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LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

February 1966

TO THE DISTRICT

HAVING now completed a full year as District Commissioner, I feel it is appropriate again to write a few lines in CO-ORDINATOR.

I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know most of the Scouters and their Scouts, but I know I have still not covered all the ground and in particular I have not been able to spend much time with the Cubs. I hope to rectify this soon, and in the meantime wish all concerned every success in this Cub Jubilee Year.

I like to think that Scouting in the District has made some progress in the last year. Undoubtedly, the Letchworth Seniors and reconstructed District Rover Crew are already showing results, and I am delighted with the latest news of the Rovers' help to Eighth and Third Letchworth.

But this brings me to the biggest disappointment, which is the old cry - lack of Scouters. With few exceptions the Scouter will be heard to say "I'm on my own", and in fact some Scouters are even doing two or three jobs. We must find more people who are prepared to get into uniform to carry on the good work - and it is work which is even more essential these days with the increased danger of delinquency in modern youth. Will everyone reading this please give it some further thought and see if they know anyone of the type we are looking for.

Now I come to my "broadside", Attendances at Scouters' Councils have been poor for some time. On numerous occasions several groups have not been represented at all, which makes decisions for future District activities extremely difficult, and criticisms or reports on past events incomplete. It also means that someone has to do a lot of chasing up afterwards, which should be unnecessary. Please help us to help you, by ensuring that at least one Scouter, or an assistant, or perhaps the Troop Leader, is present on your behalf.

The LA Secretary and I are anxious to bring up to date the records of all group Scouters. Will GSMS please check their actual Scouter strength, and if there are any dormant warrants cancel them by filling in form "W" and letting Mr Wood have it.

Finally, it is my duty and great pleasure to thank all of you, both Scouters and lay members, for your work and devotion to the movement in the District, and I wish you all happy Scouting and good fellowship in 1966.

Les Smith
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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS

: Prizes of Gang Show tickets are offered for the best entries in each class in a HOME SAFETY poster competition sponsored by Letchworth District Rover Crew. Class A: any Cub or Brownie in Letchworth and Baldock Districts.

Class B: any Boy Scout or Girl Guide under 15 in Letchworth and Baldock Districts.

Class C: anyone over 15 in the Scout or Guide movement in Letchworth and Baldock Districts.

Posters must be on some theme of Home Safety training, done in any medium, size 15" by 20", labelled on the back with name, address, name of unit and class.- Entries to RSL Brian Watkins, 88 Southfields, Letchworth, by 1 April.

: All the Cubs in the District can try the JUBILEE BIRTHDAY CARD competition - full details are on page 309 of the January HSN. The District's best ten will be selected by the Designer badge examiners from 1430 to 1530 on Sunday 13 February at DHQ; and these will go forward to the County finals. (Entries may be handed to Raksha on the previous day at the first aid competition.)

: And Sunday 1 May is the date for the Second Annual Competition and Exhibition of Arts and Crafts for the PLINSTON TROPHY: all Cubs, Scouts and Senior Scouts in this District will be eligible to enter the Art, Handicraft, Woodcraft, Cookery and Photography sections, the trophy going to the Group with the highest points. Full details later.

WANTED!

GREEN SHIELD STAMPS : More than 1,500 books are still required for the minibus for the Handicapped Scouts and Cubs of Hertfordshire Packs, Troops, Group Committees, friends, please send all you can as soon as you can, to ACC(H) Charles Cade, 81 Luton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

WANTED?

CUB JUBILEE YEAR SOUVENIR BADGES : How many would your Pack be glad of? To save postage, it's suggested that the District buys in bulk, so CMs should place orders, and cash, with DCM Mrs Tippet by Saturday 12 February; the day of the Cub first aid competition.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From 3 February, Harry Frankland (retiring as SM, 1A) : 71 Ridge Avenue, Letchworth.

