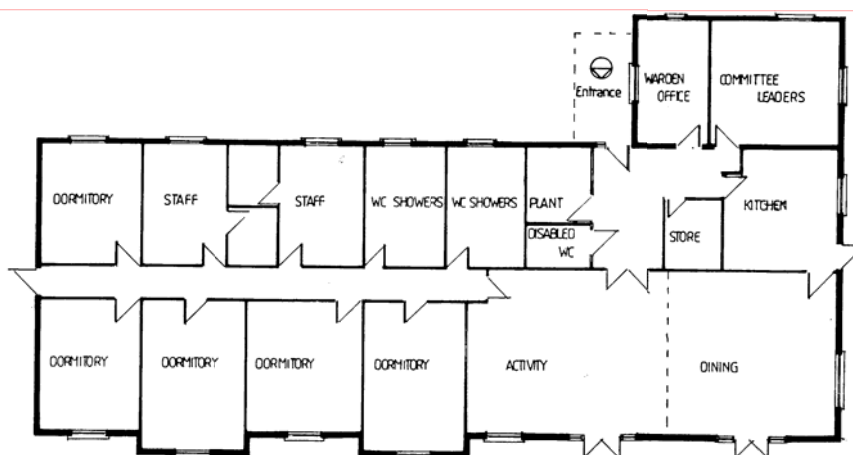
WYMONDLEY WOOD

Scout and Guide Centre

Please help the youth of your community by contributing to the development of a first class Activity Centre at Wymondley Wood which will enable them to:-

- * take part in a wide variety of activities and new experiences; £20,000
- * explore the outdoors;
- * participate in teams;
- * show responsibility towards the natural world. £10,000

We have divided the floor of the new Centre into 400 squares and you can help by sponsoring floor space and having your name permanently recorded on the floor plan. Each square costs £5.00.



WYMONDLEY WOOD

Scout and Guide Centre



Please send your donations to:-

Scouts: Bob Williams, 53 Hawthorn Hill, Letchworth SG6 4HQ
Guides: Maureen Kell, 107 Spring Road, Letchworth SG6 3SL

I / we wish to contribute £ towards Wymondley Wood.

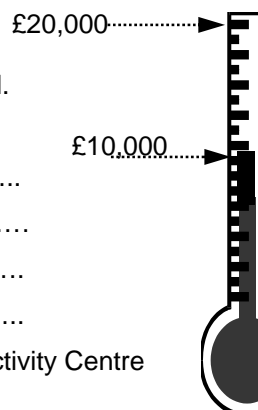
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Please make cheques payable to Norton Bury Scout & Guide Activity Centre



Test your knowledge Christmas Quiz Have some fun



1. **Electric Christmas tree lights were first used in**
 - a. 1492
 - b. 1895
 - c. 1944
 - d. 1976
2. **Which name does not belong to one of Santa's reindeer ?**
 - a. Comet
 - b. Prancer
 - c. Blitzen
 - d. Klaxon
3. **The real St Nicholas lived**
 - a. at the North Pole
 - b. on the island of Malta
 - c. in Turkey
 - d. in Holland
4. **Who was the author of A Christmas Carol?**
 - a. Mark Twain
 - b. Charles Dickens
 - c. Hans Christian Andersen
 - d. Thomas M Sawyer
5. **The tradition of erecting a tree at Christmas is believed to have started in**
 - a. England
 - b. France
 - c. Germany
 - d. Norway
6. **The first charity Christmas card was produced by UNICEF in 1949. The picture chosen for the card was painted not by a professional artist but by**
 - a. A Chimpanzee
 - b. A blind man
 - c. A seven-year-old girl
 - d. A Buddhist monk
7. **During the ancient 12-day Christmas celebrations, it was considered unlucky to**
 - a. let the log in the fireplace stop burning
 - b. sneeze
 - c. spill wine or ale
 - d. hunt reindeer
8. **Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer made his first appearance in 1939, in a story that was written to**
 - a. advertise a new brand of light-bulb
 - b. be read on a Christmas radio broadcast
 - c. entertain the author's sick daughter
 - d. promote a department store
9. **The name of Scrooge's deceased business partner in A Christmas Carol was**
 - a. Bob Cratchit
 - b. Jerry Cornelius
 - c. Bill Sykes
 - d. Jacob Marley
10. **Good King Wenceslas was king of which country?**
 - a. Abyssinia
 - b. England
 - c. Bohemia
 - d. Gondor
11. **The first instrument on which the carol Silent Night was played was**
 - a. a harp
 - b. a pipe organ
 - c. a guitar
 - d. a Kazoo
12. **In Victorian England, turkeys were popular for Christmas dinners. Some of the birds were raised in Norfolk, and taken to market in London. To get them to London, the turkeys**
 - a. were herded by sheep dogs
 - b. flew
 - c. rode in huge wagons called 'Turkey -vans'
 - d. were supplied with boots made of sacking or leather.

Please send your answers on a post card to

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1 South Close
Baldock
Hertfordshire SG7 6DS

or e-mail

rita.hawkins@ntlworld.com

Answers in January's Co-ordinator



WYMONDLEY WOOD

**Scout and Guide Centre
Wymondley Road, Willian, Letchworth
Hertfordshire SG6 2UB**

This is your chance to name the five bedrooms at the new Wymondley Wood Scout and Guide Centre. The names need to be appropriate for both girls and boys. Please place your suggestions in the boxes below. The deadline for entries is 31 January 2003.

