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OUR MEN IN MOROCCO

LATEST NEWS FROM THE CHAMPION HILLS EXPEDITION TO THE ATLAS MOUNTAINS: Slight mechanical trouble with one van made them a day late in reaching the Mediterranean, but they swam in it when they got there and got their feet pricked by sea-urchins. A telegram on Sunday morning (2 September) reported safe arrival in Marrakech, with everybody fit and happy.

TIPPETT TROPHY

THE BIENNIAL COOKING COMPETITION FOR Scout patrols is to be held on Sunday 30 September. The trophy was won in 1971 by First-Third Letchworth Panthers.

The competition menu proposed by the District Patrol Leaders' Council (subject to ratification by the Troop Scouters' Council) is:

SOUP (ANY VARIETY) ;
SHEPHERDS PIE with TWO VEGETABLES
SPONGE or SUET PUDDING including fruit,
with a sauce

Rules as in previous years are as follows.

1. Teams shall be of at least four Scouts of the same Patrol, including the PL and/or APL.

2. Teams shall report in uniform at 1100 BST, and may have access to the site from 0930.

3. The Troop Scouters' Council will appoint three judges who will be permitted to examine and sample meals at any stage of preparation and award points independently for:

Preliminary inspection of raw materials and preparation;
Hygiene;
Cooking and presentation of each course;
Punctuality of serving;
Final inspection of washing up and disposal.

4. Cooking will be on wood fires of altar type. Firewood must be brought to the site. Tins or drums may be used to make ovens. All normal cooking utensils may be used and proper racks will be made for them. Dining shelters, tables and adequate seating are expected.

5. Three courses will be prepared and served in the correct order as a complete meal at a time agreed between the Patrol and the judges at the start of the competition. Tinned, frozen, dehydrated, ready-mixed or pre-cooked foods may not be used.

6. The menu is as given above.

7. Entries are to be submitted to DSL Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth, with the fee of 10p, by 16 September, using the entry form on page 2.

AS IN PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS, GUIDE PATROLS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ENTER ACCORDING TO THE SAME RULES BUT IN CONTEST FOR A SEPARATE TROPHY. The place of the contest will be announced shortly.

THE DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP...

...opens again on Tuesday 4 September, at the usual times, 7 to 8 pm. More volunteer helpers are still urgently needed for Tuesdays or Fridays. And pending the appointment of a new team of honorary managers, Mr Eric Oldham (hon. manager retd.) is gallantly going to be around to provide experienced advice.

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER...

...is taking a well-deserved holiday from now till the middle of the month. Till then, please bother ADC Ken Hart at Letchworth 6451.

CUB SCOUT INSTRUCTORS...

...may be interested in an activity weekend for all CSIs (ages 14-18) on 29 and 30 September, arranged by Stevenage District at Weston Park. "Enjoy and re-learn old skills - learn new skills - meet old chums - make new friends:" is the message. 75p is the cost for the whole weekend, or 25p just for the get-together and supper on Saturday evening. Copies of the full details may be got from Letchworth & Baldock District PRO at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

LETCHWORTH GUIDERS...

...should note these coming events, this month:

4 September: SOUTH District Guiders' meeting, 7.30, DHQ

11 September: Trefoil Guild, 7.45, DIM.

18 September: NORTH District Guiders' meeting, 7.30, DHQ

FOURTH LETCHWORTH GROUP...

...announce the appointment of a new Group Secretary: Mrs Joan Mann, 75 Lawrence Avenue.

DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS...

...meeting on 30 August made constructive suggestions for future events including the cooking competition (see column 1), and the coming season's football, swimming and possibly fishing contests, which last will be referred to the District Troop Scouters' Council on 13 September.

In the District Great Patrol Hunt for 1973, Eagles of 4L Vikings are now in the lead with 110.6 points.

ENTRY FORMS

COOKING COMPETITION

TO DSL JEFF ROBSON, 67 HIGH AVENUE, LETCHWORTH

The _____ Patrol of _____ Scout Troop _____ Guide Company

wishes to enter for the 1973 Cooking Competition. We have studied the rules published in Co-ordinator, and enclose 10p entry fee.

SIGNED _____ Patrol Leader

ADDRESS _____

Telephone _____

I approve of this entry SIGNED _____ Scout Leader Guide Guider

THIS ENTRY MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER AT THE LATEST.

PLs' WATER WEEKEND '73

TO THE _____ GROUP WATER ACTIVITIES ADVISER:

Please reserve places for the listed Patrol Leaders of _____ Troop for the District Water Activities Weekend on 22-23 September 1973.

NAME	AGE	EXPERIENCE (Yes or No)
↓	↓	Canoe-ing Sail-ing Pull-ing

All the above can swim 50 yards in light clothing.

Signed: _____ Scout Leader

Enclosed is 50p per person.

Water Activities

A WEEKEND FOR SCOUT PATROL LEADERS

22-23 SEPTEMBER has been booked by the District Water Activities Subcommittee for a weekend of sailing, canoeing and pulling, at the Hertfordshire Young Mariners Base at Cheshunt, for Scout Patrol Leaders from Letchworth, Baldock and Ashwell.

The programme starts at 0900 on the Saturday with grouping and a tour of the base, and then proceeds as follows.

1000-1230	On the water
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1600	On the water
1600-1630	Tea
1630-1900	On the water
1900-2000	Evening meal
2000-2130	Films and discussion
2230	Lights out
Sunday	
0800-0900	Rise and breakfast
0930-1230	On the water
1230-1330	Lunch
1330-1600	Final session on the water includes testing for Canoeist and Boatman badges
1600	Tea and break camp

Catering, camping and transport will be organized independently by the Pis of each troop in consultation with their Group water activities adviser. Parties may camp on Friday night if they wish. Cooking is best done on stoves, as wood is in very short supply.

In addition to normal camping gear, an extra pair of shorts, swimming costume, old plimsolls or sandals, and if available, waterproof anorak and trousers, should be included.

A charge of 50p for each PL will be made to cover boat hire and camping fees. This should be included with the completed application form (OPPOSITE) and handed to your own Group Water Activities Adviser not later than 14 September.

SCOUTING DATES

SEPTEMBER 1973

- 5 DISTRICT PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 47 Highfield, 2015
- 8 The HSN Pack meeting, starting at Sawbridgeworth Station, 1000
- 12 Champion Hills VSU expedition due home from Morocco
- 13 DISTRICT TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 2000
- 14-16 Tenth Letchworth Pack holiday weekend, Well End
- 15 DISTRICT CUB SCOUT SPORTS, Norton School, 1400
- 15 Hertford-Ware raft race
- 22-23 District Water Activities Weekend for Patrol Leaders, Cheshunt (see above)
- 21-23 Tenth Letchworth Troop camp, Henlow Park
- 28 LAST ITEMS IN, PLEASE, TO 80 SPRING ROAD, LETCHWORTH, FOR CO-ORDINATOR 173
- 30 TIPPETT TROPHY COOKING COMPETITION for Scout Patrols (see page 1)

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- 6-7 Hertfordshire Venture Scout and Ranger Guide Gathering, RAF Henlow : open to anyone over 14 : see VSL Colin Phillips, 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth
- 13 County Band Contest, Potters Dar (see HSN/HG)
- 28 GPHasels Frolic for all Scout and Guide patrols, Phasels Wood (see HSN,41G)
- 6 NOVEMBER :DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DHQ, 2000

