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LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER : FREE TO WARRANTED SCOUTERS, DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GROUP SECRETARIES : OTHERWISE BY SUBSCRIPTION OF 5/- A YEAR PAYABLE TO LETCWORTH DISTRICT ROVER CREW, Treasurer: David Ringrow, 83 Wilbury Hills Road, Letchworth

Capitation Fee Rises

ALL GROUP SCOUT LEADERS AND GROUP CHAIRMEN were invited to a social evening at DHQ on B-P's birthday, Wednesday 22 February, to meet each other and to consider the report and recommendations of the "Fletcher Committee" on a District budget.

Socially, it was most successful. All Groups except 6L were represented - and all except 3B and 1W by two members each. Mrs Tippet and Mrs Watson served coffee and biscuits, and neckerchiefs, pennants and Gang Show posters added colour to the hall.

Discussion of the budget proposals was lively and outspoken, but quite friendly! The special committee had estimated that an additional income to the District of around £370 per annum was needed to bring Scouting in the District up to the modern standard of the Advance Party recommendations, and to get DHQ up to a standard of decent repair. They suggested that a subscription of 3d. a week from each boy - or an annual "family subscription" to the District of 12/- would produce the needed income without passing the burden on to Group Councils or increasing the capitation fee for the District.

GSL Ron Page (1B) questioned the manner of raising the extra money, quoting APR to say that the District must raise its own funds and not just be supported by the Groups. Citing the apparent failure of the Lay Council, the Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary all said that lay help was too uncertain to be relied upon for fundraising on this scale. GSL John Watts (1W) said that District events should be made to pay for themselves, and suggested a combined effort such as the annual carnival run by the whole of Stevenage District.

The high cost of maintaining DHQ was criticized and 8L Chairman James Morley suggested that if this could pay for itself the 12/- demand could be cut by half. ADC John Baker said that it has already been shown that if rents and hire charges for DHQ are increased, fewer bookings are made, both by Groups and by outside bodies. He also asked the units should not use DHQ for odd occasions without proper booking. The only free bookings were for District events open to all Groups.

Assistant Secretary Reg Jones said that Groups seemed to consider themselves as isolated bodies, instead of working as a team, and Groups and District must all support each other.

ADC Les Collins made a proposal, seconded by DSL Jeff Robson, that the annual

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Classified Results

BARTON SHIELD (5 February 1967)

Place	Team	Leader	Points (96)
1..(1-3L	B.Imber)	86
	2L	P.Gay)	
3.....	2L	T.Leathers....	82
4.....	4L	M.Juby.....	78
5.....	7L	P.Campbell....	72
6.....	1B	R.Wagg.....	71
7.....	5L	J.Lewis.....	68
8..(5L	R.Evans)	
	5L	A.Wilson)	58
10.....	6L	S.Bradshaw....	49
11.,...	8L	K.Tindall....	47
12.....	7L	M.Richardson..	36

CUB FIRST AID COMPETITION (18 February 1967)

Place	Team	Points (100)
1.....	7L.....	82
2.....	8L.....	81½
3.....	2B.....	81
4.....	4L.....	77
5.....	9L.....	76
6.....	5L.....	72
7.....	1B.....	69
8.....	1-3L.....	61½
9.....	2L.....	61

OPERATION FERRET (19 February 1967)

Place	Team	Points (1,645)
1	1B.....	684
2.....	5L.....	620
3.....	4L.....	395

The above scores added together give a start to the Just-For-Fun League 1967:-

Place	Group	Points
1.....	5L.....	876
2.....	1B.....	824
3.....	4L.....	550
4.....	2L.....	229
5.....	7L.....	190
6.....	1-3L.....	147½
7.....	8L.....	128½
8.....	2B.....	81
9.....	9L.....	76
10.....	6L.....	49
	(1A)	
	(3B)	
11.....	(1W)	0
	(LDRC)	

Operation Montgolfier

NEXT CHANCE TO EARN POINTS - and the WHALE-BONE TROPHY. Open to all Scouts over 14 and under 20. Object: to make HOT-AIR BALLOONS. Any design, any number: winners are those whose AVERAGE flight time is longest. All balloons must be tethered (maximum 100 yards), either ground-powered or self-sustaining (maximum fuel ¼ pint meths per balloon) No entry fee. Start at 1830, Thursday 23 March. Place: see entry forms (out soon).