REMEMBER the major social event of the Scouting year - Letchworth B-P Scout Guild's annual dinner, at the Wilbury Hotel, Friday 18 February, 7.30 for 8 pm. Tickets, one guinea, from Mr D James, 49 Norton Road, or Mr F, Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth.

The MOD Trophy

FOURTH LETCHWORTH WON THE MOD TROPHY LAST SATURDAY, as Stephen Wood and Tony Gunn (4L) beat Simon Turner and David Francis (1W) in the first ever recorded Cub chess contest. Stephen (Black) beat Simon in 35 moves, but David (Black), though new to the game, held Tony through 85 moves before checkmate. The full authentic score cards may be inspected at any time: please apply to the Press Secretary (Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road). Now 4L Boy Scouts have to defend the trophy, not later than 29 April, in answer to the challenge from 7L Boy Scouts to seven-a-side rugby. All challenges must be notified to the Press-Secretary for entry in the record book.

NOCTPRAM

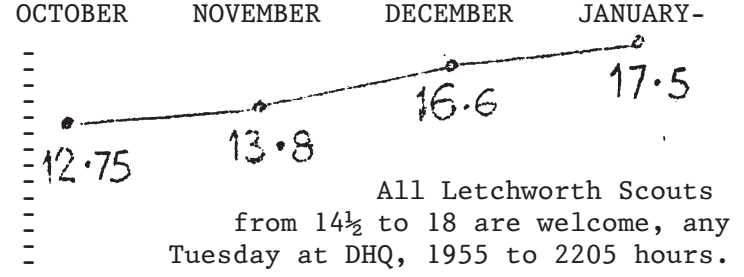
NINETY-ONE TEAMS OF SENIOR SCOUTS CHECKED IN AT THE START of the County Marathon called "NOCTPRAM" on Saturday night at Ivinghoe Beacon. Four hundred and three Senior Scouts with eyes and teeth glinting in the moonlight from commando-black faces set off to try to infiltrate the defences manned by Territorial Army soldiers and Cadets in a narrow battle field around Ashridge Park, north of Berkhamsted. Our local heroes were First Baldock (two teams, led by Keiron Jones and Robert Hilditch), Second Letchworth under Martien Lafferty, Third Letchworth under Nick Imber, and Fifth Letchworth under Michael Coram.

In this unfamiliar country, they had to locate a small hut deep in the dark muddy woods - Partisan Headquarters - and there collect explosives wherewith to "destroy" canal or rail bridges near Northchurch. As we go to press, we have not the full story of all our local teams' efforts, but it was only five teams with knowledge of the area who got through to the bang: two from Tring, one from Northchurch, one from St Albans, and the winners, 44 South West Hertfordshire. A large number of teams failed even to find Partisan HQ in time, and all Letchworth & Baldock lads were in phase 2 of the operation, with 45 fewer minutes to do the job.

We are not moaning. It was an exciting and definitely different way to spend a mild clear January night, and three members of one Baldock team, asked by our special correspondent if it was worth it, croaked a unanimous "Yes!" The fourth one was asleep.

Slow but sure

GROWING STRENGTH OF LETCHWORTH SENIOR SCOUTS' FEDERATION is seen by this graph of average weekly attendance over the first four months of the joint training plan.



"HERTFORDSHIRE SCOUT NEWS" is edited and printed in Letchworth and distributed to all Scouters in the county. Until now, the addressing and distributing has been done from Harpenden by Mrs May Gillett, Assistant County Secretary; but with her resignation from this post this month, the County Commissioner has suggested that a very useful economy might be made if two or three volunteers were found in Letchworth to carry out this routine task each month.

About 2,000 copies have to be bundled each month, into 18 parcels for the various Districts, and about 100 single copies to commissioners and other VIPs, and the whole lot posted. All expenses are of course paid by the County Treasurer.

Perhaps the most suitable team for this job would be a Group Committee member with one or more members of the family connected with the movement. Any volunteers in Letchworth, please apply to the editor, HSN, 80 Spring Road (Letchworth 3920).

