

Co-ordinator

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Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council

August 1968

Welcome to the Chairmen

At the meeting on 10 July, the Executive Committee of the District Scout Council agreed to extend the free delivery of CO-ORDINATOR each month to:

- (a) all Group Chairmen, as well as Group Secretaries;
- (b) all Permit Holders, as well as Warrant Holders.

The explanation of the new warrant procedures, including the position of Permit Holders, was in our July edition. As soon as the first Leader Permits are issued, their holders' names will be notified by the District Secretary to the District Information Officer who maintains the files for delivery of CO-ORDINATOR - which means that all Permit Holders should automatically receive this newsletter each month.

We hope that our list of Group Chairmen is up to date, and this month we are sending CO-ORDINATOR to the following:

- (1A) Mr S. Whitehead, High Street
- (1B) Mr N. Thompson, 2 Byrd Walk
- (2B) Mr K. Marshall, 203 Baldock Road, Letchworth
- (3B) Mr E. Cottenden, 36 Ivel Way
- (1-3L) Mr T. Howes, 5 Redhoods Way
- (2L) Mr T. Sparrow, 61 Lammas Way*
- (4L) Mr A. Booth, 9 Lordship Lane
- (5L) Mr A. Hawley, 45 West View*
- (6L) Mr H. Gooderson, 59 Pix Road
- (7L) Mr D. Greenshields, 74 Archers Way
- (8L) Mr J. Morley, 17 Wilbury Road
- (9L) Mr A. Hood, 36 Broadwater Avenue
- (1W) Mrs Toll, Pencroft

*Mr Sparrow and Mr Hawley already receive copies as members of the Executive Committee.

If any of the above is no longer Chairman, will they please pass this copy on to the present Chairman, and inform either the District Secretary at 25 Cloisters Road or the District Information Officer at 80 Spring Road.

The Scout Shop

(rear of Council of Social Service building, Gernon Road, Letchworth)
WILL NOT OPEN DURING AUGUST, For urgent orders, phone Mrs Eaves (3564), Mrs Watson (5590) or Mr Oldham (3353).
OPEN THIS TUESDAY, 30 JULY, then ALL Tuesdays and Fridays in September from 7 to 8 pm. Remember that Scout Shop DISCOUNT helps YOUR GROUP! Stocks are much better now, and it's possible to purchase a complete new uniform without waiting!

MENU

for the Scout section cooking competition (the Tippet Trophy) on Sunday 22 September:

SOUP or HORS D'OEUVRES

CASSEROLED CHICKEN
with two vegetables

PANCAKES or APPLE DUMPLINGS

Rules appeared in the circular to all Troop Scouters on 17 January 1968. Place and organizers' names will be announced in the September CO-ORDINATOR. Entry fee 2/- (10p) a team.

Icknield Shield

The District Camping Competition for Scout Patrols (postponed from 29-30 June) will take place at Henlow Park on 7-8 September. Rules were in the circular to Scouters on 17 January, but here is a brief reminder:

TEAMS of at least 4 from an actual Patrol, including PL and/or APL. Two categories: "lightweight" and "heavyweight", former using pressure stoves and dehydrated food, the latter altar fires and trad nosh.
ENTRIES MUST BE NOTIFIED TO DSL JEFF ROBSON BY 25 AUGUST, preferably by the PL writing on a piece of paper his name and address, name of Patrol and Troop, and which category is being entered. Jeff's address: 67 High Avenue, Letchworth.
WORKING STAFF of adults (over 16) will be required: offers, please, to Jeff.

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The best two teams from different Troops in the Icknield Shield will be eligible to represent the District in the County camping competition for the Marathon Trophy on 28-29 September.

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK
DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

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Tell your Cubs' parents about this

SPECIAL OFFER!

Cub Scout T-shirt.....12/6

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TOTAL 16/-

OUR PRICE 12/6

You save: 3/6

ALTERNATIVELY:

T-shirt (12/6) and Belt (6/6) ONLY 15/6

DHQ : Action!