CAPITATION FEE (FROM PAGE 1)

District capitation fee be doubled (from 2/- to 4/-), Groups to raise this sum as they thought best, and that the District then pursue other fundraising methods.

This was amended after further discussion and put as follows:

THAT THE DISTRICT CAPITATION FEE BE INCREASED FROM 2/- TO 5/- FOR THIS YEAR, AND IF ANY GROUP SO WISHES IT MAY DELAY PAYMENT OF THE EXTRA 3/- UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER; AND THAT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE URGED TO EXPLORE ALL OTHER METHODS OF RAISING FUNDS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF GRANTS FROM THE LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY.

-Proposed by GSL Eric Oldham (2L), seconded by A/SL Graham Mulchinock (3B). Each Group given one vote, the motion was then CARRIED by 8 votes to 5.

This means that the capitation fee due for each invested member of the movement on 31 March 1967 (without any possible HQ or County increase) is 14/-. This includes: 5/- for HQ, 2/- for County, 2/- for District and a further 3/- for District which may be paid between 1 April and 30 September 1967.

Training Camp in May

SLs of each Troop are receiving with this CO-ORDINATOR copies of the information about the Patrol Training Camp, 19-21 May, at Henlow Park: There should be enough for each Patrol, but if more copies are wanted, ask DSL Jeff Robson. All the Patrols who achieve a sufficiently good standard of camping at Henlow will be invited to join in the District Jubilee Show Camp on Norton Common, 16-18 June.

Scout Badges

BADGE SECRETARIES Mr & Mrs Juby ask you to complete your badge requirements BEFORE 21 MARCH. The annual accounts have to be made up and they will thereafter be away and NO BADGES will be available UNTIL AFTER 10 APRIL.

New Badge Blocks

PRINTING BLOCKS of the new Scout badge have been bought by the District, in these sizes: ½ inch ; 1 inch; 1½ inches ; 3 inches. These are being held by District Information Officer Ken Johnson, and may be borrowed free by any Group for use on letterheadings, posters, programmes, etc.

Wanted

STRONG WOODEN BOXES with lids, suitable for use as patrol boxes. The 5L Guides will willingly collect, if you can drop a line to Miss Wendy Deere, 9 Haselfoot, Letchworth

Exhibition

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUTS' jubilee year exhibition at Letchworth Art Gallery has been put back a week; it will open on Saturday 7 October, and close on Saturday 21 October. It is hoped to include some of the winning entries in the Plinston Trophy contest at this exhibition.

Cub Proficiency Badges

CUB SCOUTERS' COUNCIL on 20 February recommended the immediate adoption of new rules for the following special proficiency badges in line with the Advance Party Report:

CYCLIST ; FIRST AIDER ; SPORTSMAN ; BOOK READER ; TROUBADOUR (ENTERTAINER).

Miss Joan Ludford at Letchworth Public Library will give instruction for the new requirements of part 4 of the Book Reader badge.

Letchworth Guiders

SATURDAY 4 March: Ranger Guiders' Training at St Albans, 2.30; Divisional finals of International Competition at Barclay School, Stevenage.

SATURDAY 11 March: Coffee morning, 10-12, Civil Defence Hall.

WEDNESDAY 15 March: Guide Guiders' Training, at Bishops Stortford, 7.15.

TUESDAY 4 April: Guiders' Committee, Ranger Hut, 7.30.

WEDEISDAY 5 April: Jumble Sale, Civil Defence Hall, 2.45 p.m. As much Jumble as possible is wanted, as if we don't make a big profit you won't get your rents paid. Will every Guider please make an effort to help collect jumble from neighbours and friends, and to get their girls on it. Jumble can be brought to the hall from 1 p.m. on the day. Help is also wanted then for sorting and selling.

SATURDAY 29 April: County finals of International Competition.

