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SWIMMING SPORTS, 25 OCTOBER

CUB SCOUT RESULTS

Event	First	Second	Third
1 Breast:	5L	2L	4L Fri
2 Back:	8L Mon	5L	4L Tue
3 Free:	8L Thu	1B	5L
4 Medley	5L	2L	-
5 Fr:relay	5L	8L Thu	4L Fri
6 Diving	8L Mon	2L	1-3L

Position	Pack	Points*
1.....	5L.....	32
2.....	2L.....	26
3.....	8L Mon....	21
4.....	8L Thu....	17
5.....	4L Fri..	15
6.....	(1B)	
	(4L Tue)	12
8.....	1-3L.....	8
9.....	7L.....	7
10.....	9L.....	5

Position	Company	Points*
3.....	3B.....	42
4.....	5L.....	37
5.....	6L.....	11

*It was found administratively impossible to award entry points for each entry in each event (as announced in the programme) and these points therefore include only one point for each boy or girl, plus the 6, 5 or 4 for first, second or third place in the final of each event. For the Scout groups, this is the same as adding the entry bonus in the...

Latest positions for taking part in all 1969 District contests so far:

1....	2L....	1228½	7....	1B.....	294
2....	5L.....	903½	8....	9L.....	80½
3....	8L.....	666½	9....	2B.....	73½
4....	4L.....	619	10....	1A.....	52
5....	7L.....	380½	11....	1W.....	19
6...1	3L....	345	12...	CHVSU.....	9

JUNIOR SCOUT RESULTS

Event	First	Second	Third
7 Breast:	8L	2L	5L
8 Back:	5L	1W	2L
9 Free:	8L	2L	8L
10 Medley	8L	2L	5L
11 Fr:relay	8L	2L	1W
12 Diving	2L	8L	4L & 5L

SENIOR SCOUT RESULTS

13 Breast:	4L	5L	1W
14 Back:	5L	2L	8L
15 Free:	4L	8L	5L
16 Medley	5L	4L	8L
17 Fr:relay	8L	5L	4L
18 Diving	8L	5L	2L & 1W

Position	Troop	Points*
1.....	8L.....	68
2.....	5L.....	57
3.....	2L.....	48
4.....	4L.....	30
5.....	1W.....	19
6.....	1A.....	4

JUNIOR GUIDE RESULTS

Event	First	Second	Third
19 Breast:	1L	5L	2L
20 Back:	1L	3B	6L
21 Free:	1L	2L	2L
22 Medley	1L	3B	2L
23 Fr:relay	1L	2L	5L
24 Diving	2L	3B	1L

SENIOR GUIDE RESULTS

25 Breast:	5L	2L	3B
26 Back	5L	2L	1L
27 Free:	5L	3B	1L
28 Medley	2L	1L	3B
29 Fr:relay	3B	1L	-
30 Diving	2L	3B	1L

Position	Company	Points*
1.....	2L.....	65
2.....	1L.....	64

CUB SCOUT QUIZ, 26 NOVEMBER

THE 64 QUESTIONS

Teams of four Cubs (not having passed their eleventh birthday) are expected at FIRST BALDOCK HQ (Park Drive) at 1830 on Wednesday 26 November. Each Cub Scout will get 16 questions, set by Quizmaster Leslie Brown, on the Law and Promise, road safety, knots, nature, flags, saints, the Royal Family, Scouting history, and the 24 hour clock.

It is hoped that the award of the Quiz trophy will be followed by presentations to the District's winners in the County "Cubsac" photographic competition. Mr Melvyn Baker came first in the class for Cub action pictures taken by instructors; 8L Cub Scout Gary Pond came second in the Cubs' nature photographs; Mrs Mary Hawley was first in the CSLs' nature photos, and overall winner.

