

COORDINATOR 177

LEITCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL MONTHLY BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 1974

FREE to Group and District Scouters and officials; 32½p annually to subscribers

NEWS for March edition (special arrangement for this month only) to DSL Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth, by 28 February. Subscriptions as usual to District Public Relations Officer, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

THE DISTRICT "GREAT PATROL HUNT" 1973 for The Jim Northover Shield

FINAL RESULTS

- 1 PANTHERS 8L(S) PL John Miles.....179.9
- 2 EAGLES 4L(V) PL Adrian Deary.....167.2
- 3 BUFFALOES 8L(S) PL Martin Klliott154.5
- 4 PANTHERS 1-3L PL Michael Poster...90
- 5 FALCONS 8L(T) PL Stuart Foster....53
- 6 TIGERS 5L PL Malcolm Birch.....48.9
- 7 HAWKS 8L(T) PL Patrick Blatt.....35
- 8 BULLDOGS 8L(S) PL Kevin Bellis....29.1
- 9 KINGFISHERS 1A FL Stuart Sherman)24
- TIGERS 1B PL Keith Bartlett)
- 11 PANTHERS 10L PL Derrick Hart.....23.5
- 12 BUFFALOES 4L(S) PL Ian Sainers...20.4
- 13 BULLDOGS 4L(V) PL Chris Norton....19.1
- 14 (KESTREIS 8L(T) PL Neil Collins)18
- (OWLS 10L PL Andrew Nazer)
- 16 DRAGONS 5L PL David Craig.....17.9
- 17 (BUFFALOES 1-3L PL Alan Cox)14
- (BULLDOGS 7L PL Mark Pettit)
- 19 MERLINS 7L PL Robin Dewhurst.....13.1
- 20 RAVENS 2L PL Martin Oakman.....11
- 21 STAGS 7L PL Nicholas Dewhurst.....10
- 22 OWLS 5L PL Martin Wilkinson.....9.7
- 23 STAGS 5L PL Nicholas Plum.....9.2
- 24 (EAGLES 1-3L PL Mark Overton)9
- (STAGS 10L PL hark Reid)
- 26 (KESTRELS 10L PL Peter Lane)8
- (KINGFISHERS 4L(S) PL Duncan Head)
- 28 FOXES 4L(V) PL Stephen Cropley.....7
- 29 BUFFALOES 1B PL Sinon Penfold.....6.7
- (BULLDOGS 1B PL Kevin Rayner)
- 30 (LIONS 8L(S) PL Michael Little)5
- (STAGS 1B PL Richard Turner)
- 33 TIGERS 4L(S) PL Robert Cockayne....4.8
- 34 LIONS 4L(S) PL David Smith.....2.1
- 35 (COBRAS 10L PL Andrew Pidgeon)2
- (FALCONS 2L PL hark Lovell)
- 37 HAWKS 5L PL William Hawkins.....1.9
- 38 EAGLES 2L PL Dale Richardson.....1

* * * * *

DISTRICT PLs' Council voted on 31 January to allow all claims for activities done by patrols before 31 December midnight - this to apply in future years. Claims in other months will continue to be eligible at the next two Council meetings.

Other amendments to Northover Trophy rules decided by Council were as follows.

Delivery of "Co-ordinator": 1 point for every four copies, instead of ten copies.
Patrol hikes: 1 point for every three miles by each member, instead of 4 miles.

Patrol canoe journeys: 1 point for every three miles by each canoe, instead of two miles.

Patrol cycle journeys: 1 point for every six riles by each cycle, instead of twelve miles.

Sea and air proficiency badges: 7 points.
New claim forms are being printed, but the existing ones continue to be valid.

Next meeting: Thursday 28 February, 7.15, DHQ, Icknield Way, Letchworth.

FIRE DISASTER

Though not in our District, a disastrous fire at Chesham in Buckinghamshire has caused serious problems for Letchworth & Baldock Gong Show. The Chesham group's renowned stock of costumes, hired by many Scout shows during 25 years, has been destroyed.

Our show has a small stock of its own, but an urgent appeal is made by Mrs Beryl Eaves, 115 Nonklands, Letchworth, for help from all parents and friends who can give materials from which costunes can be made.

MOST URGENTLY REQUIRED are gingham, skirts, shirts, tablecloths or curtains. Any old sheets, curtains or odd lenoths of material can be put to effective use. Old uniforms or suits of any description as loans or gifts will be very welcome. Large sheets of cardboard, even, can be used. PLEASE ASK AROUND, NOW!

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

DINNER-DANCE

is at the John Goodenday Centre, Park Drive, Baldock (TL 246335) at 7.30 for 8 pm on WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY, and some tickets at £2.25 are still available from Mrs Doreen Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth.

DISTRICT CUB QUIZ

The 1974 questions will be asked at DHQ on Tuesday 26 February, starting at 6.30 pm. Some of them will be on Cub Scout training, but mostly general knowledge, set by the Stevenage District team.

Competing teams are of four Cubs from the same pack, one aged 8, one aged 9, one aged 10, and one any age between his eighth and eleventh birthdays. Each pack is also asked to provide one Leader to help to keep the scores.

WELCOME BACK

to the District to Chris Anderson, now resident at 5 Shott Lane, Letchworth.

NEW ADDRESS

(well, fairly new): ASL Tony Gray is now living at 4 Norton Crescent, Baldock.

