

Co-ordinator 104

Letchworth and Baldock District Scout Council

January 1968

District Scout Shop

The Scout Shop at Lancing has had a lot of trouble in obtaining the specified quality and colours for the new uniforms and their deliveries throughout the country have therefore been seriously delayed.

They, and the local Scout Shop, wish to apologize for this delay and hope for an improvement early in the new year.

It is hoped that we can open the LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK SCOUT SHOP during the week beginning 15 January, but a definite announcement will be contained in the Scout Notes in the "Citizen" for Friday 12 January.

The Scout Shop is to be situated in the rear part of the Council of Social Service building in Cernon Road, Letchworth (that is, the flat-roofed brick building formerly used as Civil Defence headquarters). Two ladies have volunteered to help in the Shop, but further officers are hoped for in order to spread the load. Any lady or Gentleman willing to help may hand their names to any of the Badges & Uniform Subcommittee, or to District Information Officer (Ken Johnson), and all are invited to a meeting in the Shop at 7.45 on TUESDAY 9 JANUARY, when we hope to arrange the times that the Shop will be open.

In the meantime please note we are taking orders for anything in the Scout Shop advertisements or catalogues - and please remember, your orders can help the funds of your Group and of the District Scout Council.

Additional sizes have been included in the ranges of Cub Scout jerseys and Scout trousers, and we can now obtain paper patterns at 3/- each and Terylene-cotton material at 12/9 a yard for the lady Scouters who wish to make their own uniform dresses.

ERIC OLDHAM
Chairman,
Badges & Uniform
Subcommittee

77 Wilbury Road
Letchworth
(3353)

Training for Troop Scouters

IN ADDITION TO THE TRAINING COURSES listed in this month's "HSN", there is a Part B practical course for Troop Scouters and others, at our District HQ, on

THURSDAY 18 JANUARY at 7.30 pm

SATURDAY 20 JANUARY from 2.30 pm

and all day SUNDAY 21 JANUARY.

This is a training course for the Wood Badge, arranged by the County Training Team led by ACC(LT) Len Spikesley. Cost of the whole course is 12/6 a head, including a cooked meal on the Saturday evening.

Application should be made on the form in the coloured pages of HSN, but in view of the short time left, this form should be sent to Mr John Baker, 47 Highfield, Letchworth, and NOT to Mrs Gillett in Harpenden.

Scouter training of this type is compulsory for all those who wish to hold warrants in the new training, scheme now in operation, so all those eligible are strongly advised to get in quick while we've got a County course on our doorstep!

CERTIFICATES for those who attended the recent Part A course in Letchworth are now to hand and will be distributed as soon as possible.

LAST COMPETITION RESULT OF 1967

Operation Ugh, Sunday 3 December

Place	Unit	Points
1.....	5L.....	305
2.....	NVSU.....	301

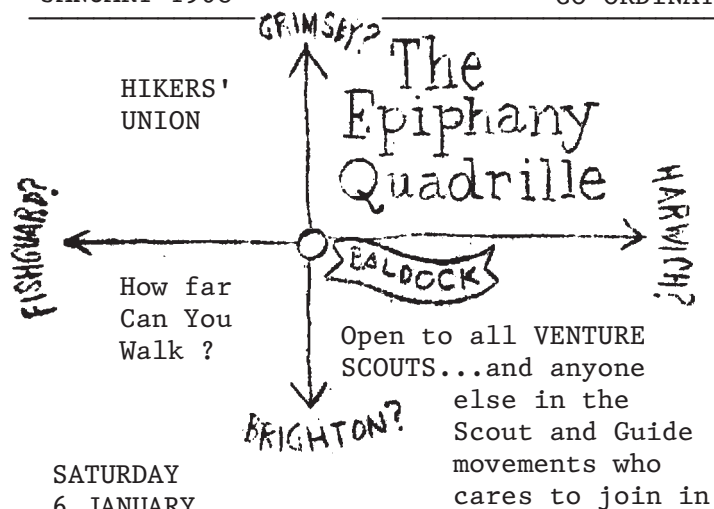
THE JUST-FOR-FUN LEAGUE 1967 FINALS

1.....	5L.....	1772½
2.....	1B.....	1633½
3.....	7L.....	892
4.....	2L.....	794½
5.....	4L.....	792½
6.....	1-3L.....	683½
7.....	9L.....	365½
8.....	1A.....	357½
9.....	8L.....	220
10.....	1W.....	176
11.....	2B.....	126½
12.....	3B.....	77
13.....	6L.....	53
14.....	LDRC.....	7

(Until Norton VSU is officially registered as a Group, points are credited to individuals' parent Groups.)

TOP GROUPS IN RECENT YEARS WERE:

	First	Second	Third
1963.....	2L.....	4L.....	5L
1964.....	5L.....	3L.....	1B
1965.....	1B.....	5L.....	2L
1966.....	1B.....	1-3L.....	5L



SATURDAY
6 JANUARY

at 0800 at Baldock traffic lights

NOT a sponsored hike

NOT a competition, exactly

NOT a cross-country effort (roads only:
no field paths allowed)

SIMPLY a game to see who can go farthest
on foot

Arrange your own first aid and rescue
parties; bring or buy your own food;
choose your direction and join your
Hike Leader:

Chris Anderson is going NORTH

Michael Hooper is going EAST

Ken Johnson is going SOUTH

Colin McEwen is going WEST

Anyone completing thirty miles or more
will receive a handsome certificate
(later)

SIZE 41/42

Tootal khaki wool pullover, left
behind at the 1967 Swimming Gala, is
still waiting unclaimed at 80 Spring
Road, Letchworth.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTORS

Any Group or unit collecting waste
paper for fundraising is invited to
collect a considerable weight of old
magazines from Mr R.P. Robson, 204
Nevells Road, Letchworth. First come,
first served.

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE YOUTH DRAMA FESTIVAL

is to be held during the week begin-
ning 18 March 1968, and any Scout or
Guide group is invited to take part. The
entry fee is 10/-, and entries must be
received by 16 JANUARY by Mr O. Crowther,
Drama Tutor at Stevenage College of Edu-
cation, from whom entry forms are now
available

Stevenage College also inform us that
the Royal Shakespeare Company's THEATRE-
GOROUND will be giving two performances
there on 31 January at 2 and 7.30 pm.
Theatregoround "makes theatre relevant
to life, explaining its language and
pertinence". Admission is 5/- for adults
and 3/- for children, though any child
who genuinely cannot afford this is ad-
mitted free:

How's that for a new and different
kind of Patrol activity?

BALDOCK GUIDERS

PLEASE NOTE: the PLs' TRAINING is CANCEL-
LED; but the following items are still on.
23 JANUARY, Barclay School, Stevenage,
8.30 pm - Details and tape recording of
Pied Piper for the Scout & Guide Meet.
Please will all Guiders arrange transport
for this meeting through Miss Stormont
and Mrs Marshall.

24 JANUARY- 1B Brownie Pantomime: details
from Mrs Knight.

30 JANUARY, 8 pm - Guiders' meeting at
Knights Templar School.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

TUESDAY 16 JANUARY: District Committee,
7.30 pm, Norton School.

WEDNESDAY 31 JANUARY: Closing date for
Patrol Challenge. (Remind the girls to
get their squares sent in! As we go to
press, 4L Robins are still ahead with a
total of 60 squares knitted, followed by
1L Bantams with 30 squares. Three patrols
are struggling for third place, each
having completed 20 squares - 1L Robins,
2L Bluetits and 4L Nightingales. All
totals to the nearest 10.)

CHEISTMAS CARDS

Do the girls in your unit all bring their
cards along after Christmas? Perhaps at
your first meeting in the new year you
can suggest it. I'm sure you will find
lots of uses for them; if not, I can
suggest some.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SLIDES

I would like to make a collection of slides
showing Brownie, Guide and Ranger events
and activities that would be suitable for
showing at parents' evenings or similar
occasions. If anyone has any suitable
slides that I may borrow and have copies
made, I -mould be most grateful. Would
Guiders please tell the girls in their
units about this, as very often parents
take photos of camps, parades, etc.

SPARE TINS

Two tins were left behind after the Dec-
ember coffee morning. One is square and
decorated with robins, the other oblong
with anemones. I should be glad if the
owners would claim them from me.

M.C. Drylie

BUCKMORE PARK

- the Scout Camp near Chatham in Kent -
can now offer the following activities to
its visitors:

Indoor Swimming	Rifle Shooting
Roller Skating	Go Karting
Five-a-Side Football (on a new outdoor floodlit pitch, open by Easter 1968)	
Tennis (from Easter 1968)	
Dry Ski Slope (open later this year)	
Assault Course	and
many other activities of an outdoor Scouting nature. Anyone thinking of a visit in the Easter or Spring Holidays should make a firm booking now.	

