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BARTON SHIELD, 5 JULY 1970

It was the District Patrol Leaders' Council who decided to hold this year's first aid competition in the summer, and in Baldock. Mr John Barton was as always fully co-operative in arranging the test for his shield in these new conditions, and seven teams turned up for a really thorough examination in an important and difficult subject.

Speaking to the teams afterwards, Mr Barton said it was good to see so many entries, although it was a pity there were no Baldock teams on their home ground. The 1B Group, however, provided excellent hospitality and two "patients" for the team test.

Scores were not high, for the standard was intentionally difficult, and Mr Barton's gentle constructive criticism made many useful points. First, with an unconscious patient, talk to him and find out the level of his unconsciousness. Hardly anyone looked for the presence or state of breathing. Nobody did quite right the treatment for a Colles's fracture by tying the wrist to the chest, and few realized the necessity of padding between limb and body. Treating for shock was inconsistent, and no team put the blanket under the patient properly.

RESULTS

Position	Patrol	Points (110)
1....	(4L Tigers) (5L Owls)	66
3.....	8L Peewits	60
4....	(8L Lions) (5L Stags)	50
6.....	SL Hawks	49
7.....	8L Bulldogs	47

JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

Eighth Letchworth reached a probably unbeatable place at the top of the Group participation charts when the Icknield and Barton Shield points were added to the rest of this year's competition scores:

1.....8L.....1121½	7.....2B.....240½
2.....5L.....676	8.....2L.....215
3.....4L.....601½	9.....17H.....55
4.....1B.....433	10.....1S.....21
5.....7L.....402¾	11.....CHVSU...10
6.....1-3L.....352½	12..1A, 9L, 1W..0

BADGE EXAMINERS

Please add to your list: MODEL MAKER - Mr G. Reeds, 58 Sparhawke, Letchworth.

ICKNIELD SHIELD 26-28 June 1970

Full reports appeared in the local press on 3 July, but here is a summary of the results.

(225)

1	8L Spartan Bulldogs.....	156
2	1B Stags.....	154
3	7L Merlins.....	144
4	5L Tigers.....	137
5	8L Trojan Hawks.....	135
6	5L Dragons.....	134
7	1-3L Panthers.....	130

DSL and Camp Warden Jeff Robson comments that the standard was reasonable and encouraging, though not perhaps as high as in some past years. This was the first time that the competition had taken place over a full weekend, and it seems to have been a successful experiment. The criticisms voiced at the District PLs' Council have been noted, and will be taken into account for next year.

Jeff tells us that he intends to instigate a new lightweight camping competition in 1971, which will give Patrols more of the experience necessary to go forward to the County camping competition. The top two Icknield Shield patrols have been offered places in this year's County contest, at Phasels Wood on 26-27 September.



TIPPETT TROPHY

(COOKING COMPETITION)

District PLs' Council chose SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER as the date for this year's contest, and left the menu to the Scout Leaders' Council, who proposed a repetition of the successful menu of 1968:

SOUP or HORS D'OEUVRES

...

CASSEROLED CHICKEN
WITH TWO VEGETABLES

...

PANCAKES or APPLE DUMPLINGS

Other rules remain the same:

1. Teams shall be of at least four Scouts of the same Patrol, including the PL and/or his APL.
2. Teams shall report in uniform at 12 midday, and may have access to the site from 9.30 am.
3. The Scouters' Council will appoint three judges who will be permitted to examine and sample meals at any stage of preparation and award points independently for: Preliminary inspection of raw materials and preparation; Hygiene; Cooking and presentation of each course; Punctuality of serving; Final inspection of washing up and disposal.
4. Cooking will be on wood fires of altar type. Firewood must be brought to the site. Tins or drums may be used to make ovens. All normal cooking utensils may be used and proper racks will be made for them. Dining shelters, tables and adequate seating are expected.
5. Three courses will be prepared and served in the correct order as a complete meal at an hour agreed between the Patrol and the judges on arrival at the site. Tinned, frozen, dehydrated, ready-mixed or pre-cooked foods may not be used.
6. The menu is as given above.
7. Entries are to be submitted to DSL J. Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth, with the fee of 1/- (5p) by 6 September.

RISING GENERATION!

ALREADY the time has come when the new green shirts and mushroom long trousers are being outgrown by the rising generation of Scouts. Many of these uniforms are still in good condition and could be passed on cheaply to younger Scouts who may find the cost of a complete uniform a bit steep. CO-ORDINATOR now offers a new regular service to try to help.

