

CO-ORDINATOR 75

Letchworth & Baldock District Boy Scouts Association Newsletter

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CUBATHLON RESULTS 10 JULY 1965

Position	Points
Pack	
1....8L Mon...	11
2....8L Thu...	8
3.....1B.....	7
4.....7L.....	5
(2B)	
5...(3L)....	4
(5L)	
8.....4L.....	3
(3B)	
9...(1L)....	2
(2L)	
12...(9L)....	1
(1W)	

CUBAQUATICS RESULTS 20 JULY 1965

Position	Points
Pack	
1...,1B.....	8
2....8L Mon...	7
3....7L.....	5
4....5L.....	3
5....SL.....	1
(3B)	
6...(4L)...	0
(8L Thu)	

JUST-FOR-FUN LEAGUE

The above scores added to all other points won in all District contests this year still leave relative Group positions unchanged:-

1...5L....	1,055
2...1B.....	792
3...2L.....	728
4...7L.....	491
5...1L.....	406 $\frac{3}{4}$
6...3L.....	402 $\frac{1}{4}$
7...9L.....	248
8...2B.....	199
9...8L.....	167
10...4L.....	97
11...1A.....	78
12...1W.....	21
13...3B.....	5
14...LDRC.....	0

Next chance to swap places: Scout Swim Sports 6 September.

ASTOUNDING CHALLENGE TO EX-LETCHWORTH SCOUT

MANY OF US IN THE DISTRICT remember the Barley family, formerly stalwarts of 2L Group, now resident in Leamington Spa. Those who read "The Scout" this week were thrilled to read of a completely unique challenge issued by John Sweet to two Senior Scouts in Britain - Bruce Hanlin of Swansea and GRAHAM BARLEY of Leamington. On page 85 of the issue dated 31 July, they are given their instructions, for "undoubtedly the most frustrating encounter in history ... a great act of faith!"

No, read "The Scout" yourself and find out the astounding suggestion!

THE MOD TROPHY

Last month the Mod Trophy changed hands twice, each time as a result of a fit of skittle billiards. Mick Dilley and Tony Gray (2B) took the trophy off John Fitch and Steve Page (5L) on 13 July, and lost it in turn to Ken Hart and Rod Tiplady (7L) on 26 July. The standing challenge at the moment is from 3L, who have to arrange a swimming contest ($\frac{1}{4}$ mile crawl for teams of 3 Boy Scouts) with 7L before 26 August.

The trophy will then be open to contest of any kind between Cubs, Boy Scouts, Senior Scouts or Scouters. Challenges are to notified to the Press Secretary, as keeper of the Mod Trophy Official Record Book, which is available for inspection at any reasonable time.

ANNOUNCING OPERATION PHEIDIPPIDES

Under the authority of the Assistant District Commissioner for Senior Scouts, we are delighted to announce this year's Senior contest for the Whalebone Trophy. It is an entirely new plan to be known as OPERATION PHEIDIPPIDES.

Full details are now being prepared, but the main facts are as follows. Operation Pheidippides is a sort of race for teams of TWO Senior Scouts, across the District from Ashwell through Bygrave and Baldock to Willian, on the afternoon of SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER, 1965. Checkpoints will be set up on the route, and the stages between these points will be travelled by specified forms of transport, including bicycles; wheelbarrows or prams (with one member of the team aboard); roller skates; soapbox-type trolleys; feet; and rafts. The rafts will be constructed during the event, but other vehicles may be made or acquired beforehand for practice. Up to three Boy Scouts of the same Group will be permitted to act as pit crew for their team at checkpoints. No forms of motor, artificial stimulants or other foul practice will be tolerated for an instant.

INVITATION TO EVERYBODY

Colin Chaikley, formerly Baloo of 1L, is again bringing First Freshwater-Totland Scouts to camp at Astwick from 18 to 27 August. All readers of CO-ORDINATOR are invited to bring along a mug and a voice of some sort on Friday 20 August at 8 pm. Map reference 215384. Bring someone along, too.

NAMES WANTED

Twenty places are available on the Fireman badge course beginning at Letchworth Fire Station on Wednesday 6 October. Senior Scouts wishing to take this course should give their names to Ken Johnson (80 Spring Road, Letchworth) as soon as possible. It will be first come, first served, and there is little likelihood of another Senior course in Letchworth till 1967.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS' NOTES

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Round Table Summer Fair: A letter of appreciation was received from the Chairman of Letchworth Round Table for the service given by the Guides in the washing-up department. I have also just received a cheque for £5:5s. from the Ladies' Circle in recognition of all the help given by Guides in the tea tent in the past years. Will all Captains please see that these thanks are passed on to the girls concerned, and if possible to girls who have helped in previous years.

