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CO-ORDINATOR

MONTHLY NEWS SERVICE
FOR LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUTERS

APRIL 1960

Look! It's GANG SHOW time again!

(DON'T SAY YOU DIDN'T KNOW!)
THE DISTRICT SCOUTS AND CUBS HAVE GOT
THEIR GREATEST-EVER SHOW :
NEW SONGS, NEW SKETCHES, LAUGHS GALORE
THE FINEST FAMILY TREAT !
SO HURRY, ALL YOU YOUNG AT HEART,
AND GO AND BOOK YOUR SEAT ! +
YOU'VE GOT FIVE NIGHTS TO CHOOSE FROM,
AND THE PRICES ARE NOT DEAR, *
SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS TOO,
AND GIVE OUR BOYS A CHEER !

WHAT'S THIS? A RIVAL ATTRACTION?

"GANG-HO!"

IT'S THE GROUP SHOW - presented by
SEVENTH HITCHIN (Our Lady's) SCOUT
GROUP - at the Catholic Hall in

Nightingale Road

7.30 p.m. FRIDAY 8 APRIL

8.0 p.m. SATURDAY 9 APRIL

Children and Scouts in uniform: 1/-

Adults
2/-



BALDOCK
22-23 APRIL

LETCWORTH
28-30 APRIL

+at Astra, High Street, or Richardsons Eastcheap
(Baldock) (Letchworth)

* 2/- 3/- 4/-

District Outlook

RUMOURS ! ! ! ? ? ?

Several rumours, some false and others misrepresentations, have been around the District. Please be careful before you say or repeat anything that may be an indictment against any person or persons.

CONGRATULATIONS

May I ask all Group Scouters to pass on our thanks to ail those people who so kindly provided hospitality during the County Cubmasters' weekend Palaver, to those who assisted in the catering, and to all who helped in so many ways in making this a most satisfactory affair.

L.R.B.

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TOMORROW IS THE. FOURTH OF APRIL

Please remember that the annual reports from each section and each Group are wanted by tomorrow evening. If yours has not been sent in yet, do make sure that it is brought by your representative to the LA executive committee meeting at 4L HQ, and there handed over to the DC.

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ALL THE FOLLOWING EVENTS

should interest somebody in your Group. Application forms should have reached your Group Scouter by now, but if he has lost them, those interested should get in touch with the DC as soon as they can. His name is Mr Brown, and he lives at 31 Lytton Avenue.

TECHNICAL COURSE IN PIONEERING

for Scouters of

Boy Scout and Senior troops
at Well End

from 3 p.m. Saturday 28 May to 5 p.m.
Sunday 29 May : Cost 5/- including
supper on Saturday. Other food and
tents, etc. to be brought.

THIRD TOUR OF HERTFORDSHIRE

for Senior Scouts

Course of about 120 miles around
the County, beginning from any
one of ten check points at 8 a.m.
on Saturday 14 May. Own bicycles
and sustenance to be provided

OLD WOLVES' WAYFARING

begins at Church House, Hitchin (map
reference 185291) 12 mid day Sunday
15 May, finishing about 4.30 p.m.
Tea provided. Wives, husbands, friends
should be brought.

PATROL LEADERS' WEEKEND

at Well End

4 p.m. Saturday 7 May to 4.30 p.m.
Sunday 8 May. 2/6 a head included
bread and milk. Bring other food,
tents etc., but no Primuses, or lats.

CUB WOOD BADGE

PRELIMINARY TRAINING COURSE

at Stevenage Development Corporation
canteen, Aston, from 3.45 Saturday 7
May to 5 p.m. Sunday 8 May. All
warranted or warrantable Old Wolves
should go. 6/- including meals.

CARE OF BOOKS

Session for Cubs interested in the
new book Reader badge: arranged by
Miss A.C. Cunningham, Children's
Librarian, at Letchworth Library,
5 p.m. Tuesday 12 April. No forms
to fill in. Uniform, please.

LETTER FROM AN ANGRY AUXILIARY

Dear Scouters: Did you see 'Punch' last week (30 March)? On page 444 there's a beautifully witty drawing of a contemporary youth. He's not a delinquent, and not as smart as a teddy boy, but just the sort of scruffy sloppy stoopy stupid yobbo you do see around the place, who has obviously never been in the Scouts. Or has he? I am not so sure that I haven't seen something very like him "helping" at some troop and pack meetings in our district. Is it a help for a bloke of Senior or Rover age to turn up at such meetings and act the part not of an assistant Scouter but of a sloppy yobbo?

Scout training is largely example. It's not just lack of uniform that matters: it's general behaviour. Shouting and pushing the boys around is no help to patrol leaders or Akelas. Smoking all through troop or pack meeting is no help to anybody.

