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OF
LETCHWORTH AND
BALDOCK DISTRICT
SCOUT COUNCIL

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SUBS UP

AS WE WERE SAYING last month, 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.

The District Executive Committee, meeting on 4 September, considered the rise in postal charges, and decided that the subscription rate to CO-ORDINATOR for all persons other than those listed above, should be six shillings and sixpence (32½p) from this month.

Subscribers who have paid 5/- (25p) will receive the twelve months' copies just the same, but renewals for another year will cost 6/6. The man who looks after the money is David Ringrow, 83 Wiibury Hills Road, Letchworth.

TIPPETT TROPHY

COOKING COMPETITION, 22 SEPTEMBER 1968

overall position	SCOUTS	GUIDES	points
1.....	1 1-3L Buffalo.....		224
2.....		1 2L Kingfisher	222
3.....	2 1-3L Raven.....		220
4	3 2L Eagle.....		216
5		2 1L Robin.....	211
6	4 5L Tiger.....		197
7		3 1L Swallow...	192
8	5 4L Eagle.....		189
9	6 4L Panther.....		183
10.....		4 1L Bantam....	182
11.....	7 8L Kestrel.....		150
12.....	8 7L Owl.....		136

ICKNIELD SHIELD

CAMPING COMPETITION
7-8 SEPTEMBER 1968

1 ..	1-3L Raven ..	138½
2 ..	5L Owl	103½
3 ..	5L Stag.....	93
4 ..	1B composite..	86
5...	(5L Tiger)	75½
	(6L Owl)	

1.....	5L.....	975
2.....	1-3L.....	828
3.....	2L.....	592½
4.....	1B.....	465
5.....	4L.....	464½
6.....	7L.....	385½
7.....	8L.....	300



8.....	1A.....	243
9.....	6L.....	184½
10.....	9L.....	89
11.....	2B.....	66¾
12.....	3B.....	12
13.....	1W.....	0

Opportunities remaining to alter these positions are the Swimming Gala (26 October), Operation Nightjar (for Scouts over 14), the Cub Quiz and the B-P Guild Cup competition.

COUNTY CAMPING COMPETITION

(the Marathon Trophy)

at Phasels Wood, 28-29 September 1968

WINNERS were the same team that won the Icknield Shield - FIRST-THIRD LETCHWORTH RAVEN PATROL (David Dainton, John Ford, Tony Mingo and Norman Clayson) with 320 .of a possible 400 marks. Twenty-five teams entered, from all but four Districts in Hertfordshire. Our other entry, a composite FIFTH LETCHWORTH team (Roger Charles, Peter Steele, Kevin Smith and Christopher Powell) tied with Second Hatfield for seventeenth place with 265 points.

FOURTH LETCHWORTH

The following addresses should be noted on District lists.

Acting GSL: Mr Peter Deary, 17 Howards Wood

Group Chairman: Mr Robert Saunders, 34 Pixmore Avenue

Group Secretary: Mr Philip Mudd, 59 Pixmore Avenue

FIRST-THIRD LETCHWORTH

Since his illness, Les Collins has found it difficult to carry out the functions of ADC (General Duties) and the full duties of GSL with First-Third. He has for some time now been relaxing from his normal work by 'camping at most weekends, being a keen member of the Camping Club.

We know the boys in his group and his many friends have missed him, particularly at the various annual. events in our Scouting calendar, and we all wish him good health in the future.

Arthur Scott has now undertaken the duties of GSL and regretfully relinquishes his position as Cub Scout Leader of the group and of District Cub Scout Leader.

First-Third have a high reputation to uphold, and who better than Arthur to carry on the good work, ably supported by Jeff Robson (SL and DSL), Miss Marilyn Emmerton who takes over the duties of CSL, and Miss Joan Ludford, ACSL.

NINTH LETCHWORTH

The Scout Troop has not been meeting since August and has been unable to meet the challenge of 8L troop to seven-a-side football for the Mod Trophy. The contest is held over until the Ninth's position is made clear.

