

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER : FREE TO WARRANTED SCOUTERS,
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BOB-A-JOB WEEK

Zones for canvassing in Letchworth should now correspond to electoral wards, each of which has a phone to take orders for bigger jobs and pass them on to bigger Scouts. CENTRAL & WILLIAN WARD is shared by 1-3L, 6L and 9L: phone Eaves, 3564. NORTON WARD is shared by 2L and 8L: phone Oldham (evenings only), 3353. PIXMORE WARD is 4L: phone Spurr, 0156. WESTBURY WARD is 5L: phone Coram, 3694. WILBURY WARD is 7L: phone Hart, 6451.

Philips Electrical Limited have kindly given a number of electric knifesharpeners to the movement, and this District got four. Names of Groups doing Bob-a-job this year were drawn by ballot, and 1-3L, 2B, 2L and 4L now own these gadgets. GSL Mike Spurr has already offered 4L's sharpener for use by unlucky groups: see him at 8 Bowershott.

STOP PRESS: We hear of a Cub from Group X canvassing in Group Y zone on Good Friday. This is naughty. Bob-a-job Week begins on Monday.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

Everyone will have seen the reports in the local papers on 17 March, of Ted Smith's resignation as DC. Business and family reasons have caused this decision, to everyone's regret, but he has agreed to continue in office till 30 September if no successor is appointed by the CC before then.

DISTRICT TREASURER

Another resignation regretfully accepted by the Executive Committee is that of District Treasurer George Fletcher, who has now moved from Letchworth to Steeple Morden. A new Treasurer is expected to be appointed at the District AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The District AGM will be held at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 3 May, at DHQ. Programme includes presentation of the Plinston Trophy.

THE PLINSTON TROPHY COMPETITION

All section Leaders should receive with this edition a copy of the full rules of the third annual arts and crafts competition. Everyone from 8 to 24 may enter the six classes (art, handicraft, woodcraft, cookery, photography, handwriting) and win points for his Group. Holders for the past two years have been 7L, so it is time some other Group got it off them. Extra copies of the rules may be got from SSL Colin Phillips, 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth.

GUIDES' ARTS AND CRAFTS CONTEST

This is being run concurrently with the Scouts' competition on 30 April. Rules from Letchworth DC Mrs Dryie, or from Miss Stormont, 8A Jackson Street, Baldock.

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY

SUNDAY 23 APRIL 1967: St Mary's, BALDOCK
The Scout District again invites Guides of both Districts to share in this service, at 3 pm. Brownies go straight to the church, but everyone else ASSEMBLES AT BALDOCK SECONDARY SCHOOL BY 2.20 PM.

Parade moves off from the school playground: Cubs at 2.28, Scouts and Guides at 2.50, by way of Mansfield Road and High Street.

COLOUR PARTIES: rehearsal at the church (uniform, please) 11 am on SATURDAY 22 April. Colour Marshal: J.M. Bruce. Only one Union flag will be carried (by 1-3L): no others, please.

ORDER OF PARADE: Colour parties; Cubs, then Scouts, then Senior Scouts by Groups as follows: 1-3L, 2L, 4L, 5L, 6L, 7L, 8L, 9L, 1A, 1W, 1B, 2B, 3B, LDRC; Guides as follows: 1B, 3B, 1A, 1L, 2L, 4L, 5L, 10L, District Rangers, 4L Rangers.

Roman Catholics will turn right on leaving Mansfield Road for High Street, for their own service at the Catholic Church. Whole parade reassembles in the churchyard - each colour with its own unit. Brownies form guard of honour at saluting base, outside The Wilderness.

USHERS: 1B Seniors and LDRC.

PARADE MARSHAL: K.R. Hart. He asks all sections to get in ten Minutes' marching practice during the previous week, please.

CO-ORDINATOR

While CO-ORDINATOR will continue to be sent free to all those mentioned at the top left-hand corner, the District Scout Council points out that no objection would be raised should any "free" member feel inspired to pay a voluntary subscription.

LOCAL SCOUT SHOP?

The District Executive is considering the possibilities of running its own Scout Shop in the District. If anything comes of this, a small stock of uniforms and equipment would be held for sale to members of local Groups, thus benefiting District funds. Anyone who would be interested in running or helping with such a project, please have a word with the chairman of the Uniform Subcommittee, Mr Eric Oldham, 77 Wilbury Road, Letchworth 3353.

GROUP LETTERHEADS

A number of Groups are having new printed letter headings, and it is suggested that some degree of standardization in the District would be desirable. Blocks of the new Scout badge are held by District Information Officer Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth 3920, who will gladly assist any Group secretary with the typographical side of things.

