

COORDINATOR 131

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL'S
MONTHLY BULLETIN, OFFICIAL GAZETTE AND COMIC PAPER

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FREE to all Scouters, District officials, Group secretaries and chairmen, and to all Patrol Leaders collecting copies from the Scout Shop. 6/6 (32½p) annually to others.

CYCLOCROSS RESULTS*

Contest held at rather short notice at Wrayfields Farm, Stotfold, on Sunday 22 March 1970.

INDIVIDUAL TIMES	Troop	(minutes)
1 G. DOWNING	4L	11.0
2 C. POUTON	4L	12.3
3 M. PLESZKO	8L(T)	13.4
4 R. Mayhew	2B	13.8
5 { J. Woodward I. Reeds	1B 8L(T)	14.0
7 S. Woodward	1B	14.5
8 { A. Keech G. Watkins	1B 8L(T)	14.6
10 C. Morley	8L(S)	14.9
11 R. Cannon	2B	15.0
12 { R. Buttner C. Broome	17H 8L(S)	15.6
14 D. Kearns	8L(S)	15.8
15 S. Rice	1B	16.1
16 G. Bond	17H	16.3
17 T. Hassett	4L	16.7
18 G. Newson	17H	16.3
19 { K. Bartlett R. Sharp	1B 17H	17.4
21 R. Burt	8L(S)	17.7
22 B. Mealing	8L(S)	18.2
23 R. Bone	8L(S)	18.5
24 K. Rayner	1B	18.7
25 M. Tindall	4L	19.5
26 J. Lynch	2B	21.8
27 N. Williams	4L	22.1
28 G. Nelon	2B	22.5

Two competitors retired through severe mechanical trouble; D. Simpson (5L) and G. Chiverton (1-3L).

H = Hitchin. (S) = Spartan Troop.
(T) = Trojan Troop.

JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

Adding cyclocross points (1 for taking part, then 1 to 28 in reverse order of finishing position) to this year's Scout football and Cub first aid points puts 8L Group into a commanding lead in the participation tables for 1970:

Position	Group	Points
1.....	8L.....	337
2.....	4L.....	249½
3.....	1B.....	171
4.....	2B.....	130
5.....	7L.....	104½
6.....	1-3L.....	104
7.....	5L.....	96½
8.....	2L.....	73½
9.....	17H.....	55
10.....	1A, 9L, CH, 1W.....	0

St George's Day

THIS YEAR'S SERVICE IS TO BE HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BALDOCK, ON SUNDAY 26 APRIL, AT 3 PM. Unless sections are notified of any amendments, the arrangements will be as in previous years, namely as follows.

Brownies go straight to the church, but everyone else assembles at Knights Templar School playground by 2.15 pm, in correct uniform. (Uniform includes headgear, and no outer garments other than proper uniform pullovers or jackets will be worn.)

Parade moves off from the school: Colour parties at 2.25 pm, Cub Scouts at 2.27, Scouts and Guides at 2.30. No cars will be parked in the assembly area or in Weston Way; adequate parking space is available in the school grounds.

ORDER OF PARADE; Colour parties first; Cub Scouts, then Scouts, each by Groups as follows; 5L, 7L, 8L, 1A, 1W, 1B, 2B, 1-3L, 2L, 4L; then Guides as follows: 4L R, 1L R, 6L G, 7L G, 11L G, 1S G, 1L G, 2L G, 4L G, 51 G, 1B G, 3B G, 1A G.

Roman Catholics may share the whole ceremony. No non-uniformed guests will be admitted to the church until all Scouts and Guides are accommodated. Stewarding will be done by members of Champion Hills VSU in uniform only.

Parade reassembles in Sun Street, each colour with its own unit, and returns by way of Churnh Street and Hitchin Street. Brownies form guard of honour by the saluting base near The Wilderness in Hitchin Street. Entering the school playground, the parade will turn clockwise to form an open square before being dismissed.

Only one Union flag will be carried (by 5L Scouts): no others, please. Colour parties (flagbearer and 2 escorts) from each pack, troop and company will attend a rehearsal in plain clothes at 10.50 on Saturday 25 April, at the church, with cased colours.

PARADE MARSHALS: Ken Hart leading Scouts and return parade; Kath Tippet, Cubs; John Baker, colours and saluting base.

* CYCLOCROSS team positions were as follows (aggregate times of the first four Scouts).
Trophy winners: 1B.....59.2 minutes
2.....4L.....59.5
3.....8L Spartans.64.0
4.....17H.....66.4
5.....2B.....73.1

BALDOCK GUIDERS

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to-make our District's art and handicraft competition such a success. It was the first time we had tried this on.our.own and I'm sure everyone feels it was worth while. We have quite a few ideas to improve next year's competition. These will be discussed at the next Guiders' meeting, so do please try to send at least one representative. By the way, I have one cream plate that was left behind after the competition.

