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CONGRATULATIONS

and a very sincere THANK YOU to all who were involved in the presentation of this year's Gang Show. It was a very good effort indeed, and I have heard nothing but praise from all quarters.

FRED EAVES, DC

CUB FIRST AID

3 April 1971 : RESULTS
(Maximum 128)

1.....1B.....	97
2.....5L.....	96½
3.....8L.....	93
4.....1-3L.....	85½
5.....4L(C).....	84
6.....1A.....	81
7.....2B.....	79
8.....4L(M).....	71
9.....2L.....	68½

CUP FINAL

SCOUT FOOTBALL, 29 April
RESULT

Second Baldock....5
Eighth Letchworth
Spartans.....2

FOUND

A French medallion was found in the auditorium after the Gang Show. Loser please apply to Mr Ted Smith, 6 Highfield, Letchworth.

CHAMPION HILLS Venture Scout Unit

announce new officers on their Executive Committee:
CHAIRMAN, Paul Brazier, 2 Croft Lane, Letchworth (4048); SECRETARY, Geoff Downing, 308 Norton Way South, Letchworth (5376); TREASURER, Ian Wharton, 14 Howards Wood, Letchworth (2832); PROGRAMME SECRETARY, Martin Kemp, 28 Rowan Crescent, Letchworth (71475):.

UNIFORM

There is a growing need for the useful relocation of Scout uniform that has become too small for its wearers. Second hand shirts and trousers can always find a buyer, and DSL Jeff Robson is ready to act as an agent for these. Scouters and parents, please let him know what you have or what you need! 67 High Avenue, Letchworth-phone 4954.

KON-TIKI '71

A competition is held annually for older Scouts to win the Whalebone Trophy, alternating between adventurous tests including Operation Kon-Tiki, Operation Tarzan, Operation Burnup, Operation Pheidippides, etc.

The 1971 contest is Operation Kon-Tiki, to be held on Saturday and Sunday 22 and 23 May, being open to all Scout troops in this District. There will also be a Venture Scout class for a separate trophy, open to the District VSU in competition with any other Units they choose to invite, under the same rules, as follows.

Teams must consist of TWO Scouts aged 13, 14 or 15 as actual contestants (16,17,18 or 19 in the case of the Venture Scout class) accompanied by a shore team of up to FOUR other Scouts from the same Troop (or Unit). All contestants and shore team must be able to swim 50 yards in normal clothing, and must also wear life jackets during the course of the competition.

The object of the competition is to survive 20 hours on an open raft of the team's own design and construction. Materials may only include wood, rope and oil drums (numbers not exceeding six ten-gallon or twelve five-gallon drums for each raft).

All supplies must be taken on board the raft at the start of the competition, and at least one meal must be cooked while the team is afloat.

Landing will only be permitted for the discharge of waste, and for no other purpose whatsoever, on penalty of disqualification.

Sleeping bags are prohibited, as a safety precaution.

Construction of rafts may begin at 2 pm on the Saturday. Judges appointed by the District Scout Leader will award the Whalebone Trophy to the team still afloat after twenty hours who in their opinion has carried out the main operation, and any other subsidiary tests at the judges' discretion, with the most success and in the proper spirit.

The event will take place in Weston Park, and precise details of where to report will be sent to all Troops (and Units) entering teams. Entries must be submitted in Writing, giving: NAME OF TROOP (or Unit); NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE OF BOTH ACTUAL CONTESTANTS IN EACH TEAM, with estimated number of Scouts in the shore team; and in the case of Scouts under 16, signature of parent or guardian of each actual contestant. Please use the form below, and get it to SL Gordon Reeds, 58 Sparhawk, Letchworth, NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 10 MAY, with 10p entry fee per team.

TROOP _____ UNIT _____

ACTUAL CONTESTANTS:

(A) _____ Age _____
Address _____

(B) _____ Age _____
Address _____

Estimated shore team of _____ Scouts.

We, the parents or guardians, agree to the above contestants taking part in Operation Kon-Tiki.

