# Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council monthly bulletin:

Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council monthly bulletin: free to Scouters and permit holders; District officials, group secretaries and chairmen; subscription for other readers, 6/6 (32½p) a year: payments and items for inclusion should be sent to the District Information Officer, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

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### Part 'A' Training Course

for Leaders in the Cub Scout section.

This has been specially arranged for our end of the County, and is in addition to the courses published in HSN. It is in ROYSTON SCOUT HEADQUARTERS, Barkway Street, on two MONDAYS - 10 and 17 FEBRUARY at 7,15 each evening. It is open to all Scouters and lay members over 18. As this is such short notice, there is no need to use the application form in HSN. Just come! But it would help if you will tell our ADC(C) that you're coming: see Mrs K. Tippett at 48 High Avenue, Letchworth, or phone 3037.

#### SCOUT COMPETITIONS

The rules drafted by the Competitions subcommittee (January CO-ORDINATOR) were approved by the Scouters'.Council with the following amendments:

BARTON SHIELD: no amendments; date is now confirmed as 25 February.

CYCLO-CROSS: ASL'Patrick Byrne's address is 31, not 13, Mans Avenue.

JUNIOR J M T: entry fee reduced to 15/- (75P) a head.

ATHLETIC SPORTS: no amendments.

ICKNIELD SHIELD: organizer to be SL John Davies, 39 Silverbirch Avenue, Stotfold; entry fee increased to 10/- (50p) a team.

TIPPETT TROPHY: menu and entry fee both deferred for later decision.

SWIMMING SPORTS: diving removed from both age groups; organizer to be ADC(V)
Brian Watkins, 88 Southfields, Letchworth, subject to his consent.

B-P GUILD CUP: teams to be at least three Scouts of the same patrol; organizer, to be VSL Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth; event to take place on Sunday 23 Novmber.

OPERATION. NIGHTJAR: no amendments.

The revised rules have been summarized and printed for every Patrol Leader and Scout Leader in the District, together with a supply of application forms to cover all these competitions for 1969. These are being circulated, and should be looked after, and kept for reference.

CONCORD are running a coach trip to the Cilla Black television show on 5 February, Leaving Hampshire Corner at 6 pm. Cost: 8/-. Contact Deb Robinson, 122 Icknield Way, bringing the

#### A SPECIAL INVITATION TO LETCHWORTH SCOUTERS

You are invited to the Letchworth Guides' Thinking Day service at the Free Church on Sunday 25 February at 3 pm, followed by a programme of international songs in the Church Hall, finishing about 5 pm.

L & B District Scout Shop

# February Sale

CUB SCOUT and SCOUT DIARIES reduced from 4/- to 3/3

- \* SIXER ANNUAL reduced from 9/6 to 8/-
- \* BROWNIE GUIDE ANNUAL reduced from 9/6 to 8/-
- \* CUB SCOUT LEADER'S HANDBOOK reduced from 12/6 to 11/-

Plenty of other books and Scout and Guide uniforms now readily available!
Find us at the rear of the Council of Social Service building, Gernon Road,
Letchworth, every TUESDAY and FRIDAY,
7 till 8 pm.

#### LOCHEARNHEAD

The District week, Combined with Hitchin District, is 16-23 August 1969, and the cost including transport is £10. Numbers are strictly limited, and the DC must have the definite names THIS WEEK - by Friday 7 February, PLEASE.

County SAILING Week

Any more for a trip round the lake? The names of Scouts wishing to join the District contingent at Cheshunt, 12-18 April, should be given to DC Fred Eaves (Letchworth 3564), ADC Ken.Hart (645i) or.DIO Ken Johnson (3920) this week if possible.

Queen's Scouts

wishing to be considered for the County contingent to the National Scout Service at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, on 27 April, please see the DC as soon as possible this month.

B-P GUILD DINNER

THE social event of the season! Wednesday 26 February at the Wilbury Hotel. A few tickets (25/-) still available from Mrs D. Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth. Money with order, please!

#### BALDOCK GUIDERS

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY: Thinking Day - the eightieth birthday of Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide. Colour party rehearsal including Brownies with pennants, 10 an at St Mary's Church, Baldock.

SUNDAY 25 FEBRUARY: Meet at Knights Templar School 2.30 pm for service at 5 pm at St Mary's. Return to the school for refreshments and slides of the Hertfordshire Extension Guides' visit to Norway.