OPERATION MONTGOLFIER

This set something of a record in District competitions. There have been previous occasions when too few entries caused cancellation; but never before have there been no entries at all! If only one Senior Scout had got a balloon off the ground for a second or two, his Group would have won the Whalebone Trophy. As it was, 1B lose the trophy (though nobody won it) and it is now in District dry dock for a refit. The Sapsed-Watson Operation Planning department (hereinafter known as SWOP) are now preparing a night operation involving more physical effort and no brains at all. Probable date: 6-7 May. Details in the next CO-ORDINATOR.

THE MOD TROPHY

We await news of the basketball match in which 4L Scouts must defend the trophy from 7L before 26 April.

NIGHT WALKING

Everyone in the District sends best wishes to Michael Allston after his most unfortunate accident on the Concord night hike. It will be readily agreed by all Scouters and Guiders that everyone taking part in night expeditions on roads should take additional precautions. There are no legal requirements for this, but it is suggested that EVERY member of a night expedition carries a torch, EVERY member wears a white or light-coloured outer garment, EVERY member wears patches of reflector material on a belt, armband or shoe heels, and TWO people in every party have the specific job of staying at front and back with torches ON the whole time that the party is on a motor road.

We need not wait for these rules to be ratified by any Scouters' Council or committee. They must apply from now.

FIRST CLASS JOURNEYS

ADC Ken Hart will be happy to see any candidates requiring routes for first-class journeys (old style) or Advanced Scout Standard journeys (new style). SLs are again reminded that first-class certificates are still available when names and dates are supplied to the District Information Officer.

CUBSAC

This District has already sent over £50 to the fund for the Cub Scout Adventure Centre at Well End, due to open this autumn. At the County CSLs' conference last month it was announced that £663 had been raised towards the £5000 needed for this great new training scheme for Hertfordshire.

THIS COMING FRIDAY

District Secretary Arthur Wood asks all Groups to make quite sure of getting census forms and capitation fees in on time this year - NO LATER THAN 31 MARCH, which is THIS COMING FRIDAY. Please don't gum up the works by being late with these!

For BALDOCK Guiders

- 4 APRIL (or if wet, 6 April): First class hike, Bluegates, Ashwell: starting cooking 12.30. Those participating, please contact Mary Branchiey beforehand, and as soon as possible.
- 4 APRIL: Guiders' meeting, Catholic hall, 8 pm
- 25 APRIL: "At Home" at Dunton Vicarage, for all Guiders and LA Committee members to say goodbye to Mrs Connold, 7.30 pm.
- 30 APRIL: Art and Handicraft Competition - please give full support. The trophies will not be presented at the June fete, for the simple reason that there is no fete this year. Perhaps there will be some suitable occasion, such as a Queen's Guide presentation! Copies of the rules may be obtained from Miss Stormont:

For LETCHWORTH Guiders

- THINKING DAY LOST PROPERTY: found in the hall after tea - 1 yellow plastic mug, 1 2-year Brownie star, 1 white toy rabbit.
- CENSUS: I cannot give you full details yet, as at time of going to press I still have not had all units' figures in (in spite of asking for them by 20 March). I can tell you, though, that our total in the Guide section is up on last year. Every Company except one has increased its membership, and most have waiting lists. We could obviously increase Guide numbers even further if we could start two more Companies. The need is Guiders: any volunteers or suggestions? M.C.D.
- 4 APRIL: Guiders' committee, Ranger Hut, 7.30 (one Guider from each unit, please;)
- 5 APRIL: Jumble sale, Civil Defence hall, 2 45. Hall open from 1 pm to receive jumble; each unit to provide one adult helper (Guider or "mum" other than LA committee member). We need to make this a really bumper sale, so get all your girls out collecting.
- 8 APRIL: Coffee morning, Civil Defence hall, 10-12. Refreshments by 5L Brownies, bring-and-buy stall by 4L Guides.
- 9 APRIL: Guildford Cathedral service for holders of Queen's Guide Award
- 11 APRIL: Brownie Guiders' Training, Knebworth Scout Hut, 7-9 pm; Camp fire songs & Activities Training St Albans, 7.15 pm - apply by 28 March on form in training booklet
- 21 APRIL: District Annual Meeting, Civil Defence hall, 7.30. Companies to perform songs and dances from international contest.
- 22 APRIL: Concord Dance: honorary secretary, Miss C.Maddison, 94 Bedford Road.
- 23 APRIL: St George's Day service: see p.1.
- 29 APRIL: International Competition finals, St Albans
- 30 APRIL: Art & Handicraft Exhibition, Scout HQ, Icknield Way: entries, 10.30-12.

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK	7 HITCHIN's
GANG SHOW	annual musical
29 MARCH - 1 APRIL	LAUNCHING
7,30 St Francis' Theatre	PADDY
	13-15 APRIL, 8
	St Michael's