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APOLOGIES...

...to a number of people who didn't get last month's CO-ORDINATOR till the middle of the month. The usual arrangements for posting it with HSN broke down, owing to the absence of a District Service Team. Former members of Letchworth District Rover Crew have been doing splendid work at Kiln Hole Camp, but can obviously not continue the distribution of news as well.

Many thanks are due to ADC(S) Ken Hart for seeing to the despatch of the greater part of last month's copies, and the preparation of envelopes for December.

The District Executive Committee, meeting on 15 November, discussed whether the continuation of CO-ORDINATOR was necessary in the circumstances, as it was felt by some that if all dates and rules, etc., are printed in this way, nobody is going to bother to attend their respective District meetings. The majority, however, felt that CO-ORDINATOR served some useful purpose, and the District Information Officer agreed to go on typing it, as hitherto, until told to stop. Items for inclusion should be sent to him at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth, and so now should all payments of subscriptions by those not entitled to free copies. The annual subscription is 6/6 (32½p). Offers of assistance with addressing, stamping and posting will also be welcome, and we acknowledge with thanks the offer of Mr and Mrs Harry Frankland to undertake this for January and February.

LOCHEARNHEAD 1969

At the kind invitation of the DC Hitchin, Letchworth & Baldock District will be sharing the week's course at Lochearnhead Scout Station from 16 to 23 August 1969, About three places will be available for each Group, and GSLs should tell our DC (47 Norton Road, Letchworth) how many places they would like. You may apply for more than three, but you may not get them. Names are not needed at this stage,

It is also proposed to hold a District camp near to Lochearnhead in the week either preceding or following the course. This will be open to Scouts and Venture Scouts, and to Scouters and their families.

Applications for the course, the camp, or both, should reach Fred Eaves by Tuesday 31 December 1968.

RESULTS

B-P GUILD CUP, 24 NOVEMBER 1968

Place	Patrol	Points (250)
1.....	2L Falcons.....	193
2.....	5L Owls.....	180
3.....	2L Eagles.....	171
4.....	2L Ravens.....	165
5.....	2L Owls.....	163
6.....	4L Panthers.....	160
7.....	5L Tigers.....	157
8.....	2L Kestrels.....	151
9.....	5L Stags.....	149
10.....	4L Eagles.....	102
11.....	4L Hawks.....	97
12.....	1A Eagles.....	38

CUB SCOUT QUIZ, 27 NOVEMBER 1968

Place	Pack	Points (64)
1.....	7L.....	53
2.....	5L.....	48½
3.....	(2B)	38½
	(4L Friday)	
5.....	4L Tuesday.....	32
6.....	1-3L.....	29½
7.....	8L Thursday.....	29

OPERATION NIGHTJAR, 30 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER 1968: Results will be given in our January edition.

JUST-FOR-FUN-LEAGUE

Every competition this year, plus attendance bonus, gives these totals:

1....5L...1543½	8....1A.....289
2....2L...1478½	9....6L.....186½
3....4L....928	10....2B.....128¼
4...1-3L...884½	11....9L.....92
5....1B....467	12....3B.....12
6....7L....464½	13...CHVSU.....2
7....8L....380	14....1W.....0

COMPETITIONS 1969

The Scouters' Council on 25 November appointed a Competition Subcommittee of Patrick Byrne, Bill Carr, Fred Eaves, Ernie Hall and Ken Johnson, to meet (on 16 December) and draft rules and dates for all Scout section contests for next year. These are to include the experimental CYCLO-CROSS competition on Sunday 23 March, entry forms for which are now being distributed to Troops and should be returned by 31 January to the Chairman of the Scouters' Council, ASL Patrick Byrne, 31 Mons Avenue, Baldock.

SMALL GROUPS IN DIFFICULTIES

Sixth Letchworth (Salvation Army) is extremely sorry to lose Stewart Skinns, who has moved to Hertford, but the Troop is to continue under his two assistants and the PLs, who are this week preparing a detailed six-month programme of activities.

Ninth Letchworth (Catholic) Troop has ceased to meet, but the Group continues as a Cub Scout Pack. Mrs Mary Hawley requires volunteers for regular reliable assistance. Third Baldock Pack and Troop have now ceased to operate, and a parents' meeting last Monday decided to proceed with the winding up of the Group.