WHY

are people so reluctant to meet deadlines? ORBIT'74, the District Adventure in north England, is well into the planning stage, for a minimum of 60 Scouts from 27 July to 10 August, A hundred would be preferred. But only 34 forms and deposits were in by the end of January. PROD SCOUTS THIS WEEK, PLEASE. GET MOVING. GET YOUR FORMS IN TO JEFF. GET INTO

ORBIT'74

BALDOCK GUIDERS

- 7 FEBRUARY: Guide Study Group meeting, 8 pm at 85 Beachwood Close by kind invitation of Mrs Wagg. All Guide Guiders are asked to try to attend.
- 23 FEBRUARY: Flag rehearsal for Thinking Day, 10 am at St Mary's Church. Flag bearers and escorts, plus readers and one Brownie from each pack for collectors.
- 24 FEBRUARY: Thinking Day service, 3 pm at St Mary's Church. Assemble at 2.30 in the Church Rooms (opposite Post Office).
- 16 MARCH: County AGM, County Hall, Hertford, 3 pm.
- 23 MARCH: Patrol camp permit training, Hitchin.

LETCHWORTH NORTH GUIDERS

- 6 FEBRUARY: Brownie Guiders' "Brownie Revels" meeting at DC's, 8 pm
- 9 FEBRUARY: Basic carp training: see HSN/HG (coloured pages)
- 16 FEBRUARY: Hertford dance
- 19 FEBRUARY: District meeting at 53 Hawthorn Hill, 7.30
- 21 FEBRUARY: Colour rehearsal for Thinking Day, 6.30-7.30 at St George's Church
- 24 FEBRUARY: Thinking Day parade at St George's Church. Assemble in the church hall at 2.30. Trefoil Guild and LA members will be especially welcome, also parents and friends.
- 9 MARCH: Adult leaders' training day
- 9 MARCH: County Trefoil Guild AGM
- 19 MARCH: District meeting, 7.30
- 23 MARCH: PLs' permit training day
- 30 MARCH: District jumble sale at Scout DHQ, Icknield Way (in aid of the County office)

LETCHWORTH SOUTH GUIDERS

- 5 FEBRUARY: Guiders' meeting, 7.30 pm, Ranger Hut
- 22 FEBRUARY: Colour party rehearsal, 6.30 pm, Central Methodist Church
- 24 FEBRUARY: Thinking Day Parade, 2.30 pm, Central Methodist Church
- 5 MARCH: Guiders' meeting, 7.30 pm, Ranger Hut
- 16 MARCH: County AGM, Hertford
- 17 MARCH: District meeting, 3 pm, Guide Hall, Icknield Way



Correction to last month's date list: the Ranger Guiders' and Commissioners' weekend at Foxlease is only a weekend, 28 to 30 June.

ANYONE FREE ON A THURSDAY MORNING is invited to drop in for coffee at Letchworth Guide HQ, Icknield Way (rear of number 247) - any Thursday from 14 February onwards, when interior decorating should be all finished and ready for admiration



Scouting ahead

- 6 FEBRUARY: The district subcommittee for water activities meets at 17 Howards Wood at 8 pm, with an exciting agenda: organizing the sailing section which is soon to receive two Gull dinghies from Letchworth Garden City Corporation; working out ideas for a Scout Canoe Club; and getting down to details on the boating aspects of "Orbit'74".
- 12 FEBRUARY: District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 14 FEBRUARY: Troop Scouters' Council, DHQ, 1930. This one will decide (among other things) the nature of the Whalebone Trophy contest for this year: the competitions subcommittee has a plan for a new-style "Operation Pheidippides", but the District PLs' Council last month voted for "Operation Ferret". Both would be fun.
- 16 FEBRUARY: Seventh Letchworth and Champion Hills are both having jumble sales.
- 20 FEBRUARY: Friends of Scouting dinner and dance - see page 1
- 26 FEBRUARY: District Cub Scouts' Pancake Day Quiz - see page 1
- 28 FEBRUARY: District PLs' Council, 1915 at DHQ. Spartans and Trojans attend this with keenness and regularity, but at the last meeting Chairman Martin Elliott appealed for more frequent support from all the other troops. Every PL and APL is eligible (and expected) to attend and put his Patrol's point of view on how to run the District.
- 28 FEBRUARY: Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 178, please! As Ken Johnson will probably be away, Jeff Robson will deal with this one.
- 2 MARCH: Tenth Letchworth group invite you to another discothetical evening at the Jackmans Community Centre!
- 3 MARCH: It's CYCLOCROSS SUNDAY for Scouts, and Cubs and Venture Scouts if they want to have a go. Details will be circulated a bit nearer the date.
- 17 MARCH: Great Patrols (at least three Scouts led by their PL or APL) go to Welwyn Garden City for the County GPH Canoeing day. See this month's Broadsheet for details.
- 22-24 MARCH: This is the date for the postponed District Patrol Leaders' Training Course, to be held at Great Barford. All PLs and APs, especially those more recently appointed, are strongly advised to take advantage of this opportunity. Application forms are enclosed with SLs' copies of CO-ORDINATOR. Please use them.
- 28 MARCH: District PLs' Council at it again.
- 6 APRIL: Probable date for the Plinston Trophy - District Arts and Crafts - Competition. Full details next month.
- 9 APRIL: District Executive Committee at it again, too.
- 29 APRIL: Tenth Letchworth AGM, 7.30 pm.