Any Scout with uniform to pass on may advertise it free, each month in CO-ORDINATOR. Just write or phone to the District Information Officer the item, size and price asked. (For example: shirt, 13", 5/-.) These details will be printed in the next edition, with a "Box Number"; anyone interested in obtaining the said item just needs to phone the DIO and will be given full details of where to apply.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

SPEAKER BADGE

A Guide who took this badge recently borrowed a book in the "Susannah" series from the tester, Mrs Spinks. We do not know the name of the Guide, but would she please see that the book is returned.

ROUND TABLE FAIR

For the attention of Sally Talbot, Gina Freeman, Jennie Browning, Leslie Boast, Gillian Nicholson, Helen Ward, Dawn Wilkinson, Angela Birse, Irene Lane, Margaret Hession, Isabel Grimmond, Frances Coxall, Christina George, Rosalind Jennings, Susan Hicks, Anne Castle, Beverley Scothern, Linda Brown, Patricia Brown, Rosalind Stroud, Sylvia Stroud, Eileen Botley, Christine Sparrow, Judy Toleman, Margaret Pack, Valerie Stillwell, Mrs Stillwell, Mrs Fellowes, Mrs Crumbie and Mrs Whelan: All of you who helped with the washing up will be pleased to hear that we have received a donation of £7 from the Ladies' Circle in appreciation of our help.

FLAG HOLSTERS

Cadet Officer Lavinia Baker has written thanking all Guiders who lent holsters to the Red Cross recently.

WEMBLEY SPECTACLE

Would all Guiders organizing coach parties to this please contact Mrs Drylie, as we have to apply for special coach stickers - as soon as possible, please!

DIAMOND JUBILEE CAMP

Letchworth Guides won the Division Sports. Marmot Patrol of First Letchworth Company won the County Patrol Challenge. Their Leader is Isabel Grimmond, and the Guides are Jacqueline and Elizabeth Griffin, Frances Scouller, Philippa Yates and Jean Cook.

NORTON COMMON CAMP, 28-31 AUGUST

We have been invited to take part again. Any qualified Guider who would like to - please collect C9 form immediately from Mrs Drylie.

MRS CARDELL, 39 Haymoor, has a few tickets for the evening performance at Wembley of the Guidd Spectacle on 5 September. Anyone interested can phone her in the evenings at Letchworth 5336.

"To help other people"

TROOP SCOUTERS are reminded that their next Council meeting is this THURSDAY, 6 August, at 8 pm in P fth Letchworth HQ, Spring Road, following the District PLs' meeting. The DSL, having been appointed as the Chairman at the last meeting, hopes that Scouters' Councils will change their functions and be less of a competition-rule-splitting committee. The first purpose of these assemblies is to help Scouters to help each other. Accordingly, this Thursday's meeting will begin with open discussion on this very point, and any essential business will be hurried through at the end.

All SLs, ASLs and active helpers with Troops are invited to drift in, listen, say something, and have a cup of coffee.

NORTON COMMON CAMP 1970

DATES: 28 - 31 August.

TIMES: Campers may arrive from 1630 hours on Friday evening and the camp will officially finish at 1600 on Monday afternoon.

SERVICES: Water, latrines, and some firewood will be supplied. Troops are advised to bring their own supplies of firewood or alternative cooking arrangements (paraffin or gas stoves, etc.). Altar fires are requested where possible. Rubbish bins will be provided for non-burnable rubbish only.

MILK: Milk must be ordered from the Camp Warden by Monday 24 August. Cash with order, please.

CAMP SHOP: It is hoped to provide a Camp Shop which will sell bottles of pop, sweets, etc.

COLOURS: Each Troop must bring to camp its troop colours which will be on display at various times during the weekend.

"COMMON INN": A tea bar cum restaurant will be open at various times during the weekend for the sale of tea, coffee and light refreshments.

"COMMON NEWS": A camp newspaper will be on sale giving up to date information of activities, etc.

CAMPING STANDARD: Camping standard discs will be awarded by the Camp Warden to Patrols who gain the requisite number of marks in the camping standard competition.

KNOCKOUT COMPETITION: A knockout competition similar to that of the television series will take place during the camp. Each Troop in camp is responsible for running an event, and the competition is subject to the rules shown below. A trophy will be presented to the winning Troop, and this will then be theirs for all time. A new trophy will be awarded for future years.

CAMP FIRE: A camp fire will be held. at 2030 hours on Saturday, and parents, friends and relations of Scouts and Cub Scouts are cordially invited to attend.

