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ALASTAIR GORDON
1942-1975

Wolf Cub, Boy Scout and Senior Scout in the Third Letchworth Group, Alastair then became a cornerstone of Letchworth District Rover Crew and Assistant Cubmaster with his old group until leaving for Cambridge, where he also joined the University Rover Crew. Until this year he continued to serve this District as a badge examiner for Cub Scouts.

Gaining his Queen's Scout badge at the age of 17, Alastair was one of the first winners of the Explorer Belt following an expedition with Andrew Carmichael through Austria in the summer of 1960. He gained the Wood Badge at the age of 20.

Alastair's hard work and kindness, and his unfailing sense of humour - notably in many years of the District Gang Show are remembered by a very large number of friends. In the grief and shock of his death in the Moorgate disaster, the thoughts and prayers of the Scout movement are with his parents and family.

A fund has been opened for a memorial, the exact form of which is yet to be decided, though it will probably be at Lochearnhead Scout Station for the use of future generations of exploring Scouts and Guides. The collection at this year's St George's Day service will go to this fund, and other contributions may be handed to any member of the District team, or to the Treasurer, Mr John Moys, at 2 Paynes Close, Letchworth --payable to the Alastair Gordon Scout Memorial Fund.

Cyclocross

Full results have been printed separately, and a few more copies are still available on request. Congratulations to First Ashwell Cubs on winning the new trophy for a Cub team, and to First Baldock troop for gaining the Scout trophy for the fourth time in 7 years.

A pair of glasses was found after the contest. Anyone still groping around for them please apply to 47 Norton Road, L.

Thanks

TO EIGHTH-LETCHWORTH, FIFTH LETCHWORTH AND CHAMPION HILLS VSU - the first three Groups to get in their Census returns AND capitulation fees! The rest of the forms should be in NOW, please!

TO LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY CORPORATION - especially Mr Ian Mantle for the formal presentation of the District's new duplicator on 26 March. It is already being put to frequent use so that Mr Mantle suggested they may have to add-a cooling system to it.

TO ALL MHO SUPPORTED FRIENDS OF SCOUTING'S DINNER AND DANCE - and to the Friends themselves for a superb evening, and resulting gifts to the District. For Cubs there were the new cyclocross trophies, and training aids; for Scouts, two new compasses are being presented to each troop; for Venture Scouts, four lifejackets; and for everyone, £100 to be used for improvements at DHQ.

Saint George's Day 1975

Special invitations for parents are being printed, and copies are enclosed for all Section leaders for distribution. This is the third year that the St George's Day service is taking place in the only hall large enough in the District - the Broadway Cinema - and there should be room for all parents and friends to join the service in comfort.

COLOUR PARTY REHEARSAL: 11 00 Saturday 26 April at the cinema.

PARADE ASSEMBLES by the paddling pool in Howard Park, 13.40 Sunday 27 April. Uniform without headgear is the new rule. Apart from this, uniform must be correct (see POE). Parade moves off at 14.05, by Norton Way South and Gernon Road (against the one-way traffic with police approval). Service starts at 14.30, and is conducted by the Reverend T.S. Holland. Collection for the Alastair Gordon Scout Memorial Fund. Service ends at 15.30, parade re-assembling in Broadway central walkway to return to Howard Park for dismissal.

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For everyone of any age
Again the Gang Show takes the stage
With songs and sketches all for fun
In GANG SHOW NUMBER 21

Letchworth and Baldock Scouts and Guides

GANG SHOW

7.30 pm THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 3-4-5 APRIL at SAINT FRANCIS' THEATRE

SAINT GEORGE'S DAY CONTINUED

Parade marshal: Ken Hart. Colour marshal: John Baker. Saluting base marshal: Jeff Robson. Ushers: Champion Hills VSU. Organist: Philip Rogers.

Guide Districts are, as always, cordially invited to share in this day.

ORDER OF PARADE

Colour parties first; Cub Scouts; then Scouts: each by Groups as follows:

1B, 2B, 1-3L, 2L, 4L, 5L, 7L, 8L, 10L, 1A; Champion Hills VSU; then Brownie Guides by packs as follows: 2S, 1W, 1A, 1B, 2B, 3B, 2L, 3L, 5L, 9L, 10L, 11L, 1S, 1L, 4L, 6L, 12L, 13L; then Guides by companies: 1A, 1B, 3B, 2L, 5L, 9L, 1S, 1L, 4L, 6L; then Ranger Guides; 2L, 1L.

