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LATEST SCORES

SCOUT SWIMMING SPORTS

Position	Troop	Points
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1.....	2L.....	26
2.....	3L.....	10
3.....	7L.....	7½
4.....	8L.....	7
5.....	5L.....	5
6.....	9L.....	2
7.....	4L.....	1½
8.....	(1A)0
	(1L)	

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Position	Troop	Points
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1.....	5L.....	5
2.....	3L.....	1

ICKNIELD SHIELD

Position	Troop	Points
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1.....	1L.....	140
2.....	2L.....	139
3.....	5L.....	114
4.....	1B.....	111
5.....	7L.....	103
6.....	4L.....	101

JUST FOR FUN

Adding the above points to eight previous District competitions so far this year, we saw 3L overtake 1L for fifth place in the Just-for-fun chart, at the swimming sports, only to drop back through having no entry in the Icknield Shield. 4L jumped from tenth place to eighth that weekend, gaining a half-point lead over 2B. Next chance to change places: Operation Pheidippides on 10 October!

Position	Group	Points
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1.....	5L.....	1,177
2.....	1B.....	903
3.....	2L.....	893
4.....	7L.....	601½
5.....	1L.....	546¾
6.....	3L.....	415¼
7.....	9L.....	250
8.....	4L.....	199½
9.....	2B.....	199
10.....	8L.....	174
11.....	1A.....	78
12.....	1W.....	21
13.....	3B.....	5
14.....	LDRC.....	0

New Senior Setup in Letchworth

As announced in the local press last Friday, plans for joint meetings of the six Senior Scout troops in Letchworth go into action on Tuesday 5 October. Ashwell and Baldock are not affected, and there is to be no attempt to form a District Troop as in POR 167H.

Some name will be needed for the collective meeting of individual troops, but for this edition of CO-ORDINATOR we shall refer to it as the Federation. Other suggestions: the Supertroop; Icknield Seniors; Letchworth Senior Squadron (a cavalry term - a squadron being composed of a number of troops); the Howard Squadron; the Union; JOSTLE (Joint Organization of Senior Troops in Letchworth).

The Federation will have no status as a Group, no scarf or name-tape, and no investitures. Patrol Leaders (S) from the constituent troops will form a Senate, equivalent to a joint Court of Honour, with the ADC(S) and his assistant.

Subscriptions will remain the concern of individual troops, but for the general finances of the Federation it is intended to form a Liaison Committee of representatives from each of the six Group Committees concerned, under an independent chairman.

Administration of the training and social programme will be by the Scouter team led by ADC(S) Peter Blott (61 Howard Drive). His principal administrative assistant is SA Ken Johnson (80 Spring Road), and special responsibilities for badge work, outdoor activities, public service, visits, competitions, etc., are being shared by 7L SSL Colin Phillips (29 Haselfoot) and 4L SSL Brian Watkins (88 Southfields). Also on the team are all those Rovers and acting SSLs at present concerned with Senior training in Letchworth.

Meetings of the Federation will (generally speaking) be on Tuesday evenings at DHQ, from 7.55 to 10.5 p.m., and detailed programmes for October have already been prepared.

Full co-operation from Letchworth's Senior Scouts at last seems likely, and should make this experiment a success. The County Commissioner is "most interested" in the Federation, and is being kept informed of all developments.

Cub Caper

THE SIXERS' SPECIAL
SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER
2.30 till 8 pm at DHQ

Four Sixers (or Seconds) from each Pack are eligible to join in this Caper of games, tea, films and camp-fire. Cost: 1/- a head. Cubs please bring mugs and plates. Cubmasters please bring a loaf of sandwiches, and/or a few cakes, and a game.

If in doubt, phone Letchworth 5037.

Cub Quiz

THE ANNUAL DISTRICT
COMPETITION
WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER

6.50 PROMPTLY at DHQ. teams of FOUR bright Cubs from each Pack, UNDER 10½, ready to answer questions on first and second star work, with a little general knowledge thrown in!

