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COMPETITION TIME AGAIN

THE ICKNIELD SHIELD COMPETITION is to take place on Saturday and Sunday 19 and 20 September. ENTRIES MUST BE IN TO A D C LES COLLINS BY SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER, with an entrance fee of half a crown for each team.

Full rules appeared in CO-ORDINATOR 51, last August, but as you can't think where you put it, here is a summary of the main points.

Teams of SIX Boy Scouts, under 15 on the Saturday. Teams of five will do. Not more than one PL and one second in a team - or two seconds if there's no PL. Wood fires only. Judging by Scouters or Rovers from outside the District, on: punctuality; site layout; late night inspection; morning inspection; cooking; originality; site clearance; incident or emergency. Visitors may come to Saturday evening campfire and Sunday afternoon Scouts' Own, but must not communicate with any team till results are declared.

AVE ATQUE VALE

Max Vines has printed more copies of CO-ORDINATOR in the last five or six years than he cares to remember. With his forthcoming marriage (Saturday 26 September) and his removal from this District to another part of Hertfordshire called Harpenden, Max asks us to announce that all correspondence concerned with Letchworth District Rover Crew and CO-ORDINATOR should no longer be addressed to him, but should go instead to the new ARSL elect - Michael Dilley, 6 Croft Lane, Letchworth.

Subscriptions from non-Scouters for CO-ORDINATOR should still be sent to the Treasurer of Letchworth District Rover Crew, RM Jim Davidson, 10 Orchard Close, Letchworth. News items, dates, letters and complaints are best sent to the typist, District Press Secretary Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

CO-ORDINATOR is supplied free of charge to all warranted Scouters in the District, even if they don't all read it.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS for Cubs and Scouts start at 6.15 pm on Monday 7 September at Letchworth Swimming Pool.

CUBS must not be more than 10 years and 6 months old on the day of the competition. Cub events are:

- A. One width breast stroke.
- B. One width back stroke.
- C. One width free style.
- D. Relay of two Cubs, one width each.

No Cub may enter for more than two events and the relay.

Scout events are:

UNDER THIRTEEN*:-

- E. 20 yards breast stroke.
- F. 20 yards free style.
- G. 20 yards back stroke.
- H. Diving.
- I. Relay of three Scouts, one width each.

OVER. THIRTEEN*:-

- J. 55 yards breast stroke.
- K. 55 yards free style.
- L. 40 yards back stroke.
- M. Diving.
- N. Relay of three Scouts, one length each.

*Age limits are defined thus: Under Thirteen means not having reached the thirteenth birthday on the day of the contest; Over Thirteen means having reached the thirteenth but not the fifteenth birthday on the day of the contest.

No Scout may enter for more than two events and one relay. Within this rule, boys under 13 may enter the Over Thirteen class, but not vice versa.

Scoring is: 3 points for first place, 2 for second and 1 for third. The Swimming Pool Manager is responsible for the running of events and the supplying of timekeepers, and his decision is final.

Over Fifteens: If there is sufficient response from Senior Scouts, additional events will be included in a Senior Section of the programme. Seniors should make their intentions or interest clear to the Swimming Pool Manager (Er Scott) before 6.15 on the day.

FIREFIGHTER BADGE COURSE

As announced in CO-ORDINATOR in February, a course for the (under-15) Firefighter Badge begins at Letchworth Fire Station on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30 pm. Twenty candidates only can be accepted. They must attend the whole course of six Wednesday evenings. Names - in writing, please - as soon as possible to District Press Secretary, (up to Friday 4 September at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth; Saturday 5 September to Saturday 12 September at Lochearnhead Scout Station, Lochearnhead, Perthshire).

C O U N T Y C O N F E R E N C E

The annual conference of Hertfordshire Scouters takes place at Stevenage College of Further Education on Saturday and Sunday 17 and 18 October.. Writing in this month's "Hertfordshire Scout News", the County Commissioner says: "The theme is EXPANSION and all your thoughts and ideas are sought towards that end. There will be all sorts of demonstrations for your edification and enjoyment.

"This conference is open to all unformed members of the Scout movement over 17 years old and to all Local Association officials. I hope as many as possible will attend on both Saturday and Sunday. My wish is that every Scouter will attend one or the other, with the emphasis being placed on the Sunday."

Application forms to attend the conference are included in "Hertfordshire Scout News".

J M T 2

Jim's Mystery Tour will take place on the weekend AFTER the County Scouters' Conference - that is, from Friday evening 23 October, till Sunday afternoon 25 October.

Teams, each of two Senior Scouts, will leave Letchworth in closed vans on the Friday evening for a variety of dropping points, where they will find their own camp sites before beginning a fascinating sequence of navigation to bring them to the secret finishing place on Sunday afternoon. Transport costs, etc., will be kept to a minimum, but the candidates should be prepared to pay up to £1 a head for the weekend. Considerable rebate should be possible.

