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payable to Letchworth District Rover Crew: treasurer, David Ringrow,

83 Wilbury Hills Road, Letchworth

LOOKING AT DHQ

ACTION BEING PLANNED WHICH WILL NEED THE HELP AND CO-OPERATION OF DODS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

A section of the LA House Subcommittee met at DHQ last month. An outcome of the business was the formation of a DHQ MAINTENANCE TEAM.

The members are ASL Steve Page (Scouter representative) and Messrs J.Gamester and R.Hilditch (lay representatives) who with ADC John Baker form a team whose terms of reference are...

"to ensure that adequate maintenance and repair work is carried out on DHQ; to investigate means of carrying this out whenever required; and to advise the LA Executive (through the House Subcommittee) of their suggestions and recommendations."

This team has already met and carried out its first project: that of an inspection in detail of DHQ premises and listing all work that needs to be done both inside and out, and setting the priorities.

The resultant list of jobs is formidable and as soon as priorities are fixed, plans for doing the jobs will be issued. ALL AVAILABLE HELP WILL BE NEEDED! The more willing the help and the greater the enthusiasm, the easier will be the task of J.F.B. whose job it is to see that his team's recommendations are implemented.

(NB: We wish to record officially our appreciation to GSL Ron Page and the Scouts he brought over to DHQ to clear grass and cut hedges, and also to GSL John Gordon for his help.)

From now onwards, please notify J.F.B. (47 Highfield, Letchworth 4782) of any breakages or damage at DHQ so that he can get the repairs in hand. Or better still, repair it yourself at once!

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

YOU are probably aware of the existence of a flourishing Duke of Edinburgh Panel in north Hertfordshire. At the last meeting on 3 October it was felt that although the uniformed organizations have their own machinery for the scheme, they may wish to attend the Panel's meetings, not only in an advisory capacity but also to use what facilities are available. For example, we have the use of a mountain centre in Snowdonia, numerous assessors and instructors and sufficient numbers to arrange unusual courses. If you think we can give mutual assistance, please write to me.

S.H. KEMP

Secretary, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme,
Steverage College of Further Education.

£6/12/-

THIS is the sum resulting from the collection at the District Cub Jubilee thanksgiving service on 9 October. It was sent to help the fund for the minibus for Hertfordshire's handicapped Cubs and Scouts, and the following letter has been received from Mrs C.W. Pollock-Gore, who is now supervising the Green Shield stamp collection for this purpose.

"I gave your cheque to Mr Hickson, DC, who works for the Green Shield company, and am now writing to thank you for it. It will be such a help to the Minibus for Hertfordshire. We have 630 books up to date, for which we are being paid £378 by the Green Shield company, so we are on our way!"

THE Cubs' Jubilee Good Turn collection of aluminium foil (to buy guide dogs for the blind) resulted in a total of 309 lb, - not including the contributions from 1A, 1B and 1W packs who despatched theirs separately. It has been calculated that 309 lb. is equal to a collection of 494,400 milk bottle tops! Even this, however, will not buy a complete dog, for which the estimated price is 3 tons of foil.

MOD TROPHY

SEVENTH Letchworth retained the Mod Trophy on 22 October, in the fourteenth contest for this magnificent piece of modern sculpture. It was the first challenge at Rover level. 4L Rover Roy Clarke threw down the gauntlet to 7L Rover David Ringrow at the Stopsley bowling alley, but was defeated by 121 to 107.

Challenge 15 has already been made, and Dave Ringrow has to take on another 4L Rover, David Groom, in a duel at darts to be played in the near future

On the outcome of this depends the defence of the trophy in Challenge 16. FOURTH AND SEVENTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT TROOPS TAKE NOTICE! Depending on which Rover wins the darts match, one of your Troops is hereby challenged by First Weston Scouts to a Mod. Trophy contest that will last for an entire week - the first complete week, Sunday-Saturday, that follows the Rovers' contest. Nature of challenge: Green-Shield-Stamp-Collecting. Troop handing in greater number of stamps at midnight on that Saturday receives the Mod Trophy. This is IW versus either 4L or 7L Scout Troop only. You will be informed of precise dates. Be prepared!