SCOUT JOB WEEK, 28 MARCH - 4 APRIL 1970

IT IS IMPORTANT

that all section leaders should read the article on page 281 of the October "Scouter" and let the District Secretary know this weekend (by Monday 3 November) if their packs or troops will be taking part in the scheme for Scout Job Week. The secretary is Mr Peter Norton, 74 William Way, Letchworth (phone 4545).

FOUND

after the swimming sports: 1 Cub cap, 1 9L scarf, 1 pair of socks, 1 thistle brooch. Please claim as soon as possible from 47 Norton Road, Letchworth.

COUNTY SCOUTERS' CONFERENCE 26 OCTOBER

CONSIDER

Only four representatives from this District (Judy Collins, Ken Hart, Ken Johnson and Anne Lilley) were at the Conference last Sunday in Ware College.

Recurring themes, in the Greater London South county team's morning talks, in the sectional conferences with ACCs, and in the open session, were -

- MAKING THE LINK BADGE WORK
- GETTING 16's INTO VENTURE SCOUT UNITS
- THE PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATION

Is it the GSL's fault that half our Cubs do not go into Scout troops? Is the change from "mothering" by Akela to having to stand on his own feet too abrupt for an eleven-year-old? Are the Scouts' own standards high enough? The majority of the conference thought it would help if the age for Cub Scout Instructors were reduced to 14. Cubs would then know their future PLs better, and Scouts would gain service qualifications for the Chief Scout's Award.

Something like a Link Badge is needed for 16 year olds. Do we all realize that Scouts over 16½ are not allowed to work with a troop unless registered with a Venture Scout Unit, because of laws about insurance? VSUs must do a "bridgebuilding operation" with local troops, "with two-way traffic on it".

Eleven small study groups considered these ideas:

PACKS AND TROOPS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MEET IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. Most people agreed that continuity is vital to success, but holiday meetings should be different in pattern, with emphasis on expeditions and Patrol activities. Scouters needing breaks should close meetings around exam times.

A CUB SCOUT CALPING PENNANT. This was not generally approved, as camping was in itself enough incentive to a Cub

ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS NEED A NEW LOOK. They should continue, said a large majority, but they must be done well. Changing traditional venues or changing the date were suggested, and the question was referred to the County Patrol Leaders' Council for new ideas.

SUMMER CAMPS ARE BECOMING SHORTER AND LESS POPULAR. Most peoples' experience was quite the reverse, so that was that.

DO GROUP SCOUTERS' MEETINGS HELP? All syndicates agreed they are essential and should be regular but informal - perhaps occasionally combining with a Group Council meeting. Without Group Scouters' meetings, what chance is there of making the Link Badge work, of getting 16's into Venture Scout Units, or of solving the problem of communication?

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For the Extension Branch, Mr Horace Gillett issued a challenge for 1970., to bring one more handicapped boy into each pack and Troop and Unit in Hertfordshire!
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Summing up the Conference, County Commissioner Melville Balsillie stressed the need for communication coupled with more kindness to each other, and more politeness and consideration and thought for others.

"Your main problem is giving a good example to your boys. This national malaise of bad manners and inconsiderate attitudes to other people is something which we must break down."

The CC was shocked and dismayed at the Conference's poor response to a proposal that the movement should lead an anti-litter year throughout Hertfordshire. He said "I hope you didn't mean it. The litter in this country is appalling. Police can't clear it, dustmen won't. Who is going to do it but voluntary movements? If we claim to have a movement concerned with consideration for others, then here is an opportunity for us to show it.

"When you see a thing going wrong, you've got to put it right. If the Scout movement goes the way of being inconsiderate, it might as well give up,"

DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, 30 OCTOBER

ARE YOU READING THIS?

Thursday's meeting of the District PLs was again attended by representatives of only five of the ten troops. Second Baldock were welcomed for the first time, and Fourth Letchworth. Most of the discussion was from the three troops that have been at every meeting - First Baldock, Fifth Letchworth and Seventh Letchworth. It is regretted that First-Third Letchworth and First Weston have not yet been seen or heard.

