

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL MONTHLY INFORMATION BULLETIN FREE TO SCOUTERS AND OFFICIALS OR BY SUBSCRIPTION OF 6/6 (32½p) A YEAR TO OTHERS.....

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## \* BEST WISHES \*

\* for a very happy Christmas, to \*  
\* everyone in our two great movements, \*  
\* and all the very best of Scouting \*  
\* and Guiding in 1970. \*

\* *N. J. Blackland* \*  
\* Chairman, District Scout Council \*  
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## E-P Guild Cup

Timekeeping was very strictly marked this year, and there was particular note taken of PLs' ability to command, and the patrol response and cheerful disposition counted as well as success in cooking chips in foil or producing a motorway traffic census or collecting wild life specimens from Willian pond. In a final inspection, points were lost by having patrol patches the wrong way round or absent, berets ditto, and by wearing non-uniform pullovers or socks! A Scouting knowledge test revealed that no patrol knew the name of the branch of the movement for handicapped Scouts, and that some patrols did not know the surname of the District Commissioner. The organizer wishes to thank the checkpoint leaders, Paul Bailey, Paul Brazier, Roy Clarke, Rosemary Hooper and Peter Munns, and their assistants, for their invaluable help, and to congratulate all who took part. Final results were as follows. Maximum 90 points.

POSITION	TEAM	PATROL	POINTS
1....	Conrad.....	4L Panthers.....	62
2....	Armstrong...	4L Tigers.....	52
3....	Jodrell.....	2L Falcons.....	29
	( Houston.....	1A Peewits )	
4..(	Intrepid....	2L Eagles ).....	27
	( Florida.....	4L Hawks )	
7....	Gordon.....	2L Ravens.....	18
	( Daytona.....	8L Eagles )	
8..(	Bean.....	2L Owls ).....	0
	( Eagle.....	8L Peewits )	

## Gang Show 1970

As we go to press, the date of the first rehearsal is barely a week away - 6 pm on SATURDAY 6 DECEMBER! But we await official confirmation of the venue. This will be included if possible in a stop press supplement with details of how to get to the place. Instructions will also appear in this week's Scout notes in the local papers, and we look forward to a keen rearing-to-go turnout of male over 9½ and female over 14 uniformed members of the Scout and Guide movements. This is the fifteenth annual presentation, and there is no reason why it shouldn't be the greatest one yet!

KEN HART

Chairman of the Committee

## The Scout Shop

will be open on Tuesdays and Fridays up to and including 19 December. It will be closed on 23, 26 and 30 December, and reopen on 2 January 1970.

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## DISTRICT CUE QUIZ

Eleven teams - the highest entry for three years - crowded 1B HQ on 26 November, by courtesy of GSL Ron Page, who afterwards received from ACC(C) Mrs Phyllis Robertson First Baldock's first "All Go Group" certificate, one of only eight in this year's county competition. The quiz was conducted with customary verve by Mr Leslie Brown, and results (recognizing the "fisall" as the emblem of Scotland) were as follows.

POSITION	PACK	POINTS (64)
1.....	7L.....	55½
2.....	5L.....	47
3.....	4L Friday.....	46
4.....	8L Thursday.....	43
5.....	2B.....	40½
6.....	1-3L .....	40
7.....	9L.....	39
8.....	4L Tuesday.....	36½
9.....	8L Monday.....	34½
10.....	1B.....	31
11.....	2L.....	30½

## OPERATION NIGHTJAR

Results ("if any", we add, looking out at Friday's blizzard) will appear in the local press on 4 December and in the January CO-ORDINATOR.

## JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

Points from 1969 Barton, Cub first aid, cyclocross, JJMT, Plinston, Eaves, Scout sports, Icknield, Tippet, swimming, B-P Guild and Cub quiz contests, added together with 1 each for taking part, show who are our District all-go groups...

1.....	2L....	1349	71....	1B.....	329
2.....	5L....	954½	8.....	9L.....	123½
3.....	4L....	857½	9.....	2B.....	118
4.....	8L....	761	10.....	1A.....	82
5.....	7L....	440	11.....	1W.....	19
6.....	1-3L....	389	12.....	CHVSU.....	9

## The Mod Trophy

Rain stopped play, or something, between 1A and 2L, so the Mod Trophy has returned to the District for a new open contest. This will be decided on Sunday afternoon, 21 December, and any section can win the trophy for its group. Full instructions will be posted to each section leader in the previous week, to allow them time to rally their forces if they wish to compete.