"The Gang and the Girls"

first rehearsal: SATURDAY 6 JANUARY

ALL FORMER MEMBERS OF THE GANG SHOW CAST
and

NEW RECRUITS FROM SCOUTS AND GUIDES OVER 15

} WELCOME at DHR at 6.30 pm

(Note: The date list on page 4 shows this rehearsal as taking place on 13 January, but we have attempted untidily to correct this to SATURDAY 6 JANUARY. We apologize for the confusion, but at the same time point out to the Gang Show Committee and anybody else that CO-ORDINATOR is your medium for distributing information throughout the District, and it would make things much easier if the District Information Officer was told what to put! He can't be everywhere at once. Try postcards to 80 Spring Road, or phone Letchworth 3920, and get YOUR message to the Scouters and Guiders of Letchworth and Baldock! Last date for items for February is Friday 26 January. End of note.)

TRANSATLANTIC NEWS

READERS of the "Kettering-Oakwood Times" on the Thursday before Christmas will probably have guessed who took that photograph on page 4, of the three Scouts from Troop 11 cooking hotdogs for lunch over their campfire.

If you somehow missed it, we may add that Troop 11 (St Paul's Episcopal Church, Oakwood, Ohio) were camping the previous weekend (16-17 December) in a wooded valley on Shafer's Farm, near Farmersville. The Scouters in charge were Richard Bonachek and Jim Royer.

(How many of our Scouts were camping on that weekend?)

The photographer (bloke named Keeney, actually) also reports that this same Troop 11 carried out a sale of Christmas wreaths, which raised something between 500 and 1,000 dollars and "pretty well takes care of all our expenses for the coming year".

Any local Patrol interested in hearing more about American Scouting could do well to write to the Casciari brothers. Mark Casciari is a Life Scout, and Brian is a First Class Scout, and they live at 205 East Klein Avenue, Lebanon, Pennsylvania 17042, USA.

Their father, Mr Renato S. Casciari, was visiting K&L on business recently, and got talking Scoutina with Roy Pynches. When he went home, he sent Roy a copy of the LP record of the Joy Scouts of America camp-fire songs, sung by Burl Ives. This is now available on free loan to any local Group who would like to have it for a social evening or party of any sort. Please apply to the District Information Officer before 31 January.

LATE NEWS ITEM

TROOP SCOUTERS' PART B TRAINING COURSE

It is pointed out that the Thursday evening session on 18 January may be a little too early for Scouters coming home from work, so for this inaugural session uniform will not be required. It will, of course, be preferable to wear uniform at the weekend.

J M T 4

The fourth of Jim's Mystery Tours will take place from Friday evening till Sunday afternoon, 26-28 April 1968. Teams of TWO Scouts are invited to take part, minimum age 14, maximum age 20. The combined age of the team must not be less than-30 or more than 36 (the age range has been enlarged slightly since the preliminary announcement). All must be able to swim 50 yards with clothes on. The cost is £1 a head, including transport part of the way there and all the way back, and some light refreshments. All applicants will be required to meet the organizing team at an interview before being accepted for the competition.

Written application should be made now, giving full names, Scout Group, and ages at 28 April 1968, to DIO Ken Johnson (80 Spring Road, Letchworth).

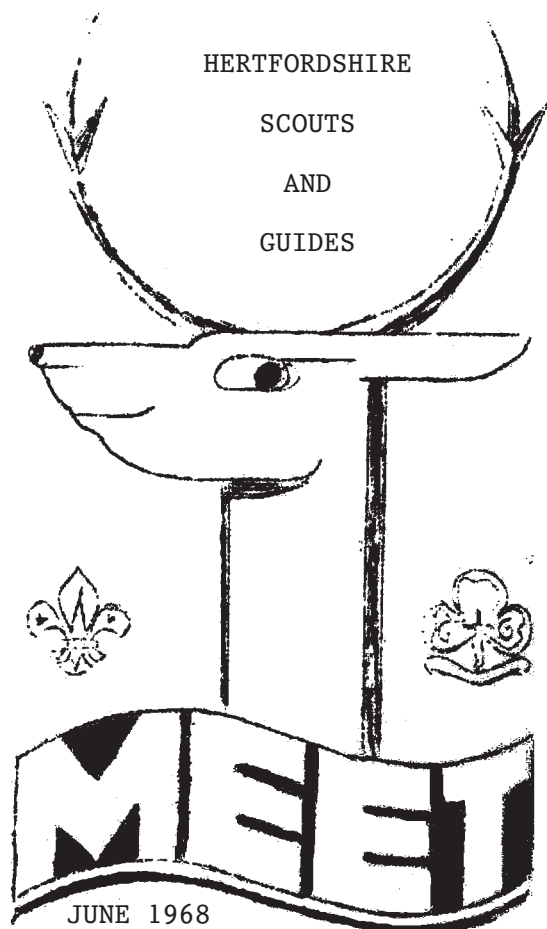
THE MOD TROPHY

It is regretted that arrangements have not yet been completed for an open all-Group District-wide competition to determine the future of this unique trophy. They will be. Watch this space, or something.

