

Scouts CO-ORDINATOR

DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL BULLETIN

free to Scouters and officials, 32½p annually to others: news and
subs to District Public Relations Officer, Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth

March 1975

A noticeable improvement

Apart from the colour of this edition (which is called "Sunlight" and which we have just been able to purchase at a new record high price) we hope you will observe an improvement in the quality of the printing. This is the first CO-ORDINATOR to be produced on the brand new electric Gestetner duplicator given to the District by the generosity of Letchworth Garden City Corporation. It will certainly be put to very good use by the Scout District, and made available to all Groups in the District, and to Guide Districts and units, in the interests of better communications for better Scouting and Guiding.

At this moment we can only provisionally express our thanks to the Corporation for this kind and helpful gesture. Proper thanks will be made at the formal presentation, taking place at the start of the District Executive Committee meeting at DHQ on Wednesday 26 March at 8 pm.

Hall Trophy 1975

As we go to press, three first-round matches remain to be played in the 1975 general knowledge quiz for Scouts. The draw for the second round (semifinal) was made at the February District PLs' Council as follows:

First Baldock v. 1/3L or 7L or 8L(T)

Fourth L.Viking v. Eighth L.Spartan

The two winners meet in the final at 7 pm on Tuesday 13 May at District Headquarters.

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First-round scores to date transferred to the Just-For-Fun League give preliminary positions for the Howes Trophy 1975:-

1...8L...183*	7..1-3L...54*
2...4L...160*	8...2B...44*
3...7L...120	9....1A...39*
4...2L...114	10....5L...34*
5...1B...110	11....CH....0
6...10L...106	*another match to play

Jim Northover Trophy 1975

Twenty patrols so far in the running in the "District Great Petrol Hunt":-

1...Kestrel 2L...46	10..Bulldog 1B.....2
2...Bulldog 4L...17	= Eagle 1-3L =
3...Lion 4L.....13	= Eagle 2L =
4...Bulldog 8L(S).8	= Falcon 2L =
=...Panther 8L(S) =	= Falcon 8L(T) =
6...Buffalo 4L....4	= Kestrel 8L(T) =
7...Buffalo 8L(S).3	= Owl 10L =
= Panther 1-3L =	= Tiger 10L =
= Peewit 1-3L =	18..Lion 8L(S).....1½
	19..Hawk 8L(T).....1
	= Tiger 4L =

Group Information Officers have copies of the rules and claim form for points which must be presented at the District Patrol Leaders' Council: next meeting, Thursday 27 March, 1B HQ (Park Drive) 7.45 pm.

Please!

This is the month of the annual census. A message from the County Secretary in "HSG" points out that group numbers at 31 March may be intelligently anticipated by GSLs filling in the forms - so can each one please be sure to have his returns in a few days early? That way we can ease the job of secretaries at District, County and national level - and bring you our District figures in the April CO-ORDINATOR! It only needs one late return to spoil it.

Water Activities

SAILING

A series of basic sailing instruction weekends for Patrol Leaders is being organized during April. Cost will be 30p a head for each session, payable at the session. Group water activities representatives have the details.

Booking of the Gull III dinghies for general sailing will now be made with Mr Richard Walsh, 104 Howard Drive, Letchworth (5092) and sails etc. collected from and returned to his address.

CANOEING ; BADGE TESTING AND BOAT CERTIFICATION

All groups owning canoes are invited to bring them to Cardington Lock on 20 April at 10 am for a boat examination, and an instructional or badge test trip down the Ouse to Great Barford. It would help if details of the boats and paddles are given to me before the day, but do not let that stop you coming. The programme is:

1000 Assemble at Cardington Lock, boats examined and certified

1100 Divide into groups (a) novice, (b) proficiency, (c) canoeist badge testing, (d) general; for day tour on Great Ouse

1500 Ending at Great Barford (OVER)

WATER ACTIVITIES CONTINUED

All coming on 20 April should bring a packed lunch. Candidates for the badge test must also bring canoe, paddle, spray cover, lifejacket or buoyancy aid, repair kit, simple first aid kit, and waterproof bag for packing the necessary items for a day tour. A fee of 10p will be required from those doing the badge test.

TEE COUNTY CANOE RACE

Please hook the date - Sunday 11 May - but note that it clashes with the County Patrol Gathering.

Guiders

We are sorry if you find little of interest here this month, but we have not had anything from your Commissioners

March 1975 fixtures

- 4 Hall Trophy quiz, first round: 1A v. 2B, Ashwell Village Hall, 1930

- 7 **CAVING**: an illustrated talk for everyone interested in a spot of speleology: all welcome at DHQ, 2000

- 8 Fourth Letchworth Group invite you to their **Barn Dance** at St Paul's Hall

- 9 SCOUT AND CUB CYCLOCROSS, Ashwell Street (Cold Harbour, Steeple Morden, TL 276411) from 1400 to 1630 approximately

- 12 Friends of Scouting **Dinner & Dance** John Goodenday Centre, 1930. You have nearly left it too late, but a phone call to Letchworth 3564 (and C2.75) could still get you a ticket!

- 15 County Venture Scouts' "Peak Assault", Dartmoor
Great Patrol Hunt Mad March Hatter's day (see timetable in HSG)
Chief Scout's Award weekend, Baden-Powell House
First Ashwell Group CHEESE & WINE at Ashwell School, 2000-2345: tickets 75P

- 20 DISTRICT PACK SCCUTERS' COUNCIL, 2B (Catholic hall), rear of 69 High Street, Baldock, 2015

- 26 District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000 (see page 1)

- 27 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, 1B HQ (Park Drive), 1945

- 28 (Good Friday) Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 191

April 1975 events

3-5 DISTRICT

GANG SHOW

ST FRANCIS' THEATRE, 1930

Booking forms enclosed: bring the whole family and invite the neighbours along too!

- 5 Great Patrol Hunt Talent Show (not a public event, but participants' supporters are welcome), morning and afternoon at St Francis' Theatre (see HSG)

- 14 Champion Hills VSU Supporters' Association "KNIT-IN", DHQ, 1900-2200. Knitters are sponsored by the inch in aid of Unit funds, using number 8 needles, double knitting, 22 stitches a row. Spectators welcome - refreshments available. The knitted strips are to be made into blankets for the aged

- 18 4L Group AGM, St Paul's Hall

- 20 Canoeing day (see page 1)-

- 24 1-3L Group AGM, 1945

- 26 St George's Day colour party rehearsal, Broadway Cinema
PLINSTON TROPHY ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION, Highfield School: we hope to give full details in April CO-ORDINATOR - but don't wait! Get creating NOW!

- 27 St George's Day parade and service, Broadway Cinema. The DC reminds all Leaders that full uniform is expected on this day of all days.

- 28 10L Group AGM

JMMT

= Jim's Mature Mystery Tour! A special one-day walk for adults and families on Sunday 1 June. Watch for details.

Good Turn required

A youth football team from Letchworth's twin town, Kristiansand, is spending a week in Letchworth next month, and will be using 8L HQ as a dormitory. Can you please help with the loan of a camp bed? About 25 altogether are needed. Offers, please, to Group Chairmen Jim Morley (Letchworth 3276) or Mr David Griffiths at Letchworth Garden City Corporation (5211).

Just a small ticking-off to one group who recently referred in print to "the Cub Mistress". Even before 1967, Cubs did not have Mistresses. Cub Scout Leaders, please!