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OPERATION CHAINGANG

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION FOR THE
WHALEBONE TROPHY, 7-8 JULY 1973

Place	Patrol, troop, PL	Points
1....	MERLINS 7L (Darrell Brooks)....	199
2....	BUFFALOES 4L(S) (Ian Saunders)...	197½
3....	Composite 8L(S) (Kevin Bellis)...	196½
4....	Composite 1-3L (Alan Cox).....	191
5...	(EAGLES 4L(V) (Adrian Deary))	
6...	(TIGERS 1B (Keith Bartlett))....	188
7....	PANTHERS 8L(S) (John Miles)....	184
8....	Composite 10L (Derrick Hart)....	175
9....	BULLDOGS 4L(V) (Chris Norton)...	173½
10....	Composite 1B (Simon Penfold)....	170
11....	Composite 5L (Roger Parsley)....	164

THE JUST-FOR-FUN LEAGUE

for the Howes Trophy

Points scored by Groups in all the 1973
competitions so far:-

1...8L...1484½	7...10L....330½
2...1B....963½	8...1A....329½
3...4L....948½	9...2L....150½
4...1-3L..637½	10...CHVSU...30
5...5L....546	11...2B.....0
6...7L....426	

- and the most active

Scout troops in order are:-

1...8L(S).836½	7...7L.....206
2...1B....672	8...10L....179
3...1-3L..476	9...1A....124
4...4L(V).380½	10...2L.....2
5...5L....380	11...2B.....0
6...4L(S).250½	

THE DISTRICT GREAT PATROL HUNT

for the Jim Northover Shield

Points scored by Patrols in District
competitions and by claims submitted
to the District PLs' Council (also
including deliveries of CO-ORDINATOR):-

1...PANTHER 1-3L.....	90
2...EAGLE 4L(V).....	45.5
3...PANTHER 8L(S).....	35.5
4...TIGER 5.....	31.4
5...FALCON 8L(T).....	29
6...BUFFALO 8L(S).....	27.5
7...TIGER 1B.....	19
8...PANTHER 10L.....	17.5
9...HAWK 8L(T).....	16
10...BUFFALO 4L(S).....	15.6
11...KESTREL 8L(T).....	15
12...BULLDOG 7L, BULLDOG 8L(S), OWL 10L.....	14
15...MERLIN 7L.....	13.1
16...RAVEN 2L.....	11
17...STAG 7L.....	10
18...BULLDOG 4L(V).....	9.1
19...STAG 5L.....	9
20...KESTREL 10L.....	8
21...KINGFISHER 4L(S).....	7
22...STAG 10L.....	5
23...LION 8L(S), TIGER 4L(S).....	4
25...BUFFALO 1-3L, FALCON 2L, OWL 5L.....	2
28...BUFFALO 1B, HAWK 5L.....	1.7
30...EAGLE 2L.....	1
31...DRAGON 5L, LION 4L(S).....	0 5

SPECIAL OFFER!

A local coach company has made a special
offer to all Letchworth & Baldock Scouts
and Guides and readers of CO-ORDINATOR:
a coach seat AND a fl.60 seat at Wembley
Empire Pool - ALL FOR ONE POUND!

The show is advertised as the "Fantastic
Aqua Spectacular MIAMI BEACH WATER SHOW",
but can best be described as a new kind of
water circus.

Scout and Guide parties wishing to
attend on TUESDAY 14 AUGUST OR WEDNESDAY
22 AUGUST should get in touch with Hen
Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth, AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE, with fl a head, and
preferred date. Parents and friends are
all welcome, but numbers are limited.
Coaches will leave Letchworth about 5 pm.
Don't miss this unique opportunity!

FAREWELL

The District Executive meeting on 9 July
heard with regret of the resignation, to
take effect this month, of the ADC (Cub
Scouts), Mrs Audrey Pouton, and the Hono-
rary Manager of the District Scout Shop,
Mr Eric Oldham.

Mr Oldham's final report, which had
unfortunately been omitted from the agenda
of the District AGM, is printed on page 2.

GET WELL

Best wishes for speedy recovery from their
respective illnesses were sent to ADC (Lea-
der Training) Ron Smith, and Vice-president
Tom Jermyn.

WINDFALL?

A subcommittee was appointed and met on 9
July, to consider the offer of financial
assistance from Letchworth Garden City
Corporation.

NORDJAMB

The new District Treasurer, Mr John Moys,
reported that fl9.31 was in the District's
Jamboree account, when the possibility was
discussed of sending representatives to
the Fourteenth World Jamboree, to be held
at Lillehammer in Norway from 29 July to
7 August 1975. The Troop Scouters' Council
was asked to estimate the numbers likely
to want to go.

