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LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR SCHOOL, BALDOCK

4 PM

SATURDAY 4 MAY 1968

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- 1 Chairman's opening remarks
- 2 Minutes of the 1967 AGM (see below)
- 3 Treasurer's report and accounts
- 4 District "Gang" show report
- 5 District Commissioner's report
- 6 Dr LESLIE PEARS, OBE, Deputy County Commissioner
- 7 Election of officers:
 - President
 - Vice-presidents
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - County Scouter representative
 - Executive Committee - 6 Scouters,
6 lay members
 - Auditors
- 8 Membership and support
- 9 Presentation of Arts and Crafts
Competition trophies
- 10 Any other business

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of Annual General Meeting held at
District Headquarters on 3 May 1967
at 7.45 pm

Mr Blaxland, Chairman, opened the meeting by welcoming the 39 persons present and in particular the County representative, Mr H.J. Vincent.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Plinston and Mr Sparrow.

The Chairman congratulated the District team for a successful year and thanked those lay members who had done so much to help the District in every sphere.

The District was sorry to lose Ted Smith, DC, and also Mr Fletcher who was moving away from Letchworth after giving so many years' valuable service to the movement.

It was a pleasure to see Les Collins back again after his illness.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were accepted, approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: None.

DISTRICT TITLE: The DC proposed that the title "Local Association" be changed to "District Scout Council". Mr Fletcher seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr Fletcher explained the financial statement and gave the reasons which made the increased capita-tion fee necessary

GANG SHOW: Mr Baker gave a full report on the Gang Show activities and congratulated the 150 people involved for their active support. Thanks were due in particular to the new chairman, Mr Ron Page, Mrs Baker (treasurer), Mrs Tippet, Jim Bruce and Colin Phillips. After giving an account of the financial position Mr Baker presented a cheque for £45 to the Treasurer who thanked the Gang Show on behalf of the District Scout Council. The Chairman added his thanks, saying that he thought the show was the best for several years.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER: Ted Smith said that his report had been published in "Co-ordinator" and that there was very little to add. He thanked Ken Johnson for his invaluable help and said that both Ken and Mrs Tippet well deserved the Medals of Merit awarded to them. He thanked all the Scouters for their work and support, and included the lay committee and badge examiners.

The census returns were disappointing as they showed a drop in numbers.

There was no information about a new DC. Immediate requirements were for an ADC (Venture Scouts), ADC (Leader Training) and Activities Secretary.

MR H.J. VINCENT: This was his first visit to Letchworth in a long time. He was pleased to come and bring the best wishes and thanks from the County Commissioner. He was very sorry that the DC had to resign.

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MINUTES OF 1967 AGM continued

Mr Vincent congratulated Mrs K. Tippet and presented her warrant as ADC (Cub Scouts). He gave a short address on the "new look" in Scouting and outlined some of the immediate objectives of the County Commissioner.

He concluded by urging that "Hertfordshire Scout News" be read every month and any action taken that may be required. There should also be a great improvement in administration.

The Chairman thanked Mr Vincent.

PLINSTON TROPHY: This was won by the Seventh Letchworth Group for the third successive year. Special mention was made of a chain carved from one piece of wood. GSL Ken Hart received the Trophy on behalf of the Group, and Colin Phillips and Ken Johnson were thanked for the organization of the event.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President: Mr H. Plinston (proposed by Mr Eaves and seconded by Mr A. Scott)
Vice-presidents: Mr R. Dyson, Mr R. Hall, Mr T. Jermyn, Mr M. Kelly, Mr J. Whitehead and Mr J. Wilkinson (proposed by Mr Bruce and seconded by Mr Fletcher)

Chairman: Mr S. Blaxland

Secretary: Mr A. Wood.

Treasurer: The "Thanks Badge" was presented to Mr Fletcher, who returned thanks to the meeting and to Mr Eaves for auditing the accounts. Mr M. Gardiner was proposed by DC Ted Smith, seconded by ADC John Baker, and elected.

County Representative: GSL John Tippet. (Proposed by ADC J. Baker, seconded by DSL J. Robson).

Auditor: Mr F. Eaves (proposed by ADC L. Collins, seconded by ADC K. Hart).

Executive Committee: The Scouter members to be nominated as follows: two from the Cub Scout Leaders' Council, two from the Scouters' Council, and two from the Venture Scout Leaders' Council.

Lay members: Mrs Foster, Mr Hawley, Mr Hilditch, Mr Moore, Mr Rose, Mrs Watson, (proposed by Mr Blaxland and seconded by GSL E. Oldham).

B-P Guild representative: Mr F. Eaves.
District Cub Scout Leader: Mr A. Scott (proposed by ADC Mrs Tippet and seconded by ADC L. Brown).

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: ADC John Baker asked everyone to seek lay members to help with the Gang Show.

ADC Ken Hart said that a District Camp Site was likely to be a fact in the near future.

GSL Eric Oldham announced the AGM of the Second Letchworth Group on 13 May 1967, when the Field Commissioner would be speaking on the Advance Party Report. He invited two or three from each Group.

DC Ted Smith referred to the creation of the First/Third Letchworth Group by the merger of the former First and Third.