Name Age

Group

Address

..... Post Code

Tel Email.....

Please return to:

Scouts: Dave Hawkins, 1 South Close, Baldock, Hertfordshire SG7 6DS

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

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 31 JANUARY 2003

Welcome to



Katie Thorpe -ABSL 1st 3rd Letchworth

Janet Bitmead -ACSL 12th Letchworth

Brian Plater - ACSL 12th Letchworth

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

Phase 3 Paul Tierney – ACSL 1st/3rd Letchworth

Phase 4 Jackie Hare – ABSL 7th Letchworth
(Beavers) Mark Hunt – Helper 7th Letchworth

Phase 5 Wendy Neath – BSL 2nd Baldock
Mark Hill – BSL 7th Letchworth
Nick Jewell – CSL 1st Ashwell
Paula Dilley – ACSL 1st/3rd Letchworth
Mike Wheeler – SL 1st Baldock
Lesley Gwilt – ASL 2nd Baldock
Chris Lewis – ASL 1st/3rd Letchworth
Lorraine Robson – ASL 4th Letchworth
Dave Strong – SL 7th Letchworth

Hertfordshire Training Dates coming up

Phase 3/44 – 2 Feb plus 16 March 2003
Phase 5/32 – Tues 11 Feb plus 29/30 March 2003
Phase 4 (Cubs) – 28 Feb-2 March plus 16-18 May 2003

I would urge all leaders who have started their training under the current scheme to make every effort to try and complete it by the end of 2003.

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

New e-mail for Chris King—District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC)

Chris.king33@ntlworld.com

Why I am a Leader

I'm not a Scouting leader for the easy hours,
high pay,
Parents' gratitude, power or prestige.
I'm a leader because I want the world for your
child and mine

A world they can share and help shape; a
world of love and laughter,
Where they can show compassion.

I want them to look at the stars, a sunrise, a
sunset,
the work and world of a man – and feel its
beauty inside of themselves.

I want to help them learn to finish anything
they start and do it well,

And to guide them to know their worth
With a deeper understanding of themselves.

I want to help shape adults who have strength
of character

And are sensitive to the needs of others,
I want them to be the best they can be,
I'm giving of myself and my time.

I reap rewards far beyond what I give
I receive for my children, your children, and
future children a better world.

Anyone who can teach me or show me a
better way to do this job,

Anyone who gives of their time to help me
become a better leader, and

Anyone who by action or deed makes the
Scouting programme come alive
Will forever have my undying gratitude.

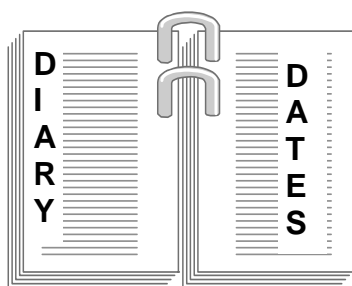
How much is a Scout leader paid, I hear you
ask

My wage consists of smiles and laughter,
Observing a child growing self confident and
The look of personal triumph on the face of a
child who has achieved

More than they thought they could.
I am a Scouting leader because I care.

***The above was in the Campfire Leaders'
Club Journal and was originally seen at
Polyapes Campsite***





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December

2	District Team Meeting	The Orange Tree	8.00 pm
5	District Scout Leaders' Meeting	Norton Bury	
12	District Executive	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
13	Norton Bury Wardens' Social Evening	Norton Bury	
14	Beech Springs VSU 25th Anniversary	Norton Bury	4.00 pm until late
18	County Scout Network Meeting	1st Baldock HQ	8.00 pm
18	Appointment Committee Meeting	1st Baldock HQ	TBA
18	Coffee Morning - 11th Letchworth	38 Chiltern View	2.00 pm - 6.00 pm
19	Sainsburys Pack Bag	Sainsburys	4.00 pm - 10.00pm

January 2003

09	District Executive Meeting	TBA	8.00 pm
13	District Beaver Leaders' Meeting	1st Baldock HQ	8.00 pm
13	District Cub Leaders' Meeting	TBA	
14	District Jamboree Meeting	1st Baldock	8.00 pm
16	Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting	Guide HQ	8.00 pm
22	District Fund Raising Meeting	107 Spring Road	8.00 pm
26	District Scout Cooking Competition	TBA	

February

8	Watford v Rotherham	Watford FC	
13	District Executive Meeting	TBA	8.00 pm
16	County Cooking Competition	TBA	

March

29 March - 2 March	Peak Assault	Somewhere	
13	District Executive	TBA	
15	County Cub Swimming Gala	St Albans	
28 - 30	Gang Show	St Francis College	

April

2	Guide & Scout Shop Meeting	Wymondley Wood	8.00 pm
5 - 6	District Cub Sixers & Seconders Weekend	Wymondley Wood	
10	District Executive Meeting	Wymondley Wood	8.15 pm
27	St George's Day Parade & Service	St Mary's Church , Baldock	
27	Wymondley Wood Open Day		

A timely reminder to all Leaders.

As you are aware from 1 January 2003 all Leaders are required to have changed to the new uniform.

Dave Hawkins

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