

CO-ORDINATOR

FOR LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUTERS
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WHERE HAVE ALL THE SCOUTERS GONE?

This was the beginning of a note in the February CO-ORDINATOR - but it hasn't been heeded, as at the last Scouters' Council only four groups were represented out of eleven.

Surely, with no DC or DSM, Scouters could try and pull their weight to make things tick over, and not leave all the work to the usual few. The next Scouters' Council is on 4 November at DHQ, when the main items on the agenda will be the B-P GUILD CUP and the PLs' and Seconds' Weekend.

ALL SCOUTERS ARE WELCOME - BUT at least one from each troop, please;

L. COLLINS
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SECRET OF SUCCESS?

Perhaps you have heard of the magnificent show given by the Hertfordshire Senior Scouts at London on Sunday 4 October when about 400 marched to St Paul's Cathedral for Evensong at 3.15 pm. For the first time in years I saw Scouts marching in step. I believe this success was due to the two bands present, and if all marching Scouts had a band like this, our St George's Day parades, etc., would be much more attractive and they wouldn't just be a crowd shuffling along the streets. How about it?

A Letchworth, Baldock and District Scout Band would be just the thing; I wonder how many Music Maker badges have been gained in this area. If all recipients could have a meeting surely they could get something that could make a noise.

Even a big drum would be of some help.
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CYCLIST BADGE TESTING

BOY SCOUTS with (a) a bicycle, (b) a second class badge, and (c) knowledge of the requirements of POR 457, are invited to take the test for the Cyclist badge, at DHQ on Sunday 8 November, from 2.30 pm onwards.

LEITCHWORTH DISTRICT
ROVER CREW

SCOUT FOOTBALL TEAMS

Fifth Letchworth troop has a football team ready and willing to challenge any other troop in the District. To arrange a time and place for a first match, get in touch with PL Michael Wilson, 64 Spring Road, or ABM John Fitch, 94 Hillbrow.

GUIDERS' NOTES

OUTSTANDING BILLS: If any of you have any bills for goods received from Mrs Hiles and not yet paid for, please pay up promptly as her accounts go in for auditing during November and I'm sure none of you wish to be shorn as owing money to her.

THE TREFOIL GUILD are hoping to have a talk on the life and experiences of a policewoman for their November meeting. The date is not yet certain but if any Guiders and Rangers will let me know if they are interested I will see they get further details.

NEXT CADET MEETING is on Friday 13 November. This is not an unlucky day, so older Guides are welcome to come along and see what it's all about. For further details phone Mrs Carling (Hitchin 2645) or have a word with Wendy Deere. **CLOTHALLBURY CAMPS:** Could I please know which Companies or patrols camped at Clothallbury during 1963?

HQ BUILDING FUND now stands at £41:3s.7d. made up of the following:

Paper salvage,.....£17:10: 0

Guide earnings:

2L Guides.....<...3: 6: 7

5L Guides.....5:11: 6

9L Brownies....<..... 10: 0

10L Guides.....1:10: 0

1B Guides2: 7: 0

3B Guides...'.2:10: 0

Donations and miscel.laneous..7:18: 6

BROWNIE GUIDERS' TRAINING: I have received an invitation for Letchworth and Baldock Brownie Guiders to join a training course at Lodge Farm School, Mobbsbury Way, Stevenage, on Tuesday 10 November from 7 pm until 9 pm. Please let me know if you would like to go and if you require transport or can offer to transport anyone else.

THE NEXT GUIDERS' COMMITTEE MEETING will be on Thursday 26 November at 8 pm in the Ranger Hut. (We can't have it on the Tuesday as that is the Baldock AGM.)

M. C. DRYLIE
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A NEW SCOUT D C ?

CO-ORDINATOR knows nothing official about the prospect of a successor to Mr Harold Hodge as Letchworth & Baldock District Commissioner. But we believe there is a likelihood of an interesting announcement before our next edition.

ACC Ron Freeman, speaking to 5L Group at their open evening, on 29 October, said he had been "very busy" in the search for a new DC, and he thought that "we may have found the right man for the job".

2 QS + 1 WB in 1L

The last few weeks have been notable even for a group with such a long history as 1L. Queen's Scout badges won by David Watson and Jim Murden are coinciding with the award of the Wood Badge to Bagheera - ACM Marilyn Emmer-ton. CO-ORDINATOR congratulates the lot of them.

