

CT. ANNVILLE GROUP

NEWS



December 1987.

A Few lines from Vic Whichelew our Group Scout Leader ..

As this is the first issue of a new edition of the Groups' Newsletter (or should that be the other way round?) items are probably a bit fragmented and lacking in quantity but no doubt with your support items of information will flow in and humour and interest will abound - and then extra pages will be necessary. If you didn't already know the Scouts gained 9th placing in the Green Beret Challenge in November and a team now qualifies for the Peak Assault in March 1988. To put it mildly I'm dead "chuffed" and so pleased for the Troop and Leaders. More specialised training for the boys selected for the team is now required and its a raw meat diet & sleeping the garden, for the next few months !! Hopefully I'll be granted a corner in future issues of the Newsletter so I'll inform you of major Group and District happenings and maybe contribute other odd snippets of of earth shattering news.

The Group Headquarters.... You may have noticed in recent weeks under the guidance of Bill Livermore that our headquarters has had a long awaited 'face lift'. The exterior has received a well needed coat of creosote and paint. Whilst inside painting and some repairs have been done. Thanks to those parents who answered our call for assistance over the two working week-ends. If you were not able to give a little of your time then, there is still some work to be done. Why not give Bill a ring on WARE 870022 to volunteer your help when the next session is arranged. Remember our headquarters is the second valuable asset we have, the first of course is the boys.

We now have a 'general' notice board which is located in the main passageway of headquarters. Please check this for general information concerning the groups activities. Specific pack/troop/unit details will be on their own notice boards.

9th Ware Brownies & Guides. They meet at our headquarters as you probably know. Details of who to contact for information etc. is on the notice board.

FUNDRAISING a very necessary priority.

The Jumble sale we held in October was quite well attended and our profit was in the region of £209.00p. Grateful thanks to those parents who answered our call for help in any way.

The Market Stall held in November unfortunately was not so well supported by the parents, indeed had it not been for the Group Committee and various items seconded from the jumble sale, we could not have run the stall. This was a pity because it was a fine day and we should have been able to raise more than the £66. Thanks to the ladies who manned the stall perhaps next time parents will contribute a little more by way of produce, cakes etc.

Whilst on the subject of fundraising, perhaps we could ask for volunteers to help with the catering for New Years Eve Dance. Nothing too demanding, just telephone Sylvia Hovell WARE 4347.

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT ON DEC. 31st. PINWOOD SCHOOL HALL. Tickets £6.00 incl. 2 course supper.

Other fundraising dates for 1988 are shown on reverse page.

If you are into ENTERTAINMENT then why not go along to the ST. ALBANS SCOUT & GUIDE GANG SHOW. See the notice board for further details or ring District P.R.O. Sylvia Hovell WARE 4347.

In order to help with the maintenance and running costs of the headquarters, we do allow the hall to be hired for some functions, i.e. childrens parties; small family parties; meetings for clubs etc. WE CANNOT ALLOW DISCO PARTIES. If you need more information see the notice board or contact Shirley Cook (lettings secretary) on WARE 60264.

Scoutleader John Hovell is looking for assistance with extra activities for the boys. If you can help with any of the project below, please let him know. Building bird hide; bird feeding station for Conservation Badge. Fitness training for boys in the Peak Assault team. Planning orienteering course for boys doing the Peak Assault.

We hope you have found this newsletter useful. Any offers of help with the next editions ring Group Secretary WARE 4347.

SEE BACK PAGE FOR DIARY DATES YOU MAY FIND USEFUL.

We have welcomed and invested five new boys into Otter Pack, they are Alaister, Marcus, Ben, Tobey & Ross and wish them happy Cub Scouting. This term various arrows have been awarded i.e. five bronze arrows, one silver arrow and four gold arrows. The boys who gained these arrows have worked very hard during the term but I would particularly like to mention the boys who gained their Gold arrows as this is the highest award in cub scouting, they were: Steven Bourdett-Coutts, Michael Perkins, Ian Street and Gary Tharby, well done boys and congratulations.

Hugh Catlin (Baloo) was awarded his Warrant Card one cub evening I would like to say a big thank you to him and all the leaders who give so much of their valuable time to help run the pack. Also back with us as a helper is Kaa (Ian Bennett) who has returned to Ware to work and we were very pleased to see him back again.

The programme this year has involved us in many exciting activities which included a week's camp in Walesby Forest Scout Camp site nr. Nottingham, coming second in the Cub camping Competition over a week-end held down at our Scout hut, we also took part in District Competitions and I was very pleased with the boys' efforts and results. HAPPY SCOUTING - AKELA.

SCOUT TROOP NEWS -

We have had a good term, the boys have worked hard to get on with their award work. I am pleased that SIMON SADLER has now gained his CHIEF SCOUTS AWARD, he will be on the Peak Assault with Amwell and then hopefully move on to the Lygean Venture Unit. Lee Evans is also nearing completion of his Chief Scouts Award. Of course Simon will be off to the 16th World Scout Jamboree on Christmas Eve and we wish him all the best for his trip. Simon Burton and Stephen Keen are close to their Explorer Award. Nicky Squires and Richard Story their Pathfinder Award. Jason Boulton is doing well with his Scout Award. We have recently welcomed a new boy Adrian Lee to Amwell and we hope he enjoys his scouting with us. The other boys know what they must concentrate on to gain their awards and the New Year should bring a good crop of them. The boys' efforts in the Green Beret Challenge mud in November (and their work beforehand) paid off with creditable placings. The 9th place gained, gave us entry into the famous Peak Assault in March 1988, this will be a challenge we must meet and I'm sure the boys will enjoy the experience. Our programme has involved outside visits and guest from RSPB showing films. Morale is very high and I hope this will be maintained in 1988. Unfortunately, we have just learnt that ASL Mike Cloake will not be staying with us due to other commitments - ANY OFFERS FOR THE UNIFORM !! Happy Christmas to boys and parents.

The District Scout Fellowship

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Scout movement membership has now been filed for the coming financial year. Whilst those in our group who are contributing their help will be paying theirs through this source for the remainder of the year, it is felt that this money must be paid to the group Treasurer (through the Section Leader) by 30th February 1983 please. This is made up as follows :-

National Membership Fee	£0. 00p.	
Herts County " "	£1. 30p.	
District Jamboree " "	£0. 00p.	
	£7. 30p.	
Group Membership Fee	£18. 80p.	
Incl. Year's Subs.	£26. 00p.	Amount payable.

DIARY DATES FOR 1983

DEC. 31st.	GROUP NEW MEMBERS EVE DANCE £6.0 incl. Supper WARE 5193
JAN. 3rd	Scouts Canoeing - Stanborough Lakes - Welwyn.
JAN. 8th	Scout Troop re-starts.
JAN. 14th	Cub Pack re-starts.
JAN. 14th	P.L. Council meeting H.Q. 8.15pm.
JAN. 16th /17th	Peak Assault Training week-end, Oddington, Glos.
FEB. 7th	Scouts Canoeing - Stanborough Lakes - Welwyn.
FEB. (Mid) T.B.A.	Fire Prevention Quiz starts.
MAR. 4th 5th/6th	Peak Assault Competition week-end.
MAR. 6th	Scouts Canoeing - Stanborough Lakes - Welwyn.
MAR. 12th	GROUP JUMBLE SALE - DRILL HALL, WARE. 2.0pm. (All help appreciated.)

The District PRO has arranged with Radio Hertford for special requests to be played for cubs & scouts who are in either Hertford or QE 2 Hospitals. If parents ring her on WARE 4347 a 'cheer up' message & request can be played next day.