At the County AGM on 21 March we were reminded about the books of Green Shield stamps we were asked to collect for the handicapped Guides' minibus. Would you bring along any completed books to the Guiders' meeting, please?

We were very pleased to hear that Mrs Sheppard of Ashwell had been awarded a County Certificate for Good Service to Guiding.

A reminder about the Brownie Guider training at St George's hall, Common View, Letchworth, on 11 April, 10.30 to 5 pm. Miss Willsheer is the trainer.

Tuesday 28 April: Brownie Guider training at Mount Grace Ldwer School, The Walk, Potters Bar, 7.30-9.30 pm.

Monday 13 April: Guide Guider training at Boreham Wood District Guide Hut, 7.30-9.30.

The envelopes for "1 coin per year of Guiding" should be given to me by 18 April, please, as a suitable container for the total collected must be made for the presentation at the Abbey service at St Albans on 3 May.

St George's Day parade is at St Mary's, Baldock, on 26 April. See page 1 for the details.

Next Guiders' meeting: 23 April, 7.30 pm in First Baldock Scout HQ.

M. MARSHALL, DC

Hall Trophy competition

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS IN THE 1970 SCOUT QUIZ
FIRST ROUND: 5L, 43 v. 2B, 21.

7L, 35 v. 1B, 21.

1A, 24 v. 1-3L, 15.

2L, 34 v. 4L, 33.

8L Trojans, walkover v. 1W.

8L Spartans, bye.

SECOND ROUND: 7L, 45½ v. 8L Trojans, 43.

1A v. 5L to be played.

2L v. 8L Spartans to be played.

THIRD ROUND: Three winners of the second round meet at DHQ on Wednesday 6 May at 7.30 pm. All supporters welcome.

DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

CLOSED on Good Friday and on Tuesday 31 March, reopens 7-8-pm on FRIDAY 3 APRIL.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

A P R I L

2, 3, 4 We still need three or four Guiders, Rangers or older Guides each evening as programme sellers at the Gang Show at St Francis' Theatre. Names and available evening to Mrs Drylib as soon as possible, please. On the night report to Mr Ted Smith at 6.45 pm.

4 (Saturday) : Jumble to St George's hall between 9.30 and 11.30 am, please. Each unit should be providing one helper in the Morning and two in the afternoon (2-4 pm) - this is VITAL to the success of the sale. Names of "sorters" and "sellers" to Mrs Drylie during the week, please.

11 (Saturday) Pack holiday training at St George's, 10.30 am - 5 pm. Guiders who have not already signed in please. send a postcard direct to Mrs Martin, The Vicarage, Wareside, Ware, telling her of your intention to attend. Please bring a packed lunch.

18 (Saturday) : Arts and crafts: please note that only items in classes 4 and 6 (cookery and flower-arranging) can be handed in at Willian School on the Saturday morning between 10 and 11. Items for all other classes to be handed in between 7 and 9 pm on FRIDAY.

26 (Sunday) 2 St George's Day parade : see special panel on page 1.

28.(Tuesday): Guiders' meeting, 7.30 pm at the Ranger Hut. Please bring units' Jubilee Thanksgiving envelopes.

M A Y

3 (Sunday) : St Albans Abbey service. Coaches will leave at 1 pm and arrive back about 5.30 pm. Allocation of places: each Brownie pack, 1 Brownie: Guide companies - 1L, 4 Guides. 2L, 3. 4L, 3. 5L, 3. 6L, 4. 7L, 2. 11L, 3. 1S, 3. Ranger units, 2 each, There are ten places left for Guiders, so can I have a list from each unit of which Guiders would like to go (and have or can borrow correct uniform) and we will draw for places. NB: We have been asked to see that Brownies, Guides and Rangers are all in the new style uniforms, and Guides are also to have new shaped ties.

4 (Monday) : Duke of Edinburgh's Award. panel, Norton School.

12 (Tuesday) : Brownie Guiders' training, Church House, Hitchin, 7.30 pm. Post cards to Mrs Martin as on 11 April.

NOTE FOR ST GEORGE'S DAY COLOUR PARTIES

The new brass mounts nn colour staffs should NOT be cleaned with brass polish or abrasives but can be rubbed with a Goddards cloth from time to time. The new Scout badge mount is wider with a pierced lower part and could be more prone to damage if dropped. This does not mean they are brittle but is intended as a caution against rough usage.

