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LEITCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL

CO-ORDINATOR 174

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HELP WANTED

SEVENTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT TROOP

invite everyone else to help then in an attempt on the World Sitting Down Record, on Saturday 24 November, at 2.30 pm on Norton Common (north east quarter). The object is to have as many people as possible in an endless chain, who all simultaneously sit on each other's laps. You may like to practise in your own small groups during the month, then combine with everybody for the world attempt. All members of all Scout and Guide groups, troops, companies, units and packs are invited, preferably in uniform for the official and unofficial photographers of this very unusual event.

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COUNTY VENTURE SCOUT and RANGER GUIDE ADVISERS

Mr Paul Brenham and Mrs Marilyn Hudson will be the star guests at CHAMPION HILLS VENTURE SCOUT UNIT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING at 8 pm on THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 1973 at District headquarters. All Scouters and older Scouts are cordially invited to come and see and hear what this Venture Scouting is all about. Refreshments will be available.

AMENDMENT

Cooking competition for the TIPPETT TROPHY (30 September 1973)

CORRECTED RESULTS:

- 1...Buffalo 8L(S)...97
- 2...Buffalo 1-3L...76
- 3...EAGLE 4L(V)...71
- 4...Eagle 1-3L...70
- 5...composite 10L...57
- 6... (Bulldog 4L(V))...47
- 6... (Fox 4L(V))

Consequently, here are UPDATED POSITIONS (to 25 October) in the "District Great Patrol Hunt" for the JIM NORTHOVER SHIELD

1. .Eagle 4L(V)...123.6
- 2...Panther 1-3L...90
- 3...Buffalo 8L(S)...83
- 4...Panther 8L(S)...50.9
- 5...Tiger 5L...48.4
- 6...Falcon 8L(T)...39
- 7...Hawk 8L(T)...26
- 8...Panther 10L...23.5
- 9...Bulldog 8L(S)...22.1
- 10...Bulldog 4L(V)...19.1
- 11...Tiger 1B...19
- 12...Owl 10L...18
- 13...Dragon 5L...17.5
- 14...Buffalo 4L(S)...17.4
- 15...Kestrel 8L(T)...15

(Including points for delivery of CO-ORDINATOR, and all clear claim forms lodged with District PLe' Council up to October.)

SWIMMING GALA

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 1973 : 7 pm at STEVENAGE SWIMMING POOL

An entry form is being distributed with this copy of CO-ORDINATOR, to leaders of all Scout sections and Guide units. If it should be missing, or any leader wants a spare form, please ask DSL Jeff Robson (67 High Avenue, Letchworth: phone 4954). Entry forms must be in to him NOT LATER than Saturday 24 November, with 10p entry fee for each form. SPECIAL ATTENTION is drawn to the importance of getting the forms in on time, even if some names have to be altered later. NO ENTRIES can be accepted after 24 NOVEMBER.

The only rule we may need to remind you about is that no Scout or Guide may enter more than three events. Cubs who have reached their eleventh birthday must be included in a Scout team, and no-one who has reached a sixteenth birthday may compete in any Scout or Guide event; those in the junior age-groups (Scouts of 11, 12 or 13, and Guides of 10, 11 or 12) are permitted to enter senior events, but seniors may not enter junior events. Guests of all ages are cordially invited to come and cheer their favourite teams.

OPERATION NIGHTJAR

Encouraged by the District Patrol Leaders' Council, the District Scouters' Council has appointed a subcommittee to organize the famous nocturnal competition for senior Scouts during the night of 24-25 November 1973. Teams consist of TWO Scouts of the same Troop, aged 14 or 15 (or, with special dispensation of the District Commissioner in each case, 13). They report to DHQ, Icknield Way, Letchworth, at 2145 on Saturday 24 November, and are thence transported to the scene of operations, which will be in the rural areas south and west of Royston. Roads will not be used if they can be avoided, but competitors (who will operate on foot only) must wear suitable activity dress for a late autumn night, PLUS white outer garments or large white patches (armbands are not sufficient) PLUS Scout beret and Group neckerchief (which must be worn for identification purposes).

Torches; mugs; personal first aid kit; notebook and pencils; a few 2p pieces for emergency; and reliable watches are all essential equipment. Teams are given a series of map references at which they are required to report at specified times, with penalty points for being late or early. At each checkpoint they are given a Scouting project to last for half an hour.

This is not an easy competition, and it is very tiring, but older Scouts will certainly find some new and exciting challenges contrived for them by the District team. Entry forms are being distributed to SLs, but extra copies are available from the District Public Relations Officer.

Canoeists

SCOUTS WHO HOLD THE CANOEIST BADGE ARE INVITED TO GAIN NEW CANOEING EXPERIENCE ON SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER, IN A DAY OUT AT BRENT RESERVOIR ("THE WELSH HARP"), LONDON. MICHAEL GETTLESTON WILL INSTRUCT ON SLALOM AND RACING TECHNIQUES. SCOUTS LEAVE LETCHWORTH AT 0830 AND RETURN AT 1730. THE DAY COURSE FEE IS 60p. FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT WATER ACTIVITIES ADVISER, PETER DEARY, 17 HOWARDS WOOD, LETCHWORTH (PHONE 6859).

