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POSTAL STRIKE

If this edition of CO-ORDINATOR arrives more promptly than usual (as it may well do within the District) your thanks are due to the members of Champion Hills Venture Scout Unit, who by reason of the suspension of postal services have taken on the task of distribution in the spirit of the old Letchworth District Rover Crew who established CO-ORDINATOR in this way 141 months ago.

The District's thanks are also due to ADC Ken Hart, who as usual provides the almost instantaneous printing service.

Scout and Guide Shop

Supplies are obviously being held up at the District Scout Shop. If anyone will be travelling in the direction of Buckingham Palace Road and could call at the Guide Shop, Mr Eric Oldham will be very glad to hear from them: Letchworth 3353.

It is probably too much to expect that anyone will be spending a weekend on the south coast, but if anyone should happen to be going near Lancing, Mr Oldham would be delighted to know about it!

YO HO and AVAST THERE etc.

OPERATION KON-TIKI is definitely on, but the provisional date (given last month) has been altered to Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 May. Rules were approved at last Thursday's meeting of the District Troop Scouters' Council, and will be available to all PLs and APLs at their Council meeting on 4 February (7.30 pm at Fifth Letchworth HQ, Spring Road).

At the request of Champion Hills, it is hoped to run a simultaneous and parallel competition under similar rules for Venture Scouts in our local unit and perhaps neighbouring units as well.

BALDOCK GUIDERS

THINKING DAY SERVICE at St Mary's Church, Baldock, Sunday 21 February, 3 pm. Meet at Church Rooms, Whitehorse Street, 2.30. Flag rehearsal: Saturday 20 February, 11 am, for flag bearer and escorts, also Brownie pennants and escorts. We would like one Brownie Guide from each Pack to take the collection.

BALDOCK ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS EXHIBITION: Brandles Close School, Saturday 13 March. Full details will follow.

COUNTY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is at Hertford on 20 March.

To The Woods!

The District hopes to hire a doubledecker bus to take six Cub Scouts from each pack to the Phasels Wood open day on 1 May.

WESTON

Until the final seal of approval is put on the last legal document at HQ and in County Office, Weston is still technically in Letchworth & Baldock District; but as you will have read in the local press, First Weston Scout Group has for some time now been operating as part of Stevenage District.

All members of the movement in Letchworth & Baldock will join us in wishing Weston all the success they have been hoping for so long, and look forward to seeing their Cubs and Scouts at every inter-District and County event.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

GUIDERS' MEETING: Tuesday 2 February, 7.30 pm at the Thatched Hut, 20 Baldock Road.

THINKING DAY: Colour rehearsal, Thursday 18 February, 6.30 pm at St Hugh's Church. Service, Sunday 21 February: assemble in St Hugh's Church Hall at 2.30 pm.

THE GANG SHOW goes on in Letchworth in April. Are you making arrangements to take your Brownies and Guides? Why not invite their parents along too?

GUIDERS' TRAINING: Saturday 6 March at Stevenage.

GUIDERS' TRAINING for Patrol Camp Permit candidates: Saturday 13 March at St Albans (NB: A fortnight earlier than originally planned).

GREEN SHIELD stamps still wanted for the County's minibus for the handicapped Guides.

DID YOU KNOW there is now a Guide company on the Jackmans estate? They meet at Radburn Infants School on Wednesdays, with Miss Norma Smith as Guider,

HAVE YOU HEARD of the Great Monument Race on Sunday 28 March? It is a variation on the sponsored walk idea, visiting 15 of the monuments in central London on foot, in aid of the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain. Mrs Drylie has a leaflet if any Guides or Scouts are interested.

Scout Football

On this month's County Broadsheet, you will see that Letchworth & Baldock have been drawn at home against Hertford in the new County Scout Football contest. The District competition matches this month are to be used by Champion Hills as trial matches in order to select the District team for the County game, which will most likely be played on Sunday 28 February.

COMING EVENTS

(SEE ALSO YOUR COUNTY CALENDAR IN "H.S.N.")

FEBRUARY 1971

- 4 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, 5L HQ, Spring Road, 1930. All PLs and APLs are expected, in uniform. Agenda will include a showing of a composite film of historic Senior Scout contests for the Whalebone Trophy. Scouters may attend as observers.
- 5 Hall Trophy Quiz, round 1: 5L at home to 8L Spartans, 1945
- 7 District Scout Football, round 1a 4L v 2B and 5L v 8L(S), 1430. Venue to be notified to all troops concerned.
- 14 District Scout Football, round 1. 1-3L y 8L(T) and 2L v 7L, 1430. Venue to be notified to all troops concerned.
- 15 Hall Trophy Quiz, round 10 1A at home to 1-3L, 1945
- 16 Hall Trophy Quiz, round 1: 4L at home to 7L, 2000
- 21 County Great Patrol Hunt Pioneering Competition, Well End, 1100 (see Broadsheet)
- 25 District TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 1A HQ (next to Ashwell Museum), 1945
- 26 Last items in to DIO, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 142

MARCH 1971

- 3 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DHQ, 2000
- 6 First-Third Letchworth Group invite you all to their DANCE, Grange Community Centre, 2000
- 9 District PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 16 Brandles Road, Letchworth, 2015
- 13 Baldock Guides' Arts and Handicrafts Exhibition, Brandies Close School, 1400
- 21 District Scout Cyclocross competition. details to follow
- 26 Last items in to DIO, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 143
- 27 County Great Patrol Hunt 53 mile walk first stage assembles at 1A HQ, 2305 (see March Broadsheet for full details)

APRIL 1971

- 3 District Cub Scout First Aid Competition, St Paul's Hall
- 3 County Great Patrol Hunt conservation projects, Oughtonhead Common, Hitchin
- 12-14 District Gang Show rehearsals at St Francis' Theatre
- 15-17 LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK.DISTRICTS SCOUTS AND GUIDES GANG SHOW 1971, St Francis' Theatre, 1930
- 23-24 LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICTS SCOUTS AND GUIDES GANG SHOW 1971, Knights Templar School, 1930
- 25 DISTRICT SAINT GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE
- 28 5L Group annual general meeting
- 30 Last items in to DIO, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 144

MAY 1971

- 1 Cub Scouts' open day, Phasels Wood (see page 1)
- 1-2 County Great Patrol Hunt and Activities Weekend, Phasels Wood
- 15 District cake stall in operation in aid of funds for The Warren
- 22 Operation Kon-Tiki (see page 1)
- 26 1A Group annual general meeting, Ashwell School, 1945

JUNE 1971

- 26 (provisional) District Scout Sports

JULY 1971

- 3-4 (provisional) New Lightweight Camping Competition. Proposed rules for this were submitted by the competitions subcommittee to the Troop Scouters' Council on 28 January, and final decisions deferred to 25 February.
- 4 County Great Patrol Hunt orienteering competition, central Hertfordshire

SEPTEMBER 1971

- 18 Hertford-Ware Raft Race
- 26 Tippet Trophy District Patrol Cooking competition

OCTOBER 1971

- 30-31 Operation Nightjar for senior Scouts

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS!