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LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL MONTHLY BULLETIN

FIRST: Ashwell

GROUP GETTING THE PETER NORTON PAT-ON-THE-BACK for being first in with their census return AND capitation fees this year: FIRST ASHWELL.

If by any imaginable contingency there might be some retarded Group elsewhere in the District which has not got its returns to the Secretary by the time you are reading this, then the following headline will equally well apply.

Fingers out, please!

SEVENTH LETCHWORTH and FIRST ASHWELL Scout Troops have not yet played their first round in the Hall Trophy general knowledge quiz; neither have SECOND LETCHWORTH and FIRST BALDOCK. Will the Scouters please make these fixtures and arrange with the District Information Officer, who has the questions still warm but already beginning to go dry at the edges, to clear the way for round 2?

Second round draw, made at District PLs' Council on 30 March, is:-

7L or 1A	v.	8L Spartans
5L	v.	2L or 1B
1-3L	v.	4L Vikings

Teams must be four Scouts, two of whom must be under 13.

The three-team final starts at 1900 on Tuesday 9 May, preceding the District AGM.

Cub Scout Leaders

and all concerned with Cub Scout training should now be aware of the revised Arrow badge requirements, which are fully detailed in the April edition of "Scouting", and which came into effect on the first of this month.

New requirements for Cub Scout special proficiency badges are now also in force, including the separation of HANDYMAN and HOME HELP badges, the dropping of the LINGUIST badge and introduction of a new one for HOBBIES. Details of all these will be found in the new reprint of the Policy, Organisation and Rules, part 4, which may be obtained through Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Shop. Revised "Cub Scout Handbooks" are at present in preparation, and should be available fairly soon.

Buffaloes charge

AHEAD IN

THE DISTRICT GREAT PATROL HUNT - that's Eighth Letchworth Spartan Buffalo patrol, of course. Latest available score: 51. Spartan Panthers 50. Fifth Tigers 39. Spartan Lions 38. Saxon Kingfishers 35. First-Third Panthers 33. Spartan Bulldogs 31. Fifth Owls 27. Viking Bulldogs 24. Fifth Dragons 21. Viking Lions, Trojan Peewits and Fifth Stags 13 each. Saxon Tigers 4. Trojan Hawks and Baldock Tigers 2 each. Baldock Bulldogs and Trojan Kestrels 1 each.

If all this sounds rather surrealistic (writes Our Parliamentary Correspondent) and you cannot visualize a live confrontation between a Saxon Kingfisher and a Spartan Lion - then you should be in the visitors' gallery at the District Patrol Leaders' Council. If you happen to be a PL or APL of one of these fabulous beasts, you should be on the floor in the debating chamber.

In 2½ years, the District PLs' Council has gained strength and power, providing an outlet for opinions held by the most important people in our movement - the Patrol Leaders. They have already made their mark on various District contests and meetings by democratic decisions - and in this month's "Scouting" magazine again show that Letchworth and Baldock ideas are worthy of top billing in that national journal.

Last month's meeting, at 5L HQ, was attended by 19 PLs and APLs (all but one in uniform) from five of the 11 troops. It is noticeable that these same troops are the ones who take part in District and County events, whereas most of the others do not, and most of the others have also been suffering lately from falling numbers, loss of older Scouts, and general impressions of inactivity.

Which is the cause and which the effect? One may well ask oneself.

Looking at the District PLs' Council, one may see the local troops' degrees of success reflected around the table. Last month, the Eighth Spartans were the majority party and certainly made the most noise. Letchworth's own Sir Gerald Nabarro - APL Clive Broome of their Panthers - was continually in deafening dispute with Mr

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BUFFALO IN CHARGE

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Speaker Morley, and was more than once threatened with suspension when ruled out of order. Front bench colleagues Ken Weber and Barry Mealing added more to the vociferous volume of words through which sensible suggestions kept popping up like nuggets in a turgid stream.

First-Third's voice was again solely that of their Panthers (do they have any other patrol?) as PL Peter Foster made incisive proposals like his relay plan for next year's cyclocross.