Letchworth Guiders' News



Baldock Guiders' News

WEDNESDAY 2 NOVEMBER: Brownie Guiders'

Training at Royston, 7.30 pm.

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER: LA & TG jumble sale at 7

pm at the Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue.

Help is required in selling the jumble

(arrive 6.30). Any more jumble would be

appreciated: it can be delivered to the

hall between 3 and 4.30 pm.

WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER: Guide Guiders' Tran-

ing at Royston, 7.30 pm.

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER: Coffee morning; Civil

Defence Hall, 10 am to 12 noon, being run

by 2L Guides and 11L Brownies. Don't

forget our prices are very competitive -

only 9d. for a full size cup of coffee

and 3d. each for cakes and buttered

scones.

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER: Trefoil Guild meeting

at 24 Meadow Wry, 7.45 pm. Talk: "Careers

for Women in Gardening" by Mrs Gavin

Jones, with colour slides.

TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER: Guiders' Committee,

7.30 pm, Norton School. This has been

postponed from 15 November, in order that

you can all go to the Trefoil Guild. meet-

ing. As there is more room at the school,

Lieutenants and Tawny Owls are all invited

to this committee.

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER: Coffee morning.

WE are now in desperate need of a new store for our camp equipment since the Brenchleys are moving from Baldock Rectory shortly. Anyone with an empty garage or outhouse (it must be free from damp) please let me know. We should probably only need it for 12-18 months as our HQ should be built by then.

EACH unit will by now have received a copy of the County Annual Report. Will you see that each Guider in the unit gets a chance to read it, and if, when finished with, you don't want to keep it, please return it to me and I can pass any copies I get back to the LA and other interested people. Numbers were very limited this year and there are quite a lot of people I would like to send copies to.

M.C. DRYLIE

THE first of our two Beetle drives for the CHQ) "Raise the Roof" appeal produced R4/15/9 - an excellent result from the Brownies. We are very grateful to the Guiders who organized this.

MEMBERS of the Baldock Guide Companies enjoyed an evening at the Roman Catholic Church Hall by kind invitation of 2B Guides, when colour slides of District and Company events were shown.

BALDOCK Guiders and LA members were well represented at the County AGM at Stevenage on 19 October.

WE are very sorry to hear that Mrs Brett is not well, and help is therefore urgently needed for 1B Company. I shall be running the company with Mrs Wagg's help until Christmas, but it is essential to find someone else as soon as possible.

I shall be moving to Dunton (just over the Bedfordshire border) in January, but with the approval of the County and Division Commissioners I shall continue as your DC. This does mean, however, that a new store must be found for the camp equipment by January, as it cannot be loft in the Rectory loft while the house is empty. Will you please look out for somewhere suitable?

MARY BRENCHLEY

DATES: Tuesday 8 November, 8 pm: Guiders' meeting at Baldock Rectory.

Saturday 26 November, 10-12: Coffee morning and bazaar at Baldock Town Hall (small hall)

Thursday 1 December: District AGM, St Mary's Hall, Baldock, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 7 December: Special evening for all Guides, Guiders and Badge Testers: details later.

FOR THE RECORD

The other day we heard of an enquiry from a local paper to a Group Secretary who had retired three years ago. We have printed this up-to-date list before, but suggest that everyone keeps it for reference.

GROUP SECRETARIES

- 1A Mrs E. Holloway, Ashwell End Farm
- 1B R. Hilditch, 38 The Leas
- 2B Mrs L.J. Daniels, 45 London Road
- 3B Mrs J. Holland, 52 Hopewell Road
- 1/3L Mrs M. Collins, 96 Bedford Road, and Mrs J. Crawshay, 94 Pixmore Way, jointly
- 2L Mrs B. Hooper, 63 Lammas Way.
- 4L Mrs P. Hutcheon, 13G Baldock Road
- 5L A.W. Biggs, 53 Highfield
- 6L (none known)
- 7L C.W. Rose, 75 Bursland.
- 8L Mrs U. Fisher, 44 Danescroft
- 9L P. Powell, 65 High Avenue
- 1W J. Allison, Beaulieu, Mill Lane
- LDRC R. Smith, 97 Baldock Road, Letchworth

(If any information in this list is out of date or incorrect, please inform either LA Secretary Arthur Wood or District Information Officer. Thank you!)