HQ Fund has now reached £233:4s. The coffee morning at Mrs Hiles' raised £25 for it and £20 for local handicapped. Further contributions of pennies saved by Guides and Brownies have also been received recently.

New POR is due out shortly. I have several orders already for a bulk purchase. If any other Guider wants one (or anything else from HQ Shop) please phone Letchworth 6403 and place your orders. If I can make up £5 of orders it comes post free!

District Rent Levy: This is now due and should be sent to Mrs Hemmings at 20 Pix Road, Letchworth. Brownie Packs pay £1:1s. and Guide and Ranger Companies £2:2s. May I explain again this is a way of levelling out rents paid by each unit so that everyone pays exactly the same amount of rent and the LA make up the difference where the rent of a particular hall is very high. Also I will remind all Guiders if they receive a bill for their hall from the County Council, church or other organization, to forward that bill to Mrs Hemmings who will pay it.

Audits: While talking of money matters, it is time again for the annual audit. Accounts books should be closed at 30 June, two copies of a balance sheet made out (they have just been sent round) and the whole lot taken to Mrs Hemmings (address above) as soon as possible after 8 August. Only if you all get them in promptly will you get them back again at the start of the September term.

County Commissioner: As you know Mrs Stevens will be leaving Hertfordshire in October. We have all been asked to contribute towards a farewell gift for her to remember us by, at the following rate: 1s.6d. per Guider, 6d. per Guide and 3d. per Brownie. Will you please add up how much your Company or Pack should contribute and send the appropriate amount to Mrs Carling, 27 The Avenue, Hitchin, by 20 August. I suggest you pay it now out of Company or Pack funds and when you re-assemble in September see whether the girls would each like to bring the individual amount to replace it.

Tents: The two second-hand tents purchased recently have been christened "Badger" and "Curlew" and are available for camping. Please apply and return them to me, as in between times I am adding a few refinements such as brailing tapes, bigger pegs

etc. They are 9' by 7' and will sleep four Guides or three adults. NB: They only have doors at one end,
District Guiders' Meeting: Tuesday 14 September, 8 pm at the Ranger Hut. Please be there.

URGENTLY WANTED! EMPTY GARAGE OR ROOM OF SIMILAR SIZE, FREE OF DRY ROT, DAMP, FIRE RISK ETC., FOR STORAGE OF GUIDE DISTRICT CAMP EQUIPMENT. ANYONE WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS PLEASE SEE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

M.C.Drylie

SAIL TRAINING FOR SCOUTS

The Sail Training Association schooner "Sir Winston Churchill" starts regular fortnightly cruises from 13 March 1966, and one berth each year is reserved for a representative of the Boy Scouts Association. Applicants may be any Scout between 16 and 20 (not necessarily Sea Scouts) and the cost for a fortnight in 1966 is £33.10s., plus travel to and from a starting point - Portsmouth, Thames, Hull, Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Tor Bay, Cardiff, Bristol or Liverpool. Let all Scouts know about this. Those interested can get more details from the Training Secretary at HQ, 25 Buckingham Palace Road, London S.W.1.

AUGUST 1965

- 5 5L and 8L leave for Jamboree Cymru, Ruabon, Denbighshire (till 16)
- 6 3L leave for Nantgwynant, Caernarvonshire (till 21)
- 13 County Senior Expedition leaves for Interlaken, Switzerland (till 28)
- 13 2B leave for Prinknash Park, Gloucestershire.
- 14 9L leave for Youlbury, Oxfordshire
- 18 1 Freshwater-Totland arrive at Astwick (till 27)
- 20 You are invited to the 1FT Camp Fire, Astwick, 8 pm
- 22 5L-1B Senior Expedition leaves for Clermont-Ferrand, France (till 4 September)
- 25 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 76, please - to Mick Dilley, 6 Croft Lane, Letchworth
- 30 Bank Holiday
- 30 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 76

SEPTEMBER 1965

- 6 DISTRICT SCOUT SWIMMING SPORTS, Letchworth Pool, 6 pm (Complete list of events and rules will appear in September CO-ORDINATOR. Scouters please take careful note) followed by SCOUTERS' COUNCIL at DHQ
- 8 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- 11-12 ICKNIELD SHIELD CAMPING COMPETITION (full details next month)
- 11-12 County Rover Competition
- 14 ROCK COUNCIL. DIQ, 8 pm
- 19 Venturer badge testing
- 23 Gang Show Committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- 27 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 77