

URGENT!
WE MUST FIND
AT LEAST 24
HIKE TENTS
FOR THE "MEET"
-see Ken Hart

Co-ordinator

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

106

March 1968

No increase

IN DISTRICT CAPITATION FEE

"Thinking Day" - B-P's birthday - was the day when GSLs and Group Chairmen met to think about the cost of running Scouting in Letchworth & Baldock District. Michael Gardiner, District Treasurer, in his budget forecast, proposed that the local capitation fee should remain at last year's figure of 5/-, but all to be paid by 31 March. No-one dissented.

Groups represented at the meeting were: two or more members - 1-3L, 5L, 7L, 8L, 9L, one member - 1B, 3B, 2L, 4L. Not represented: 1A, 2B, 6L, 1W.

Divisional Commissioner Cyril Fordham said there would be no increase in County capitation fee this year. This stays at 2/- . As already announced, National fees are doubled from 5/- to 10/- a head, so that the total required for each member of the Scout movement in this District on 31 March will be 17/-.

Prompt and accurate payment will not only assist the Treasurer but speed the development of facilities throughout the District. All Groups are also urged to be a little less backward in coming forward to support District events. More entries mean more support from more parents and friends.

Booking forms are now available for "The Gang and the Girls" (18-20 April); all sections can enter arts and crafts for the Plinston Trophy (4 May); much more support is needed for this year's Two Town Tournament (August); we intend to repeat the success of the Swimming Gala (October); the District Scout Shop is open every Tuesday and Friday evening - all orders placed there help your own Group as well as the District; and now we hear of a District Sponsored Walk to aid Group and District funds (see under the heading of Hikers' Union, page 2).

Scout Shop

BUSINESS IS GROWING EACH WEEK AT THE DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP - Tuesdays and Fridays 7-8 pm at the Council of Social Service Building, Gernon Road, Letchworth.

BUT PEOPLE are sitting back and letting Mr Oldham, Mrs Eaves, Mrs Foster, Mrs Skelton and Mrs Watson get on with it. MORE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED TO SHARE THE EVENING DUTIES. Any volunteers PLEASE DON'T HESITATE to offer, either at the Shop one Tuesday or Friday evening, or by phoning Mr Oldham at Letchworth 5353.

Clive Sapsed and Colin Mockler's great work in decorating the shop is very much appreciated. Any more volunteers for this?

Calling ALL Groups!

THE MOD TROPHY IS WAITING FOR COLLECTION!

Each Group will please send a delegation of six to DHQ this
T H U R S D A Y (29 February)

for the

UNREPEATABLE OLYMPIC LEAP YEAR PENTATHLON!

Each Group delegation should consist of:-

- * 1 Cub Scout who can play Snakes and Ladders
- * 1 Cub Scout who can play Snap
- * 1 Scout who can play Draughts
- * 1 Scout who can play Tiddlywinks
- * 1 adult (Venture Scout, Scouter or Group Councillor) who can play Darts
- * 1 adult (as above) who can help to referee other teams

Please be on your marks at 7 pm BST. All those who can lend Snakes-and-Ladders equipment, playing cards, draughts sets, Tiddlywink apparatus and dart boards, do please bring them with you.

The eventual winning Group will get the Mod Trophy and be immediately open to any kind of challenge, as before. There may be room for a very limited number of spectators.

Cub Scout First Aid

CSLs please note - the first aid contest is on Saturday 16 MARCH, and not 9 March as previously announced. Starting at 1430 in DHQ

Also, please remember the Cub Scouters' Council at 2000 on Tuesday 12 March, DHQ.

BARTON SHIELD COMPETITION RESULT

PLACE	PATROL	POINTS
	(2L Eagles)	
1.....	(5L Tigers).....	50
3.....	2L Kestrels.....	45
4.....	5L Stags.....	44
5.....	2L Falcons.....	43
6.....	5L Owls.....	41
7.....	2L composite team*.....	35
8.....	6L Falcons.....	33
*ineligible		

JUST-FOR-FUN LEAGUE

The above scores, plus 1 per head bonus for attendance, kick off the 1968 JFF League as follows:

1.....	2L.....	150
2.....	5L.....	143
3.....	6L.....	36
4.....	1A, 1B, 2B, 3B, 1-3L, 4L, 7L, 8L, 9L, 1W.....	0

COUNTY SPECIALIST ADVISERS

An additional page to the County address list is now available from the DIO.