Letchworth GUIDERS

MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER: Badge lists should be in: Brownies' to Mrs Neal, Guides' to Mrs Drylie.

TUESDAY 1 OCTOBER: Names should be in to Mrs Ellard, 5 Manor Way (3073) of Guiders wishing to attend Trefoil Guild dinner on 25 October.

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER: Jumble sale at St George's hall. Jumble can be delivered to the hall between 10 am and 12 noon. Still more help is needed between 2 and 4 pm. Can YOU help, please?

TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER: Guiders' Committee, 7.30 pm at the Ranger Hut. One Guider from each unit, please!

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER: Entries for Swimming Gala to be in to Jeff Robson.

FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER: Trefoil Guild dinner at Letchworth House, 7.45 pm, £1/2/6.

SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER: Swimming Gala at Stevenage pool, 6.45 to 9 pm. We need three Guiders to marshal competitors for Guide races. Any offers?

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER: Christmas coffee mornin; with gift stalls at Howard Hall, 10 am to 12 noon. Are you, and the Guides; all all parents, busily making articles for sale?

TRAININGS

We hope to have two trainings soon, one for Brownie Guiders and one for Guide Guiders, probably at Stevenage at the end of October or beginning of November. Watch out for definite details soon.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

FIRST-THIRD LETCHWORTH GROUP announces a

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

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TRAMPS' BALL

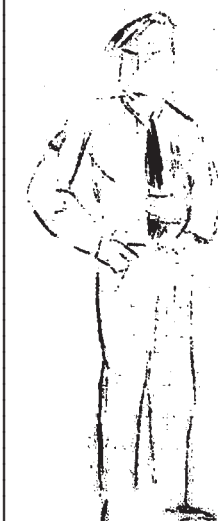
SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER
7.30 till 11 at DHQ, Icknield Way : 3/6
Food! Drink!

PLEASE NOTE: 2/- fine for those not dressed as tramps

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DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA: 26 OCTOBER 1968

Entry forms and full details have now been circulated throughout the District, and entries must be in to DSL Jeff Robson by Wednesday 16 October, with the entry fee of 2/- (10p) For each section.



Your
new
uniform

is now available at
LEITCHWORTH & BALDOCK

Scout Shop

TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS, 7 to 8 pm
Rear of Council of Social Service;
Gernon Road, Letchworth

Champers!

This is the title of the first bulletin of the CHAMPION HILLS VENTURE SCOUT UNIT, published on 19 August. Aimed at all Venture Scouts in the area, and all Scouts, Scouters and wellwishers, it includes the new Unit's programme for the first three months. We are incorporating these dates into the District Diary on page 4 of this CO-ORDINATOR, in order that all Scouters will have the opportunity to know what the Venture Scout section is planning, even if they do not happen to get a copy of "Champers" for themselves.

Please see that all likely young men in or approaching the 16-plus age group are informed of the events on the Champion Hills programme. To be put on the mailing list, apply to ADC(V) Brian Watkins, 88 Southfields, or the Secretary of CHVSU Executive Committee, David Emery, 20 Chilvers Bank, Baldock.

OPERATION NIGHTJAR

This event, formerly run for Senior Scouts, is scheduled for the night of 2-3 November, and the Scouters' Council has approved the idea that the tradition should continue, with competitors drawn from the 14 and 15 year olds (in other words, the senior Scouts!) Plans are now being made, and Troops will be informed during this month.

SENIOR AND ROVER SECTION WARRANTS

As will have been observed in the Headquarters Notices in "The Scouter" for August, all warrants held for appointments in the Senior Scout and Rover Scout sections automatically cease to be effective from this Monday.

A raffle will once again add non-aquatic excitement to the gala. The District Executive Committee asks EACH GROUP to send one item of grocery to Mrs Kathleen Tippet as a contribution to the prize parcel.

