

CO-ordinator 161 ★ OCTOBER 1972

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL MONTHLY BULLETIN : free to Scouters and District officials; 32½p annually to anyone else; subs and news to go to the District Information Officer, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth

NEW DHQ SUBCOMMITTEE

Last month's Executive Committee formed a new gang to look after the state of District Headquarters: Chairman Rod Tiplady, with the District Treasurer, District Scout Leader, two representatives of First-Third Letchworth and two of Champion Wills - all at work already to make still more improvements and stop the place falling down.

A window-painting work party is fixed for the weekend 7-8 October, starting at 2 pm on Saturday. Active parents are cordially invited, and the following are reminded that they have volunteered: Kevin Bellis, Clive Broome, Michael Cook, Alan Cox, Martin Elliott, Michael Foster, Peter Foster, Chris Morley, Philip Morley, Jon Tirrell and Ken Weber.

NEW JOB TO HELP GUIDES

As many able-bodied men as possible are asked to turn up at 9 am (or whenever they can in shifts) to concrete the car park at Letchworth Guides' new DHQ on SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER. Colin Phillips would like to know who to expect: phone him at Letchworth 71705.

NEW SCOPE FOR WATER RATS

Our District Water Activities Committee is not just messing about. We are now affiliated to the County educational foundation, making us eligible to use facilities at Cheshunt and Rickmansworth. One course has already been run, jointly with Hitchin, at the Young Mariners' Base, Cheshunt, and several canoeist badges have resulted. If your troop wants to have a paddle, get details from Peter Deary (Letchworth 6859). The next course in canoeing is at Watford indoor pool - six two-hour sessions on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings: but be quick as there are few places

NEW LEADERS FOR TENTH LETCWORTH

Welcome to the team - prospective GSL Fred Hart (2 Fleetwood), SL William Dartford (54 Maddles) and ASL Leslie Chapman (53 Kyrkeby). Link Badge training has begun on Monday evenings, and the Tenth troop should be launched on 1 January 1973.

NEW ADC FOR LEADER TRAINING

John Baker, new GSL for Seventh Letchworth as John Moys retires for business reasons, is handing over Leader Training work to Ran Smith, Hill Farm, Odsey, Baldock. He writes: "I am sure that this particular job could not be in better hands and I wish Ron every success; I know he will have your support."

Ashwell 2376 is the Smith phone number for training course enquiries, though Ron hopes to meet Scouters at their own groups very soon, and will always have application forms on him for courses: SEE NEXT COLUMN

Invitation

TO ALL LETCWORTH SCOUTERS:
to attend the opening by the Guide County Commissioner, Mrs J.G. Downward, of the Letchworth Guides' District Headquarters on Saturday 28 October at 3 pm.

The new DHQ is at the rear of 247 Icknield Way, and you are requested to park cars at the swimming pool car perk,

It would be appreciated if Scouters intending to come will "RSVP" to Mrs Drylie (21 Newlands) to assist with the numbers for seating and catering.

NEW TAX WILL AFFECT SCOUTING

The Scout Shop at Lancing has pointed out that many items of uniform and equipment will increase in price when value added tax comes in on 1 April 1973. Uniforms are at present free of purchase tax up to adult sizes. There is no purchase tax on tents. VAT will apply to both of these.

District Scout Shop honorary manager Eric Oldham says: "We will do what we can to stock up on uniform items, but of course there is a limit to the amount of money we have available."

Lancing recommend any group likely to want tents for next year to order now. They have good stocks of most types and sizes, to supply these at 1972 prices. Don't forget there is a direct discount on camping equipment from Letchworth & Baldock Scout Shop.

Also from Lancing: an apology for the shortage of the Cub Scout Handbook. The demand for the new edition was so exceptional that it soon went out of print. New supplies are being speeded.

NEW DATE FOR SCOUTER TRAINING

The Scout basic course at Stevenage, announced for 11-12 November in HSN, has been deferred for one week, to 18-19 November.

For local Cub Scout Leaders and other Pack Scouters, the good news is that they have at last got their own basic course in LETCWORTH! It's on this month at DHQ, over the weekend 28-29 October. If you want the up-to-date inside information on Cub Scouting, get the application form from Ron Smith, fill it in and let him have it back straight away.

Any gentlemen concerned with Venture Scouts should note that a basic course in VSLship is taking place conveniently near to us on 10-11 March 1973. Venue: Luton. Forms: Hill Farm, Odsey.

Enjoy your Scouting better: have a go at the training course for your section.

