



CO-ORDINATOR



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NO NORTON CAMP THIS YEAR

Scouters' Council agreed last month to let the Whitsun camping emphasis shift to the County rally at Gorhambury. All local troops are expected to attend - and Whit Monday is visiting day, both for all the Cubs and for Sir Charles! A daily camp newspaper similar to our "Common News" is planned under the title of "Gorham Gazette". Circulars have already gone to every Group from the County organizers, who want to know from GSMS by 23 FEBRUARY what numbers to expect. All local troops are expected to attend.

SCOUT DAY ON THE COMMON

suggested by Scouts' Council, would include Scout sports, possibly Cub and Guide displays, and the usual barbecue and campfire. What do you think of the idea? Most probable date, subject to LUDC approval, would be Saturday 4 July.

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING CAMP

will be run by LDRC on 1-2-3 May. Yes, it's the same weekend as the PLs' camp at Well End, so it gives your PLs a less expensive alternative.

THE NEW COOKING COMPETITION

was fixed at Scouts' Council for Sunday 21 June, at Elbrook Meadow, Ashwell. But (see HSN page 51) as the County Marathon is now on that weekend, the probable date is now Sunday 14 June. Rules will be as given in your January CO-ORDINATOR, except that rule 1 reads: "Teams are composed of four or five Boy Scouts..." and they may borrow one "who is not a PL or Second." And in rule 3: "A panel of three judges will be appointed, one Scouter from outside the District, one Guider, and one qualified representative from the catering trade..."

LOST

- one large Teapot (2 gallons), marked 5th Letch. in red paint on lid. and pot. May be anywhere, mixed up in someone else's store. Anybody who can help, please tell Miss W. Deere, 9 Haselfoot, Letchworth.

BARTON SHIELD

competition is on 23 February, and numbers of teams must be given to ADC Les Collins by Sunday 16 February. He will then notify you of arrival times. Teams are of four Boy Scouts under 15 (no rank restriction!); individual standards are (1) first aid badge, (2) first class, (3) second class, (4) tenderfoot.

NEW ADDRESS

of DSSL Peter Blott is 61 Howard Drive, Letchworth.

FIREFIGHTER COURSE

for Boy Scouts has been fixed at Letchworth Fire Station for six Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm, beginning on 30 September. This is the earliest they can fit us in! Names will be taken later - a maximum of 20 only.

LAST CHANCE

to send a Scout to the Devon International Camp: see Jim Reddall (5 St Mary's Way, Baldock) NOW. By the time the next CO-ORDINATOR appears, you will be too late.

LODGING WAITED

by John White, former 5L Senior Scout, now working in Hitchin. He'd like to hear of any accommodation in Letchworth. Offers, please, via Richardson's, chemists.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the LA will be on Wednesday 6 May at 8 pm.

KEEPING IT UP

is Michael Blaxland, formerly ASSL 1L, who has recently received his warrant as ARSL with 12Battersea. His wife Janet is a warranted ACM with the same group.

CIVIL DEFENCE

films and talk will be given to the 9L troop at 7 pm on Friday 14 February at the CD Centre, Gernon Road. All Scouts in other groups are invited, too - but not Cubs! CD Officer F.E. Couling was to have given this talk, but other business forces him to hand it to a Rescue section instructor, who is also known in Scouting, and who hopes no-one will be put off by this,

NO GANG SHOW THIS YEAR

unless those who have already been cast for parts now turn up regularly to every rehearsal. The show is due to go on NEXT MONTH, and a lot of socks need pulling up.

AND WHERE HAVE ALL THE SCOUTERS GONE?

This is Les Collins's theme song since the last Scouts' Council, when only 7 turned up to discuss the 1964 programme. Please try and make your contribution, and don't leave it to the faithful few.