On a vote, the Foster relay plan got only two votes. Four favoured a straight race in one age group, but six voted for senior and junior courses like this year. (This was in direct contrast to the unanimity of the Troop Scouters' Council who had preferred a return to a one-route course for all ages. It will be interesting to see which decision most influences the organizers of next year's cyclocross.)

Fourth and Fifth Letchworth members were prepared to listen and observe the entertainment provided by the Spartan & Foster Show. But they came in with cool calm comments in the debate on whether District GPH points should be awarded for patrols with a full turnout at St George's Day parade. "Bribery!" cried Mr Weber, several times. "We don't show our uniform enough; the public must think we're a load of yobboes," shrewdly observed Mr Foster.

But it was a Fourth Letchworth Saxon proposal that was finally approved by the Council: one point per head counted on St George's Day, with half points for valid written reasons for absence, which the DSL agreed to vet.

Still Mr Broome had not been satisfied. Why, he asked, was it only one vote per patrol at these Council meetings? With judicial restraint, the Chairman let him carry on for about ten minutes and then called for a vote which upheld the DPLC constitution - one vote per patrol, normally to be cast by the PL.

Newly elected members from Fourth Vikings were asked their opinion of their first parliamentary experience. Andrew Kitching (Foxes) said it was a bit noisy, but the meeting had done quite a lot. He was right, too. Johnny Shepherdson (Bulldogs) wanted more debating before ideas were put to the vote. That is the Bulldog breed indeed!

Thursday 27 April, starting at 7 pm in DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS: that is the next session of the District Patrol Leaders' Council. It would be gratifying to see the missing PLs and APLs taking their rightful places. Even if they hesitate to contribute, they might learn quite a lot.

Letchworth Guiders

- 18 APRIL : Guiders' Meeting, 7.30, The Thatched Hut.
- 22 APRIL : Guiders' Training, Stevenage - on Homemaking (see HSN/HG)
- 23 APRIL : St George's Day Parade, Baldock.
- 29 APRIL : Arts and Crafts Competition.
- 28-30 APRIL : Guiders' Training Camp, Elstree.
- 4 MAY : DISTRICT A G M, 7.30, Free Church Hall.
- 9 MAY : Trefoil Guild visit to Sandy Lodge Bird Sanctuary (Guiders invited).
- 10-11 JUNH : District Camper badge tests.
- 7-9 JULY : Division Patrol Camp Permit tests.

Baldock Guiders

I must have the Guiders' annual reports on their units in as soon as possible, please, as there will be so much work this month for the Handicraft Exhibition. These reports are needed for the AGM booklet.

- 13 APRIL : Brownie Guiders' Group Study Meeting, at the home of Mrs Fender, 52 The Tene, 8 pm.
- 19 APRIL : Semi-final of the Guide Quiz for the Bourne Cup, Knights Templar School, 6.30 pm.
- 20 APRIL : Guiders' Meeting, 1B Scout HQ, 8 pm.
- 21-22 APRIL : Baldock Guiders are asked to help with selling programmes etc. at the Gang Show.
- 22 APRIL : St George's Day rehearsal at St Mary's Church.
- 22 APRIL : GUIDERS ARE REMINDED OF THE TRAINING AT BARCLAY SCHOOL, STEVENAGE, ON "THE HOMEMAKING ARTS". DETAILS IN THE APRIL "HERTFORDSHIRE GUIDING". THIS SHOULD PROVE EXTREMELY GOOD.
- 29 APRIL : Handicraft Exhibition, Brandies Close School. Exhibits can be brought in from 9 to 11.30 am when judging will begin. Visitors will be welcome from 2 pm. The photography section for Guides will not have a set subject.
- 2 MAY : A G M of Baldock Guides Local Association, Knights Templar School. The finals of the Guide Quiz will be held, after the official part of the meeting is finished. It is hoped that all - Guides and Brownie Guides will come with parents and friends to cheer the Top Patrol of the District. The shields for the winning Company and Pack in the Handicraft exhibition will be presented at the AGM.