EXTRA READING

It goes without saying that all Scouters can only keep in touch with up-to-date events in the movement by carefully reading "The Scouter" every month. Committee members will also find much of interest and value in it. The cost is 1/- a month, and it may be ordered from any newsagent.

With the recent demise of "The Scout", other reading for the movement is now appearing in popular journals. "Boys' Own Paper" (monthly, 2/-) has a special Scout section of several pages entitled "Modern Scouting", beginning with the November edition.

The 2 November edition of "Eagle" (weekly, 7d.) contains a special message for all Scouts from Sir Charles Maclean, Chief Scout of the Commonwealth.

Scouters!

PLEASE READ THIS
AND THEN
TELL ALL YOUR SENIORS

SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER : 2.30 PM

There are a number of Seniors and Rovers who would like to be in our next Gang Show but are unable to do so because of Saturday rehearsals.

The Production Committee are arranging to change the day for rehearsals, but would like the views of the Seniors and Rovers on this and other show details before making any firm decisions.

We should like YOU to help by meeting us at DHQ at 2.30 pm on Sunday 6 November and giving us YOUR views. It will be even better if all Seniors and Rovers (and all other adults eligible to be members of the show) come to this short meeting.

PLEASE COME

Signed on behalf of the Gang Show
Production team:

John Baker

Action THIS WEEK

THIS SUNDAY (6 November) brings us to within a fortnight of the new-style B-P GUILD CUP COMPETITION, on Sunday 20 November.

The contest is a day hike, not exceeding 10 miles, on a specified circular route between a number of checkpoints, at each of which a task will be carried out. Points will be awarded by checkpoint staff for these tasks and for correct timekeeping.

Teams are composed of FIVE SCOUTS who should be a GENUINE STANDING PATROL but may if necessary borrow from another Patrol one Scout who is not a PI or APL.

Entries must be submitted to DSL Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth, BY THIS SUNDAY, 6 NOVEMBER, with the entry fee of 2/6 for each Patrol. You will realize that with the precision timing needed in a contest of this size it is essential to know how many teams are entering, so will ALL TROOP SCOUTERS P L E A S E CO-OPERATE by filling in this form THIS WEEK and letting Jeff have it before Sunday. Copy it on to a sheet of paper if you prefer not to cut your CO-ORDINATOR. But PLEASE send it in, even if your Troop cannot raise a team and your entry is nil. This information is still important to enable us to run the contest properly.

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B-P GUILD CUP COMPETITION, 20 NOVEMBER 1966

To DSL Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, LGC

The _____ Troop
is entering the following Patrols:
NAME OF PATROL NAME OF P L

(If none, please write "NONE")

New Scout Group

UNIFICATION OF 1L AND 3L

The joint Group Committees of 1L and 3L Groups, and their joint Group Councils, announced last week the formation of a new united Group, to be known as FIRST/THIRD LETCHWORTH.

In a bulletin issued to all parents of the new Group, they say they will provide neckerchiefs of red, bordered with white, for all present members. Troop meetings, (which have been held jointly for some few weeks) will continue on Fridays at DHQ. Two Cub Packs are to be maintained, on Tuesday (CSL Arthur Scott) and Thursday (CSL Joyce Astridge). New Group activities include a jumble sale in the afternoon of 5 November, and a bonfire at Stotfold in the evening. A fundraising Christmas draw is to take place on 15 December.

In a message to the new Group, County Commissioner Melville Balsillie says: "I must congratulate you all on getting off the mark so quickly and beginning to implement the Chief Scout's Advance Party Report in this way. We in Hertfordshire have long been urging the amalgamation of smaller Groups to provide bigger and better units in which boys can be trained in much more efficient and adventurous ways. Our target should be a Cub Pack of 36 and a Scout Troop of 48. I am delighted that Letchworth is taking the lead, and I wish your new Group every success."

Conference Digest

For CO-ORDINATOR readers who were not at the County Conference and who do not get "Hertfordshire Scout News", we reproduce some points from the former that are printed in the latter.

