

GREAT AMWELL SCOUT GROUP.

NOVEMBER LEADER.

Welcome to our Monthly News Letter. Actually some of the 'older' parents will remember that we had such a news letter some time ago which ran for about two years, this time, however, we hope to make it a permanent feature.

The purpose of our news letter is to keep you informed of all details and events within the Group and indeed within Scouting. Also it will hopefully remove the various and numerous pieces of paper that the boys bring home from Leaders and Committee and invariably get lost, forgotten, stuck in a pocket or used as paper airplanes!

At the moment Neil (Martin) and Vic (Whichelow) are co-editors of this magnificent epistle but if there is hidden among you a real editor or even someone very interested in this type of work then please step forward - don't be shy.

In these pages you will find details about the Leaders and Committee (no scandal), news of Cub and Scout activities, Group activities etc. etc. with the back page reserved for the Cub and Scout programme for the month ahead. Now what more could you want.

We are prepared to print anything (anything?) so any comments you wish to make about the Group; Letters to the Editor; witty articles, jokes, interesting subjects etc. then please send them in.

This issue is just to get the Letter off the ground - in future we shall sectionalise the details in a standard manner and also issue on the same day each month.

CUB AND SCOUT NEWS.

As from the 3rd October, Scout meetings will be held at 19.15 hrs. This will allow the time taken for flag break etc. to be independent of the training programme.

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The Cub Pack's Autumn programme is now well underway. The boys are progressing on their Arrow activities and some are expected to complete their next stage this month.

Sixers and Seconders meetings will continue on the first Tuesday of every month 8.00 to 8.30 p.m. So Mums and Dads please be patient while these influential boys attend the Directors Meeting!

Yellow Six, representing our Pack against two others, won their first round heat of the District Safety Competition, held at Buntingford. They will now compete in the District Final, to be held at our Group H.Q. on Thursday, 13th November, at 7.00 p.m.

There is the ever enjoyable Amwell Pack holiday at Well End in November. Parents usually gain a sense of relief for two days and the Leaders usually gain about 5 years in age! For a well advanced date for your diary the Pack will be visiting Harlow Pantomime on January 2nd, 1981.

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The Cub Pack is always well fed from our waiting list but the Scout Troop never increases very much in numbers because on average as boys come up from the Pack to the Troop about the same number of boys reach 16 years and leave the Troop.

We are always ready to put boys on our Cub waiting list and if any of you have friends with sons who would like to join, then please advise them to get their names down. By the same token if you are aware of any boys who would like to join the Scout Troop, then please point them in our direction also. The Scout age is 11 to 16 years. All possible recruits should contact the G.S.L.

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Plans are being made for the Troop to visit Finland in 1981. The date is 7th-26th August.

Special meetings will be called to determine the interest and further information will also be contained in future copies of the News Letter.

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GROUP NEWS.

The Square Dance held at the Drill Hall on the 13th September was a great success again and the Group made about £120 profit. Thanks to all who helped.

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Many of our fund raising activities involve serving refreshments. In view of the large numbers we cater for, menus are normally kept simple, but nevertheless, there is still preparation to be done. We always require help in every aspect and the more people who are willing, the easier the task and the less often your services will be required. If you (Mum) would kindly complete the enclosed slip and have it returned to the Cub or Scout leaders, this would help. Or ring Brenda Horne (Ware 5246).

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Tombola prizes are always a problem - if you ever have the odd items (new or unused) that you don't require, please let us have them. We particularly require items for the New Year's Eve Dance and if every Cub and Scout parent contributed at least one item, we would be well on the way - please help.

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The G.S.L. was invited to the A.G.M. of the Hertford County Day in September. At this meeting, the Organising Committee of County Day distribute a few donations to local organisations and this year Great Amwell Group was nominated. It was a pleasure to receive a cheque for £100 for our Building Fund.

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More often than not you will find pleas for help in these News Letters and we always say "please"!

All the money required for the H.Q. and its maintenance, plus equipment, is gained through Dances, Jumble Sales and Fetes, because the movement has no access to grants or any other local or government aid, so please respond when we send our our pleas!

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GENERAL

Don't forget that our H.Q. building and land is always in need of attention and maintenance. We can offer you such things as grass cutting, painting, fencing repairs, window cleaning, carpentry, general cleaning and a host of other things. Now where else can you find the opportunity to exercise all your skills all in one place!

Seriously, the H.Q. is always in need of some work and we need your support when working weekends are organised to get the jobs completed and to keep our valuable assets in prime condition.

For our new parents, some information on our Group Organisation:

Group Scout Leader - Vic Whichelow Ware 3623

Group Chairman - Neil Martin Ware 2874

Scout Leader - John Hovell Ware 4347

Cub Scout Leader - Tony Horne Ware 5246

We will gradually inform you of all the other Leaders and Committee in future issues so that you know who is caring for your sons on Tuesdays and Fridays. However, if you do have reason to complain about the Group or the way your son has been treated in any particular instance, please contact the Leader or G.S.L. straight away - don't nurture your complaint.

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Don't forget that the Scout Shop is open from 8.00 to 10.00 every Tuesday down at Broadmeads.

Do you know that on the 31st March, 1980, there were 641281 uniformed members of the Scout Movement in the U.K.

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The original name of this News Letter was 'Leader' which we have again adopted, but let's have a small competition.

What other name would you consider more appropriate or up to date. A prize for the best name submitted - in the opinion of the Committee - be it sent in by a Cub, Scout or a Parent.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP COMMITTEE.

May I take this opportunity of thanking all those who contributed goods and items for the Jumble Sale held on the 11th October, and a special thank you to all parents, Scouts, Cubs, Guides and friends who assisted on the stalls during the sale. We took something near £200 on the day, which resulted in a clear profit of approaching £180. (not bad for a load of junk). Although this can be claimed as quite a success, more help on the stalls would have been welcomed. It would have allowed us to set out more tables, to spread our wares and let more items be displayed. I know it is well into the future, but if you can help our next Jumble Sale is on the 14th March, 1981.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE.

It is, of course, being held on Wednesday, 31st December, at Ware College, the music being provided by "Touchwood", who are basically a Country and Western Band with a vocalist. Nevertheless, we are assured that all tastes will be catered for and requests played. It is hoped we will be able to run a giant Tombola and it is without apologies that I repeat the plea for gifts, to be donated through any Leader or committee member, for this purpose. In addition, a Buffet Supper will be provided to our usual high standards and New Year novelties will be found on the tables. The bar this year is to be supplied by the "Royal Oak" and those of you knowing Tony and Pat, the proprietors, will realise this means service of the highest order. The revelries commence at 8 p.m. and cease at 12.30. The cost is £4.50, so why not arrange your baby-sitters right away and purchase your tickets, which are now available through one of the Group Leaders, or the Chairman. Telephone numbers as shown on Page 5, or Mrs. Rita Hall on Ware 4194.

In previous years, tickets have sold out very rapidly, so if you wish to come, please don't delay as it could lead to a disappointment later.

PROGRAMME - NOVEMBER, 1980.

Cubs. Pack Meeting Tuesdays 6.45 p.m.

Tues.4th. Sixers and Seconders 8.00 p.m.

Thur.13th. Safety Competition 7.00 p.m.

Fri.14th. Pack Holiday 6.45 p.m.

Scouts. Fri.7th. Communications - Full uniform.

Fri.14th. Axe and Saw - Half uniform - shirt.

Fri.21st. First Aid - Full uniform.

Fri.28th. Hobbies - Full uniform.

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Tues.18th. Committee meeting.

Advance Notes.

Dec.31st. New Year's Eve Dance.