Four entries were received for the Scout football competition, and the meeting decided to extend the date for entries to SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER to give all troops a chance. Entries must reach PL Chris Keech, 40 The Leas, Baldock, by that date, with 2/- (10p) entry fee. Dates of the first round will be decided at the next meeting, at First Baldock HQ (Park Drive), at 2000 hours on Thursday 13 November. All Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders are asked to attend in uniform.

Do the PLs hear about these events? The District Council discussed alternative ways of letting them know, by direct mail, or through CO-ORDINATOR which might be sent free to all PLs, or available at a reduced subscription to them, or available free if collected from some centre such as the District Scout Shop. The question is referred to the District Executive Committee (next meeting on 12 November) for advice.

BALDOCK GUIDERS

DC to resign

As most of you know, I shall, owing to pressure of work, be resigning as District Commissioner at the end of this year.

MARY BRENCHLEY

DATES TO REMEMBER:

15 November

Christmas Fair

at Baldock Town Hall

25 November Guide Guiders' informal discussion with Mrs Chambers, 7.45 at 85 Chiltern Road.

2 December Probable date of Guiders' meeting.

LETCWORTH GUIDERS

Fiver for Foxlease

We have sent a total of £5/1/- to the fund for redecorating the Hertfordshire room at Foxlease, so far.

FOUND at the swimming gala: one Guide Promise badge. Please claim from 21 Newlands.

TREFOIL GUILD meeting: 11 November.

GUIDERS' TRAINING 15 November, 10.45 am to 5 pm at Stevenage. Your application form should have reached Mrs Chambers of Ickleford by 1. November. Anyone still needing transport or who can offer a lift please contact Mrs Drylie.

GUIDERS' MEETING: 18 November, Ranger Hut, 7.30 pm.

Christmas Fair

AND COFFEE MORNING

22 November, 10 am to 12 noon at Letchworth Youth Club. Guiders will be needed at 9 am to help to set out the stalls.

We would appreciate many more gifts to sell - aprons, hankies, sweets, cakes, toys, etc. - and small cakes and scones to serve with the coffee. Available shortly, all tickets sold before the day will carry a lucky number.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: Please get all money in as soon as possible now and let the DC have unsold cards back before the Christmas Fair so they can go on sale there.

GUIDE AND BROWNIE DIARIES AND ANNUALS:

The District Scout Shop is offering a special discount of 6d. off diaries and 1/3 off annuals ordered before 21 November. Please see that your girls are told and that they know where and when to find the Scout Shop open.

PATROL CHALLENGE: The following have

contributed to our HQ building fund: Bantams 1L, £1/12/6, Kingfishers 2L, 10/6; Nightingales 2L, £1/3/4; Bullfinches 2L, 10/-; Daffodils 2L, 15/-; Orchids 2L, 10/-; Bluetits 2L, 13/-.

A joint effort by 4L and 6L raised £4/0/6

but so far no patrol has achieved the set target of £2.

CAMP PERMIT TESTS at Weston during September: will 2L and 11L G.aides please let the DC have the 1/6 a head site fee?

PHOTOGRAPHS: Could Guiders please bring photographs of any of this year's events (including camps) to the Guiders' meeting on 18 November?

BROWNIE HOSTESS BADGE. We need a new tester. Can any Guider recommend a suitable person?

GUIDE STALKER AND BACKWOODSMAN BADGES: Perhaps the Scout or Venture Scout sections could suggest suitable testers for these two badges. Any nominations, please, to Mrs Drylie.

THE MOD TROPHY

Pad up!

Holders First Ashwell and challengers Second Letchworth Scouts are urgently reminded that the three-month period for their proposed cricket match expires on 7 November. If the game is not played by then, the Trophy reverts to the District for a new open contest. If it is decided before then, Eighth Letchworth Scouts have challenged the winners to a relay race. Please send all information to the District Information Officer.