OTHER DATES FOR CUBMASTERS:
19-20 March 1966: County
Palaver at Bushey
18 June 1966: County Cub
Jubilee Party

OPERATION PHEIDIPPIDES

This-year's contest for the Whalebone Trophy (successor to operations Tarzan, Kon-Tiki and Burnup) is on Sunday 10 October, and at least seven teams of Senior Scouts are expected to take part. Rules are as printed in the last CO-ORDINATOR, and it should be noted that in rule 8 "perambulator" is deemed to include child's pushchair, but not invalid carriage or bath chair. In rule 13, the duties of the Boy Scout pit crew may include the construction of rafts (if the Seniors are prepared to take the risk) but these must be constructed, at the checkpoint on the day of the contest.

Names of teams and pit crews must be given to SA Ken Johnson by Friday 8 October. Later entries may not be accepted.

JAMBOREE-ON-TEE-AIR

Fairly good response from Letchworth & Baldock District is reported by our liaison man with Stevenage & District Amateur Radio Club - Mr Peter Shepperd, 83 Spring Road, Letchworth. Anyone in the Scout movement over 11 is still welcome to take part in this radio-exchange with Scouts all round the world. Transport to and from Stevenage can be arranged. The Jamboree-on-the-Air fee is 1/6, for one or more hours, or the whole of both days - Saturday and Sunday 16 and 17 October. Get in touch with Peter Shepperd as soon as possible!

BADGE EXAMINERS LIST

The Badge Subcommittee of the LA has this under review, and a revision will be printed in CO-ORDINATOR as soon as possible. Please continue to use the July 1965 version till then, but delete Mr T. Favell as Angler badge examiner.

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING WEEKEND

This can and will be arranged by the District - probably in November or December - if there is the demand for it. Will ALL SMs PLEASE ask their Courts of Honour if the weekend is wanted, and let ADC(B) Les Collins know what they say, on 10 October. And please do this. Don't clam up in the usual impenetrable silence we get whenever we ask for this sort of action.

B-P GUILD CUP PATROL COMPETITION

Details are to be fixed at the Scouters' Council on Monday 11 October. Each and every Boy Scout troop in thy District is, asked to send its representative.

BOOKINGS OF D H Q

Decision of the LA Executive Committee meeting on 8 September: bookings of the hall will now be considered as including the Rover Den (or Scouters' Den or Committee Room). Anyone wishing to book this separately should get in touch direct with the Scouter in charge of whichever section is meeting in the main hall on that occasion. Other enquiries still go to John Baker, 47 Highfield, Letchworth.

COUNTY TRAINING DAYS FOR BOY SCOUT PLs

Troop Scouters are reminded that any of their PLs wishing to join the session at Hertford should get the application in to Mr Auton by Saturday 9 October. Forms for the St Albans gathering must be in by 16 October. Details and application forms appeared in the September edition of HSN.

WOLF CUB ANNUAL 1966

This is now on sale in the shops at 8/6. Local Scouters will be interested to see that it contains a Roger B. Keeney photograph of a Fifth Letchworth Cub, who has since then become a second-class Scout: Richard Biggs.

MOTOR TREASURE HUNT

LDRC have fixed this for Sunday 24 October, beginning at DHQ at 2.30 pm. All you need is a navigator, a 147 OS map, a bob or two, and some kind of motor vehicle. You will acquire the appetite for the BARBECUE which follows.

<u>Dates</u>	
S E P T E M B E R	1 9 6 5
29	7L Group open evening, St Thomas's, 7.50
O C T O B E R	1 9 6 5
1 - 3	Fifteenth County Senior Scout Gathering, Phasels Wood
5	First meeting of Federation of Letchworth Senior Scouts, DHQ, 7.55 pm
6	Fireman badge course begins, Letchworth Fire Station, 7.30 pm : all accepted candidates have been notified
9	Cub Caper, DHQ, 2.50 --8 pm (see page 1)
10	OPERATION PHEIDIPPIDES for Senior Scouts (see first column), starting at Dixies Meadow, Ashwell, 2.30 pm
11	Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8 pm
16	Gang Show reunion party has been postponed for one week.
16-17	County Scouters' Conference, East Hertfordshire College of Further Education, Broxbourne
16-17	Jamboree-on-the-Air (see column 1)
23-	District Gang Show reunion party, DHQ, 6 - 8.50 pm
23	Hertfordshire Rover-Ranger Roundup, Bishops Stortford
24	British Summer Time ends, 3 am
24	Motor treasure hunt, starting at DHQ, 2.30 pm, followed by Barbecue
28	Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 78
30	Rovers' Hallowe'en Dance, Baldock Town Hall

N O V E M B E R 1 9 6 5

- 1 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 78
2. Rover evening moot, Well End
- 3 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- 9 Rock Council, DHQ, 8 pm
- 13 B-P GUILD CUP PATROL COMPETITION, Westbury School, 2 pm
- 13 7L Bazaar, Church Rooms, 2.30 pm

and more dates!