The District Executive Committee's next meeting would be on 12 July 1967. The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

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of some events in the past twelve months

MAY 1967 - 7L Cubs win District football contest - Training Camp at Henlow.

JUNE 1967 - Kiln'Holc Camp Site clearance work begins - Mr George Fletcher becomes a Vice-president of the District - 8L Cubs win Cub sports - Norton Common Camp - Rover Scout Jim Murden at national Diamond Jubilee service in Westminster Abbey - three local teams in County Marathon - 7L Scouts win District sports.

JULY 1967 - Local Cubs at Gilwell open day - Venture Scouts on expeditions to France, Norway and USSR.

AUGUST 1967 - David Emery and Robert Wilsher Queen's Scouts in 1B Group, closely followed by Christopher Page - Baldock beat Letchworth in Two Town Tournament.

SEPTEMBER 1967 - Icknield Shield won by 1-3L Raven patrol - Jim Cadwallader and Jonathan Savage invested as last Rover Scouts - 1-3L win Tippet Trophy in cooking competition.

OCTOBER 1967 - start of Venture Scouting and new training programme for all sections - first Part A course for Leaders - appointment of Fred Eaves as DC - District swimming gala won by 9L Cubs, 7L Scouts and 5L Venture Scouts.

NOVEMBER 1967 - Keiron Jones and Graham Rowson win Operation Nightjar for 1B - 4L and 7L tie in Cub quiz - 5L Tiger patrol win B-P Guild Cup.

DECEMBER 1967 - 5L VSU gain Whalebone Trophy in Operation Ugh.

JANUARY 1968 - 3B Scouts' "take-over" of Venture Scout hikers' union - Sixers' Special training day at DHQ.

FEBRUARY 1968 - District Scout Shop opens - tie for Barton Shield between 2L Eagles and 5L Tigers - Cubs and Brownies share home safety competition - 1A Group win Mod Trophy in indoor games pentathlon.

MARCH 1968 - 7L Cubs win first aid trophy.

APRIL 1968 - "The Gang and the Girls" - new uniforms on St George's Day parade at Ashwell - Jim's Mystery Tour number 4 in Norfolk.

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CENSUS : 1 APRIL 1968

FOUR GROUPS HAD STILL NOT RETURNED THEIR CENSUS FORMS TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY BY THE TIME THIS EDITION OF CO-ORDINATOR WENT TO PRESS AT THE END OF APRIL. Forms were due on 1 April.

GROUP	CUBS	SCOUTS	VENTURE SCOUTS	TOTAL	SCOUTERS	TOTAL
1 Ashwell	16	8	7	31	4	35
1 Baldock						
2 Baldock	17	12	-	29	6	35
3 Baldock	6	13	-	19	2	21
1-3 Letchworth						
2 Letchworth	21	28	-	49	5	54
4 Letchworth	38	19	4	61	7	68
5 Letchworth	22	20	6	48	5	53
6 Letchworth	-	12	-	12	2	14
7 Letchworth						
B Letchworth	26	25	-	51	5	57
9 Letchworth	16	10	-	26	3	29
1 Weston						
TOTALS: 1968						
1967	272	282	14	568	66	635
1966	301	306	20 (S.S.)	627	69	698

There should be a list of all Group Scouters here. However, as the four Groups have not sent in their census forms nearly a month after they were due, the list would be very incomplete. We hope that it will be possible to publish an up-to-date Scouters' directory in the June edition of CO-ORDINATOR.

SERVICE REQUIRED

We have heard of two elderly ladies in Letchworth who are unable to tend their gardens as they wish. Is there some capable VSU or PLs' Council who will undertake to "adopt" these gardens for this summer, and keep a friendly eye on things, perhaps on a rota basis? This should be undertaken as soon as possible, and carried through without fail until the autumn. Please inform the DIO if your Scouts undertake either of these good turns. The gardens are those of Mrs Adams, 6 Eldefield, who is blind, and Mrs Waller, 16 Souberie Avenue, who just needs the grass to be cut as she cannot manage her mower.

We trust that the Scout movement can show itself worth while in these simple but valuable tasks.

HIKERS' UNION

Following the Round-the-District Rehearsal on 7 April, Group mileages now stand as follows:

1.....3B.....561
 2.....5L.....167
 3.....1B.....56
 4.....7L.....41
 5.....1L Guides.... 32
 6.....4L.....16

The full-scale Round-the-District Walk for Group and District funds starts at 10 am on Monday 5 May. Full details on the back page.

BALDOCK GUIDERS!

5 MAY : Pied Piper rehearsal, Stevenage:
 Coach leaves KT School 6 pm
 3 MAY: entries in for...
 ...4 MAY: Arts 3 Crafts Exhibition
 7 MAY: Guiders' meeting, Bennetts, Ashwell
 27 MAY: Pied Piper dress rehearsal: coach
 leaves at 4.45
 11 JUNE: Guide Guiders' Training, Barclay
 School, Stevenage, 7.30-9.30 pm
 25 JUNE Brownie Guiders' Training, KT
 School, 7.30-9.30 pm
 ***Are the Guides collecting wood for the
 Extensions camp?