TO BE READ ALOUD TO ALL SCOUT PLs

THE APRIL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL WAS BROUGHT FORWARD (AS ANNOUNCED) TO 26 MARCH TO AVOID CLASHING WITH THE GANG SHOW. IT WAS, HOWEVER, NOT WELL ATTENDED, AND THE CHAIRMAN HAS ASKED US TO PRINT THE FOLLOWING NOTES WHICH MAY STAND AS MINUTES OF THE MEETING.

Present: David Kearns (Chairman) (8L Spartans), PL Mark Webb, APLs Ian Reeds and Gary Watkins (8L Trojans).

Minutes of previous meeting: In the absence of the Secretary, Ian Reeds was elected as acting secretary, and rough notes made by the District Information Officer were read, accepted and signed.

Matters arising: Mark Wood (7L) was elected deputy secretary, and Neil England (5L) deputy chairman, for the three months ending in June 1970.

Correspondence: None.

District events (1) Cyclocross. It was generally agreed that this had been very successful, and two APLs who had taken part each year said that they preferred the new course at Stotfold. (2) Hall Trophy. This was proceeding satisfactorily. (3) District football team. The Chairman reported that the Match against Baldock Choir on the previous day had been won, 9-1, the District team being: S. Phillips; C. Smith; P. Nightingale; M. Pleszko (captain), D. Kearns, N. England (P. England, reserve); S. Kleiner, S. Canty, G. Downing, C. Pouton, M. Horwood.

Coming events (1) Seven-a-side rugby. As none of the organizers was present, no report was available. (2) County PLs' Council. The Chairman said he would attend the meeting on 13 April, and any other PLs and APLs would be welcome. (3) Arts and crafts competition. Both troops represented would be entering for the Plinston Trophy on 18 April. (4) St George's Day parade. The meeting was reminded of the date (26 April) and arrangements which would appear in "Co-ordinator". (5) JMT5. Only one entry had been received so far. Mark Webb asked if the closing date might be extended, but the DIO said that because of the organization involved, if six teams were not entered by midnight on 1 April, the event would be cancelled. (6) County Patrol Gathering, 9-10 May. All PLs were urged to read the Broadsheet for details. (7) Archaeology course. The DIO was asked to publish details in "Co-ordinator". (8) District Sports, 17 June. The meeting resolved that these should start at 7 pm, and should include all running events up to one mile; high, long and triple jump; shot, javelin and discus throwing (but not cricket ball); tug of war; slow bicycle race; a "Scoutcar" event; obstacle race; and jousting with suspended buckets. (9) Icknield Shield, 26-28 June. The meeting asked for four items to be included in the rules for this year: (a) Substitutes from other Patrols to be permitted if a member of a Patrol team falls ill, or if approved

beforehand by the District PLs' Council or the ADC (Scouts); (b) If the venue is altered at short notice as in 1969, half an hour either way to be allowed for the time of arrival; (c) First inspection to be on the Saturday morning and not Friday evening; (d) Camp fire performances not to count towards the Trophy.

Any other business: Mark Webb suggested that it was not worth having meetings with only two people eligible to vote, and the Chairman proposed that in future no meeting would take place without a quorum consisting of the Chairman and Secretary (or their deputies) and six other PLs or APLs having arrived within 15 minutes of the announced starting time. This was unanimously agreed, and the Chairman said he would send letters to the Scout Leaders of troops not represented, asking for more support for the Council;

Next meeting: Thursday 7 May at 5L HQ, Spring Road, at 8 pm.

FOUND PROPERTY

A grey cardigan was left at Fifth Letchworth HQ, probably after the "Discord". Owner please call Wednesday or Friday evenings.

BADGE EXAMINERS LIST

Please note that in the list published last month, Mr B. Hawley should appear as examiner for Part B only of the Master at Arms badge.

Shefford Scouts are at present pursuing an Archaeologist badge course which will include practical work at the Blackhorse Road site in May and June, under the supervision of the Letchworth Museum curator, Mr John Moss-Eccardt. He would be pleased to know of any local Scouts interested in following a similar course with a view to earning the badge. Names and addresses of any interested Scouts should be given (as soon as possible, please) to DIO Ken Johnson, and not direct to the curator. Venture Scouts considering archaeology as an outdoor pursuit for the Venture Award may also like to take advantage of this opportunity.

NINTH LETCHWORTH GROUP

Mrs Mary Hawley has now resigned as Cub Scout Leader, and the last Pack meeting was held on 18 March. Four vacancies have been offered to 9L Cubs by First-Third Letchworth Pack, and four older Cubs have begun or completed their Link Badge with Fifth Letchworth Troop. If there are any other offers, Mrs Hawley will be pleased to supply names and addresses. Her own address is 45 West View. The GSL of 9L is Mr J. Burns, 21 Allison, and the Group Chairman is Mr A. Hood, 36 Broadwater Avenue, Letchworth. Further information from the DC, 47 Norton Road.