This is not an easy weekend, but it is not dangerous. No more than twelve teams can be accepted. A few places remain open at the time of going to press, and we suggest you let Jim Bruce know immediately. Age limit 18, on 16 October (the original date chosen).

BEATING THE BOUNDS

In spite of what it said in "The Citizen" last Friday, the celebration of Beating the Bounds of Letchworth takes place on SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER. Scouts and Cubs have frequently done this in previous years. Seniors and Rovers may be interested in competing for the First Garden City Trophy.

The walking party leaves the Wilbm y Hotel at 9 am, led by 4L Senior Scout David Carpenter.

Runners should be at the start before 6 pm, and contact Mr Ron Germany or Mr Mick Smith, organisers of the race.

SETTING UP HOME

This is the general title of the new series of live talks for young men and women in the Scout and Guide movements. ADC(R) John Baker is lining up a series of expert guest speakers on subjects such as the design, financing, legal requirements, and practical running of a home. Members of all three local Rover Crews, Scouters, Guiders, Rangers and the older Senior Scouts are all invited to what should prove a most interesting and valuable series.

The first talk - details of title and speaker, to be announced - is at DHQ at 8 pm on SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER.

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF

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- Thu 3 SCOUTERS' CoUNCIL; DHQ, 8 pm : PLEASE DO YOUR VERY BEST TO ATTEND!
- 5 - 12 5L troop camp, Lochearnhead, Perthshire
- Mon 7 DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS for Cubs and Scouts, Letchworth Pool, 6.15 pm
- .. ROCK COUNCIL, at Letchworth Swimming Pool, after Cub sports
- .. L A EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DHQ, 8.15 pm
- Sat 12 Letchworth Guides' L A Jumble Sale
- 19-20 ICKNIELD SHIELD CAMPING COMPETITION - see page 1 for details
- Sun 20 County Cubmasters' Wayfaring, Welwyn Garden City Cherry Tree, 11.45 am
- .. Closing date for Guides' summer competitions (see CO-ORDINATOR 62)
- .. "SETTING UP HOME": first talk in the series for Rovers, Rangers and others (see above), DHQ, 8 pm
- Wed 23 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 65
- Sat 26 Wedding of Mr Max Vines and Miss Patricia Borlotti
- 26-27 Isle of Wight Rover Moot
- Mon 28 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 65

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- 2 - 4 Fourteenth Senior Scout Gathering, Diigswell Place, Welwyn Garden City
- 3 - 4 Cub Wood Badge Preliminary Training Course, Letchworth DHQ
- 16-13 COUNTY SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE, Stevenage (see above)
- 23-25 JIM'S MYSTERY TOUR for Senior Scouts (see above)
- Sun 25 British Summer Time ends, 3 am (2 am Greenwich Mean Time)

A PERSONAL LETTER FROM
J O H N B A K E R
ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (ROVERS)

TO READERS OF
"CO-ORDINATOR"

with special reference to
ROVERS (AND RANGERS)



To assuage their thirst for knowledge -
to satisfy their desire to be capable, competent, useful citizens -
the Rover Scouts of this District have now planned the second of their
series on HOW TO COPE WITH THE 1960s. This time they are finding out about
S E T T I N G U P H O M E.

How we find a house - how much to pay - how to pay for it - planning permission
and building a house - ways to save money - interesting gadgets ... these are
just a few of the things the Rovers will be investigating in an interesting and
instructive way.

Mr NORMAN HYDE, BA(Arch.), ARIBA, Hertfordshire's ACC for architecture, will
be introducing the series on SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER at 8 pm. His subjects: designing
a house - points to look for in ready-built houses - economy and convenience -
how the architect can help.

Other speakers in the next six months will include Mr OLIVER, the town and
country planning officer, Mr FLETCHER, bank manager and LA treasurer, another Mr
FLETCHER, solicitor, Mr GAMESTER, builder and a group committee member,

THE ROVERS' INVITATION

The three local Rover Crews will be meeting jointly for these Sunday-evening
sessions at DHQ, and they would like to extend to YOU, reading this message, a
warm and sincere invitation to join them, on 20 September at 8 pm, to ensure
that this new series gets off to a cracking start.

Don't wait to be asked personally, verbally: please take this as your
PERSONAL WRITTEN INVITATION. As ADC(R) I shall appreciate your support of
this Rovering activity. Guiders and Rangers - you, of course, will be
particularly welcome.

KEEP THESE DATES FREE

- 20 September: designing
a home
- 11 October: how much it
costs
- 8 November: how we deal with
finances when we've got it
- 6 December: how town planning
affects us
- 24 January: how we can help
ourselves
- 28 February: furniture and
furnishings



I know many people who would have welcomed
the opportunity to know something of these
subjects when they were younger. In the
light of this, I feel it is important that
we should do everything we can to see that
the young folk in Scouting are at least
given the chance of learning from experts
about things that will undoubtedly be of
great value to them in their life ahead.

Yours sincerely:

John Baker