PANTOMIME TIME

Our good friends the SPADS announce special prices once again for parties of Scouts, Guides, Cubs or Brownies at their annual pantomime. This year (or to be precise, next year) it's "Dick Whittington", at St Francis' Theatre from 5 to 9 January 1965. Tuesday to Friday performances are at 7 pm, but there are three on the Saturday, at 1.30, 4.30 and 7.30! Prices are 3/-, 4/- and 5/- for adults, 2/6, 3/- and 4/- for children; party rates are cheaper, and our special rates cheaper still - all seats 2/6 on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Business Manager will reserve tickets for you at 79 Bower-shott, Letchworth, before the bookings open to the general public on 28 December at Green's in the Arcade.

Come dancing!

ROVERS AND RANGERS OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK INVITE YOU ALL TO ST PAUL'S HALL ON SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER FOR ANOTHER OF THEIR EVER-POPULAR INFORMAL DANCES. Starting at 7.30, the price is 4/-, including refreshments; but latecomers (after 8. will be asked for five bob. Good value either way!

LETCWORTH B-P SCOUT GUILD

The new season's programme opens later this month with Inspector Spencer Neville as guest speaker on the Police and their work. Exact date and time will be circulated to Group secretaries, who we hope will pass it on to all the parents, especially former Scouts and Guides, and all Seniors and Rovers, who are most cordially invited. Future meetings will be billed in CO-ORDINATOR - but you might like to make a note now of the 1965 annual dinner on 19 February, at the Wilbury Hotel, of course.

TWO IMPORTANT EVENTS AT D H Q

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER : 7.30 pm
MYSTERIES UNRAVELLED - THE WHOLE STORY OF J M T 2, TOLD BY THH SENIORS AND SCOUTERS, AND PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES.

SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER : 6 pm
DISTRICT GANG SHOW PARTY & REUNION FOR ALL WHO HAVE EVER BEEN IN THE SHOW OR THINK THEY MIGHT LIKE TO BE IN IT,

★B-P GUILD CUP★

SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER, WESTBURY SCHOOL
Teams are composed of five Boy Scouts under 15, who 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. An officer in charge will be appointed, with a number of stewards. Judges setting the tests will be Group Scouters from our own District. 50 points each will be awarded for: Pioneering; Observation; Public service; Exploration; First aid; and Inspection. The winning patrol receives the B-P Guild Cup for one year and a Scout Shop voucher for £1, presented by Letchworth & District B-P Guild. Teams must be ready to start at 2.29 pm, with plimsolls or soft shoes. Administrative queries can all be settled at Scouters' Council on WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER, DHQ, 8 pm - and if you don't come, don't complain afterwards! Fair enough?

Operation Nightjar '64

The word is Nightjar, not Nightmare. It should be tremendous fun, as always - but as we go to press, final details of this year's nocturnal Senior competition are still being screwed into position. We do know, however, that it starts on SATURDAY EVENING, 21 NOVEMBER, and ends in the smallish hours of Sunday 22. And this year, teams of three are required: two healthy hairy Senior Scouts PLUS an active intelligent PL or similar specimen captured from the Boy Scout troop. Another circular will go to all Seniors very soon.

SCOUTING ADVANCE : STOTFOLD BRIDGEHEAD

Driving across the border, Letchworth forces under Gen. J.F.Baker, ADC® are consolidating positions in Stotfold. Sympathizers are rallying to the cause, and a bilateral declaration of independence seems imminent. We may well see First Stotfold Scout Group established at a meeting on Wednesday 25 November. Prospective Scouters and committeemen rendezvous at 8 pm, probably at the Boys' Primary School, Church Road, with LDRC providing active support.

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SOME OTHER IMPORTANT DATES not included elsewhere

- 4 Guides' LA AGM, Howard Hall, 7.30
- 8 "Setting up home - dealing with our finances" by Mr G.Fletcher - for all Rovers, Rangers, Scouters, DHQ, 8 pm
- 14 7L bazaar, Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, Letchworth
- 18 DISTRICT CUB QUIZ, DHQ, 6.30 pm, followed by Rock Council
- 24 Baldock Guides' AGM, Secondary School 7.30
- 25 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 67