

CO-ORDINATOR

MONTHLY NEWS SERVICE FOR LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUTERS
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NEPAL

EUGEN REISER, Swiss mountaineer and botanist, tell: the story with colour slides of the 1958 Swiss expedition to Dhulagiri (26,700 feet) at 7.15 on SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER at DHQ, Icknield Way. Letchworth and District B-P GUILD invites all Scouters, Rovers, Seniors and their friends: but will each Group PLEASE let Mr James know how many to expect, so that the Guild can arrange seating and refreshments? ***

WILLIAN

Yes! It's the date you've been waiting for!
The first ROVER - RANGER DANCE of the new season!
St Paul's Hall 7.30 till 11
on SATURDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
Tickets 5e. including refreshments ***

ROME

There's a coach trip to see "BEN-FUR" at the Empire, Leicester Square, on FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER, leaving Eastoheap car park at 5.5 p.m. The cost; £1:2s. per head, inclusive. The coach will return through Baldock to drop anybody living there. Book your place quickly with David Turner (SM 3L), 90 Bedford Road, Letchworth. ***

CUB ATHLETICS

No new date has yet been fixed for this District event, postponed from 20 July. It is, however, liable to take place some time this month - that is, before the next edition of CO-ORDINATOR. Will CMs therefore please not disappear too rapidly after the swimming sports on Monday? The DCM will preside over a quick informal palaver there and then.

CANADA

Dear CO-ORDINATOR:

I would like through the medium of your wonderful service to write this short letter to the District to express my sincere thanks to all Scouts, Scouters, Cubbers, etc, for two years of what I can only call memorable experience.

For in my two years as a Scouter in this District, I have enjoyed meeting; and making many good friends in both Letchworth and Baldock: particularly in my association with the Gang Show, for on this occasion the whole District gets together to produce something which takes teamwork to attain.

I hope that when I go to Canada I will still be able to keep in contact with the District by way of CO-ORDINATOR, for when Gang Show time comes round again I shall be with you in spirit.

So once again, my thanks, and good luck to Boy Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock District,

W.G.BRUCE
ASM(S) 1B

ELSTREE

Every Senior Scout worthy of the name will be at the TENTH HERTFORDSHIRE SENIOR GATHERING in Aldenham Park, from Friday night 50 September to Sunday afternoon 2 October. Features: lightweight camping: fiendish wide game: rook'n'roll campfire: presentation of the Tour trophies: open conference: Olympic talk: demonstrations of trampoline, judo, fencing.Worth a visit if you're passing. The map reference is 172964: entering from the bottom of the hill in Elstree. ***

UNEX

(UNiform Exchange)

7 Campfield Way : Letchworth
Supplies are getting low, and Mrs Foster would be glad to receive any items of Cub or Scout uniform for redistribution,

SPECIAL PROFICIENCY BADGE EXAMINERS

A list of District recognized examiners for Cub special proficiency badges appeared in CO-ORDINATOR 10, and is still valid. The following is the equivalent list for Boy Scout and some Senior Scout special proficiency badges. There are still a few subjects missing, but most of these are somewhat rarely asked for. We expect to give you the full Senior list later this year; meanwhile apply to the DSM(S), 21 Green Lane. Scouters should notify examiners direct, giving one to three weeks' notice of their Scouts' wish to undergo examination.