(A) _____ (B) _____

Letchworth & Baldock District SCOUT SHOP

Early in May we hope to have several of the items which were on sale for the Guide Diamond Jubilee available at half price.

These will include mugs at 16p and pencils at four for 5p, etc.; but no cloth badges are available to us.

Customers will have noticed that the carpet given to us in the early days of the Scout Shop is now badly worn. Mr Oldham will be pleased to hear of a replacement one, approximately 3 yards by 2½, going cheap.

We had evidence of the "pulling power" of CO-ORDINATOR last month, when after our appeal for a volunteer for Friday evenings we got TWO! Mrs Hawley, late Akela of Ninth Letchworth, and Mrs J. Aspinall have made it possible for the ladies to attend only one Friday in two.

One more volunteer for Tuesdays, 7 to 8 pm, would allow this to happen on Tuesday as well. Any offers?

For PACK Scouters

All adults concerned with Cub Scout training are eligible to attend the course on yarns and storytelling, at Hertford on Saturday 15 May, from 1400 to 2200 approximately. The course fee of 50p includes tea and an evening meal. We should like a good representation from this District, so why not talk Baloo into coming along with you? Applications should be made by 8 May, direct to Mr L.W. Frost, 114 Hillside Crescent, Cheshunt, Waltham Cross, Hertfordshire, giving your name, address, Group, rank, and District (Letchworth & Baldock), with 25p deposit for each person, cheques or postal orders being made payable to "Hertfordshire Scout Training Team".

For ALL Scouters

ADC John Baker would like to hear from any Scouter in the District who has begun or is about to begin any stage of the adult leader training course. Do you need help or advice? Do you want to know which part comes next? And when there is an available course? As soon as he knows how many Leaders or Instructors there are waiting for a particular course at any level, John can collate the information and arrange something positive, as near to our own District as possible.

The phone number is Letchworth 4782, or the address, 47 Highfield, Letchworth.

POSTPONED

The plan to distribute Oxfam appeal cards by some Letchworth Scout groups has been postponed until the summer, as the Oxfam regional organizer has been called away to Ghana. Further information will be given to all concerned, any day now.

For BALDOCK Guiders

Just a few reminders....

BALDOCK DISTRICT A G M Knights Templar School, 4 May, 7.30 pm. There will be a bookstall.

GUIDERS' MEETING, First Baldock Scout HQ, -27 May, 7.45 pm.

NAMES for the Camper badge and the Patrol Camp permit should be given to me or to Mrs Drylie as soon as possible, please.

M.E. MARSHALL

For LETCHWORTH Guiders

MANY THANKS to all who helped at our AGM . last Tuesday, especially to the girls who entertained us and those who arranged the badge displays.

DATES: Wednesday 5 May; D of E meeting, Heathcote School, Stevenage, 7.30.

Friday 7 May: All raffle books and cash to be returned to M.C.D..

Tuesday 18 May: Guiders' meeting, - - Thatched Hut, 20 Baldock Road, 7.30.-

Saturday 22 May: Coffee Morning, Free Church Hall. Are all the units who are participating organizing their collection of items to sell? If not, get a move on!

Saturday 29 May: Arts and Crafts competition, Highfield School. Cakes and flowers may be brought on Saturday morning, everything else on Friday evening.

Saturday 5 June: Teams Of Guides wanted to help at Round Table fair.

Saturday 12 June: Guides wanted to help at garden party organized by Council of Social Service at the Grammar School.

11-13 June: Camper badge test, Norton-bury.

ONE OF OUR GUIDERS; Mrs Whelan, is planning a coffee morning in aid of the RSPCA in the early autumn. I feel sure that nasty Brownies, Guides and Rangers, especially those who have Animal Lover and Friend to Animals badges, would like to help. Suggestions, please, for any ways the girls could help. And may I extend the invitation to the Scouts? This would be an ideal opportunity for a very worthwhile joint effort by our two movements.

M.C. DRYLIE

Next Door Neighbours

All Scout Groups are reminded that they may just have enough time left to arrange to run a stall at the Ivel District's Field Day on Saturday 15 May at the Boyd Memorial Field in Henlow. Any suitable sideshow or other attraction would be welcome, and your own group takes half the proceeds!