SENIOR SCOUTS

AND SCOUTERS, and all other readers of CO-ORDINATOR are invited to see a remarkable colour film on first aid, made for the Royal Canadian Air Force, at DHQ on Tuesday 8 February, 2115 hours. Not for the squeamish, this film will be very valuable for intending teams in the Tempest-Hicks county first aid competition.

THREE REQUESTS

FROM THE D C M

Pack Scouters are asked to let Mrs Tippet know.....

....by 7 February, if they are considering attendance at the Pack Scouters' Camp at Gilwell (21-22 May); and how many others they will bring to the County Palaver at Watford.(19-20 March). For both of these events, transport can be organized jointly much more economically for all.

....by 14 February, to confirm their Pack's entry of a team in this year's Cub football league.

PRESS COVERAGE

COLUMN INCHES in the "Citizen" Scout notes during 1965 reflected as follows the news coverage of local Groups:

5L...77½	4L...36½	9L...24
7L...50	8L)	2B...16½
1L...48	1B)...33	3B...11½
3L...47	1W...)	1A...10½
LDRC.38½	2L...)	

Photographs illustrating Scout notes in the three local papers from 1962 to January 1966 featured Groups as follows:

1A *	4L ****
1B *****	5L *****
2B *	7L *****
3B	8L
1L *****	9L
2L *****	1W **
3L ***	LDRC ***

News for Letchworth Guiders

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FEBRUARY 1966

NOTES FROM DISTRICT COMMITTEE, 18 JANUARY

A reminder was given to Guiders who have not yet paid last year's Rent Levy to Mrs Hemmings to do so immediately. If you are one of the erring ones you had a yellow slip referring to this in December.

The next Coffee Morning is 12 February - with 1L Guides coping with coffees and Mrs Hiles running a stall (anything welcomed for this - it's an All-sorts Stall). The Rangers and 4L Guides will be running the Coffee Morning on 12 March, Please put these dates in your diary now.

Training booklets have been circulated. You are asked particularly this year to send in notification of your intention to attend. It does make it so much easier for the Trainer if she knows whether to expect 8 or 60.

Badge cards (Guides) to Mrs Hiles, and lists (Brownie) to Mrs Meal, by 31 January, or immediately on receipt of this CO-ORDINATOR.

The LA and TG are holding a Jumble Sale on 26 March and want offers of jumble nearer the date. Start clearing out soon.

Next committee meeting: Tuesday 1 March at 29 Haselfoot, 8 pm (only one Guider per unit, please).

THINKING DAY: All Brownies may come this year. 20 February at St Paul's Church. Assemble 2.30 pm with packed tea and unbreakable mug. Order of precedence: Rangers - 1L - 2L - 4L - 5L - 9L - 10L 11L - 12L - 1W. Tea and ceremony after the services in the Church Hall.

Can you ask your Guides and Brownies if they would consider Lady B-P's idea of giving the cost of a birthday card to her and its postage as their contribution of pennies to the Thinking Day Fund (see December "Brownie", "Guido" and "Guider".)

REHEARSAL FOR COLOUR PARTIES Tuesday 15 February, 6.15 at St Paul's. In uniform and with Company colours and pennants. Colour parties must attend rehearsal, otherwise they cannot be included on the Sunday.

NB: Guide Training, Hitchin, 2 March, 7.15.

NEWS FROM NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD PANEL

There are at present about 250 youngsters actively engaged on the award at various stages in north Hertfordshire.

* County's Snowdonia Centre is nearing the completion of its alterations. Organizations wishing to use it will need to book up well ahead as it is already proving much in demand.

A course on canoe building starts on Monday 21 February, for five sessions. More applicants are wanted - not for the youngsters, but from about 17 upwards, and including adults. Would suit Scouter wishing to teach own troop later. Cost 5/-.