GENERAL: Since this camp is the one opportunity in the year for Letchworth & Baldock Scouts to show off their camping skills to each other and to the general public, it would be a good thing if Patrols put extra effort into camp gadgets, gateways, etc., and get away from the "table and chair" camping that is often seen nowadays. It would be much appreciated if Scouters and Patrol Leaders will encourage their boys to wear shorts as part of their camp kit and to discourage the wearing of jeans.

RETURNS: Scouters and Patrol Leaders are reminded that the Camp Warden would like to know who is coming to the camp, and slips were provided in last month's CO-ORDINATOR for that purpose.


RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

1. The competition is to consist of a number of events requiring different skills, each event being run against the clock.
2. The troop organizing an event is wholly responsible for the provision of necessary equipment, judges, scorers and timekeepers, and for providing the referee with the results of that event.
3. No Scout may enter the event organized by his own troop.
4. Each competing troop will be allowed at least one try at an event prior to the start of the competition.
5. Each competing troop will have a token called a "Joker" which they can play once only against the score of an event which they consider gives them the best chance of scoring high marks. The playing of the Joker doubles the score achieved for that event only.

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RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITION - CONTINUED

6. Marks will be awarded as follows, regardless of the number of teams taking part in the event. First, 10 marks. Second, 9. Third, 8. Fourth, 7. Fifth, 6. Sixth, 5. Seventh, 4. Eighth, 3. Ninth, 2. Tenth, 1.
7. If a troop wishes to enter more than once for the same event, the Leaders must consult the organizers of that event and obtain permission. In the case of multiple entry, the highest scoring team will count for the purposes of the competition score.
8. The referee will settle any disputes arising in regard to the competition, and his decision will be final.



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THURSDAY 6 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, 5L HQ (Spring Road), 1900

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MONDAY & TUESDAY 17 & 18 Cycle proficiency training course, Grange School, 1430

TUESDAY 25 Roger Keeney arrives at Southampton

FRIDAY to MONDAY 28-31 N O R T O N C O M M O N C A M P : see page 3

SATURDAY 29 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 136

WEDNESDAY 2 PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 2015

SATURDAY 12 Hertford-Ware raft race : details from Les Greenwood, 18 Windmill Field, Ware

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 12 & 13 National Patrol Leaders' Council : see HSN, The Scouter, Scan, and other media

SUNDAY 20 TIPPETT TROPHY COOKING COEPETITION : see page 2

THURSDAY 24 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; DHQ, 2000

FRIDAY 25 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 137

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 26 & 27 County Camping Competition, Phasels Wood

SUNDAY 27 Swop Shop for Pack Scouters, Well End

SATURDAY 24 8L Group Autumn Fair

FRIDAY 30 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 138

SUNDAY 1 COUNTY CONFERENCE, Ware College : see HSN

SUNDAY 15 B-P GUILD CUB Winter Patrol Competition (A day hike of up to 10 miles for at least three Scouts from the same Patrol, starting at 0930 at DHQ. Entry fee 2/- a team. Further details to follow.)

SATURDAY 21 7L Group Christmas Fair, Free Church Hall

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 28-29 OPERATION NIGHTJAR (Contest for teams of two Scouts, minimum age 13 if approved in writing by parents and Scouters, with bicycles and maps.)

SATURDAY 5 1-3L Group Christmas Fair, Howard Hall (postponed from 21 November)

 **December**

CALL YOURSELF A PATROL LEADER?

It is to be hoped that all Scouts in this District are already aware of the County Commissioner's new offer of a magnificent pennant to Patrols. Details were announced on the County Broadsheet last month, and are repeated in the current edition.

Patrol activities are what is required to win a pennant. There is no limit to the number a Patrol can win, and the contest is open till further notice. We shall be interested to see which of our local Patrols can meet this challenge.

Duration, organization, originality, and whether the Patrol activity involves service to the community - these are the main factors that will be taken into account when a Patrol's claim is being

assessed by the ACC, Mr John Bennett. Conservation projects have obvious merit just now. But claims of any sort should be submitted by the PL or Patrol Secretary, telling Mr Bennett the number of the Patrol who were involved, with their ages, and a short description of the activity. All that a Scout Leader has to do is to countersign the claim, with any comments on the standard of the activity, based on his knowledge of the boys' ability. He should have nothing to do with the arranging of the activity - that is the PL's job!

As the Broadsheet says, the long summer holiday is the time to start! Now let's see if Letchworth and Baldock have got any real Scout Patrols!