GUIDES!

SCOUTS!

GANG SHOW '70

Here's the full text of the verses by Phillip Dilley quoted in the "Citizen" dated 27 March.

"Forty girls and forty boys
Make the show which we hope you'll
enjoy;

Scouts and Guides and Cubs too
Are doing the show all for you.

Every Saturday we rehearse
To make sure we know every verse.
We all learn our little bits,
Until we're sure it all fits.

Dress rehearsal is a laugh;
We all seem round the bend.
But on the night, despite our fright,
It Works out in the end."

Full Dress Rehearsal WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL.
Public Performances: THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND
SATURDAY 2,3,4 APRIL, 7.30 pm at SAINT
FRANCIS' THEATRE. Booking office; F.
Green, The Arcade, Letchworth.
EXtra Show- Government Training Centre,
Tuesday 7 April.

Stage Rehearsal THURSDAY 9 APRIL.
Public Performances; FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
10,11 APRIL, 7.30 pm at KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
SCHOOL. Booking office: Mayflower Gift
Shop, High Street.

ARTS and CRAFTS

The PLINSTON Trophy
The Blaxland Trophy
The Watson Trophy
The Eaves Trophy

WILLIAN SCHOOL : SATURDAY 18 APRIL 1970

Full rules appeared in February's edition of CO-ORDINATOR. Entries are to be given in at the school on FRIDAY 17 APRIL from 7 pm to 9 pm: perishable items on Saturday from 10 to 11 am. The exhibition is open from 1 to 4 pm on the Saturday.

Sections. 1, Cub Scouts (under 11 years)
2, Scouts (under 16 years)
3, anyone over 16 with Group or
District rank or appointment in this
Scout District.

Classes: A - PAINTING
B - DRAWING
C - SIMPLE HANDCRAFTS (ordinary
house and garden materials)
D - CRAFTWORK (not kit models)
E - COOKERY
F - PHOTOGRAPHY
G - HANDWRITING (40 words plus)

The Plinston Trophy is for the Group gaining highest points. The Blaxland Trophy is for the Cub Scout Pack gaining highest points. The Watson Trophy is for the Scout Troop gaining highest points. The Eaves Trophy is for the individual adult (16 and over) gaining highest points.

CONVENER: Colin Phillips, 29 Haselfoot.

SCOUT JOB WEEK

Although the majority of Districts are carrying out SCOUT JOB WEEK during this Easter week, in LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT jobs are to be carried out for payment during the following week:

4-11 APRIL

ALL PACKS AND TROOPS TAKING PART (that is, all except 5L) ARE AGAIN ASKED TO ENSURE THAT JOBS ARE ONLY SOUGHT AND CARRIED OUT - *DURING Scout Job Week - *BY Cubs and Scouts in proper uniform (or by arrangement in suitable working clothes) - *AND WHEN the Cub or Scout has been properly briefed, with a list of suggestions for potential clients who can't think of a job, and a ready smile and "Thank you" if no job is forthcoming.

EACH GROUP'S GSL IS THE GROUP'S JOB AGENCY.

In case of any difficulty in finding or carrying out jobs, apply at once to the DISTRICT JOB AGENCY :
L E T C H W O R T H 6859

MORE DATES TO BE WATCHED

A P R I L 1 9 7 0

2-4 GANG SHOW, St Francis' Theatre, 1930
4 District seven-a-side rugby POSTPONED
sine die (see page 3)

4-11 SCOUT JOB WEEK (see above)

6 PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, St Paul's, 2000
10-11 GANG SHOW, Knights Templar, 1930
12 Great Patrol Hunt, Tower of London
(see Broadsheet)

13 County PLs' Council, Welwyn Garden City
15 TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 5L HQ, 2000
17 Arts and crafts entries to be handed
in, Willian School, 1900-2100

18 ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION, Willian
School, 1300-1600 (see left)

19 Great Patrol Hunt, Whipsnade Zoo (see
Broadsheet)

21 8L Group AGM, Grange School, 1930

22 5L Group AGM, 5L HQ, 1930

26 ST GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE, St Mary's,
Baldock, 1500 (see page 1)

28 4L Group AGM, St Paul's, 1930

29 7L Group AGM, St Thomas's, 2000

M A Y 1 9 7 0

1-3 Jim's Mystery Tour 5 (see page 3)

2 2L Group AGM, St George's

6 DISTRICT A G M and Hall Trophy quiz
final, DHQ, 1930

7 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, 5L
HQ, 2000 (see page 3)

8 1-3L Group AGM, DHQ

8-10 County Patrol Gathering, Phasels
Wood (see Broadsheet)

10 District Cub Adventure Day, Harmer
Green (see ADC(C))