M. MARSHALL

FOR THE FAIR ISLE

pullover found after a first round Hall Trophy match; for the use of the new HIKE TENTS and bookings for RESUSCI-ANNIE given to the District by the Friends of Scouting - APPLY TO DC FRED EAVES, 47 NORTON ROAD, LETCHWORTH.

COMPETITION FACTS AND FIGURES

CUB SCOUT FIRST AID COMPETITION 11 March 1972

Place	Pack	Points
1.....	7L.....	115
2.....	1-3L.....	96
3,,,,,,	4L Cavaliers.	89½
4.....	1A.....	89
5.....	1B Knights...	85
6.....	2L.....	84½
7.....	5L.....	82½
8.....	8L.....	80
9.....	10L.....	73
10.....	4L Musketeers.	72½

SCOUT CYCLOCROSS COMPETITION 12 March 1972

Junior Scouts

Place	Name	Troop	Min.	Sec.
1	Michael Foster	1-3L	19	52
2	Trevor Hutchings	7L	20	08
3	William Oyston	1A	20	33
4	Steven Smith	1B	21	03
5	Russell Kirkham	8L(S)	21	06
6	Alan Cox	1-3L	21	20
7	Glen Hoffman	1A	21	28
8	Keith Bartlett	1B	21	36
9	Malcolm Eaves	7L	21	45
10	Barry Mealing	8L(S)	21	47
11	Stephen Shadrack	4L(S)	22	06
12	Neil Chapman	1A	23	40
13	Trevor Smith	1A	23	41
14	Richard Treadaway	1-3L	23	46
15	Kenneth Gulbis	8L(S)	23	50
16	Richard Bath	1A	23	52
17	Clive Williams	4L(S)	23	54
18	Michael Cook	1-3L	24	05
19 (Duncan Head	4L(S))	
(John Lynch	2B)	24 09
21	Kevin Rayner	1B	24	54
22	Martin Elliott	8L(S)	24	59
23	Kevin Bellis	8L(S)	25	41
24	Nigel Smith	1A	26	15
25	Simon Rice	4L(S)	26	52
26	Phillip Dilley	2B	28	56
27	Julian Overton	1-3L	29	09
28	Geoffrey Small	2B	32	40
	Sean Schooling	2B		retired

Senior Scouts

1	Kenneth Weber	8L(S)	21	26
2	Christopher Morley	8L(S)	22	47
3	Clive Broome	8L(S)	25	37
4	Ian Reeds	8L(T)	26	02
5	Mark Overton	1-3L	26	26
6	Richard Wakefield	1B	26	46
7	Peter Foster	1-3L	28	06
8	Roger Bone	8L(S)	30	47
9	David Batcheldor	7L	31	24
10	Roger Burt	8L(S)	32	02
11	Alan Chaffey	1A	40	46

Fastest individuals in age groups:
10, T.Smith; 11, R.Treadaway; 12, M. Foster; 13, T.Hutchings, 14, K.Weber; 15, C.Morley.

Team Trophy:

1...8L Spartans.....	aggregate:	87	06
2...1-3L.....		95	44

JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

Scores and participation points for the two competitions added together give these provisional totals, so far.

GROUPS	PACKS	TROOPS
1..4L....218	1..7L....119	1..8L S).111
2..8L....203	2..1A....110	2..1-3L...96
3..1A....199	3..1-3L..100	3..1A.....89
4..1-3L..196	4..4L(C)..93½	4..1B.....63
5..7L....171	5..13(K)..89	5..7L.....52
6..1B....152	6..2L.....88½	6..41(S)..48
7..2L.....88½	7..5L.....86½	7..2B.....18
8..5L.....86½	8..8L.....84	8..8L(T)...8
9..10L....77	9..10L....77	9..2L
10..2B....18	10..4L(M)..76½	4L(V)
11..CHVSU...0		5L.....0

Respective football league points are still to be added, and the next opportunity for all Groups (especially CHVSU) to gain points will be in the Plinston Trophy arts and crafts contest at Highfield School on Saturday 29 April. Entries are to be handed in on the Friday evening, between 7 and 9 pm.

