



Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council monthly bulletin, free to Scouters and officials, 32½p annually to others Subs and news to District PR Officer, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth. Distribution in former Urban Districts by volunteers from groups the DPRO has mislaid the note he kept of those groups who failed to do their share last month, but we trust they are ashamed. This month we are not using envelopes, as there is no "HSN/HG" and it saves money.

PL POWER

We are happy to report that more policy decisions are being made by the District Patrol Leaders' Council. At their last meeting on 25 July the following actions were taken.

OPERATION LIFEBOAT

In response to the County's appeal for new ideas for the "National Good Turn" on 5-6 October, the District Patrol Leaders' Council resolved to carry out SPONSORED WINDOW-CLEANING. Sponsor forms for individual Scouts are to be prepared two weeks before the event, so that sponsors may be found before 5 October when free window-cleaning will be done, especially for old folk, Scout HQs, etc. One pane, any size, counts as one window. Total numbers witnessed by occupiers of premises will then indicate how much each sponsor owes to the Lifeboat appeal. In Letchworth and Baldock, cleaning will be restricted to zones similar to CO-ORDINATOR delivery areas. All Scouts are expected to do their bit, and provide their own equipment.

OPERATION FERRET

It was pointed out that the provisional date for this year's Whalebone competition clashed with the County camping competition, so the meeting agreed to bring Operation Ferret forward to 21-22 September.

B-P GUILD CUP

The Council agreed to a request that the winter patrol competition be postponed for one week, to 24 November,

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Council confirmed that there should be no District Scout football league this season, but friendly matches were to be encouraged, and if sufficient results were obtained these could be recorded and published. Any troop wishing to start off with a match against Second Letchworth should contact PL Dale Richardson, 4 Eastholm, Letchworth.

***The next meeting of the District Patrol Leaders' Council is on Thursday 29 August, at DHQ, 7.15 pm. All PLs and APLs should attend (uniform, please), each such person being entitled to speak and vote.

AUGUST 1974

CORRESPONDENCE

I would like to point out that in the recent Letchworth & Baldock "CO-ORDINATOR" and the June '74 Hertfordshire Scouts' "Broadsheet" you refer to John Miles's Panther Patrol, but I feel that it is the Panther Patrol's Panther Patrol and not the Patrol Leader's. As Ray Doolan points out in his article in HSN/HG, a great patrol runs itself.

Yours: JOHN MILES

11 Woodhurst, Letchworth

BALDOCK GUIDERS

THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER: Guide Guiders' study group

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER: Division Brownie Revels to celebrate diamond jubilee, Highfield School, Letchworth, 2-5 pm

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER: Guiders' and LA meeting about Christmas fair, Park Street School, 8 pm

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER: Guiders' meeting, 1B Scout HQ, 8 pm

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER: Newspaper collection: Second Baldock Guides to provide helpers, please!

SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER: Sale at "International" shop, Baldock

JUMBLE?

Anyone prepared to collect items for a jumble sale from 25 South View, Letchworth, please phone Letchworth 4457 beforehand.

SCOUT SHOP

The District Scout Shop will be closed all this month, reopening on Friday 6 September, 7 to 8 pm as usual.

ORBIT '74

Achieving re-entry to Hertfordshire in mid-Orbit, local space travellers report that the District expedition is still successfully operating 300 feet above the surface of Mare Imbrium (Rudyard Lake), descending to sail and canoe on it, and footwalking or buggyriding to various interesting terrestrial features such as Roaches and Windgather Rocks, and M(arti)anchester Ship Canal. Jodrell Bank radio telescope has been detected visually. Braun Patrol (PL Ian Saunders) earned special praise for volunteering to carry out vital emergency duties when the incinerator and the cesspit both overflowed on the same day. Solar radiation did not reach hoped-for levels during most of the first week, but it was appreciated that the lake had to be filled somehow. Mission continues to 10 August.

FOR THE RECORD

On 11 July, the seven hundredth weekly "Scout notes" appeared in the "Letchworth & Baldock Citizen Gazette". We take this opportunity to express our thanks to them and to the "Comet" who have carried the notes for a shorter period, for this very valuable contribution to the success of Scouting in this District.