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS!

BADGES: ALL ORDERS for badges (and certificates if necessary) are to be sent to Mrs Mann 53 Bowershott, from now on. Mrs Imber has handed all the books and stock over to her and will not be dealing with them in future.

2 MAY: Rehearsal at St Paul's hall for
 Guides performing sketches at AGM.
 Meet in room attached to small hall,
 7 pm.
 3 MAY: Pied Piper rehearsal, Stevenage:
 coach leaves Arena car park, 6 pm.
 3 MAY: Non-perishable entries for Arts &
 Crafts to be taken to Knights Templar
 School, 7 - 9 pm
 4 MAY : Perishable entries (cakes and
 flowers) to School, 10 - 11 am.
 Exhibition open to public 1 - 4 pm.
 Entries to be removed, 5 - 7 pm.

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MORE NOTES FOR LETCHWORTH GUIDERS!

- 6 MAY : AN LA7 MEETING, Howard Hall, 7.30
 21 MAY: Guide & Ranger Guiders' meeting,
 21 Newlands, 7.45 pm
 25 MAY: Letchworth Hospital Fete, 2.30 pm:
 Guide volunteers to help with teas.
 24-26 MAY: County Training Camp, Hatfield
 Park: separate notices have been circu-
 lated to Guide Guiders
 27 MAY: Pied Piper rehearsal, Stevenage:
 Coach from Arena, 4.30 pm
 11 JUNE: Guide Guiders' training, Stevenage,
 7.30 pm
 18 JUNE: All Guiders' meeting, probably at
 Norton School, 7.30 pm
 22 JUNE: Hertfordshire MEET, Watford
 25 JUNE: Brownie Guiders' training, Baldock,
 7.30 pm.

ROUND-THE- DISTRICT WALK

10* SUNDAY 5 MAY
AM

RUSS TURNER (Letchworth 3245) is general supervisor. ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE is providing an ambulance service. Check point staff are required: please see Russ as soon as possible.

Sponsorship forms are still available from DIO Ken Johnson. As we go to press, 106 forms have gone out.

The ROUTE is anticlockwise, through each town and village in the District. Trace the outline below, carefull, onto

square 2030 of the 1" map, or else get the 2½" map - KJ or Russ will mark any details you want. The route is marked at every mile with a numbered metal plate on a tree or post, and there will be various aluminium arrows nailed in at tricky places. Start at any milepost - DHQ (0), Norton Road in Baldock (2), Green End Weston (5), or Village Hall Ashwell (16).

From DHQ the route goes along Icknield Way to Green Lane - over the new footbridge - Works Road and the footpath over motorway to West Avenue - south by Weston Way to old A1 - up Chalk Hill - to the corner of Weston - turn left towards Clothall - right at first red house, along greenway, turning right to Barley Mow, then left by green way bearing right to Buntingford Road. Turn right: SINGLE FILE WALKING IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL ON THIS MAIN ROAD. At the double-arrow road sign, take small gate through field on left, make for pink barns straight ahead (north edge of Cumberlow Green) - turn left, go through edge of Rushden and Redhill, turn left to Wallington - left at the Plough, by Kit's Lane - WATCH FOR TURNING TOWARDS WALLINGTON LODGE, right, doubling back behind hedgerow and over fields - left at Lodge and down to Royston Road - over this and through railway bridge - up to Bygrave - turn right and up Chalkman's Knoll to Ashwell - turn left in High Street - past village hall - fork right for Hinxworth, where you turn sharp left in centre of village - at Glebe Farm watch for METAL ARROWS INDICATING PATH ROUND EDGES OF FIELDS : SINGLE FILE IS ESSENTIAL HERE TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO CROPS - jump over ditch at place marked with metal arrow - follow arrows to end house in Caldecote - at other end of village, turn left for Newnham - through village, along road to old A1 (now 507) - cross this at Radwell turning - under motorway to Radwell - do NOT go as far as lake, but turn left through drive of Radwell House and straight on by path to gate and over fields to join the road turning right to Norton Mill - past Nortonbury Farm, take footpath over field on left to the Norton-Stotfold-Baldock road junction - along Norton Road to traffic lights - straight on Wilbury Road to Cowslip Hill - turn left along here as far as Icknield Way, and turn right for DHQ, thus completing 25 mile circuit.

WHY NOT WALK IN UNIFORM? LET THE PUBLIC SEE WHO WE ARE!

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 24-26 May: Operation Kox-Tiki (forms from Brian Watkins, 88 Southfields, Letchworth)
 1 June: 1A Group Dance, Hinxworth Village Hall
 21 Juns: District Scout Sports
 22 June: HERTFORDSHIRE MEET at Watford
 29-30 June: Icknield Shield
 22 September: Cooking contest for Tippet Trophy
 28-29 September: Scout County Marathon and Venture Scout Gathering

DHQ

19 MAY - Bike to Bedford with
 CONCORD! All welcome to start at
 DHQ 9 a.m. with bikes and
 sandwiches.

Last items in for the next Co-ordinator Friday 24 May
 Noxt CO-ORDINATOR appears on 27 May.