NOVEMBER 1965 continued

- 17 District Cub Quiz, DHQ, 6.50 pm (see page 1)
- 20 5L Group Autumn Fair, Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, 11 am - 5 pm
- 20-21 OPERATION NIGHTJAR for Senior Scouts
- 29 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 79

DECEMBER 1965

- 27 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 80
- 29 - 5 January : Mountain Survival Course for Seniors, Rovers and Scouters, Lochearnhead

FEBRUARY 1966

- 36-27 County Rover Hike Trials

MARCH 1966

- 19-20 County Old Wolves' Palaver, Watford Technical High School, Bushey
- 20 British Summer Time begins, 2 am

APRIL 1966

- 22-24 JMT3

MAY 1966

- 21-22 Pack Scouters' Camp, Gilwell Park

JUNE 1966

- 18 County Cub Jubilee Party, Well End: one Cub from every Pack in Hertfordshire is invited; and each District is to provide two lively and imaginative Scouters as escorts

JULY 1966

- 2 Cub Day at Gilwell

WHY—

- are so many of the advance dates given above concerned with the Cub section of the movement?

Most of our readers should know already that 1966 is the Golden Jubilee Year of Cubbing. To quote from the Wolf Cub Annual (mentioned opposite):

"Well actually it began before 1916 but 1916 was the year in which our (and your) Founder, B.-P., first published The Wolf Cub's Handbook, so that is considered the year Wolf Cubs were recognised officially as existing! But from the beginning there had been boys who were 'Wolf Cub age' in the Movement: 'admitted to Troops' (wrote Mr E.E. Reynolds in his history called The Scout Movement) 'because they clamoured to share the fun their elder brothers were having, and sometimes because mother said that Jack could not become a Scout unless little Bobby joined.' But they were too young really to do the things that their elder brothers could do: so it soon became obvious that B.-P. had to think out a name

and a programme for the 'younger brothers.'

"Meanwhile these small boys were being formed into little companies of their own called Junior Scouts, and Beavers and Nippers. B.-P. himself wondered about Colts or Young Scouts or Trappers (a trapper being assistant to a hunter or Scout): but in the end you became Wolf Cubs, like the Wolf Cubs in Mr Kipling's Jungle Books."

So for the fiftieth anniversary of the Junior Scouts, plenty of special events are now being planned. There is to be a National Good Turn (collecting aluminium foil to buy a whole pack of guide dogs for the blind) from July to October. Other events are listed in column 1; and to this can be added Hertfordshire's Cub Jubilee Thanksgiving Service, which is to be held in St Albans Cathedral at 3 pm on Sunday 30 October, Nineteen sixty six. You can't say this is too short notice.

The Mod Trophy

No-one seems quite sure of the present situation regarding the Mod Trophy, so here is a brief summary of all available information.

Having won the Trophy on 26 July, in two games to one of skittle billiards, against Scouters of Second Baldock, the Seventh Letchworth Group immediately became the subject of Third Letchworth's challenge to either winners.

The Third challenge was a quarter-mile swimming crawl by a team of three Boy Scouts. According to the rules, if this was not accepted by 26 August, the Trophy would go to the challengers.

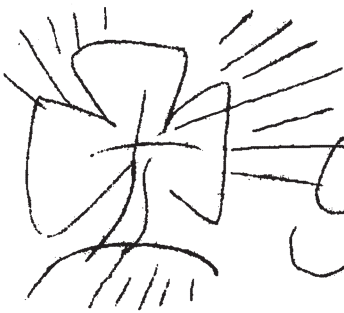
A card from GSM John Gordon to GSM Ken Hart told the Seventh that the Third's SM Mick Murphy had arranged for the Swimming Pool on 24 August at 6 pm. Unfortunately, the Third's team did not get the same message, so when the Seventh turned up there were no challengers!