FROM THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

To SLs and GSLs

You will have read in HSN about "WAC Day" (Water Activities Committee Day), which is arranged for 16 November at Batchworth Sea Scout HQ, Canal Bridge, Rickmansworth, at 1015.

This is your chance to participate, particularly if your Group has not done much in the way of water activities.

Don't be left out. Send your application to the Scout County Office, Rear of 78 Fore Street, Hertford, marking the envelope "WAC Day". Don't forget to enclose the fee!

Representatives who attend the meeting should wear a name tag on their uniform. To save on transport costs I would suggest that the representatives should get together and I expect that K.J. will be delighted to act as co-ordinator.

Lunch will be provided, if you telephone Hertford 5068 a few days before 16 November.

It is important to get information at first hand, and to enable us in the north of Hertfordshire to give our boys the challenging programmes needed to sustain interest and extend enthusiasm.

FRED EAVES

REMINDER

DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP
Rear of Council of Social Service building, Gernon Road, Letchworth (next door to the Brotherhood Hall) 7-8 TUESDAY and FRI=

PIN THIS UP ON YOUR GROUP NOTICE BOARD:

This Month

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER

EIGHTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP

AUTUMN FAIR

Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, 1000-1600
 ADMISSION FREE : Christmas presents galore
 Draw of bumper raffle at 1500.
 Games - Sideshows - Refreshments

MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER

DISTRICT SCOUTERS' COUNCIL

2000 at Fifth Letchworth HQ, Spring Road
 ***Scouters from each troop are required.

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2000 at Fifth Letchworth HQ, Spring Road

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER

DISTRICT PLs' COUNCIL

ALL PATROL LEADERS ANT ASSISTANT PATROL
 LEADERS IN LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT
 are asked to attend in uniform, to make
 plans for their Patrols' activities for
 the coming months. 2000 at First Baldock
 HQ, Park Drive.

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

B-P Guild Cup

This is a day competition for Scout
 patrols, consisting of a hike of not
 more than 10 miles. Points are given
 for certain tasks at certain places
 to be found by careful map reading.
 Teams of AT LEAST two Scouts ALL IN THE
 SAME PATROL start from DHQ at 0930.
 Full details of dress and equipment will
 be sent to all patrols submitting entries
 by SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER. Entries to DIO
 Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth,
 with 2/- (10p) entry fee per patrol.

WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER

CUB QUIZ

Teams of four Cubs, not over 11 years
 1830 First Baldock HQ, Park Drive

WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT LEADERS' COUNCIL
 Fifth Letchworth HQ, Spring Road, 2000

SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER

1970 CANG SHOW

WATCH THIS SPACE

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER

SEVENTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP

AUTUMN BAZAAR

Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, from 1430
 ADMISSION 6d. : LUCKY PROGRAMMES
 Teas - Toys - Fancy Goods
 Father Christmas, etc.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 14-15 NOVEMBER

FOURTH LETCHWORTH GROUP'S

OWN SHOW

at St Paul's Hall

SATURDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Aspidistra Show

2400, Ivinghoe Beacon : for details,
 see HSN or the County Broadsheet.

THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER

FIFTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP

EVENING BAZAAR

Group Headquarters, Spring Road, 1900
 Refreshments - Games - Christmas Gifts
 Admission 6d.

FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER

SECOND LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP

Christmas Fair

St George's Hall, Common View, 1900

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER

FIRST-THIRD LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP

Christmas Fair

Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, 1430
 LUCKY PROGRAMMES 6d.

All the fun of the fair: Refreshments

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 29-30 NOVEMBER

OPERATION NIGHTJAR

- Teams of THREE Scouts on BIKES, from
 Saturday night to Sunday morning. Age
 limits, from thirteenth birthday to
 sixteenth birthday (as on Sunday).

Entries in writing must be submitted
 by SUNDAY 16 NOVEMBER to Roy Clarke,
 21 Highfield, Letchworth, with 2/- a
 team entry fee.

This competition is open to other
 Scout Districts on equal terms.