

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUTERS' NEWS distributed by Letchworth District Rover Crew FREE to Scouters, LA Executive, Group Secretaries and District officials. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION. 3/6, payable to LDRC: trasurer, Jim Davidson, 10 Orchard Close, Letchworth,

PHEIDIPPIDES '65
-SOMETHING NEW AND
CRAZY FOR SENIORS!

Scout Swimming Sports

TO BE HELD AT LETCHWORTH POOL ON MONDAY 6 SEPTEMBER, AT 6 PM.

In order to avoid confusion, names of all competitors are to be given to the Press Secretary acting as Recorder before each event. "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. Provided that this rule is observed, boys under 13 may enter the Over Thirteen class; but not vice versa.

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

UNDER THIRTEEN EVENTS:

- A. 1 width breast stroke.
- B. 1 width free style.
- C. 1 width back stroke.
- D. Diving.
- E. Relay of three Scouts, one width each.

OVER THIRTEEN EVENTS

- F. One length breast stroke.
- G. One length free style.
- H. Two widths back stroke.
- I. Diving.
- J. Relay of three Scouts, one length each

If there is sufficient response from Senior Scouts and Scouts over 15, additional events will be included in a Senior Section of the programme. Seniors should make their intentions or interest clear to the Recorder at the start of the sports.

At the conclusion, time and other factors permitting, Guides are invited to compete with the Scouts in friendly races.

THE MOD TROPHY

This is retained by 7th Letchworth, due to a misunderstanding over the date of a swimming contest between the 7th and the 3rd Letchworth. The challenge is therefore open to all-comers, and until K.J's return from France should be issued direct to Ken Hart.

1. Operation Pheidippides is a time trial for Senior Scouts of Letchworth & Baldock District, to be held on Sunday 10 October 1965.
2. Each team will consist of two Senior Scouts under 18, from the same troop.
3. Each team is given an official entry card at the start, bearing their names, starter's signature and time of starting. This card must be delivered intact, undamaged and not folded, at each checkpoint and at the finish.
4. Teams will be started at intervals beginning at 2.30 pm from Dixies Meadow, Ashwell, and will finish in the gully at the north side of Willian Pond.
5. Stage I will be from Dixies Meadow to Checkpoint I on the highest point of Claybush Hill (269386) and will be carried out on ordinary bicycles.
6. Stage II will be from Checkpoint I (Claybush Hill) to Checkpoint II at the north end of Bygrave (265568) and will be carried out on ordinary roller skates.
7. Stage III will be from Checkpoint II by way of the back road through the eastern side of Bygrave, to Checkpoint III on the Urban District boundary of Baldock (248344) and will be carried out on ordinary feet.
8. Stage IV will be from Checkpoint III by way of Bygrave Road, North Road, Clothall Road and South Road, to Checkpoint IV near the Astonia Cinema (248333) and will be carried out with one member of the team pushing an ordinary wheelbarrow or perambulator which must contain the other member of the team. All traffic regulations must be most carefully observed.
9. Stage V will be from Checkpoint IV by way of the footpath from the SERL entrance to Willian Way, Baldock, to Checkpoint V on the corner of Willian Road and Letchworth Gate (234312) and will be carried out with one member of the team, having been the passenger in Stage IV, pushing a home-made soapbox trolley or cart, which must contain the other member of the team.
10. Stage VI will be from Checkpoint V to the southern shore of Willian Pond and will be carried out on ordinary bicycles, as Stage I.
11. Stage VII will be from the southern to the northern shore of Willian Pond, on rafts which will be constructed on the spot.
12. Each checkpoint will be manned by at least one Rover or Scouter who will make sure that all rules are observed and who will sign each team's entry card and set any further

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QUESTION TO SCOUTERS

from the Badge Secretaries. Tuesday night "Badge Shop" (7.45 to 8.45 at DHQ) has not been overworked. Would some other time be more useful to Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Senior Scout Leaders, Rover Scout Leaders, or their deputies? Mr & Mrs Juby are anxious to provide the best possible service. Let them know what times would suit you best. Please call at 32 Bowershott or phone Letchworth 3685.