Hikers' Union

As already reported in the local papers, the Venture Scout Hikers' Union meeting starting at St Albans at 10 om on Saturday 17 February was attended by six Scouts and two Scouters. All completed the 19 miles to Letchworth, making a total of 95 miles for Third Baldock and 57 miles for Fifth Letchworth: The HU league is now:

POSITION	GROUP	MILES
1.....	3B.....	287
2.....	5L.....	117
3.....	1B.....	56
4.....	1L Guides.....	32

A Sponsored Walk has been suggested, and with the incorporation of matters arising at the budget meeting on 22 February, it is proposed to hold this on SUNDAY 5 MAY.

A route of 25 miles, taking in every town and village in the District, has been worked out, so that anyone in the movement (from 8 to 65) can start at the nearest point, thus: DHQ - Baldock - Weston - Clothall - Rushden - Wallington - Bygrave - Ashwell - Hinxworth - Caldecote - Newnham - Radwell - Norton - DHQ.

Sponsorship forms will be available from 1 March. All moneys raised will be divided equally between the District and the walker's own Group. WANTED: a dozen marshals and one general controller to see to the collection of forms and cash.

A pathfinding practice around the route (all mileages credited to the HU league) starts at DHQ on Sunday 7 April at 10 am BST.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Robin Thorn, Secretary of Letchworth & District B-P Guild, is now temporarily at 11 Park Crescent, Baldock.

LOSS OF SECRETARY

We learn that Mrs Daniels has left the District, and 2B Group is now without a Group Secretary. A new one is to be appointed at their AGM.

FOLK FEST '68

Saturday 18 May, Baden-Powell House (as advertised in the Scouter) : 5L Venture Scouts have a block booking for this new Scout and Guide folksong event, and can offer a few Tickets at 17/6, guaranteeing a seat at the Folk Fest and transport there and back to Letchworth. Apply soon!

Choose Your Jamboree!

FOURTH International Weekend, Packington Park, Warwickshire, 28-30 June...

FIFTH Norfolk International Jamboree, 3-10 August...

SIXTH Essex International Jamboree, 27 July - 3 August...

...Any Scouts wishing to know more about these should apply to the District Information Officer (Ken Johnson) who has details and application forms.

Letchworth Guiders

KNIT-A-SQUARE COMPETITION

Top Patrol at the end of the competition were 4L Kingfishers (PL Denise Mason) with 97 squares, enough to complete a whole blanket. Other placings were:

4L Robins (Teresa Rowland).....	76
4L Nightingales (Jenny Church)....	50
4L Swallows (Deborah Hodgkinson)..	42
(1L Robins (Susan Griffin)	
(2L Bluetits (Jane Bain)	40
1L Bantams (Isobel Grimmond).....	39
(2L Daffodils (Christine Brown)	
(4L Chaffinches (Sylvia Hayden)....	38

Other Patrols sent in smaller numbers of squares, making a total of 522. The Trefoil Guild are extremely pleased and expect to be able to make about eight blankets for the Cheshire Home from them.

DATES

Tuesday 5 March: Guiders' meeting, Norton School, 7.30 pm

Wednesday 6 March: Stevenage Trefoil Guild: Slides of America, Sish Lane Methodist Church hall, 8 pm.

Saturday 16 March: County Annual meeting, Hertford, 3 pm.

Monday 18 March: handbook publication.

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At the time of going to press, more provisional entries have been received from outside the COUNTY than from our own. District! Names, please, quick!

Scouters' Dates

F E B R U A R Y 1 9 6 8

29 Mod Trophy Olympic Leap Year Pentathlon, DHQ, 1900

M A R C H 1 9 6 8

12 Cub Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000

13 District Executive, DHQ, 2000

14 Troop Scouters' Council, Letchworth Library Hall, 1945

16 Cub Scout District first aid contest, DHQ 1430

20 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' FORUM, DMQ, 1900: all PLs are being informed

29 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 107 (news to Ken Johnson; 80 Spring Road; any 5/- subscriptions to David Ringrow, 83 Wilbury Hills Road, Letchworth)

31 Troop Scouters' County morning conference, 6WGC HQ, 0950

A P R I L 1 9 6 8

1 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 107

2 8L Group annual general meeting

7 Hikers' Union District walk practice, DHQ, 1000

18-19 "THE GANG & THE GIRLS", St Francis' Theatre, 1930

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29 5L Group annual general meeting, 1900

M A Y 1 9 6 8

4 Plinston Trophy contest and District annual general meeting, Knights Templar School