SLIGHT GAP

to pause and contemplate

FEBRUARY 1964

- 8 - 9 Hertfordshire Old Wolves' Palaver, High School, Bedford Road, Hitchin
- 8 District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 9, 16 and 23 : SMs' preliminary training course, Stevenage
- 15 Rock Council, DHQ, 8.15 pm
- 14 9L troop invites all Scouts and Scouters to a talk and films on Civil Defence, CD Centre, Gernon Road, 7 pm
- 14 B-P Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel, 7.45 pm
- 15 District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6-pm
- 15 - 16 County SSLs' conference, Morgans Walk School, Hertford
- 20 LA Executive committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- 22 Founder's Day service, Westminster Abbey, 11 am
- 22 District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 23 Barton Shield competition (Boy Scouts first aid), DHQ, from 2 pm
- 26 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 7.30 pm
- 26 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 58
- 29 District Gang Show jumble sale, DHQ
- 29 District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm

MARCH 1964

- 2 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 58
- 7 - 8 Camp Fire Leaders' course, Gilwell Park
- 7 District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 8 County Troop Scouters' conference, St Audrey's School, Hatfield
- 11 (or 18) District Cubs' first aid competition
- 14 Guide PLs' county conference, Hemel H.
- 14 District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 21 - 4 April : Ski course, Kandersteg
- 21 District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 27 - 4 April : Second Hike Leaders' training course, Lochearnhead
- 29 Easter Day
- 30 - 4 April : National Bob-a-job Week
- 50 District Gang Show dress rehearsal, St Francis' Theatre
- 31 - 4 April : Tenth Annual District Gang Show, St Francis' Theatre, 7.30 pm

APRIL 1964

- 18, 20 and 25 : Cub football competition preliminary rounds and semi-finals
- 26 National Scout service, St George's Chapel, Windsor

MAY 1964

- 1-3 District PLs' training weekend
- 1-3 County PLs' weekend, Well End
- 2-5 Chief Scout's reception for Queen's Scouts, Gilwell Park
- 6 LA annual general meeting, DHQ, 8 pm
- 9 Sixth Tour of Hertfordshire for cycling Senior Scouts, from 8 am
- 15 - 18 County Camp, Gorhambury, St Albans

JUNE 1964

- 6-7 South East Counties Rover Moot, Gilwell Park
- 12 - 14 International Weekend, Gilwell Park
- 14 (provisional) District Scout Patrol Cooking competition, Elbrook, Ashwell

for GUIDERS

BADGE LISTS

should be in by now. Please send them straight away if you haven't yet done so. Baldock Guides and Brownies to Mrs Noble, 14 Ashtons Lane; Letchworth Guides to Mrs Smith, 9 Bowershott; L Brownies to Mrs Neal, 7 Lawrence Avenue.

JUMBLE IS WANTED

by the Trefoil Guild for a jumble sale early in March. Please notify Mrs Stewart, 33 Wilbury Hills Road. (Letchworth 2254) if you have any.

NUMBERS, PLEASE

to the DC by 10 February: (a) of Guides wanting transport to Thinking Day Parade on 23 February (also Brownie Sixers and Seconds of 9 years and over); and (b) of PLs going to the Hemel Hempstead conference on 14 March.

GUIDE COUNTY A G M

will be on Wednesday 11 March.

ANYONE FOR A SWIM?

Get them through that swimming test this winter! Here, for your reference, are the opening times of Stevenage indoor pool.

MONDAY to THURSDAY.....9 am to 8 pm
FRIDAY.....9 am to 7 pm
SATURDAY9 am to 6 pm
SUNDAY.....8 to 11 am and 2 to 4.30 pm

Admission is 2/- on weekdays (children 1/-), 2/6 on Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays (children 1/3). You can hire a towel for 6d. (5/- deposit) and swimsuit for 6d. (10/- deposit).

START GETTING ORGANIZED

- the Icknield Shield competition is on 19-20 September!

WITHOUT APOLOGY OR PERMISSION

we reprint this extract from Hazel Addis's feature in the February "Scouter".

"Remember

February 22nd, the Founder's Birthday, and so, in a way, the birthday of Scouting. The Guides celebrate it as 'Thinking Day', but get your Pack to think ahead and decide the best sort of birthday present they could give the Founder. A bun-fight or a mush-up perhaps; B.-P. was all in favour of fun. But is that enough? A Pack Good Turn would be very suitable, especially if it reminded somebody outside the Movement that Scouting is as active and healthy as ever. All the better, too, if the Cubs use their own brains and imagination to think up a worthwhile Good Turn. It would be a good occasion too to wear uniform all day - and be proud of it."

Just one other thought occurs after reading this: could not some of this apply equally well, perhaps, to Scouts?

Well, we've got just over a fortnight. Please tell the Press Secretary if your blokes decide to do anything.