DIO in BRUM

EXTRACTS FROM NOTES MADE BY THE DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER DURING THE NATIONAL SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, 20-22 SEPTEMBER 1968

By half past eight, we have parked the car and walked to the Mason Hall, being asked for directions by John Thurman, having our tickets examined by John Sweet, being taken to our very smart rooms by most helpful Venture Scouts, and enjoying a very good meal; and then Charles Brooks and I walked back to join a lot of other people here in the Great Hall of the University - where the Lord Mayor and the Chief Scout have just walked on to the platform. Sir Charles introduces the Lord Mayor - who is now welcoming us all to the city of Birmingham...

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The unmistakable figure of Chris Cory walks on. He is speaking about streamlining work for Scouters - especially paperwork, as in county newsletters. Introducing Henry Collis, the "link man" on Scouting in the United Kingdom.

Who says

66 some Scouters on the tandem pedal harder than others. The "Scouter" supplements are like the shelves of a supermarket, for you to choose what to cook up yourself.

Minimum standards come in next year, and though it will be two or three years before the question of closing a section arises, "we must face this one now".

Scouting (especially for Cubs) must be as exciting as school!

Cub Scouts: Districts should drop some of the competitions they run, but develop more adventure training sites, where everybody must mix up.

The Troop is still the central core: PLs must pass Scouts in Standard tests; we need more District PL training courses; PLs Must not be overloaded or they will not find it fun.

Venture Scouts are shaping very well. Still a few rumblings about forming area units. There is no one standard model unit, and we must tell the general public this! The VSU is not a Scouter factory: first priority is to help the development of the individual. Leader's task to encourage a growing taste for responsibility.

There is a "stupid" fall-off in Leader Training applications: get on with it! Use of Longridge and Lasham by "land" Scouts is an admirable broadening of their activities. Extension Scouting: some groups are good, but many do nothing. It is not

working for them, but with them.

We must never let our Scout Promise be watered down.

The public must be told we are not an aloof movement, but impinge on the life of the nation in so many respects. 99

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SATURDAY: By 9.15 we are here in the Great Hall again for "Commissioners and Administrators" - "the opportunity to let Headquarters know what you think".

Ron Freeman is the first to stand up: his point is that District Executives are pretty awful and there should be some sort of training provided. Ted Wood suggests they should learn by joining debating societies; Brailsford (Greater London South) says you should get the experienced people first! John Thurman says the "Commissioners'" course is being reshaped to an administrators' course with a lot more project work - which should attract more lay people.

Bruce (ADC Warwickshire) protests about tatty badges; Mr Birch explains about the nylon badges, and says there may be bigger Cub proficiency badges again by next spring.

Hall, CC Greater London South, asks about having ORGANIZED help for emergencies like floods or rail crashes. They are getting Venture Scout and young Leader teams ready. Can't the movement take a lead nationally - even internationally?

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After an hour or so on the field seeing some fine displays by Birmingham County, Fred North's bit about "Making ourselves known", good to hear but better to look at as he was flanked by display boards covered in things like HSN and the Broadsheet.

Then we went to the Students' Union and queued for an hour and twenty minutes for lunch. I was late for the session in the far-off Haworth Building on Extension Scouting. What I heard was very interesting: an exchange of ideas between Essex, Oxford, Ayrshire, Dorset and Hertfordshire, on how to get handicapped Cubs through test work, and on alternative tests to the telephone for deaf Cubs.

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"Youth to the Rescue" by Lawrence Bailey: "The job that Scouting has to do is not half finished - or half begun?" It can have outstanding influence, as in running camps for deprived children not in the movement.

"I would ensure that each VSU should have Service more important than venture projects; patrols given service projects; each troop having one Scout with the job of seeing to voluntary service; and District liaison officers..."

What about those who leave Scouting? Many might be persuaded to join local Volunteer Councils, and in doing this

DIO IN BRUM (CONTINUED)

keep in touch with the group.

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Open Session: Mr Stephenson asks why we don't take Cubs at 7½. Barry Moule says it would take more Scouters, and give less attention to older ones.

DCC Buckinghamshire: Are the Training Supplements going to continue? Ron Jeffries: They are costing a lot: it will probably mean a 2/- "Scouter" or no supplements.

