

## COMING EVENTS

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### SWIMMING GALA

STEVENAGE POOL : SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER

This year the swimming sports are being organized by the Letchworth & Baldock District Service Team, who would appreciate it very much if all Section leaders would complete the form which comes to them with this copy of CO-ORDINATOR and return it to Jonathan Savage, 36 Spring Road, Letchworth, not later than 6 September 1969.

A programme containing all entrants' names etc. will be on sale two weeks prior to 25 October, funds paying for pool hire etc.

#### SECTIONS Age on 25 October

- (i) : CUB SCOUTS.....8 - 10
- (ii) A : Junior SCOUTS.....11 - 13  
B : Senior SCOUTS.....14 - 15
- (iii) A : Junior GUIDES.....11 - 13  
B : Senior GUIDES.....14 - 15
- (iv) : SCOUTERS and GUIDERS.20 - 65

#### RULES

Each competitor may only enter three events. Each section may only enter two competitors for each event.

One point will be awarded for each competitor. Six points will be awarded for first place, five for second and four for third. Entry fee is 3/- (15p) per Group.

Entries after 6 September will not be accepted.

The "Special Freestyle" event for Senior Scouts and Senior Guides consists of jumping into the pool clothed (as per test) and swimming one length.

Cub Scouts will swim one width.

Junior Scouts and Guides will swim one length.

Senior Scouts and Guides will swim two lengths.

### ALL PATROL LEADERS

On 14 SEPTEMBER 1969, we have to send two delegates to the County Patrol Leaders' Council, elected by our District Patrol Leaders' Council, to represent the District. ALL SCOUT PATROL LEADERS are hereby summoned to attend the Letchworth & Baldock District PLs' Council on Thursday 4 September, at 8 pm, at 1B HQ, Park Drive, Baldock. Provisional agenda: District competitions - are they any use? District training courses - ditto? Do we want a County Activities Weekend next year? Or a County first aid contest?

All other subjects PLs wish to raise should preferably be submitted in writing to ADC(S) Ken Hart, 38 Campfield Way, Letchworth, by Friday 29 August.

### CAMPING AND COOKING COMPETITIONS!

Scouters' Council on 15 July, again very poorly attended, nevertheless got on with things and decided to hold the postponed Icknield Shield camping competition AND the Tippet Trophy cooking competition ON THE SAME WEEKEND! The rules are exactly the same as previously published for both contests, except that the Sunday lunch will not be judged as part of the Icknield Shield.

Scout patrols entering the Icknield Shield automatically enter the Tippet Trophy as well. They start at 2.30 pm on Saturday 20 September.

Scout patrols only wishing to enter the Tippet Trophy, and Guide patrols entering their cooking competition under the same rules and in the same place at the same time, have access to the site from 9.30 am, to set up kitchens, and to start preparation of the competition meal (along with Icknield Shield teams) at 12.0 or such time as arranged with the judges, in order to have the meal ready at a mutually agreed hour.

ALL ENTRIES FOR EITHER OR BOTH COMPETITIONS must be submitted in writing (on forms from the competitions booklet, or else on plain paper giving full names, ages and rank of all members of the team, enclosing entry fee of 10/- for Icknield Shield and/or 1/- for Tippet Trophy) BY SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER to DIO Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth, who will forward them to the respective organizers and judges of the two competitions.

Special note: "Lightweight" entries in Icknield Shield are entitled to arrange for delivery of food and equipment on Sunday to enable them to enter the Tippet Trophy adequately supplied. "Heavyweight" teams must bring everything on Saturday.

### The District Scout Shop

WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL ON FRIDAY 1 AUGUST (7 to 8 pm at the rear of the Council of Social Service building, Gernon Road, Letchworth) but will then be CLOSED FOR THE REST OF AUGUST, reopening at 7 pm on TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER.

\*\*\*Have you seen the new approved alternative optional ACTIVITY DRESS for camp and troop HQ? Bottle-green shirt and shorts, ideal for anything from hot summer hikes to British Bulldog on winter nights.

# LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

CAMP I hope you all enjoy your camps this year. On checking the equipment I find that there are no fire grids there, so if anyone has one, please return it quickly. (What about the patrols who took part in the cooking competition last year? Perhaps one of them has still got one:)

DISTRICT JUMBLE SALE Will you please organize your girls to collect something for the sale on 27 September? We did suggest earlier that each unit collects at least ten cartons full (big ones). Can you do it? We need the money!

On the day, each unit is asked to provide one helper in the morning and two in the afternoon (mums or Guiders) so that we are well staffed. It's at St George's hall.

PATROL CAMP PERMITS Please remind Guides who have entered their names that this is on 13-14 September and that they have to get their patrols organized.

BADGE LISTS FOR GUIDES - to M.C.D. by 30 September. In order to know what can be crossed off the badge books, can I have a complete list of all Guides and which badges they have already got, at the next Guiders' meeting?

TRAININGS At the Division meeting a number of trainings was planned for the autumn. It is hoped to have a day for PLs one Saturday in October in Letchworth, Guide Guiders in November in Stevenage, and Brownie Guiders in November in Hitchin. Definite dates and venues will be given as soon as confirmed.

NEXT GUIDERS' MEETING Tuesday 16 September, 7.30 at the Ranger Hut.

CAMP COOKING COMPETITION Sunday 21 September - see page 1.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD MEETING 22 September, 7.30 at Knights Templar School, Baldock.

NEW SECRETARY FOR FOURTH LETCHWORTH (ST PAUL'S) SCOUT GROUP:  
Mrs C.R. Wilson, 25 Newells, Letchworth.

## GANG SHOW TEAM RESHUFFLE

At the annual general meeting of the District Gang Show on 17 July, attended by 52 members of the Scout and Guide movements, Chairman and Treasurer John and Nancy Baker retired amid congratulations for nine profitable years' work. Ken Hart was elected as Chairman, Mrs Joan Kemp musical director, Harry Frankland stage director, Fred Astridge stage manager, and Tom Mealing assistant stage manager.

# DHQ CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER

At the District Executive Committee on 9 July, it was announced that the District Service Team would begin reconstruction of the interior of DHQ on 1 September this year, and the Executive Committee voted £100 as a start for their materials.

The DSO gave notice that the building would be closed to all bookings from 1 September until further notice. It is hoped that Groups regularly using the hall will not be inconvenienced for more than a few weeks. When general bookings are resumed, which will be as soon as possible, they should be made through ADC(V) Brian Watkins, 88 Southfields, Letchworth, wither by letter or personal visit.

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Two stop-press observations from the DSO: (1) During the next couple of months, the Service Team will be running a special fundraising stunt for the District, and hope for the full co-operation of all Scouters when they visit them with the details. (2) About that Swimming Gala - the dimensions of Stevenage pool may not be generally known. One width is 42 feet (or 14 yards). A length is 110 feet (or 36<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> yards).

# AUGUST 1969

- 7 Mod Trophy: 5L v. 1A Scouts, long-distance paper-tearing championship, 5L HQ, Spring Road, 1900
- 15 Joint District expedition (with Hitchin) departs for Lochearnhead Scout Station, DHQ, about 2000
- 24 Lochearnhead party returns
- 29 Last items in to DIO (80 Spring Road, Letchworth) for CO-ORDINATOR 124

# SEPTEMBER 1969

- 1 Late Summer Bank Holiday
- 2 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 124
- 3 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 4 District Patrol Leaders' Council (see page 1), 1B HQ, Park Drive, 2000
- 5 District Cub Scouts' games evening, Norton Common, 1830-2050
- 6 Icknield Shield and Tippet Trophy entries to be in (see page 1)
- 8 District Troop Scouters' Council, 5L HQ, Spring Road, 2000
- 14 County Patrol Leaders' Council (see page 1 and September HSN)
- 20-21 ICKNIELD SHIELD Patrol Camping Competition (see page 1)
- 21 TIPPETT TROPHY Patrol Cooking Competition, and Guides' Patrol Camp Cooking Competition (see page 1)
- 23 District Cub Scouters' Council, 2000 (venue to be announced)