No HSN/HG is being issued this month, so
we are dispensing with the usual envelopes.
This space is for your address.

SCOUT SHOP REPORT, 1972

(This report should have been included in the business of the District Annual General Meeting)

ONCE again we are able to report an increase in sales (£3,080 against £2,900 last year) in spite of the predicted loss of business from Biggleswade and Luton.

We have paid our outstanding debt of £84 to the Letchworth Guides and are putting out £66 to the Scout groups of the area, plus £25 to outside groups. The Executive Committee is to receive £71, and the Letchworth and Baldock Guides' sum (including Local Associations) this year is £86.

There is a good stock of uniforms, and cash in the bank at 31 December 1972 was £187.

In 25 shop hours during the year we have sold £1,060 worth of uniforms and camping equipment, so I think we can rightly say we are fulfilling a need greater than we saw just five years ago when we started. Incidentally, it may surprise many that in those five years we have saved our local units approximately £1,300, without taking into account any postage or expenses.

I would like to thank on your behalf the Ladies who so cheerfully serve in the shop. We would welcome two more to help, one Tuesday, one Friday on alternate weeks.

Now there is a question from me before I offer to answer any questions from the District: "When I resign at the beginning of August who takes my place?" It seems to me that this idea is too valuable to give up lightly, and I would recommend, although it is difficult to split the work, that a team of at least two people might try to run it so that one person is not tied up too much.

E. OLDHAM

AUGUST 1973

- 6-22 Second Lofoten expedition
- 10-20 Six Counties (handicapped) Scout camp, Ommen, Netherlands
- 11-18 1B camp, Frylands Wood
- 11-13 5L camp, Bucknore Park
- 21-12 September : Champion Hills VSU expedition to Morocco
- 30 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 1900; all PLs and APLs may attend in uniform to discuss District events and make claims for the Northover Shield competition (see page 1)
- 31 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 172

SEPTEMBER 1973

- 4 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DHQ; 2000
- 5 DISTRICT PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 47 Highfield, 2015
- 13 DISTRICT TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 2000
- 15 DISTRICT CUB SCOUT SPORTS, Norton School, 1400
- 30 TIPPETT TROPHY COOKING COMPETITION for Scout Patrols

CROESO CYDWLADOL

Following my appeal for hospitality for our French visitors in last month's CO-ORDINATOR, I would very much like to thank all those Scouting families who responded so kindly. The generous welcome given to the Eclaireurs was really appreciated, coming as it did from all parts of Letchworth. In alphabetical order, let me thank Mr & Mrs Birch, Bridle, Brunswick, Deary, Eaves, Faden, Green, Hawkins, Hoyle, Petty, Plum, Ritchie, Templeman, Wall, Williams and Wood - and also Colin and Eileen Phillips for receiving and delivering to his compatriots Philippe Mordant, who arrived four days late owing to exams!

It was heartening to realize that every Scout group in Letchworth was involved in the welcome to the Eclaireurs. Venture Scouts and Rangers also helped, especially at the memorable bandstand singsong on 13 July.

Apart from the Fourth, who were going to France themselves, every Letchworth group was represented in the camp at Well End from 14 to 21 July and Coetmor Mill in the following week.

Everybody worked together as a more or less united mob, and though the usual amount of shouting and slavedriving had to be done at times, in both languages, nobody seemed to mind very much.

From Well End, visits were made to London on two occasions, to include sight-seeing and shopping and a performance of the Royal Tournament. Tribute must be paid to the tolerant understanding of the Warden of Well End, Mr Ron Scott, who had not had anything quite like our mixture before. Invaluable help was also given by the Uther Pendragon & Verulan service team, and by Fourth Harpenden who came to pack tents for us after our early morning departure for Coetmor Mill.

To Dave Ellis, of High Wych Scout Group, an old friend of Letchworth & Baldock District, I am most deeply indebted for help in so many ways during our week at the Mill. He led the first exploratory hillwalking on the Sunday, and patiently convinced the Eclaireurs of the need for different kinds of precautions when crossing the Carnedds later in the week.

Expeditions in various directions took French and British to Llyn Ogwen, Llanfairfechan, Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlilllantysiliogogogoch, and the Lavan Sands, where vast quantities of crabs and mussels were caught, and cooked, and eaten with great relish. Nobody was ill at all, apart from a couple of sore throats earlier in the week, and one or two bashed toes.

Despite obvious misunderstandings, we all agreed (Dave Ellis, Guy Almairac, Laurent Cayla, Philippe Mordant, Bruno Wiedemann, Germain Labie and myself) that boys of any nationality are basically exactly the same. We think they all enjoyed it, and we all feel sure that this international effort was well worth while.

KEN JOHNSON