BALDOCK GUIDERS

and members of the Local Association will meet on Tuesday 17 October at 8 pm in Park Street School to discuss arrangements for the Christmas fair.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS

OCTOBER

Tuesday 3: Guiders' meeting, 7.30, The Thatched Hut

Monday 9: Campfire Circle, 7-8 pm, St George's Hall, for all Guiders, Rangers and Guides

Tuesday 10: Trefoil Guild meeting

Saturday 21: Fitness training, Watford

Saturday 21: St Paul's Guides' and Brownies' fair for HQ fund

Saturday 28: Opening of Guide DHQ, 3 pm

Saturday 28: St George's Guides' jumble sale for HQ fund

NOVEMBER

Thursday 9: Campfire Circle, St Paul's

Tuesday 14: Trefoil Guild dinner

Saturday 18: Guiders' training - "Creative ability" - Hemel Hempstead

Saturday 18: Swimming gala (entry forms next month, for all unit leaders)

Saturday 25: Christmas bazaar, Brotherhood Hall, 2-5 pm

ACCOUNTS

Guide and Ranger accounts books should be balanced up at the end of September and sent for audit to either: Mrs Hession, 1 The Gardens, Cloisters Road; Mrs Kelly, 62 Cowslip Hill; or Mr Hoys, 2 Paynes Close. Two copies of enclosed balance sheet to be completed and sent in as well.

There are still several Brownie Packs whose books have not been in for audit. If they are not done within the coming month I shall publicly denounce them in this newsletter.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Will Guiders please encourage girls and their parents to contribute something to our bazaar? We shall need a really good effort this year to finance the running expenses of DHQ as well as paying your rents. Gifts can be handed to: Mrs Ringrow, 73 Eastern Way; Mrs Hession, 1 The Gardens, Cloisters Road; or any other LA committee member near you. We would like gifts in by 20 November, please.

HEADQUARTERS

Many local dignitaries will be invited to the opening and there will be some limit on accommodation. I would like all Guiders (and their husbands) to come (RSVP), and four Brownies from each Pack, six Guides from each Company, and as many Rangers as are available. Please check with your handbook that all uniforms and accessories are correct.

The Headquarters will be open to view to all girls and their parents on Sunday 29 October from 2.30 to 4 pm. The entrance is between 247 and 249 Icknield Way. You are advised to park at either the swimming pool or Norton Common bowling green car parks, in order not to cause an obstruction to residents of houses near the entrance.

THANK YOU for amounts contributed to the DHQ fund, to: 4L Nightingales; 11L Guides; 9L Brownies; 12L Brownies; Susan Lawrence, Barbara Watts and Dawn Foxley, all 5L Guides; 1S Brownies; Anne barges of 4L Guides; 4L Robins; and 9L Guides.

At present we have enough cash in hand for one large storage heater, but we need another £75 in order to heat the hall adequately. Will those who haven't done anything (or done very little) as yet please make a special effort to help with this project? M.C.D.

NEW COMMUNICATION CHANNEL

Note found pinned to door of 5L Scout hall: "Guide Teachers hat found in Spring Rd. Mon night. Collect from 17 Spring Rd."

OCTOBER SCOUT DATES

- 4 101 first anniversary celebration, Jackmans Community Centre
- 6-8 Hertfordshire Venture Scouts' and Ranger Guides' gathering, Phasels Wood
- 7 1-3L group jumble sale, DHQ
- 7 5L group jumble sale, 35 Spring Road
- 7-8 Windowpainting work party, DHQ (see page 1)
- 7 District Gang Show 1973 - first meeting, DHQ, 1830
- 8 B-P Guild Cup competition, finishing at DHQ, 1730
- 10 District Cub Scout quiz (believed to have been postponed, but no definite information to hand)
- 21 1-3L dance, Grange Community Centre
- 26 District Patrol Leaders' Council: all PLs and APLs are asked to attend for election of new chairman and secretary: DHQ, 1900
- 28-29 Pack Scouters' basic training course, DHQ (see page 1)
- 29 BARTON SHIELD FIRST AID COMPETITION
Teams of three Scouts of the same Patrol, with respective knowledge of (a) Scout Standard, (b) Advanced Scout Standard, (c) Ambulance proficiency badge (not necessarily holding these awards) must submit this form with 10p entry fee to the District Information Officer by Sunday 15 October.

BARTON SHIELD ENTRY FORM

First name	Surname	Rank	Age on 29 Oct.

This team of _____ PATROL, _____ TROOP, will enter the Barton Shield first aid contest 1972.

PL's signature: _____

Address: _____

10p entry fee enclosed.