Maybe I am making insinuations, but I shall name no names here. All I hope is that the one or two Groups I am thinking of, where these insinuations are valid, will find someone in authority to point out to the older boys (as an Auxiliary has no authority to do) that they must either set a good example at the junior meetings they attend, or divert their energies to active Senior Scouting or Rovering, or get out of the movement altogether.

If this letter offends anyone, I hope they will still speak to me; though I make no apologies, for our Scouts and Cubs seem to me to be worth the best we can give them.

KENNETH JOHNSON (SA)

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Please note that Colin Phillips (ASM, 7L) still lives at the same place, but the number is altered to 120 Western Way, Letchworth; and the Dilley family of 2B are moving from Baldock to 6 Croft Lane, Letchworth.

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STAMP COLLECTORS

If Skip knows a Scout or Senior who would be interested in a Scout Stamp Club, and a possible course for the Stamp Collector and Philatelist badges, will he put him in touch with RS David Northover, 47 The Crescent, Letchworth?

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MAY WE SUGGEST

that the attention of all Patrols be drawn to the Jack Blunt Do-It-Yourself competition in "The Scout" for 2 April? We have well over 30 Patrols in this District, including some genuine Do-It-Yourself chaps with no Scouters. How about EVERY Patrol in the district bombarding Blunt with brainwaves?

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AVAST THERE, or something

All lily-livered landlubbers are warned to keep away from Radwell Mere on the weekend of 4-5 June. From 2.30 on the Saturday, teams of Sea-nior Scouts will be launching themselves on rafts and attempting to remain afloat till Sunday while sleeping, cooking, eating and so forth aboard their gallant craft. If any Scouters want to come and watch from tents ashore (or, by great Neptune, take part themselves), they should inform DSM(S) Jim Bruce in the next couple of weeks. He has all the rules ready for you, including the one about being; able to swim at least 25 yards clothed....

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CUB FIRST AID COMPETITION

Please remember this has been put off till THURSDAY 7 APRIL at SIX O'CLOCK.



A P R I L

- 4 LA executive conimittee, 4LHQ
- 7 District Cub first aid competition, DHQ, 6.0 (postponed from 6 April)
- 8-9 "Gang-Ho!" (7 Ilitchin Group Show) : see page 1
- 9 1A jumble sale; 4L jumble sale, 2.30
- 9-10 Tracker badge training, Well End
- 10 Barton Shield competition (postponed, from.27 'arch), DHQ, 2.30
- 12 Care of books: Cub Book--reader ?badge course, Letchworth Library, 5.0
- 12 4L annual general mee sing, 4L HQ, 7.0
- 18-23 Bob-a- job week : see CO-0 ~. ii.fl. Y10, page 1
- 22-25 Our Gong Show at Baldock Secor School, 7.45
- 25 All news in to K.J. for "Citizen" Scout notes, please!
- 24 National Scout Service, St George's Chapel, Windsor
- 27 All news, dates and correspondence in to LDRC for CO-ORDINATOR 12, please!
- 28-30 Our Gang Show at St Francis' Theatre, 7.45

M A Y

- 1 St George's Day parade, Letchworth :Free Church
- 1 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 12 by LDRC
- 5 Bob-a-job money in to District treasurer, DHQ, 8-8.30
- 6 1L annual general meeting; 2B jumble sale
- 7-8 *Patrol Leaders' weekend, Well End · see page 2
- 7-8 *CMs' Preliminary training course, Stevenage : see page 2
- 7 LDRC and Letchworth, ' Rangers' Grand May Dance, St Paul's hall, 7.30
- 8 LDRC annual general meeting, DHQ, 8.0
- 14 *Third Tour of Hertfordshire for cycling Seniors, organized by LDRC
- 15 CMs' Wayfaring, from Church House, Hitchin, 12.0 (postponed from 1 May) : see p.2
- 18 LA annual general meeting DHQ, 7.30
- 21-22 Tracker badge tesing, Well End
- 28 2L annual general meeting
- 28-29 *Technical course in pioneering for Scouters, Well End : see page 2

J U N E

- 4 Operation Kon-Tiki begins, Radwell Mere, 2.30 : see page 5
- 11-12 County Marathon
- 17-19 International weekend, Gilwell Park
- 25 4L summer fair, St Paul's hall

J U L Y

- 16-17 CMs' Get-together (with a Commonwealth accent), Well End

*APPLICATION FORMS FOR ALL THESE ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM YOUR APPROPRIATE GROUP SCOUTER OR FROM THE D C. DO GET THEM FILLED IN AND SENT IN RAPIDLY!

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UNIFORM
EXCHANGE

is the District scheme for the useful distribution of any spare items of CUB or SCOUT uniform.

UNEX is run by Mrs I.J.Foster at 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth. Parents with items for disposal, or Scouters with stark naked Scouts, should get in touch with her!

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