Members of the House Subcommittee of the District Scout Council met on 25 July and decided on some action for DHQ.

First, they appointed Mr Jack Pammenter as PL; or whatever you wish to call him. As Chairman of the House Subcommittee, he is now officially welcomed on to the District team, receives CO-ORDINATOR free, and is the co-ordinator of work on District Headquarters.

Number 1 priority was decided: proper flood precautions for the front of DHQ. Volunteers, shovels, shuttering and concrete are being organized for these two weekends:

14-15 SEPTEMBER : site preparation

21-22 SEPTEMBER : raising a concrete ramp at the main entrance and reinforcing the bank on the eastern boundary.

That done, dates will be announced for the next two priorities - repairs to the roof tiles and guttering, to be completed this autumn.

Work on removing the obsolete muck-collecting "lockers" inside DHQ has already begun and may be followed by the removal of the brick partitions at the sides of the hall, to allow freer circulation of warm air through the aisles.

From now until Concrete Day (22 September) the two Troops using DHQ regularly (First-Third and Fifth Letchworth) have a competition in the day-to-day maintenance of the house and grounds - cleaning, tidying, grass-cutting, etc. First-Third have the east side of a line drawn through the centre of the building from notice-board to back fence; Fifth have undertaken the Weston side.

The District is cheering both sides, and we hope they both win!

For Letchworth Guiders

THE SCOUT SHOP (see page:1) has in stock Brownie Handbooks at 5/- (25p) and a few Brownie Badge Syllabus books at 1/6 (7½p). You may order Guide and Brownie Diaries for 1969 and get considerable discount if definite orders are given in by the end of September.

EXTENSION SECTION of Hertfordshire Guides is holding one of its half-yearly meetings in Letchworth (St George's hall) on Saturday 28 September. Help from local members may be needed and it has been suggested that we finish with a grand camp fire sing-song and invite all the Guides in the District. More details later.

GUIDERS' MEETING: Thursday 12 September, Ranger Hut, 7.30 pm. Please can you see that one Guider from each unit is present?

PRESS REPORTS: If you have reporters at any Brownie, Guide or Ranger function, please see that they are informed that we are "adult leaders" or "Guiders". Remember that Brown Owl, Tawny, Captain and Lieutenant are nicknames, only for use within the Pack or Company.

BADGES: Girls being tested for badges should still take a certificate to be signed, not their handbook. They fill in the space in the handbook themselves after the test.

FIERCE AND URGENT NOTE: Brownie accounts books that have not yet been sent to Mrs Shaw should get to her IMMEDIATELY!

THREE MORE DATES: Saturday 5 October - LA jumble sale (Can Guides collect during holidays?) Friday 25 October - Trefoil Guild Dinner. 7 December - Coffee Morning.

Your District Executive

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL AT PRESENT CONSISTS OF:

TEN ELECTED LAY MEMBERS: Mr S.F. Blaxland (CHAIRMAN), 55 Bedford Road, Letchworth; Mrs I.J. Foster, 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth; Mr M. Gardiner (TREASURER), 38 William Way, Letchworth; Mr F.A. Hawley, 45 West View, Letchworth; Mr L. Moore, 89 Baldock Road, Letchworth; Mr P. Norton, 6 Waysbrook, Letchworth; Mr H. Plinston (PRESIDENT), 83 Pixuore Way, Letchworth; Mr T. Sparrow, 61 Lammas Way, Letchworth; Mrs C. Watson, 65 Highfield, Letchworth; and Mr A.M. Wood (SECRETARY), 25 Cloisters Road, Letchworth;

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, F.H. Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth;

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS: J.P. Baker (acting Leader Training), 47 Highfield, Letchworth; L. Collins (General Duties), 96 Bedford Road, Letchworth; K.R. Hart (Scouts), 38 Canfield Way, Letchworth; Mrs K.L. Tippet (Cub Scouts), 48 High Avenue, Letchworth; and B.D. Watkins (Venture Scouts), 88 Southfields, Letchworth;