PRESENT HOLDERS OF ALL DISTRICT TROPHIES

Icknield Shield (Scout camping)

1A Kingfishers

Nightjar trophy (Senior Scout night exercise)

District

B-P Guild Cup (winter patrol contest)

District

Barton Shield (Scout first aid)

District

Scout Sports shield.....1-3L

Scout football cup.....2B

Scout swimming trophy.....8L(S)

Scout cyclocross trophy.....8L(S)

Tippett Trophy (Scout cooking)

1-3L Panthers

Whalebone Trophy (Senior Scout

operations).....1-3L

Cub first aid trophy.....7L

Cub quiz trophy.....7L

Morgans Shield (Cub football).....7L

Cub Sports shield.....District

Cub swimming trophy.....8L

Plinston Trophy (group arts and crafts)

5L

Blaxland Trophy (Cub arts and crafts)

5L

Watson Trophy (Scout arts and crafts)

1-3L

Eaves Trophy (adult arts and crafts)

Mrs K. Tippett

Hall Trophy (Scout quiz)8L(T)

Howes Trophy (Just-for-fun League)

1-3L

THE MOD TROPHY (any lawful challenge) is at present held by Eighth Letchworth Group. A challenge to a "hush-in" from 51 Scouts is due to start at 0900 on Friday 7 April, at 5L HQ, with teams of seven Scouts. Any volunteer adjudicators will be welcome, especially for the afternoon, as it may last till 7 pm.

St George's Day 1972

The District Saint George's Day service for Scouts and Guides will take place at Saint Mary's Church, Baldock, on Sunday 23 April at 3 pm.

Unless sections are notified of any amendments, the arrangements will be as in previous years, namely as follows.

Brownie Guides 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: 8L, 10L, 1A, 1B, 2B, 1-3L, 2L, 4L, 5L, 7L; then Guides in order as decided at Guiders' Meetings on 18 April (Letchworth) and 20 April (Baldock).

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.

Colour marshal: ADC Rod Tiplady. Parade marshal: ADC Ken Hart. Saluting base marshal: DSL Jeff Robson.

After the service, parade reassembles in Sun Street, each colour with its own unit, and returns by way of Church 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 8L Scouts): no others, please. Colour parties (flagbearer and two escorts) from each pack, troop and company will attend a rehearsal in plain clothes at 10.0 am until 11.0 am on Saturday 22 April, at the church, with cased colours.

CALENDAR

THESE DATES AND MANY MORE SHOULD RE APPEAR ON YOUR GROUP'S DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR ALL TO SEE!

APRIL 1972

THURSDAY - SATURDAY 6 - 8 : Letchworth and Baldock Scouts and Guides present their

*** G * A * N * G * * S * H * O * W ***

at 7.30 pm each evening at St Francis' Theatre, Letchworth. This is YOUR show, for you and all your friends and neighbours:

FRIDAY 7 : Mod Trophy "Hush-in" contest, 5L v 8L Scouts, 5L HQ, 0900-1900 (see page 3)

SUNDAY 16 : County Cyclocross at Harmer Green (see March HSN/HG: application forms are to be sent in not later than 9 April)

FRIDAY - SATURDAY 21 - 22 : Your last chance to see this year's Letchworth & Baldock

*** G * A * N * G * * S * H * O * W ***

in the more intimate surroundings of Knights Templar School, Baldock, at 7.30 each evening. Bookings may now be made at Mayflower Gift Shop in the High Street.

SATURDAY 22 : St George's Day colour party rehearsal, St Mary's, Baldock, 1000-1100.

SUNDAY 23 : DISTRICT ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE, St Mary's, Baldock: full details are given above.

TUESDAY 25 : 8L group AGM, Grange School, 1930

WEDNESDAY 26 : 4L group AGM, St Paul's hall

THURSDAY 27 : District Patrol Leaders' Council, DHQ, 1900

FRIDAY 28 : Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 156

SATURDAY 29 : Baldock Guides' handicraft exhibition, Brandies Close School, 1400;
Letchworth & Baldock Scouts' and Letchworth Guides' arts and crafts exhibition, Highfield School, 1300-1530;
1A cheese and wine party, Ashwell School, 1900

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