## From District Councils

### TROOP SCOUTERS, 3 NOVEMBER

Mr Jonathan Savage reported a profit of £18/5/2 from the swimming gala. Mr Peter Deary was appointed as general administrator of Scout Job Week 1970 to co-ordinate publicity and arrangements for all sections participating in this District. Mr John Baker urged that all members of Group Councils be reminded that they can benefit from attending a Part A general training evening.

### PATROL LEADERS, 13 NOVEMBER

The draw was made for the football contest, to be a league instead of a knockout competition because of the few entries. The dates are shown opposite. All PLs and APLs are asked to attend the next meeting; at 1B HQ on Thursday 4. December at 8 pm. Agenda: Proposal by PL Peter Steele for a seven-a-side rugby league contest. Decisions by troops on taking part in Scout Job Week 1970. Approval or rejection of 1970 District Scout competitions. Election of chairman, secretary and deputies to serve until March.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 12 NOVEMBER

Mr Eric Oldham reported that the District Scout Shop had sold over £1000 worth of goods by the end of October. The Committee authorized the chairman of the District Patrol Leaders' Council to receive CO-ORDINATOR free during his term of office, and copies to be available free to all other PLs at the District Scout Shop and posted to Ashwell and Weston.

## Letchworth Guiders

Many thanks to all who helped to make our CHRISTMAS FAIR such a success. A profit of £80 was made. If anyone still has ticket money to hand in, please do so as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: I still have a few packs for sale. We have already paid the cost of the cards and it now depends on whether we can sell all the remaining cards to decide how much profit we shall make for our HQ building fund.

REGARDING THE HEADQUARTERS: We still have no news from either the County Council or the Department of Education & Science as to how our applications for grants are progressing.

GUIDERS' MEETING: Wednesday 10 December, St Paul's (small upper hall) at 8 pm. Please note carefully that this is not our usual place or time. We hope to keep the meeting fairly short but there are some matters that must be got under way before the January term starts - Thinking Day, badge lists, jubilee plans, etc.

M.C. DRYLIE

District Commissioner for Letchworth Guides  
21 Newlands, Letchworth (telephone 6403).

## Baldock Guiders

### DC's FAREWELL

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Marshall as my successor as DC of Baldock, and wish her and the District every success in the future.

Many thanks to Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts, and KJ in particular, for the use of CO-ORDINATOR during my term as DC.

Happy Christmas, everyone.

MARY BRENCHLEY

xxxThe new District Commissioner for Baldock Guides is Mrs M.E. Marshall, 203 Baldock Road, Letchworth (telephone Letchworth 6105)

## Coming Events

### DECEMBER 1969

- 3 .PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 5L HQ, Spring Road, 2000
- 4 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL 1B HQ, Park Drive, 2000
- 6 FIRST GANG SHOM REHEARSAL, 1800 (see page 1 and local press)
- 7 Scout Football League; 5L v. 8L
- 9 TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 5L- HQ, Spring Road, 2000
- 14 Scout Football League 8L v. 4L
- 21 Scout Football League; 4L v. 5L
- 21 MOD TROPHY DECISION DAY (see page 1)
- 23 Scout Shop closed
- 25 Last items in to DIO for January CO-ORDINATOR, please
- 26 Scout Shop closed
- 28 Scout Football League 8L v. 5L
- 30 County Patrol Leaders' Council, 3WGC HQ, Great Dell (see Broadsheet) 1400
- 30 Scout Shop closed

### JANUARY 1970

- 7 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 5L HQ Spring Road, 2000 .

### FEBRUARY 1970.

- 4 Provisional, date for grand reopening of DHQ and meeting of GSLs and Group Council members, Details will appear in CO-ORDINATOR elsewhere.

## SNAP!

Prizes for our local winners in the County "Cubsac" photographic competition were presented by Mrs Phyllis Robertson (Assistant County Commissioner) after the District Cub Quiz. The pictures by Er Melvyn Baker and Cub Scout Gary Pond are reproduced in the December HSN, and that by Mrs Mary Hawley is on this month's Broadsheet.

We have room to record that the swan on the LAKE which won second place for Gary POND were photographed by him when he was on holiday at (believe it or not) POOLE in Dorset!