THE DISTRICT SCOUTERS: DSL J.V. Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth; and DCSL S.A. Scott, 23 Cashio Lane, Letchworth;

THE BADGE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, GSL E. Oldham, 77 Wilbury Road, Letchworth;

THE DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER, VSL K. Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth;

AND TWO REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED BY EACH OF THE TRAINING SECTION COUNCILS: (CUB SCOUTS) CSL Mrs M.N. Baker, 47 Highfield, Letchworth; one vacancy; (SCOUTS) ASL P. Byrne, 31 Mons Avenue, Baldock; one vacancy; (VENTURE SCOUTS) two vacancies.

(Please keep this for reference. The next Executive Committee meeting is on Wednesday 4 September, 8 pm at DHQ.)

PROFICIENCY EXAMINERS

LITTLE PROGRESS HAS YET BEEN MADE WITH the compiling of a list of appointed examiners for Scout proficiency badges. A few tentative names have been supplied to the Scouters' Council, and are given on the list below.

Scouters are reminded that notes on the wearing of old and new proficiency badges, and permitted new equivalents for old, appeared on pages 298 and 299 of "The Scouter" in September 1967. Old badges may not be worn on new uniforms.

Examiners are required for most of the badges. Nominations should be made to the DC, any ADC, or the DIO.

INTEREST BADGES

- Angler
- Artist
- Athlete G. Elliott, 63 Southfields
- Bellringer
- Camp Cook J. Bruce, 21 Green Lane
- Collector
- Cyclist
- Horseman
- Librarian K. Johnson, 80 Spring Road
- Model Maker
- Musician
- Naturalist
- Photographer
- Smallholder
- Swimmer

PURSUIT BADGES

- Archaeologist
- Astronomer
- Boatswain
- Camper
- Canoeist
- Civics
- Communicator
- Cook J. Bruce, 21 Green Lane
- Craftsman (A)
- (B)
- (C)J.Charlton, 26 Lordship Lane
- (D)
- (E)
- (F)
- Electronics P. Williams, 37 Baldock Road
- Explorer
- Forester
- Geologist
- Map Maker
- Master-at-arms
- Mechanic (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)
- Mountaineer
- Navigator (A)
- (B)
- Observer
- Pioneer
- Power Coxswain
- Race Helmsman
- Skier
- Skin Diver
- Speleologist
- Sportsman
- World Friendship

SERVICE BADGES

- Ambulance St John Ambulance Brigade
- Camp Warden
- Conservator
- Fireman Local Fire Service (via ADC)
- Guide
- Interpreter
- Jobman J. Pammenter, 8 Norton Way N.
- Lifesaver
- Pilot
- Quartermaster
- Secretary

INSTRUCTOR BADGES

Courses are generally announced in HSN and the Broadsheet. Special arrangements will be vade as required by the District Scouters' Council.

SEA TRAINING BADGES

- Boatman
- Coxswain's Mate
- Coxswain

AIR TRAINING BADGES

- Airman
- Senior Airman
- Master Airman

PLEASE NOTE that if a Troop has the services of an examiner in any of the proficiency badges, the District Scout Council must know his name and address, whether or not he is able to act as examiner for Scouts from other Troops.

Cub Scouts

Examiners for Cub Scout proficiency badges have also to be appointed by the District Scout Council. Names and addresses of all persons acting as examiners should be notified to the ADC(C), Mrs K.L. Tippet. Cub Scout proficiency badges are:

- Artist
- Athlete
- Book Reader
- Cyclist
- Explorer
- First Aider
- Fisherman
- Handyuan
- Linguist
- Map Reader
- Naturalist
- Photographer
- Rescuer
- Scientist
- Sportsman
- Swimmer
- Troubadour



Full details of all requirerients for proficiency badges are in POR Part 4, available from the District Scout Shop at 3/- (15p).