SUNDAY 30 April: Art and Handicraft Competition, Scout District HQ. Entries are to be handed in between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon for judging and exhibition in the afternoon. Trophies will be presented to the winning Letchworth Pack and Company at the coffee morning on 13 May, and to the Baldock winners at the June Fete. Sections are as before: 1L, Letchworth Brownies; 1B, Baldock Brownies; 2L, Letchworth Guides under 14; 2B, Baldock Guides under 14; 3L; Letchworth Guides 14-17; 3B, Baldock Guides 14-17. Classes are revised as follows: CLASS 1, ART: Landscape, still life or figure drawing in any media. CLASS 2, HANDICRAFT: Any type of handmade article that is not eligible for entry in one of the other specialized classes. CLASS 3, COOKERY: Six small decorated cakes or a large cake. CLASS 4, NEEDLEWORK: (a) Sewing (plain sewing or dressmaking), (b) Knitting or crochet, (c) Embroidery. CLASS 5, MINIATURE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT: Display of flowers and container must not exceed 4" x 4" x 4"; garden and or wild flowers may be used. Except for sewing machines, all articles must be hand made, unaided, and made during the previous twelve months. COPIES OF THE FULL RULES will shortly be available from Mrs Margaret Drylie, 21 -Newlands.

Baldock Guiders

Please note the foregoing summary of the regulations for this year's arts and crafts competition, shared once again with Letchworth District. Copies of the full rules will soon be available from Miss Mary Brenchley, The Vicarage, Dunton.

The Plinston Trophy

The third art and handcraft competition and exhibition will be held at DHQ on Sunday 30 April 1967. Entries should be handed in between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon for judging and exhibition in the afternoon, and the Plinston Trophy will be presented to the winning Group at the District AGM early in May. Full detailed rules will shortly be sent to all GSLs by the convener, SSL Colin Phillips, 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth.

The number of sections is this year reduced to three: Section 1, Cubs; Section 2, Scouts under 16; Section 3, Senior and Rover Scouts.

Classes are as last year, with one new addition: CLASS A: ART - Landscape, still life, poster work, lettering, black and white, figure drawing, and any similar type of original artistic production. CLASS B: HANDICRAFT - Any type of handmade article that is not eligible for entry in one of the other specialized classes. CLASS C - WOODCRAFT - Home-made articles of "natural" (not machined or commercially processed) wood, leather or skin, or similar material, having a definite "backwoods" or "woodcraft" connection. CLASS D: COOKERY - Cakes large and small plus any other type of cooking suitable. CLASS E; PHOTOGRAPHY - Any photographic work that has been taken by the exhibitor. Special preference will be given to work developed and printed by the exhibitor. CLASS F is a special class of a different subject to be selected every year: this year's subject to be HANDWRITING - not less than 40 words, as a letter, story or verse, original or copied. Only the style and neatness of handwriting will be judged.

First Class certificates

SLs are again reminded that First Class certificates, personally signed by the County and District Commissioners, are held in stock, and presentation can be arranged, if the District Information Officer (Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth) is told of names and dates.

Scotland or France?

Hertfordshire Highland Headquarters at Lochearnhead Scout Station has a special camp site for Scouts, which has been booked for this District from 5 to 19 August. Any Scouters and boys interested in camping there for either or both weeks, please see DIO Ken Johnson as soon as possible. He cannot go there himself, and unless one or two Scouters can be found to take up the booking, it will have to be cancelled.

The DIO has two or three places for Scouts or Seniors interested in a camp in the mountains of central France from 1 to 12 August. Total cost not exceeding £15. Full details on request: but please do it THIS WEEK!

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

Youth Adventure Club

ACTIVITY COURSES are open to all residents of this District between the ages of 14 and 20. Application forms for places can be obtained from the Club Secretary, Mr D. Martin, at Stevenage College of Further Education; or further details from RSL Brian Watkins, 88 Southfields, Letchworth.

GLIDING

Four-day short courses, 20-23 March, and 28-31 March, at Dunstable. Full-time students, £4/16/-; those at work, £7/4/-; charges include lunch and tea.

Evening courses: Mondays 8, 15, 22 May; Tuesdays 6, 13, 20 June; Tuesdays 27 June, 4, 11 July. Full-time-students, £2/5/-; those at work, £3/7/6.

SAILING.

Course at Thurne, Norfolk, 10-12 March. Full-time students, £1/10/-; those at work, £2/5/-.

Estuary sailing and navigation course starting at Maldon, Essex, 1-8 April. Full-time students, £8/7/4; those at work, £12/11/-.

Estuary sailing weekends at Bradwell or Brightlingsea, Essex, 12-14 May, 9-11 June, 23-25 June. Full-time students, 16/6; those at work, £1/4/10.

Other courses at Thurne in October.

CLIMBING & MOUNTAIN ACTIVITIES

Snowdonia, 26-28 October. Full-time students, £1/7/6; those at work, £2/1/-.

FOUND

A good pair of gloves was left behind after Operation Ferret. Owner please apply to District Information Officer.