Operation Norheart (Hertfordshire Youth in Norway) has received no replies from Norway. Further approaches are to be made through the Geographical Institute for a similar service project which could be undertaken.

Tentative suggestion was made of a club for all holders of the Gold Award in this area. Those would be invited to take part in any future special service projects.

Mr S. Kemp at Stevenage College of Further Education will supply any further news on the Award. Next meeting of the panel: Tuesday 31 May at Nobel Grammar School at 7.30 pm. *Training weekend (mixed course) for students at the Snowdonia Centre, 18--20 March. Cost £2:10s. inclusive, leaving Stevenage at 2 pm.

*Weekend introduction to Centre, with an evening gathering beforehand, for adults at the Snowdonia Centre, 25-27 March. Cost £2 (claim from Youth Committee) and provide own transport.

ALSO: Weekend for students in Thetford Chase, camping at Santon Downham, 17-19 June. Cost 15/-, provide own food. Leave Stevenage College at 6 pm. This prepares for Silver and Gold expeditions in north. Wales, 10-17 July. Cost £6:10s. Leave Stevenage College at 9.30 am.

TWELFTH WORLD JAMBOREE

1-9 August 1967: Farragut State Park, near Couer d'Alene, Idaho

The UK contingent will be away from 29 July to 20 August. Members must be First Class Scouts, born between 1 August 1949 and 1 August 1953. There is no allocation of places to Counties this time, but Scouters may be nominated by CCs as Jamboree Troop Scouters, AND THE County Secretary needs to know numbers intending to go, by 15 March 1966, with firm applications to be made to HQ in the autumn of this year, when a deposit will be required. Cost: not more than £165, including travel, camp fees, and post-jamboree expenses - though in the post-jamboree period, Scouts will receive hospitality from the Boy Scouts of America.

SIMILARITY OF DESIGN : Extract from "The Stevenage Scribe", January 1966

"Seniors from the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th make up the troop which now has twenty-two regular members. All the seniors retain their original Group identities as do the Scouters. All the Groups are urged to provide their own S.S.L. on the scouter team so that the training and experience can now be gained in prudent preparation for the time when each Group has its own large Senior Troop."

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LETCWORTH DISTRICT ROVER CREW

Now stronger than at any time in its history, LDRC continues to give service to the Scout movement in a variety of ways - from printing this thing you are reading, to activity on the District Gang Show Committee, and such unusual tasks as sitting on canal bridges all through last Saturday night as marshals in the Senior Marathon.

A quick guide to who's who in the crew is printed below, showing the Group to which each Rover also belongs, and (in brackets) the Group to which he is at present giving service as warranted, acting, part-time or temporary Scouter. In alphabetical order...

- ANDREWS, Raymond, 4L (4L).
- ASTRIDGE, Brian*, 3L
- BLUCK, Trevor, 4L
- BUCKLEY, David*, 1L
- BYRNE, Alan, 4L (LDRC)
- BYRNE, Patrick, 2B (2B). -QS
- CARPENTER, David*, 4L
- CLARKE, Roy, 4L (8L)
- DILLEY, Peter*, 2B (2B)
- DUNKLEY, Kent, 4L
- EDMETT, Robin, 4L (4L) -QS
- FLEMMING, Chris:epher*, 3L (3L)-QS
- GROOM, David, 4L (1S)
- HOOPER, Michael*, 2L (2L, 8L)
- MOFFAT, Alister, 4L (4L)
- MURDEN, James*, 1L (LSS) -QS
- PETERS, Terreroc*, 4L (4L)
- PILKINGTON, Ian, 4L
- RINGROW, David*, 7L -QS
- SAPSED, Lawrence*, 3L -QS
- SMITH, Richard, 4L (LSS)

QS=Queen's Scout. LSS=Letchworth Senior Scouts' federation. *=Rover Squire.