RULES OF OPERATION PHEIDIPPIDBS CONTINUED

tasks that may be required.

13. Each team may employ a pit crew of up to four Boy Scouts from their own Group, to maintain and transport vehicles and equipment between checkpoints.

14. Teams and pit crews must be in full correct uniform, and provide their own bicycles, roller skates, feet, wheel barrows, perambulators, trolleys and materials for rafts.

15. The team completing the course in the fastest time will receive the Whalebone Trophy to hold for approximately one year.

ICKNIELD SHIELD

Once again, just a brief recap of the rules.

This year's contest is on Saturday and Sunday 11 and 12 September. ENTRIES MUST BE IN TO A D C LES COLLINS BY SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER, with an entry fee of 2/6 for each team.

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 is no PL. Wood fires only. Judging by three Royston District Scouters, 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 may not communicate with any team till results are declared.

FIREMAN BADGE COURSE

At the time of going to press, ten of the twenty places on the course beginning 6 October have already been taken. Seniors wishing to take part please give names to Ken Johnson as soon as possible.

JAMBOREE-ON-THE-AIR

5L Seniors have accepted an invitation from Stevenage & District Amateur Radio Club to take part in the eighth Jamboree-on-the-Air, which is on from 0001 GMT on Saturday 16 October to 2559 GMT on Sunday 17 October. The invitation is extended to any other Scouts and Seniors, though it must be pointed out that no-one without a transmitting licence may actually speak by radio, and all contacts must be made by the operator. Cards and certificates will, however, become available as world-wide contacts are made. Interested Scouts please tell Mr P. Shepperd, 85 Spring Road, Letchworth, not later than Wednesday 15 September.

VENTURER PART ONE

Names of Senior Scouts wishing to do the "incident" course on Sunday 19 September should be given to ADC(S) Peter Blott not later than Sunday 11 September.

September

- 14 Guiders Committee, at the Ranger Hut at 8-00pm.
- 21 Trefoil Guild, at the Ranger Hut at 7-45pm.
- 29 Guide Guiders Training, to be held at Stevenage at 7-15pm. See the County booklet for details. Please apply to Mrs Drylie if you require transport or can offer it.

October

- 5 Brownie Guiders Training, to be held at Stevenage at 7-15pm. (details as above)
- 16 County Conference. Hatfield at 10-30am. This is a must for all guiders. More details to come.

DATES TO REMEMBER.

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Scout swimming sports, 6.p.m. FOLLOWED BY SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ
- 8. LA. Executive Committee DHQ, 8.p.m.
- 11--12 ICKNIELD SHIELD COMPETITION NORTONBURY.
- 11-12 County Rover Competition,
- 14 ROCK COUNCIL DHQ, 8pm.
- 19 Venturer Badge Part 1 testing Details. apply ADC(S)
- 23 Gang Show Committee, DHO, 8pm.
- 24 Last items for CO-ORDINATOR 77 to KJ.

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OCTOBER

- 1-3 Fifteenth Senior Scout Gathering Phasels Wood. Details and application form in current HSN
- 6 Fireman Badge Course Letchworth Fire Station 7.30pm.
- 10 OPERATION PHEIDIPPIDES Ashwell 2.30pm
- 16 Gang Show Reunion Party DHQ 6 - 8.30pm.
- 16-17 Jamboree - on - the - air.
- 23 Hertfordshire Rover-Ranger Round-up, Bishops Stortford.

ROVERS REMINDERS

Plans are in progress to hold a HALLOWEEN DANCE. Details of time and venue will be announced next month

We also have plans to organise a Motor Treasure Hunt on Sunday 24 October. This event will finish with a BARBECUE. The treasure hunt will be open to all forms of motorised vehicles. There will be a nominal charge per vehicle which will be announced together with other details next month.

SCOUTERS.

DO NOT FORGET THE SCOUTERS COUNCIL AFTER THE SWIMMING SPORTS ON SEPTEMBER 6 ALL TROOPS SHOULD BE REPRESENTED.