Baldock GUIDERS

3 NOVEMBER: Guide Guiders' training, 10.30 am - 5 pm, Letchworth Guide :all.

10 NOVEMBER: CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Baldock Town Hall, 2 pm - 5 pm. Open at 10 am to prepare stalls.

12 NOVEMBER: At Brownie Guide meetings this week, work should be completed on the scrapbooks for the Bourne Cup competition. Scrapbooks to be collected from Mrs Marshall.

14 NOVEMBER QUEEN'S GUIDE BADGE PRESENTATION at the 1B Scout HQ, Park Drive.

15 NOVEMBER: Social evening for badge testers, Guiders and Local Association members, 8 pm.

17 NOVEMBER: Brownie Guider training, 10.30 am - 5 pm, Friends' Meeting House, South View, Letchworth.

22 NOVEMBER: Guiders' meeting, 1B Scout HQ, 7.45 pm

Letchworth GUIDERS (North and South)

3 NOVEMBER: Guide Guiders' training.

6 NOVEMBER: SOUTH District meeting, DHQ, 7.30 pm.

13 NOVEMBER: Trofcil Guild annual dinner, DHQ, 7.30 pm.

17 NOVEMBER: Brownie Guider training.

20 NOVEMBER: NORTH District meeting, DHQ, 7.30 pm.

26 NOVEMBER: LA meeting, DHQ, 8 pm.

1 DECEMBER: Swimming sports at Stevenage pool (see page 1 and enclosure),

1 DECEMBER: LOCAL ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS FAIR, Free Church Hall, 10.30 am to 4 pm. Notes for both Districts: All helpers to arrive at 9 am, unless anyone is doing afternoon duty. For the tombola, Brownies to supply one bottle (filled!), Guides one tin (unopened!). Can we have volunteer Rangers to run the cake stall? South Brownies have a guessing game; can North Guided do something? (Ideas at next meeting)

4 DECEMBER: SOUTH District meeting, DHQ, 7.30 pm.

11 DECEMBER: Trefoil Guild, DHQ, 7.45 pm.

HALL TROPHY 1974

The draw for the Scout District general knowledge quiz took place at the District PLo' Council on 25 October. The meeting had approved a proposal to divide the twelve troops into four groups of three. In each group, each troop plays both the others, and the one with the highest aggregate score goes on to the semifinals. Scouters or Senior Patrol Leaders are asked to start making fixtures now with other troops in their own group, for matches to be played from 1 January 1974. Questionmasters will as usual be drawn from the District team as soon as dates are notified to the District Public Relations Officer, 50 Spring Road, Letchworth.

FIRST ROUND DRAW

GROUP 1 : Second Letchworth; Eighth Letchworth Trojans; and First Baldock.

GROUP 2 : First-Third Letchworth; Seventh Letchworth; and Fourth Letchworth Vikings.

GROUP 3 : Second Baldock; Fifth Letchworth; and Tenth Letchworth.

GROUP 4 : Fourth Letchworth Saxons; Eighth Letchworth Spartans; and First Ashwell.

DISTRICT TROOP SCOUTERS DISCUSSED...

District Troop Scouters discussed a general competition rule on 16 October, and decided that in all future competitions specifying a minimum number in a team or patrol, any team entering with fewer members than required will be permitted to take part but not be eligible for any trophy.

Dates for the 1974 District Scout Expedition were provisionally approved as 27 July to 10 August. Further details will be published as soon as possible.

Provisional dates for the annual six-a-side football festival were fixed: either 8 or 15 December. Mr George Cropley will organize this event, assisted by Mr Dave Burkett.

TRAINING

A basic information course (for leaders or potential leaders in all Scout sections is being held at Hill Farm, Odsey, on 16 and 23 November. Details and application forms from ADC(LT) Ron Smith at that address.

TRAINING

What kind of practical training courses do Scouters want locally? Any requests or suggestions should be put to ADC(LT) Ron Smith, Hill Farm, Odsey, Baldock,

TRAINING

A District training course for Patrol Leaders and APLs will be held over the weekend of 11-13 January 1974.

SCOUTING THROUGH NOVEMBER

6 DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE really will take place this time, DHQ, 2000

7 DISTRICT 1974 EXPEDITION COMMITTEE, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth, 2000

10 SEVENTH LETCHWORTH BAZAAR, Free Church Hall, 1030

13 DISTRICT PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 47 Highfield, Letchworth, 2015

15 FIFTH LETCHWORTH AUTUMN BAZAAR, Group HQ, 1900

17 FIRST-THIRD LETCHWORTH BAZAAR, Free Church Hall

17 FOURTH LETCHWORTH BARN DANCE, St Paul's Hall, 2000 (admission 50p)

17-18 CHIEF SCOUT'S AWARD WEEKEND, Baden-Powell House

22 CHAMPION HILLS VSU annual general meeting, DHQ, 2000 (see page 1)

24 WORLD SITTING DOWN RECORD ATTEMPT, Norton Common, 1430 (see page 1)

24-25 OPERATION NIGHTJAR, 2145-0530 (see page 1)

29 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, 1B HQ, Park Drive, 1900

29 DISTRICT TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 1B HQ, Park Drive, 2000

30 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 175, please!