Cub Scout Football League

VS. Nick Pouton has sent final results tables to all concerned. Congratulations go to Tenth Letchworth for keeping the cup they won last year. Their final figure was 18 points, 8L made 14; and 2L, 5L and 7L tied for third place with 12 points each.

Just For Fun League

With all the first-round Hall Trophy quiz scores in, the remaining Cub football points, and cyclocross positions all added up together, we get this table of the District's get-up-and-go groups so far this year

1....8L....647	7...10L....176
2....1B....459	8....5L....168
3....4L....313	9....7L....126
4....2L....267	10....2B....117
5...1-3L...250	11....CH.....9
6....1A....193	

Jim Northover Trophy

Following the March meeting of the District PLs' Council, a new patrol leaps into the lead in the "District Great Patrol Hunt".

1...Eagle 4L.....59	(Buffalo 8L(S))
(Hawk 8L(T))	9(Panther 1-3L)..3
2...(Kestrel 2L)..48	(Peewit 1-3L))
4...Bulldog 4L...17	12: Bulldog 1B, Eagle
5...Panther 8L(S)16	1-3L, Eagle 2L,
6...Lion 4L.....13	Falcon 2L, Falcon
7...Bulldog 8L(S).8	8L(T), Kestrel 1B,
8...Buffalo 4L....4	Kestrel 8L(T), Owl
	10L, Tiger 10L...2

Scouting and the Community

PUBLIC SERVICE GARDENING will be welcomed by elderly residents at 8 Corner Close and 43 Broadwater Avenue, Letchworth.

JUMBLE SALE ORGANIZERS are offered a number of Kilner jars at 70 West View, Letchworth. SCOUT TROOPS are again thanked by the Good Neighbours Association for delivering "Yours" to their members this month.

Plinston Trophy 1975

For economy, full rules for this year's arts and crafts contest are enclosed only for section leaders and GIOs - but Colin Phillips (29 Haselfoot, Letchworth) has further copies on request. This year's show is at Highfield School on Saturday 26 April, open from 1 to 3.30 pm. Entries should be handed in between 7 and 9 pm on Friday, or cakes 9.30-10.30 am Saturday.

Alterations from previous years are that a new class for models made from kits is introduced for Cubs only; this year's "special subject" is to design a Letchworth & Baldock Scout District badge - with brief explanation of your choice of symbols; and no exhibit may be entered in more than one year's competition.

Letchworth North GuidersAPRIL DATES

- 1 Brownie Revels meeting at DHQ, 7.30 pm. All Brownie Guiders and adult Leaders are invited to attend.
- 2 Sorting and pricing for market stall, Nortonbury Farm, 7.30 pm
- 5 Market stall at Hitchin
- 8 LA meeting, 39 Hawthorn Hill
- 14 Talk on "Sion '74" by Marilyn Hudson at St George's Hall. 2L Guides extend a warm welcome to all.
- 19 Adult Leaders' training, Cavendish School, Hemel Hempstead
- 21 Brownie study papers
- 26 Arts and crafts at Highfield School: trophies to be handed in on the day, or before to Eileen Phillips, 29 Haselfoot
- 26 Colour party rehearsal, Broadway cinema, 11 am.
- 27 St George's Day parade (see page 1)

YOUTH SPORTS DAY, Bowes-Lyon House, Stevenage, Sunday 4 May, 3.30 - 10 pm. One form has been received by the District Public Relations Officer, so will any Scout or Guide unit see KJ by 6 April if they want to try the table tennis (3), girls' or boys' 5-a-side football, darts (4), boys' or girls' 2-a-side snooker, volleyball, chess, dominoes, jigsaw (4-a-side), .22 rifle shooting (4), boys' 7-a-side rugby, or basketball? Hurry!

The same applies to a St John Adult Certificate Qualifying Course at Stevenage College for 10 weeks from Monday 5 May, £3.25, including manual. We have one form, so any interested Leaders or Venture Scouts please see the District PRO by 17 April.

SECOND HAND SCOUT UNIFORMS can always be put to good use. Any retired Scouts are invited to hand such items to any Group Scouters or the District team for resale. 30" leg trousers especially wanted: please phone Letchworth 4244.