SATURDAY 22 MARCH: County AGM, Hertford. SATURDAY 29 MARCH: Provisional date for Guide and Brownie Bourne Cup competitions.

#### LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

THINKING DAY SERVICE: Assemble at Free Church Hall at 2.30 pm on 23 February. International camp fire afterwards in the hall: each patrol is asked to dress one of its members in the national dress of a member country of WAGGGS.

REHEARSAL for colour parties: 6 pm Thursday 20 February at the Free Church.

TRAINING CAMPS for Guiders: There will be two training camps this year. It is hoped that you will be able to get to one of them. 16-18 May at Beechwood Site near Watford; 13-15 June at Hatfield Park. FOR SALE: one old style Guide blouse, 34", 5/- from M.C.Dcylie.

SCOUT AND GUIDE TRAININGS: We have an invitation for Guides (12-15 years) to join Scout training weekends at Tolmers, near Cuffley. Guides will sleep in huts but must be completely self-supporting regarding food, kit, etc. First course is on meteorology on 12-13 April: fee 2/6. Later courses will include pioneering.

GUIDE DRAMA FESTIVAL: 5 July at East Hertfordshire College, Turnford. Age groups: A, under·12; B, 12-14; C, 14-20. Time limit: 45 minutes. Subjects: A, a scripted play for any number of characters; B, a mimed play of your own choice; C, an improvisation on a theme - "Help", "Danger", or "Waste paper". Applications to enter must be in by 28 February.

CONCORD CAMP: Can I please have names of any Guiders willing to staff the Concord camp and dates when they are free to do it. Suggested dates are late August or early September.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING EFFORTS: The LA are holding a coffee morning on 29 March and planning a Hitchin market stall in September for good second-hand clothing. Please keep anything suitable. Could each pack and each patrol raise £2 (or £3 or more) for our Headquarters building fund before the summer holiday?

BADGES: I'm sorry to keep harping on the same subject, but two more testers have complained in the past month that Guides and Brownies have arrived for badge tests unprepared to cope with the subject as set out in the syllabus. This not only wastes the tester's time, but

also mine, Mrs Neal's and Mrs Wood's, besides being a great disappointment to the girls. All Guiders in charge of units, please see that a responsible adult checks the syllabus with each girl of every badge she wants to enter for, <u>before</u> she sends her name in.

DATES: FEBRUARY

- 8 Applications must be in for PLs' Day 12 District Committee, 7.30 pm, 21 Newlands. Only one Guider per unit, and no stiletto heels, please.
- 20 Thinking Day colour party rehearsal
- 23 Thinking Day service, 3 pm, Free Church MARCH
  - 8 PLs' Day, St Albans
- 22 County annual meeting, Hertford
- 26 Guide Guiders' Training, St Paul's
- 29 Coffee morning, Howard Hall MAY
- 12 District annual meeting
- 16-18 Guiders' training camp, Beechwood 24-25 Camper badge test for Guides

#### TWO TROPHIES

The Nightjar trophy, won by First Freshwater-Totland in December, had been lost by its previous winners, First Baldock; David Watson has now retrieved it from a store room in 1B HQ and cleaned it, and he will present it to the present holders in Freshwater on 9 February.

The Mod Trophy, now held by 8L, is the subject of a challenge from 2L Scouts to a rugby match. Winners will then have to meet 4L Scouts at five-a-side crab football.

#### ADVENTURE COURSES

Sailing, mountaineering, canoeing, gliding and fishing courses are announced by North Hertfordshire Youth Adventure Club. Ken Johnson has details, available to any Scout or Guide on request - or contact Mr D. Martin at Stevenage College

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Any good photographs of the activities of present day Scouting are wanted for the County annual report. Please write to ACC Fred North, 41 Ferney Road, East Barnet, if you have anything suitable.

#### FEBRUARY DATES

- 3 Quiz, first round: 8L v. 5L, Northfields School, 1900
- 7 Quiz, first round: 1-3L v. 1W, DHQ, 1930
- 8 8L coffee morning, Howard Hall
- 9 Entries in for Barton Shield
- 25 Barton Shield (Scout first aid) contest, DHQ, 1400
- 26 B-P Guild dinner (see page I)
- 28 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINA-TOR 118

#### MARCH DATES Cub Scout District first aid contest, DHQ

- Scouters' Council, .DHQ, 2000
- 5 District Executive, DHQ, 2000
- 5 1W Group AGM, 1W HQ, Weston Park, 2000
- 8 Scouters' Special
- 11 Cub Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2000