AIR APPRENTICE, AIR GLIDER, AIR SPOTTER, AIRCRAFT MODELLER : Flt.Lieut. S.R.Eldrett,
89 Old Hale Way, HITCHIN
 ANGLER : RSq Terence Favell, 52 Station Road, LETCHWORTH
 ATHLETE : Mr Spokes, 2 Midhurst, LETCHWORTH ; or arrange with school games master
 BACKWOODSMAN : LDRC
 CAMPER : SM David Turner, 90 Bedford Road ; or ASM Colin Phillips, 120 Western Way ; or
 ASM Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, LETCHWORTH
 CANOEIST : Mr Peter Lawrence, 20 Willian Way, LETCHWORTH
 COOK : own Scouter ; or LDRC
 CYCLIST : arrange a group at a time with local police
 DESIGNER : committee of RS Peter Wey, 40 Mullway, with SA Kenneth Johnson, 80 Spring
 Road, LETCHWORTH
 EXPLORER : ASM(S) Peter Blott, 78 Archers Way ; or RSq Michael Blaxland, 55 Bedford
 Road, LETCHWORTH
 FIREFIGHTER : arrange a group at a time with local fire service
 GARDENER : Lt.Col. A.Gavin Jones, 62 Baldock Road, LETCHWORTH
 GUIDE : LDRC
 JOINER : DSM Leslie Collins, 96 Bedford Road, LETCHWORTH
 LEATHER WORKER : arrange with own teacher
 LIFESAVER : parts 1, 2 and 3 with Mr Scott at Letchworth Swimming Pool, after passing
 parts 4 and 5 with own Scouter
 LINGUIST : arrange with own teacher
 MARKSMAN : Mr Laurence Page, 21 Valley Road:, LETCHWORTH
 MISSIONER : SM Ernie Hall, 12 Station Road, BALDOCK
 MUSIC MAKER : arrange with own teacher
 OBSERVER : LDRC
 PHOTOGRAPHER : Mr Donald Brunt, 21 Willian Way, LETCHWORTH
 PIONEER : ASM(S) Peter Blott, 78 Archers Way; or ASM Colin Phillips, 126 Western Way ;
 or ASM Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, LETCHWORTH
 READER : SA Kenneth Johnson, 80 Spring Road, LETCHWORTH
 SCRIBE : RM Max Vines, 18 Norton Way North, LETCHWORTH
 SPEAKER : Mr Kenneth Spinks, 32 Sollershott East, LETCHWORTH
 SPORTSMAN : arrange with school games master
 STAMP COLLECTOR : Mr Ron Sax, 15 Heathermere, LETCHUURTH
 STARMAN : SM Ernie Hall, 12 Station Road, BALDOCK
 SWIMMER : Mr Scott, Letchworth Swimming Pool
 WEATHERMAN : Mr Gordon Collinson, 34 Pix Road, LETCHWORTH
 WIRELESSMAN: Mr Gordon Mather, 76 Bedford Road, LETCHWORTH

 SENIOR BADGES: AIRCRAFT CONSTRUCTOR, AIR MECHANIC, AIR NAVIGATOR, AIR OBSERVER : as
 Air Apprentice. ARTIST : as Designer. BOOKMAN : as Reader. CAMP WARDEN : as
 Camper. FIREMAN : as Firefighter. GLIDER PILOT : as Air Apprentice. HORTICULT-
 URIST : as Gardener. INTERPRETER : as Linguist. MASTER CANOEIST : as Canoeist.
 MASTER SWIMMER : as Swimmer. METEOROLOGIST ; as Weatherman. ORATOR : as Speaker
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PATHFINDER : as Guide. RADIO MECHANIC : as Wirelessman. RESCUER : as Lifesaver
SENIOR ATHLETE : as Athlete. SENIOR EXHCHORER : as Explorer. SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER : as Photographer. SENIOR PIONEER! as Pioneer.

Keep this for reference. Additions and amendments will appear in CO-ORDINATOR.

THE SUMMER PATROL COMPETITION FOR THE ICKNIELD SHIELD

Object of the competition is to promote a healthy competitive spirit of camping between the Boy Scout Groups, the winner to receive the shield for the ensuing 12 months.

It is open to all Groups who can enter a team of six boys between the ages of 11 and 15. A composite team may be entered from two Groups on the prior permission of the DC.

The competition will take the form of a patrol camp for six boys for 24 hours. The arrangement should be as if the patrol were in attendance at a troop standing camp: that is, with patrol tents, stores, pits, etc.

Judging will be based on the following: Arrival ; punctuality ; layout of site late night inspection ; morning inspection ; cooking ; originality ; site clearance ; camp emergency

Judges will be Scouters selected from outside our own District.

Camp latrines will be provided for all competitors and will be under the charge of the Camp Warden. The Camp Warden will be selected to organize all activities and equipment pertaining to the competition, and will generally give all assistance to the judges where and when ever they require it. The Camp Warden will have the authority to select a team of helpers to assist him in running the camp.

While it is generally requested that Scouters and the general public should refrain from walking around the camp site during the competition, all Scouters and friends are welcome at the Saturday evening campfire, and also at the Scouts' Own on Sunday afternoon, after which the results will be announced.