Mr Lear, ACC(LT) : What are we doing about getting time off with pay for advanced training? John Thurman: We've been trying for 25 years; the government will have to see that it's done for all voluntary organizations.

Mr Thomas, ASL Brecon: What about a PL who gets stuck with 0 levels? Laurence Stringer: If he is unable to carry on - how good is the APL? And can't he carry on without being PL? Or is he ready to do Venture Scouting?

R.F. Wilson, ADC Greater London North: Is there a place in Scouting as a Leader for an agnostic or atheist? Ken Stevens: If there was a clearcut definition, NO. Genuine seekers, all treated on their own merits, may get a Leader Permit. Anyone genuinely saying he does not believe in God, or know what kind of God there is, should not be a Leader, or we would be failing the whole purpose of the Scout movement.

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Mason, GSL Greater London NW: What about grants for groups who have lost their over-sixteens to District VSUs? Charles Elmitt: This is most unfortunate. But you may legitimately include in your membership those who continue as Instructors, and others such as Guides who use the same building. If in doubt, get in touch with HQ, filling in the forms in pencil so that we can help you.

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After dinner (which was excellent: no waiting at all), Dr Laszlo Nagy, Secretary General of the Boy Scouts World Bureau. The microphone and the echo and his accent make it a little difficult to follow all he is saying. But:

Scouting deals in the individual, not in the mass (so mere numbers are not important).

"If quality attracts a large number of boys, so much the better."

"Communications are one of the greatest problems." (Quite so.)

"The time of amateurism is over, even in Scouting."

"A Scout Leader must always remember he is leading the boy to another tomorrow - to a new world."

"If you give the best to your boys, then indirectly the whole world will profit."

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Final brief quotation from the closing

remarks on Sunday by Sir Charles Maclean:

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You MUST NOT be depressed if

things do not always seem to

go right.

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We had lunch and just after one o'clock set off, mapreading once more through Hampton in Arden to A45, M45, M1, an ice cream at Newport Pagnell, and off through Aspley Guise, Shefford, Stotfold, and home just at four. So I walked to the Common to catch the end of the cooking competitions. Clive Sapsed getting the Tippet Trophy from Mr Watson.

"The standard extremely high this year. Some prepared vegetables beforehand. Melons not really enough for hors d'oeuvres. Washing facilities inadequate: soapy potatoes not nice! Sweets not terribly clever. Must improve methods of keeping food hot. Wine doesn't figure in list of rules."

These were Jim Tirrell's comments. A Guide trophy is to follow. Five o'clock. Dismiss.

DATES

O C T O B E R 1 9 6 8

- 5 1-3L Group Dance (see page 2)
- 5-6 CSLs' part B course, Potters Bar
- 7 First meeting of Champion Hills VSU: Life and motor insurance, 1B HQ, 2000
- 14 CHVSU: Expeditions abroad, by Lindsay Colquhoun, DHQ, 2000
- 15 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000
- 18 CHVSU: Night hike from Dunstable
- 18-20 Leadership course for Venture Scouts, Well End (see HSN)
- 19 8L Group autumn fair
- 19 Concord tramps' ball, DHQ, 1930 (see page 2)
- 20 County Scouters' Conference, Bushey
- 25 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 114, to DIO Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth
- 26 District Swimming Gala, Stevenage (see page 2)
- 28 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 114
- 28 CHVSU bowling at Stevenage

N O V E M B E R 1 9 6 8

- 2-3 Operation Nightjar for senior Scouts (see page 2)
- 4 Blaxland Trophy transfers from 9L to 5L Cub Scouts (end of six months)
- 5 District Bonfire organized by CHVSU
- 9-10 CSLs' part B course, Hitchin
- 9-10 SLs' part B course, Potters Bar.
- 11 CHVSU: table tennis tournament
- 12 CSLs' Council, DHQ, 2000
- 13 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 16 7L Bazaar, Church Rooms
- 18 CHVSU: film show
- 23 1-3L Christmas fair, Church Rooms
- 24- B-P Guild Cup winter patrol competition