- F E B R U A R Y 1 9 6 6 - - - - -
- 6 Barton Shield first aid competition,DHQ, from 1400
 - 9 9L Scouts a Cubs and 12L Brownies party, reopening St Hugh's hall, 1900
 - 9 L A EXECUTIVE COMMITEE, DHQ, 2000
 - 12 Guides' Coffee Morning, Civil Defence Centre, Letchworth
 - 12 District Cub first aid competition, DHQ, 1430
 - 12-13 CMs' preliminary training course, Hertford.
 - 13 Judging of Cub Jubilee Year "Birthday Card" competition, DHQ, 1450-1550
 - 18 B-P Guild Annual Dinner, Wilbury Hotel, 1945 (see page 1)
 - 19 County cross-country for Senior Scouts
 - 19-20 County SSLs' Conference, Well End
 - 19-20 Kent Trophy county Boy Scout first aid competition, Hatfield
 - 23 SCOTTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 2000
 - 25 Last items in, please, to Press Secretary for CO-ORDINATOR 82
 - 26-27 County Rover Hike Trials, Stevenage
 - 28 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 82
- M A R C H 1 9 6 6 - - - - -
- 5 County Boy Scout PLs' Gathering has been cancelled
 - 9 ROCK -COUNCIL, DHQ, 2000
 - 12 Guides' Coffee Morning, Civil Defence Centre, Letchworth.
 - 12 County representative cross-country for Senior Scouts
 - 19-20 County CMs' Palaver, Watford.
 - 20 British Summer Time begins, 0200
 - 26 Guide LA jumble sale
 - 26 5L Group jumble sale, DHQ, 1430
 - 27 Tempest-Hicks Trophy county Senior Scout first aid competition. Hatfield

NEWS FROM 1922

The following extracts are from a report in "The Citizen" for 27 October 1922

Wolf Cubs for Letchworth
GREAT SCOUT-ACTIVITY AT THE
PHOENIX CANTEEN
BY "X.Y.Z."

The 1st Letchworth Troop are forming a Cub Pack for their Troop, and I am giving CITIZEN readers some idea as to what this movement is, and the work it does with boys who are not old enough to become Scouts.

The Scout Association was founded by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, Chief Scout of the world (a title conferred by over thirty nations) in 1908 with quite a small number of boys. It now numbers over 300, 000. The allied International Brotherhood now numbers 1,500,000 strong, and is still growing. (What a splendid League of Nations!)

There are three classes of Scouts, viz., Wolf Cubs, aged ten to twelve (motto, "Do your best") ; Scouts from twelve years upwards (motto, "Be prepared"); Rovers over seventeen (motto, "Brotherhood and service").

The little Wolf Cub must qualify to become a Scout. He must have grasped the ideals, formed good habits, and be disciplined and have kept his promises.

To hear the grand howl of the Cubs is a stirring experience. Squatting in a circle, they slowly cry as loud as their little lungs permit, "A-ke-la! We'll do our best." Where upon the leader jumps up and cries, "Dyb! Dyb! Dyb! Dyb!" (Do your best"), and the Cubs reply, "We'll Dob! Dob! Dob! Dob!" (We'll do our best").

The main lines of Scout education are directed to character, intelligence, handicraft and skill, health and strength, and service for others.

To finish up, I want to mention that eleven Scouts gained V.C.'s during the war, and over 1,000 were decorated for gallantry, and 10,000 gave their lives for their country.

The tiny Cub who performs each day some little action of service and self-sacrifice, if it is only helping with an old woman's heavily-laden shopping basket, or minding the baby, forms the foundation of big things in days to come.

The Cub headquarters are at the rear of the Phoenix (Canteen). Scouts parade nights on Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.; Cubs on Tuesday at 6.15, under Scoutmaster R. West and Instructor Hugh Gentle, Troop Leader F. Fulton, and Patrol Leaders G. Gardner, W. Lovell, E. Hales and C. Williams.