Whether you run a stall or not, all your members and parents will enjoy the Field Day attractions, which include knockout competitions, fair organs, bands, vintage vehicles, water sports, a Miss Hot Pants competition and pony rides! Lucky number programmes are on sale now, at 5p, from all our District Scouters.

Letchworth & Baldock Scout District

arts & crafts 1971

1. The exhibition is held annually at a time and place decided by the District Scout Council. The seventh exhibition will be held at Highfield School, Letchworth, on Saturday 29 May 1971. Entries are to be handed in between 7 and 9 pm on Friday 28 May, and perishable items between 9.30 and 10.30 am on Saturday 29 May, for judging between 10.30 and 12.30 and public exhibition from 1 to 4 pm. The trophies will be presented to the winning group and sections at the conclusion of the exhibition.

2. In the event of any dispute, final decision rests with the Convener appointed by the District Scout Council, namely Mr Colin Phillips of 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth.

1. The following sections are eligible to enter, and will be referred to in these rules by these numbers:

Section 1 - Cub Scouts of any pack in the Letchworth & Baldock District.

Section 2 -- Scouts of any Troop in the Letchworth & Baldock District.

Section 3 - Venture Scouts, Scouters, members of Friends of Scouting, Group Councils or the District Scout Council in the Letchworth & Baldock District.

If a boy has reached or passed his eleventh birthday on the day of the exhibition, the entry must be made in section 2; if he has reached or passed his sixteenth birthday, entries must be in section 3.

4. The exhibition is divided into the following classes:

Class A - PAINTING: any original landscape, portrait, still life, abstract, etc., in oil or water colour.

Class B - DRAWING: any original drawing or sketch in pencil, crayon, pen and ink etc.

Class C - SIMPLE HANDCRAFTS: any decorative or useful article made from ordinary objects and materials found around the house or garden.

Class D - CRAFTWORK: any handmade or machine-made article, not from a construction kit and not eligible for any other class.

Class E - COOKERY: cakes large and small, or any other type of cooking suitable.

Class F - PHOTOGRAPHY: any photographic work that has been taken by the exhibitor. Special preference will be given to work developed and printed by the exhibitor, in which case a note should be attached to the entry stating exposure, speed and aperture, and developer used.

Class G - SPECIAL CLASS: this year's subject will be SONGWRITING. Either a written piece of music for any instrument, comprising not less than four lines, each line of at least eight bars; or a written lyric for a song of similar minimum length. Entries do not have to be performed, but will be judged from the score or manuscript.

5. The Plinston Trophy will be awarded for one year to the Group with the greatest number of points in sections 1 and 2 combined. Groups with two Cub packs will have their points added separately to those of the Scout troop (and vice versa). Groups with two Cub packs and two Scout troops will have these sections paired off by mutual agreement before the day of the competition.

6. Separate trophies will be awarded to the Sections gaining most points: the Blaxland Trophy for the Cub Scout Pack, and the Watson Trophy for the Scout Troop. Any two packs or troops within the same Group will be entered separately for these trophies. The Eaves Trophy will be awarded to the individual gaining the highest number of points in any or all of the Classes in Section 3.

7. Points will be given as follows: 5 for best exhibit in section; 4 for first prize; three for second prize; two for third prize; one point at judges' discretion for each highly commended entry. The best exhibit in each section qualifies for any other award.

8. Winners of the trophies will return them to the Convener not later than the day preceding the exhibition next year.

9. There is no entry fee, and no limit on the number of entries.

10. Leaders of each Pack and Troop, and individual entrants of 16 years and over, are responsible for delivering entries to the exhibition and removing them between 4 and 5 pm on the day of the exhibition. The Convener and his assistants cannot accept responsibility for entries not collected at these times.

11. No one will remove exhibits from the hall without notifying the Convener or one of his assistants.

10. Judges will be appointed by the convener. No person will be appointed as a judge who holds any office in any part of the Scout organization for this District.

