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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

FOURPENNY ONE!

This is the last edition of CO-ORDINATOR that will be posted with a threepenny stamp. Postage rates and regulations are being altered in the middle of this month, so the October number will have to be posted to our readers in fourpenny stamped and sealed envelopes.

It seems probable that the annual subscription of five shillings will have to be increased to cover the extra cost of postage. Anything definite, however, depends on the District Executive Committee, which will no doubt be discussing this question at its meeting on Tuesday (4 September).

CO-ORDINATOR is sent free to all warranted Scouters, permit holders, group secretaries and chairmen, District officers and members of the Executive Committee, who are not required to subscribe - although they may if they wish.

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## What about the MOD TROPHY, then?

The three months' availability for challenges for the Mod Trophy ends THIS THURSDAY - 5 SEPTEMBER. And at the time of going to press, nobody has put an official challenge to try and remove it from the keeping of Ninth Letchworth.

The 9L Cubs won it for their Group on 5 June, by defeating a team of First Ashwell Cubs at draughts, by three games to two. Ashwell won it as an entire group on that memorable evening on 29 February, the Unrepeatable Olympic Leap Year Pentathlon.

By the kindness of a friend of the movement, the Mod Trophy has recently been replated, and is now a more than ever handsome piece of hardware to show off to parents at an open night.

According to the rules, any Cub Pack or Six, or any Scout Troop or Patrol, may now challenge their opposite numbers in the Ninth, to any kind of contest that is both able to be scored and completely legal. In its previous history, dating back to January 1965, the Mod Trophy has changed hands by means of chess, football, snooker, spelling, rugby, Green-Shield-stamp-collecting, tug-of-war, and table tennis.

Nobody has yet tried orienteering, pie-eating, archery, pea-pushing, judo, leapfrog, Scrabble, rowing, fishing, knitting, or rolling downhill in a barrel, to name but a few possible suggestions.

All that a challenging section has to do is to notify the Ninth, through the District Information Officer (phone Letchworth 5646 by day or 3920 by night), and provide any necessary equipment for the contest that they name. The holders of the Mod Trophy must accept whatever challenge is made, or lose the trophy.

Come on, somebody! Make a definite challenge before Thursday, and arrange a date for the contest as soon as possible after that.

## NEW ADDRESS

Most of their friends will know by now, but for the record, John and Heather Hilditch's address is now 62 Hitchin Road, Upper Caldecote, BIGGLES LADE, Bedfordshire.

## ICKNIELD SHIELD

AS ANNOUNCED last month, the postponed District camping competition is now to take place on 7-8 September, at Henlow Park.

Detailed notices have gone to all SLs and PLs in the District, with the entry forms which were returnable by Sunday 1 September with the entry fee of 5/- (25p).

To avoid any possible confusion, the Scouters' Council agreed that nobody but competitors and staff will be allowed on the competition area, or to help with the transport of any equipment beyond the gate of the Boyd Menoriai Field. Parents or Scout Leaders who pass on little Johnnie's wellington boots, or the pair of pyjamas that Fred forgot to put in his kitbag, or who help to carry their team's gear past the gate, may find that they have disqualified the team they were trying to help!

Sites will be allocated to teams by ballot. No team may move gear on to their site from the stacking point inside the gate until the official starting time, which is 1500 BST on Saturday.

For the first time, the Icknield Shield competition has two sections - heavyweight and lightweight. The former use a single patrol ridge tent, dining shelter, and altar fire, using fresh food (or tinned or frozen). The lightweight section, who must be seen to arrive at the gate of the field carrying all their equipment on their backs, use hike tents up to the size of an Itisa, with merely the flysheet for a dining shelter, and cook on gas or paraffin stoves. Lightweight food means the sort of thing you take up mountains: crispbread, cheese, sardines, powdered or condensed milk, dried fruits, chocolate, and all that.

There are still vacancies for workers on the staff: Jeff Robson will be glad to have any more offers, at 67 High Avenue, Letchworth.

## DON'T GO THEN!

STOP PRESS ITEM in this month's County "Broadsheet" announces that the Patrol camping weekend arranges for 14-15 September at Harmergreen Wood has been postponed. It is understood that the reason is that the access road is not available for this weekend.

FIRST-THIRD LETCHWORTH GROUP  
announces a



# Dance

at the Grange Community Centre

on SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER, 8 - 12 pm

\*\*\*The Mellotones

\*Spot prizes

\*Raffle

Tickets 6/6 from

\*Bar

7 Hillbrow or

\*Refreshments

65 Highfield

## FOR YOUR READING LIST

One of the books recommended to the recent joint meeting of Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides is now in stock at Letchworth Public Library. The title is "He and she" by Kenneth C. Barnes, and it may be found on the non-fiction shelves at the classification 156.1.

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The Stotfold Directory compiled and published by Fifth Letchworth Venture Scout Unit has now been listed in the "British National Bibliography", giving rise to orders for copies from various London booksellers. The agents for the Copyright Libraries also made their legal claim for copies to be sent to the Bodleian Library in Oxford, the University Library of Cambridge, the National Library of Scotland in Edinburgh, and the Library of Trinity College, Dublin.

## DATE DEPARTMENT

(An extended list of County dates as far ahead as May 1969 appears in the last two pages of this month's "Hertfordshire Scout News".)

\* S E P T E M B E R 1 9 6 8

- 4 District Executive, DHQ, 2000
- 5-8 Concord camp, Weston: details from Lyn Grimes, Arlesey 285
- 6-8 The advanced practical training course for Cub Scout Leaders (at Well End) has been postponed owing to lack of support.
- 7-8 ICKNIELD SHIELD (see column 1)
- 10 SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 2000
- 10 Gang Show committee, 1B HQ, 2000
- 14 Stotfold Scouts' Shindig
- 14-15 Preparation for new concreting at DHQ
- 14-15 Patrol camping at Harmergreen is POSTPONED (see column 1)
- 14-15 SLs' basic practical training course, Hitchin
- 15 1-3L Group visit to Gilwell
- 21-22 Concreting at DHQ
- 22 TIPPETT TROPHY cooking competition for Scout patrols: the menu was in last month's CO-ORDINATOR, and entry forms are being circulated this week.
- 27 Last items in, please, to DIO Ken Johnson, for CO-ORDINATOR 113
- 28-29 County patrol camping competition for the Marathon Trophy: our top two Icknield Shield patrols will be eligible to enter.
- 28-29 Second Venture Scout Gathering, Well End (programme is in this month's "Hertfordshire Scout News")
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- 26 DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA, at Stevenage Pool, 1830