SUMMER CAMP QUESTIONNAIRE

Hatfield District last September sent a questionnaire to all Scouts' parents to gain some information on the best methods of planning for summer camps. Thirty per cent replied to the questions that included: "Did your son go to his Troop's summer camp this year?" (34 Yes, 20 No: of these, 11 were because of a clash with the parents' holiday - only 1 because he did not want to go.)

Lessons learnt, according to DC Ken Seaman, appear to be: (1) Date of camp must be fixed early, preferably by the end of December, and parents informed. After the end of March you are far too late. (2) Period of camp does not seem to matter much though the middle of the school holiday gained most votes.



At the time of going to press, there is some doubt whether the County Scout and Guide Meet will take place as planned at Gosling Stadium, Welwyn Garden City, on Saturday 15 June. We are assured, however, that it will happen as nearly as possible to that place and date. Stand by for further news flashes.

SCOUT COMPETITIONS 1968

The Competitions Subcommittee of the Scouters' Council met in Baldock on 28 December and reviewed the rules of all competitions affecting the Scout section. The Subcommittee's recommendations are being circulated separately to all Troop Scouters and GSLs, so that they may be ratified or amended at the Scouters' Council on Wednesday 17 January. Certain recommendations that in part affect other sections are to be put to the District Executive Committee on Wednesday 10 January.

Suggestions for possible dates for competitions have also been made, and are included on the list on this page, marked ***:

Thanks

from ADC(C) Mrs Iath Tippet, for all the used postage stamps which you have been giving her for the CUBSAC furnishing fund.

There is still a need for many, many more, so please keep on collecting used postage stamps - and Green Field stamps as well! - to help in the rapid development of Hertfordshire's CUB SCOUT ADVENTURE CENTRE.

JUST A FEW DATES...

*** Provisional, subject to confirmation

JANUARY 1968

- 6 Hikers' Union Epiphany Quadrille, from Baldock traffic lights, 0800 (see page 2)
- 9 Meeting to decide details of opening arrangements, District Scout Shop, Gernon Road, Letchworth, 1945
- 9 Cub Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000
- 10 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 12 Venture Scouters' Council, 47 Norton Road, 2000
- 16 "The Gang and the Girls" first rehearsal, DHQ, 1850
- 17 Scouters' Council, 1B HQ, 1945
- 18 Scouters' Part B training course, DHQ, 1930 (see page 1)
- 20-21 Scouters' Part B training course, continued
- 26 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 105: news to DIO, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth; 5/- subscriptions, if due, to David Ringrow, 83 Willbury Hills Road, Letchworth
- 27 Cub Sixers' Special, DHQ
- 29 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 105.

FEBRUARY 1968

- ***4 Barton Shield (Scout first aid) competition
- 17-18 Kent Trophy (County Scout first aid) competition, Welwyn Garden City
- 24 County Publicity Conference, Hatfield, 1500 (details and application form in January HSN)
- 26 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 106

MARCH 1968

- ***9 Cub first aid competition
- 17 Tempest-Hicks Trophy (Venture Scout first aid) competition
- 30-31 County Venture Scout Peak Assault
- 31 County Troop Scouters' morning conference.

APRIL 1968

- 1 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 107
- 17-20 "The Gang and the Girls", St Francis' Theatre, 1930
- 26-28 JMT4
- 29 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 108

MAY 1968

- ***4 Plinston Trophy (arts and crafts) competition
- 17-19 Operation Kon-Tiki
- 17-19. Patrol Weekend, Phasels Wood
- 27 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 109

JUNE 1968

- 15 County Scout and Guide Meet
- ***21 District Scout sports
- ***29 Icknield Shield camping competition

SEPTEMBER 1968

- ***22 Tippet Trophy (cooking) competition
- 23-29 Scout County "marathon" competition

OCTOBER 1968

- ***26 Swimming Gala, Stevenage