Letchworth Guides

COFFEE MORNING CHRISTMAS FAIR

10 - 12, Saturday 7 December 1968

Howard. Hall

Any items still to come in for stalls, to Mrs Drylie, please, as soon as possible so we can get them priced. We would like more offers of cakes (large or small) and scones, these to be brought to the hall if possible between 9 and 10 am.

BADGE LISTS

Can Guiders please get new lists in before the end of term, and we will try to get some more tests under way. Where there is a choice of subjects for any badge, please state on the list which the girl is doing. This is particularly important for the following badges:

Brownie: Dancer - folk, modern or ballet?

Skater - ice or roller?

Guide: Challenge - please specify which clause for all sections

Horsewoman - riding or driving?

Signaller - morse or semaphore?

Skater - ice or roller?

Craft - which clauses?

NEXT GUIDERS' COMMITTEE

14 January, 7.30, Ranger Hut. Please note this date now and make sure one Guider from each unit can come.

Concord Activities

ALL SCOUTS AND GUIDES OVER THE AGE OF 15 ARE WELCOME, WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP OR NOT. Details of dates can be obtained from Linda Petty, 9 Highfield, Letchworth (4936), or watch CO-ORDINATOR each month! December 1968 - Carol singing at Freeman

House and Briar Patch

January 1969 - New year's party

February - Television show

March - Pyjama party

April - Stock car racing

May - Barn dance

June - Visit to a zoo and a picnic

July - Party - Dance

August - Camp?

Other ideas are bowling, swimming, day trip to London, and treasure hunt.

JMT4 - JMT5

The organizers of Jim's Mystery Tours are most grateful to the Fifth Letchworth Group Council for the voluntary donation of 10/- for each of the Group's contestants in JMT4. This has helped considerably to reduce the still outstanding deficit caused by unexpectedly high petrol costs.

Planning has begun for JMT5, to be held in May 1970. Entry fees will be set considerably higher than before, and it is probable that the standard of activities will similarly rise, to provide sufficient challenge to the Venture Scout section for whom it will be designed.

Details will appear in CO-ORDINATOR as soon as anything printable is known.

THE MOD TROPHY

8L Monday Pack are to play 9L Pack for the Trophy, in a football match on Sunday afternoon 8 December. New challenges at anything legal (preferably as unlikely as possible!) may then be made through the DIO.

The District SCOUT SHOP

will be open every TUESDAY and FRIDAY as usual (7 till 8 pm) up to and including TUESDAY 17 DECEMBER. It will then not be open again until FRIDAY 5 JANUARY at 7 pm. Make sure, therefore, that you shop early for Christmas! A wide selection of suitable gifts, including books, diaries and a good range of Scout and Guide uniforms are now available in stock.

If you need to order special items, however, get a move on, as delivery times are bad! And they will no doubt get worse as St George's Day draws near. Some examples are SCOUT FLAGS (eight weeks delivery, even without Group title), SCOUT FLAG MOUNTS (at the end of November, we still cannot get a delivery promised for some ordered in August), SCOUT GROUP NAME TAPES (a similar situation) and GUIDE SHOULDER BADGES (no promise yet, for some ordered in mid-October).

Cub Scout Section

CYCLIST BADGE: It should be noted that the ROSPA National Cycling Proficiency Test only qualifies a Cub for part 4 of the badge if it includes a test on the highway.

HANDYMAN BADGE: Parents are ideally situated to act as Examiners for this, but it is suggested that where you have two or more boys taking the test, it is very simple to ask a parent to examine another boy, rather than her own.

FIRST AID CONTEST: The provisional date is 1 March 1969.

TRANSFERRING BETWEEN GROUPS: The CSLs' Council asks all CSLs or Scouters in charge to check that new recruits are not joining without the knowledge of any previous Scouters they may have been with. When a boy leaves for another District, please be sure to use the T1 (Transfer) form, obtainable from the ADC, to ensure that the boy can make contact with a group in his new home area. Do this before he actually goes, if this is possible!

CUBSAC WEEKEND: At least ten able-bodied men and women are required for this District's turn at the work on the Cub Scout Adventure Centre playground at Well End. This will be on either the first or second of February 1969, and all names of volunteers should be given to ADC(C) Mrs Kathleen Tippet, 48 High Avenue, Letchworth (5037) so that co-ordination of transport can be arranged.

BACK NUMBERS Or CO-ORDINATOR: Mr Leslie Brown, Over Springs, Ashwell, offers a complete set to anyone interested.