Scouters' Secretary

The Secretary of the Scouters' Council, appointed on 23 July, is SL Graham Mulchinock, 60 Common View, Letchworth.

Concord

announce their next CAMP...

5 - 8 September

Weston

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open to Scouts and Guides over 15

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1 Station Road

ARLESEY (phone 285)

Co-ordinator

acknowledges another voluntary 5/- subscription from an Executive Committee member entitled to free copies - Mrs I.J. Foster.

Your Group Councillors - any parents - anyone interested - may receive CO-ORDINATOR for five bob (25p) a year. Treasurer: David Ringrow, 83 Wilbury Hills Road, Letchworth.

Congratulations

to Weston for their very high scoring in the Best-kept Village competition! We note that there was a mention in the "Letchworth & Baldock Gazette" ...

"the local Boy Scouts did a good job picking up litter."

(The Gazette was informed some time ago that there are no such things as Boy Scouts nowadays.)

The last District Executive meeting hoped that Scouts in other parts of the District might take a positive line on litter. As well as just not dropping it, could we now see some Patrol Action Group of Scouts picking up the rubbish that the non-Scouts leave around?

PLs' Councils please note.

Thanks

to the good ladies who manned Kath's Kaff at the AGM. Sales of refreshments made £2/3/6 (£2.17½) for District funds.

Groups PLEASE NOTE

IT IS BECOMING PAINFULLY OBVIOUS THAT GROUP RECORDS ARE NOT WHAT THEY SHOULD BE. Cases have come to light where GSLs had no idea how many Cubs or Scouts were in their Groups, let alone their ages or standards of training.

Simple record sheets are available now at the Scout Shop, and these will make the obligatory job of record-keeping much easier.

If a Group has no GSL, responsibility for the maintenance of these records rests upon the Group Secretary. The District Executive Committee asks all Group Councils to ensure that records are brought up to date this month.

We have no option in this matter. If we are to run Scouting properly, we must know what we are doing!

Dates

SOME OF THESE DATES ARE TAKEN FROM THE COUNTY CALENDAR, NOW APPEARING ON THE BACK PAGE OF "HERTFORDSHIRE" SCOUT NEWS"

* * * A U G U S T 1 9 6 8

- 10-11 Patrol camping, Henlow Park
- 11 Barton Shield transfers from joint winners 2L to 5L for six months
- 23 Last items in to DIO for CO-ORDINATOR 112
- 24-31 3B Troop camp, Youlbury
- 24 - 2 September: 5L Troop camp, Lasham
- 31 - 2 September: Patrol camping, Phasels Wood

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- 2 Late Sumner Bank Holiday
- 2 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 112
- 4 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 5-8 Concord camp, Weston (see column 1)
- 7-8 ICKNIELD SHIELD District camping competition (see page 1)
- 10 Scouters' Council, DHQ 2000
- 14 Stotfold Scouts' Shindig
- 14-15 Preparation for concreting, DHQ (see page 2)
- 14-15 Patrol camping, Harmergreen Wood
- 14-15 Troop Scouters' B course, Hitchin
- 15 1-3L Group visit to Gilwell Park
- 21-22 Concreting at DHQ (see page 2)
- 22 TIPPETT TROPHY cooking competition (see page 1)
- 23-29 Marathon Trophy County camping competition
- 30 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 113

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- 5 1-3L Group dance
- 7 First meeting of Champion Hills Venture Scout Unit
- 19 8L Group autumn fair
- 20 County Scouters' conference, Bushey
- 20 "Functions of a Management Committee" conference of youth leaders, Ware College (details from DIO)
- 26 District swimming gala, Stevenage, 1830
- 28 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 114

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- 2-3 Operation Nightjar
- 9-10 CSLs' B course, Hitchin
- 24 B-P GUILD CUP winter Patrol competition

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- 2 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 115
- 7-8 Patrol Leaders' training course, DHQ
- 30 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 116

MOD TROPHY

Nobody has yet challenged 9L Cubs or Scouts to anything. Last chance: 5 September. Inform the DIO.