This has therefore been declared a walkover for the Seventh Letchworth Group, who now hold the Mod Trophy for the fourth time. The rule now applying is that if no challenge is made within three calendar months (that is, before 24 November) the Trophy reverts to the District for a new open contest.

Until that time, any section of any Group in Letchworth & Baldock District may challenge their corresponding section in Seventh Letchworth (Cubs, Boy Scouts, or Senior Scouts - or even an individual patrol or six, or individual Scouters) to any legal competition. The Third can renew their crawl challenge if they like.

Challengers must provide any necessary equipment for both teams and arrange any special meeting place. All challenges, with date and place, must be notified to the Press Secretary (80 Spring Road) who will enter them in the official record book.

It's time Ashwell or Weston had a go.



Guiders' Notes.....

by
Mrs M.C. Drylie
D C , Letchworth.....

NEW

The new Guide uniform is now on sale at Spinks & Son, 69 Leys Avenue. See it in the window - try it - buy it. Get all the Company wearing it.

NEW

The new P.O.R. is out. I shall have copies for all those who ordered them by Monday 28 September. Come and collect yours (and pay for it, please:) I have also ordered a few spare copies but these may go at the Guido training at Stevenage on the twenty-ninth - so if you want one, come round straight away.

COFFEE

A coffee morning is being held on Saturday 2 October at the Civil Defence Hall, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Do come and bring your friends. Proceeds are to the HQ Fund. There will be a Bring & Buy stall to boost the fund, specializing in garden produce - all gifts very welcome.

QUIZ

Guiders will be hearing from the Trefoil Guild about the Quiz, which is being run on "Top of the Form" lines, except that we shall have three, four or five teams competing in the first two heats. That is, all your Patrols will compete against each other, and the best one from each Company will go forward to the next heat. We hope to get the finals ready for the Annual General Meeting.

The teams are any four Guides from the same Patrol. Please ask your Guides not to discuss the questions in the first heat with any Guides from another Company (there will be a few days in between each Company's test since they are on your normal meeting night) as all Companies are getting the same set of questions. If they do tell, they will be giving the other Company more chance of winning than they had!

DATES

S E P T E M B E R

29 Guide Guiders' training : Stevenage

O C T O B E R

2 Coffee morning

5 Brownie Guiders' training : Stevenage

12 Guide Guiders' natter-session at 21 Newlands, 8 pm

19 All Guiders' Committee meeting at Norton School, 8 pm

N O V E M B E R

5 Hitchin A.G.M.

23 Our A.G.M.. Tuesday. 7.30. Howard Hall.

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THINGS TO COME ("CO-ORDINATOR" EXCLUSIVE)

Ian Johnson, Graham Turner, John Turner, Anthony Bolton, Robert Cox. Look out for these names, and more to come, in the Scout news in the local press during the next few months.

Some of them have made news before, as First Weston Cubs, but now they are all past retirement age. Since the 1W Troop ceased operations a few years ago, the flame of hope has flickered somewhat, but has recently been fanned into life by the efforts of ADC(R) John Baker and BSAASM Roger Keeney. From 13 September, Roger has been giving instruction in tenderfoot work to the fellows named above. But no Troop meetings are being called, until there is some definite result to the continued, search for an acting SM in Weston itself.

Mr John Watts, of "Wahroonga", Maiden Street, has been appointed "GSM designate". With the support of the new headmaster of the village school, the Cub Pack is expected to increase under the leadership of CM Mrs Ruth Turner (2 Butts Green) and. to provide more of the potential Scouts.

GOSSIP COLUMN

Fourth Letchworth's ancient scout huts, Condemned by everybody for several years have definitely got to be evacuated by 1 January 1966, leaving the group with no official HQ. Cubs and Scouts have for some time met in the Church Hall.

While St Hugh's Hall is being restored, Ninth Letchworth Scouts are meeting on alternate Wednesdays at DHQ. The Group is holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 13 November at the Civil Defence Centre.

Seventh Letchworth Scouts are planning a WINTER Camp! Under their new SM. Russ Turner, they intend to spend five days around New Year in the Mendip Hills, in Somerset.

Fifth Letchworth are believed to have the only pair of Senior Scout brothers in the District at present - Bob and Michael Wilson. And they expect another pair before Christmas, when Gordon Rowson goes up to join his Senior brother Graham. Is this a record?