(Keep this for reference. This year's competition is on 17 and 18 September.)

THE WINTER PATROL COMPETITION FOR THE B-P GUILD CUP

Teams are composed of five Boy Scouts, under 15, who will report in uniform, but without staves or equipment. They must be genuine standing patrols, but may if necessary borrow from another patrol one boy who is not a PL or TL. An officer in charge will be appointed, together with a number of stewards. Judges setting the tests will be Group Scouters from our own District. 50 points each will be awarded for inspection and for tests in pioneering, observation, public health, exploration and first aid. The winning patrol will receive the B-P Guild Cup for one year, and also a Scout Shop voucher for £1, presented by Letchworth & District B-P Guild.

(Keep this for reference. This year's competition is on Saturday 12 November, from 2.30 p.m. at 4L HQ. GSM Eric Oldham (2L) is officer in charge.)

CUB AND SCOUT SWIMMING SPORTS

A digest of the rules appeared in CO-ORDINATOR 15, but note also that there are two classes for Scouts: 11-13 and 15-15. Boys of 11-15 may be entered in the 15-15 class, provided this means no more than two events and one relay event. This year's swimming sports are on Monday 5 September, from 6.15 at the Swimming Pool.

DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Cub and Scout Swimming Sports, Letchworth Swimming Pool, 6.15. Details appeared in CO-ORDINATOR 15
- 10 Letchworth a District B-P Guild presents BUGEN REISER, on the Swiss Himalayan Expedition of 1958, DHQ, 7.15. See page 1.
- 10-11 Boy Scout badge course, Well End.
- 12 Traffic census by Senior Scouts, Bedford Road, 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 12 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8.0. All Scouter and lay members, please.
- 17 Rover-Ranger Dance, St Paul's Hall, 7.30-11, 3/- including refreshments.
- 17-18 Summer Patrol Competition for the ICKNIELD SHIELD, Nortonbury Farm. See page 3.
- 18 Old Wolves' Wayfaring, Tring
- 27 All items in for CO-ORDINATOR 17, please
- 30-2 October: Tenth Hertfordshire Senior Gathering, Aldenham Parke See page 1

OCTOBER

- 1 All pack and troop news in to Ken Johnson for "Citizen" Scout notes, please!
- 2 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 17 by LDRC
- 7 David Turner's coach trip to "Ben-Hur", Eastcheap oar park, 5.5. See page 1
- 10 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8.30. All.SMs, ASMs, etc., please!
- 15-16 County Scouters' Conference, Harpenden
- 22 District Scouts' and Guides' CAMPFIRE & BARBECUE, Norton Common, 7.0. See details below
- 22-23 Third Jamboree-of-the-air. See July "Scouter", page 217
- 29 County Executive Committee, Well End
- 29-30 CMs' preliminary training course, SW Hertfordshire

NOVEMBER

- 5-6 and 19-20: SMS' preliminary training course
- 12 Winter Patrol Competition for the B-P GUILD CUP, 4L HQ, 2.30. See page 3

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THE CAMPFIRE AND BARBECUE!

This is to occur again, for the third year in succession. But this time it's on a SATURDAY evening, 22 October. The usual place - Norton Common, just to the north of the Pudding Basin (221554). Order of events is to be as follows. 2.30, Rovers and Seniors start to dig the fire pit and erect the marquee. Braziers will be lit during the afternoon. 7.0, serving and swallowing commences. 7.45, the campfire proper, lasting 45 to 60 minutes. Afterwards, the marquee will be taken down, but re-turfing left till Sunday morning.

There will be a loudspeaker unit in operation this year, A sub-com"ittee of five (one each representing Rovers, Seniors, Boy Scouts, Guides and Guildsmen) is being co-opted, and will meet at 8 p.m. on Monday 3 October at DHQ.

DISTRICT -BADGE?

A/SM Bob Smither (1A) makes this suggestion: There are plenty of District LAs which have their own special badges, worn by every troop. How about one for Letchworth c Baldock? Have YOU any ideas?

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LDRC

Letchworth District Rover Crew is pleased to announce that two Squires - Andrew Carmichael and Alastair Gordon - are now full Rover Scouts, and the list in CO-ORDINATOR 13 should be amended.