Two members of the Advance Party were there in person: JOHN BERESFORD explained how the epic report was written, with figures to prove it! 2/3 of all Rovers are under 21, 1/4 of all Scouters are unaware of religious policy: not that every Leader must belong to a church, but "99% desirable". 10% of the population moves house each year - are our Groups that flexible? 20 times as many families own boats as ten years ago - are we keeping up with this trend?

FRANCIS DUNFORD said PR alone can make APR work! Public Relations is selling an idea. We grumble that we are short of help: how often do we ask for it? GROUP Information Officers must pass ALL news to District I.O. for the Press. It is GOOD NEWS that young people are not worthless! On what people think of us depends the whole future of our movement.

From Senior Section: Bad language like that heard at the Gathering MUST BE JUMPED ON, RIGHT AT THE OUTSET.

Charles Dymoke Green: "My hardest battle (concerning the APR) was with sentiment and tradition... Reluctance to change is proof of fossilization... Such criticism as there

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7L AT THE CHURCH ROOMS
COMMERCE AVENUE
LETCHWORTH

BAZAAR

S A T U R D A Y 1 2 N O V E M B E R

Opening by Councillor Norman Martin,
Chairman of Letchworth Urban Council

2.30 s i d e s h o w s
T E A S
Lucky Number Programme **6p**

4L AT ST PAUL'S HALL
PIXMORE WAY
LETCHWORTH

GROUP SHOW

Fourthsapoppin

FRIDAY and
SATURDAY
2 and 3 DECEMBER

All seats 2/-
(children, 1/-) **7.30**

CONFERENCE DIGEST

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has been is based on ignorance. It is impossible to get the full implications of this thing without reading the FULL REPORT. Dr Pears said: Districts! Please get several copies! You must also look at "The Scouter" with even more care than in the past.

The County Commissioner said we must:
ENTERTAIN more overseas Scouts here,
KEEP our HQs in tip top condition,
AMALGAMATE small groups,
REVITALIZE all our AGMs,
STOP being possessive about "My Boys",
STOP tolerating extras on uniform,
CELEBRATE B-P's birthday properly,
MAKE Scouting available to more handicapped boys,
EXPERIMENT with rural Scouting,
RAISE more money (loads of it),
CHOOSE between modernization and being outmoded.

POINTS FROM HSN

For those readers who do not have the "Hertfordshire Scout News", we have lifted the following items from this month's edition.

CUBS: The project to build and equip a Cub Scout Adventure Centre at Well End (to be known as Operation CUBSAC) has been approved, and it is hoped that building should start in April. A total of £4,000 will be needed before then, and it is hoped that each Cub Scout and CSL will raise 10/-.

SCOUTS: Up to 14 October, 179 of the County Commissioner's Camping Challenge pennants had been won. Half of one per cent of our District Scouts had qualified, putting us twelfth in the County's nineteen districts.

SENIORS: The County is again having a night exercise with the Army, this time at the Stanford training ground in Norfolk on the night of 28 January 1967, leaving Hertfordshire about 8 pm, returning noon Sunday.

Dates for the District

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

- 1 Last items to be included on agenda of Scouters' Council, to Russ Turner, please!
- 1 County Rover Evening Moot, St Paul's Hall, Letchworth, 2000
- 2 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 2 All entries in for Cub Quiz, to DCSL Mrs Kath Tippet, please!
- 5 Operation Nightjar for Senior Scouts: entries should be in now to Roy Clarke, please
- 6 District Gang Show decision meeting (see page 3), DHQ, 1430
- 6 All entries in for B-P Guild Cup, to DSL Jeff Robson, please!
- 7 Scouters' Council, place not yet notified, 1945
- 12 Commissioners' and LA Officials' county conference
- 12 7L Group Bazaar, Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, 1430
- 12 The last World Aspidistra Show, Ivinghoe Beacon, 2359
- 16 District Cub Quiz, DHQ, 1830
- 20 B-P Guild Cup (winter patrol competition), 0930-1700
- 23 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 91, to DIO Ken Johnson, please!
- 27 County SSLs' meeting, St Albans DHQ, 0930-1200
- 28 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 91
- 30 Cub Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000

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- 2-3 4L Group Show, "Fourthsapoppin", St Paul's Hall, 1930
- 15 1/3L Group Christmas draw
- 28 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 92, to DIO Ken Johnson, please!

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- 2 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 92