NUMBER 1500

The other week saw the appearance of the fifteen hundredth name in the "Citizen" Scout notes since the present series began in 1957. The chap who happened to gain this distinction was Christopher Pack, recently invested 7L Cub.

THE MOD TROPHY

With one day to spare before the end of the three-month time limit, First-Third and Fourth Letchworth Rovers met on Sunday evening, even as this CO-ORDINATOR was being printed!

1-3L were the holders, and the Group's honour was defended by Jim Murden and Jonathan Savage, at one end of the rope inside DHQ. At the other end was the 4L Rover team, Trevor Bluck and Terry Peters.

The first pull went to 1-3L; the second reversed the situation. Well, they had changed ends! The final decided the fate of the Trophy, and 4L are the new holders.

4L Scouts now have to meet the challenge from 7L Scouts at basketball.

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK

DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL presents its THIRTEENTH ANNUAL

GANG SHOW 1967

with an international cast of over 80 Cubs, Scouts and Leaders

AT ST FRANCIS' THEATRE, LETCHWORTH

7.30 pm 29 MARCH - 1 APRIL 1967

BOOKING FORMS ARE AVAILABLE NOW FROM Mrs N. Baker, 47 Highfield, L.

March 1967

- 5 Venturer badge incident Course: details from ADC(S)
- 6 B-P Guild social evening for all readers of CO-ORDINATOR: sandwiches provided, Three Horse Shoes, Hinxworth, 1930: 2/6
- 8 District Executive Committee, DHO, 2000
- 10-12 Sailing course at Thurne (see page 3)
- 14 8L Group annual general meeting
- 19 British Summer Time begins, 0200
- 19 Tempest-Hicks Trophy competition (County Seniors' first aid), St Audrey's School, Hatfield
- 20 1W Group annual general meeting, School, 1930
- 20-23 Gliding course at Dunstable (see page 3)
- 23 Operation Montgolfier (see page 1)
- 24 Last items in to District Information Officer, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 95
- 26 Easter Day
- 27 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 95
- 28-31 Gliding course at Dunstable (see page 3)
- 29 - 1 April : Thirteenth annual District Gang Show, St Francis' Theatre, 1930: 4/-, 5/-, 6/-, children half price; all seats 2/6 on Wednesday

April 1967

- 1-8 Sailing course from Maldon (see page 3)
- 4 Cub Scout Leaders' Council, DHQ, 2000
- 5 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000
- 7 B-P Guild annual dinner and dance, Wilbury Hotel, 1930-2400: £1 1/2/6
- 8 B-P Guild dance, Baldock Town Hall, 2000: 4/-
- 16 Troop Scouters' morning county conference
- 18 5L Group annual general meeting, Westbury School, 1930
- 23 St George's Day: District parade and service
- 24 B-P Guild annual general meeting, Wilbury Hotel Grillroom, 2000
- 30 Plinston Trophy competition (see page 3)

May 1967

- 1 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 96
- 6 Sixers' Special

May 1967 continued

- 10 1A Group annual general meeting, School, 1930
- 12-14- Estuary sailing weekend course (see page 3)
- 19-21 District Patrol Training Camp, Henlow Park (see page 2)
- 29 Spring Bank Holiday; publication of CO-ORDINATOR 97

June 1967

- 9-11 Estuary sailing weekend course (see page 3)
- 10 District Cub Sports
- 16-18 NC67: District jubilee year Show Camp, Norton Common
- 22 District Scout Sports
- 23-25 Estuary sailing weekend course (see page 3)
- 26 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 98

July 1967

- 1 Cub Day at Gilwell
- 1-2 Scout County Marathon
- 31 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 99

August 1967

- 1-9 Twelfth World Jamboree, Idaho
- 9-26 Hertfordshire expedition to the Lofoten Islands
- 10-25 Hertfordshire Venture Scout visit to Moscow
- 28 Bank Holiday

September 1967

- 4 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 100
- 9-10 Icknield Shield (District Scout camping) competition
- 24 Tippet Trophy (District cooking) competition
- 30 - 1 October: First Hertfordshire Venture Scout Gathering

October 1967

- 2 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 101
- 7-21 Scout jubilee exhibition, Letchworth Art Gallery
- 22 County Scouters' Conference, Watford
- 29 British Summer Time ends, 0300
- 30 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 102

November 1967

- 26 B-P Guild Cup (Patrol) competition