13. The Convener reserves the right to cancel a class for any reason or to limit the number of points for a class with a small number of entries.

14. Each entry will have an official identification label, yellow for Section 1, green for section 2 and white for section 3, correctly filled in and attached securely.

Phase Your Activities

ALL THE ACTIVE PATROLS will have been spending the May Day weekend at Phasels Wood for the County Patrol Gathering. Do all your Scouts know of the training courses which are run there for their benefit? How about making an extra effort and sending some of your lads along to these, for example...?

CAMPER BADGE (Pursuit) : 14-16 MAY

CAEP COOK BADGE (Interest) : 11-13 JUNE

Each of the above courses costs .90p, and is limited to 54 Scouts from the whole County. So it's "first come, first served"! Full details are obtainable from ADC(S) Ken Hart at 38 Campfield Way, Letchworth - phone 6451 - who will be only too pleased to arrange this for you. Let's show them that as they take time and trouble to organize these events, we also take time and trouble to support them, as we all know how interesting and worth while it can be to make this bit of effort.

DON'T DELAY - RING TODAY!

JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE '71

LATEST PARTICIPATION INDEXES, based on results of the Scout Cyclocross and Cub Scout first aid competitions.

GROUPS 1.....8L.....369 points
2.....1A.....258
3.....1B.....230
4.....4L.....200
5.....5L.....161½
6.....2B.....145
7.....1-3L.....92½
8.....2L.....72½
9.....7L.....64
10.....CHVSU.....0

TROOPS 1.....1A.....173
2.....8L(S).....162
3.....1B.....129
4.....8L(T).....111
5.....7L.....64
6.....2B ; 5L.....62
8.....4L.....28
9.....1-3L.....3
10.....2L.....0

PACKS 1.....1B.....101
2.....5L.....99½
3.....4L(C).....97
4.....8L.....96
5.....1-3L.....89½
6.....1A.....85
7.....2B.....83
8.....4L(M).....75
9.....2L.....72½
10.....7L.....0

More Cubs' points will be added at the completion of the second half of the 1970-1971 football season. Other opportunities for participation are listed on the right hand column, marked ***.

DATES MAY 1971

- 1-2 County Patrol Gathering, Phasels Wood
 - 1 1A Group May Ball, Bassingbourn Village College
 - 3 Norton Common Camp subcommittee, 47 Highfield, 2000
 - 5 DISTRICT GANG SHOW special performance, Government Training Centre, Pixnore Avenue, 2000
 - 6 Archaeologist badge course session, Letchworth Museum, 1930
 - 6 DISTRICT TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 2000
 - 7 1-3L Group annual general meeting, DHQ, 1930
 - 10 DISTRICT PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 31 Lordship Lane, 2000
 - 12 7L Group annual general meeting, St Thomas's hall, 1930
 - 13 HALL TROPHY QUIZ FINAL, DHQ, 1900
 - 13 DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DHQ, 2000
 - 15 District Cake Stall in aid of The Warren, Leys Avenue, 0900
 - 15 Ivel District Field Day, Henlow Park, 1430
 - 19 LAST ITEMS IN FOR CO-ORDINATOR 145, PLEASE (The DIO will be away on holiday from 23 to 31 May)
 - 20 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, 5L HQ, Spring Road, 1930: ACC John Bennett wishes to meet all PLs and APLs in this District. Please attend in uniform.
 - 21 2L Group annual general meeting, St Gerge's hall
 - 22-23 OPERATION KON-TIKI : see page 1 ***
 - 23 Groat Patrol Hunt sports day, Watford
 - 26 1A Group Annual general meeting, Ashwell School, 1945
 - 29 DISTRICT ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION (postponed from 15 May), Highfield School, 1300-1600 : SEE PAGE 3 ***
- (First Baldock and Second Bald.ock Groups: please may we have the dates of your annual general meetings, please?)
- ## JUNE 1971
- 4-6 Great Patrol Hunt & Hemel Hempstead District Friendship Camp, Phasels Wood
 - 26 DISTRICT SCOUT SPORTS***
 - 27 County Cub Activities Day, Well End