• Previous to the 700 weeks, there were three years of monthly Scout notes in the old "Citizen" starting in November 1957. The names of all Cubs, Scouts, Senior Scouts, Rovers, Venture Scouts and Leaders who have appeared in the notes have been indexed, the Group coverage being as follows:

Fourth Letchworth.....	414	naues
Seventh Letchworth)		
Eighth Letchworth)	275	names
Fifth Letchworth.....	270	names
Second Letchworth.....	257	names
First Baldock.....	256	names
First Letchworth.....	166	names
First Ashwell.....	156	names
First-Third Letchworth..	138	names
Second Baldock.....	137	names
Third Letchworth.....	131	names
Ninth Letchworth.....	98	nares
Tenth Letchworth.....	75	names
Champion Hills)		
First Weston)	59	names
Third Baldock.....	48	names
District Rover Crew.....	46	names
District officers.....	29	names
Sixth Letchworth.....	17	names

The total is not in fact 2,906, because many people have been connected with more than one group and therefore appear on each list. The lists are being sent to each GSL (or if none, to the Group Chairman) partly as historical curiosity, and with the hope that perusal might bring a few "old boys" back to help as adults. Details of why each name appeared may be had on request to the District Public Relations Officer.

The individual who has made the news most frequently is Christopher Morley (8L and CH) with 66 entries on his dossier. Next comes Peter Foster (1-3L and CH) with 54 entries. James Bruce (1B and District) and Peter Steele (5L and CH) each have 52. Michael Steele (5L/CH) 51. Roger Burt (8L/CH) 50. Jeffrey Robson (DRC/1L/2B/1-3L/District) 49. Kevin Smith (5L/CH) 48. Christopher Flemming (3L/DRC) 47. Christopher Anderson (1B/CH/1-3L) 43. Clive Broome (8L/CH), Stephen Eaves (1L/1-3L), Neil England (5L/CH) and Michael Foster (1-3L) 42 each. Michael Dilley (2B/DRC), Kathleen Tippet (5L/District) and David Watson (1L/1-3L) 41 each. Martin Elliott (8L), David Ringrow (7L/DRC) and Ian Smith (5L/CH) 40 each. Robert Hilditch (1B) 39

AUGUST 1974

- 10 Re-entry of ORBIT '74
- 13 District Executive meeting CANCELLED
- 16 Ken Reader is 33
- 29 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL (see page 1), DHQ, 1915
- 30 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 184

SEPTEMBER 1974

- 3-4 ADDRESSED COPIES OF "CO-ORDINATOR" AND "HSN/HG" READY FOR COLLECTION BY EACH GROUP'S REPRESENTATIVE CALLING AT LETCHWORTH PUBLIC LIBRARY BY 1 PM ON WEDNESDAY!
- 7 District Cub competition for the Harmer-green Trophy, on Norton Common
- 12 DISTRICT TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ 1945 for 2000
- 14 5L Group jumble sale, 5L HQ
- 21-22 "Operation Ferret" for the Whalebone Trophy (Scout section competition)

OCTOBER 1974

- 5 "Operation Lifeboat" sponsored window-cleaning (see page 1)
- 5 Eighth Letchworth HQ official opening by the County Commissioner, 1500
- 8 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 27 Barton Shield (Scout first aid) competition

NOVEMBER 1974

- 2 7L Group bazaar
- 24 B-P Guild Cup winter patrol competition
- 30 Gang Show 1975: first rehearsal, DHQ, 1830

DECEMBER 1974

- 10 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 14 District Scout six-a-side football competition

FOR YOUR CAMP FIRE COLLECTION

THE MULE SONG

(To the tune of "Auld lang syne", this is a song with a moral - "Don't stand behind a mule, stand alongside his middle".)

On mules we find two legs behind
And two we find before.
we stand behind, before we find
What the two behind be for.
If you stand behind the two behind
You find what they be for,
So stand before the two behind
And behind the two before.

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JMT5 IS COMING!