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(Letchworth)

SO CO-ORDINATOR is the same age as our newest Venture Scouts! Looking back to the month we were born, we see in number 1 that "CO-ORDINATOR is intended to co-ordinate ideas of Scouters and Cubbers by helping to ensure that everyone concerned knows what is going to happen." It still is. In June 1959, "Letchworth District Rover Crew are producing and distributing". LDRC then consisted of eight men - whereas today the equivalent Champion Hills VSU has nearly five times that number, and distributing is undertaken by all the Groups in the District. That looks like progress in the right direction.

## SCOREBOARD

JIM NORTHOVER MEMORIAL SHIELD

Latest positions in the 1975 race for the Greatest Patrol in the District:

- 1...HAWK 8L(T).....92
- 2...PEEWIT 1-3L.....71½
- 3...EAGLF 4L.....59
- 4...EAGLE 1-3L.....53
- 5...KESTREL 2L.....50½
- 6...PANTHER 8L(S).....18½
- 7...BULLDOG 4L.....17
- 8...LION 4L.....16
- 9...BULLDOG 8L(S).....8
10. (PANTHER 1-3L).....5
- (RAVEN 2L).....5
- 12: Buffalo 4L and Falcon 8L(T), 4.
- 14: Buffalo 8L(S), 3. 15: Bulldog 1B, Eagle 2L, PalCon 2L, Kestrel 1B, Kestrel 8L(T), Owl 10L and Tiger 10L, all 2. 22: Lion 8L(S), 1½. 23: Hawk 5L and Tiger 4L, 1.

### WATSON TROPHY

Apologies to 8L Trojans for omitting them from last month's list. They scored 21 points, which did appear in the totals published for Pinston Trophy and Just-for-fun League, so that's all right.

## CALLING ALL BADGERS

There was a small but very good quality entry in the Plinston Trophy special class to design a District badge. Convener Colin Phillips is still anxious to find the best possible design for a badge which might be adopted officially for wear by all members of the movement in Letchworth & Baldock District. If you have an idea on these lines and didn't enter it in the arts and crafts show, please sketch it out and let Colin have it at 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth.

## BOOK THIS DATE!

BRING THE FAMILY TO OUR FETE AND DISTRICT SPORTS ON 12 JULY AT ST NICHOLAS' SCHOOL, NORTON: SIDE SHOWS - COMPETITIONS - REFRESHMENTS - SEE YOU THERE!!

## KON-TIKI '75

The 1975 contest for the Whalebone Trophy is the fourth voyage of Operation Kon-Tiki, on 6-7 September. The rules which applied last time, in 1971, seem to be good enough for running again, so to remind you, here they are.

The contest is open to all Scout troops in the District. There will also be a Venture Scout class for a separate trophy, open to the District VSU in competition with any other Units they choose to invite, under the same rules, as follows.

Teams must consist of TWO Scouts aged 13, 14 or 15 as actual contestants (16, 17, 18 or 19 in the case of the Venture Scout class) accompanied by a shore team of up to FOUR other Scouts from the same Troop (or Unit). All contestants and shore team must be able to swim 50 yards (or even metres) in normal clothing, and must also wear life jackets during the course of the operation.

The object of the competition is to survive 20 hours on an open raft of the team's own design and construction. Materials may only include wood, rope and oil-drums (numbers not exceeding six ten-gallon or twelve five-gallon drums for each raft).

All supplies must be taken on board the raft at the start of the competition, and at least one meal must be cooked while the team is afloat.

Landing will only be permitted for the discharge of waste, and for no other purpose whatsoever, on penalty of disqualification.

Sleeping bags are PROHIBITED, as a safety precaution.

Construction of rafts may begin at 2 pm on the Saturday. Judges appointed by the District Scout Leader will award the Whalebone Trophy to the team still afloat after 20 hours who in their opinion has carried out the main operation, and any other subsidiary tests at the judges' discretion, with the most success and in the proper spirit.

Entry forms, with (we hope) details of this year's venue, will appear here next month. Get practising with those lashings.

## LETCHWORTH NORTH GUIDES

10 JUNE: Trefoil Guild, open evening, DHQ, 7.45.

14 JUNE: Last day for poster competition entries in to Eileen Phillips.

16 JUNE: AGM at DHQ, 7.30 pm.

23 JUNE: LA meeting at Mrs Kelly's, 90 Cowslip Hill, 8 pm.

FOUND after St George's Day: 1 tapestry purse and 1 blue brush: apply 29 Haselfoot.

## HI GANG!

Past, present and future members of the District-Gang Show are all reminded that they can have their say at a one-hour forum to discuss future shows, on Saturday 7 June from 7 till 8 pm at District Headquarters.

All the difficulties that beset any kind of show - rising costs, or rival attractions - combined with the typical Scouting problem of adult-leader shortage, make it an annual miracle when our Gang Show turns out as well as it always does. But the standard must be maintained and improved, or the show abandoned altogether. The Gang Show Committee is now considering answers to their questionnaire which asked if we should go on using Ralph Reader scripts or other material, if Easter is the best time for the show, and St Francis' Theatre the best place.

For possible answers to these and any other questions you may have, come along to the forum at 7 on Saturday. And then why not stay on for the disco which starts immediately afterwards? This goes on till 9.30 for Cubs and 11.0 for everybody else.

### FOR SALE

Large Scout shirt, almost new. Offers? Apply Jeff Robson, 67 High Avenue, Letchworth.

### WORK COMES TO A STENCIL

The Garden City Corporation's gift to the District, our super new Gestetner duplicator, is certainly earning its keep, not only with CO-ORDINATOR but all kinds of other literature produced for District and Groups.

Its head keeper, Ken Hart, has just two things to ask, however. Please allow a day or so for your printing to be done whenever possible; and please use ONLY Gestetner stencils - the ones with all the holes at the top. Roneo-type ones, with slots, will not fit on the machine, so it means he has to type all the copy out all over again before printing is possible.

## TIPPETT TROPHY <sup>AND</sup> GOLDEN SPOON

PATROLS' COOKING COMPETITION, SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER  
FULL RULES APPEARED IN THE MAY EDITION OF CO-ORDINATOR. HERE IS THE ENTRY FORM, TO BE SUBMITTED WITH 20p ENTRY FEE, TO DSL JEFF ROBSON, 67 HIGH AVENUE, LETCHWORTH, NOT LATER THAN 7 SEPTEMBER.

## COOKING COMPETITION

The \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol of \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Troop  
Guide Company  
wishes to enter the 1975 Cooking Competition. We have studied the rules and menu which were published in the May edition of Co-ordinator, and enclose the entry fee of 20p.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Patrol Leader

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUP INFORMATION OFFICERS

are (in most cases) helping a great deal in the improvement of communication throughout this District. Most (though not all) are feeding back news of Scout and Cub successes to the District Public Relations Officer for press releases. In the opposite direction, they are nearly (but not quite) all seeing to it that the members of their groups know what is going on or about to go on in the District and County.

Every GIO receives regularly his own copy of CO-ORDINATOR and "Hertfordshire Scouts & Guides", plus a District calendar for a month or two ahead and the current edition of the Hertfordshire Broadsheet. Both these last two items should be put on display by the GIO where all members of the Group can see them every month.

If you are in any doubt about anything, have a word with your Group Information Officer. Those appointed are

- 1A - Kevin Hunter
- 1B - Andrew Brett
- 2B - Peter Appleyard
- 1-3L - Chris Saunders
- 2L - Clive Thornton
- 4L - Chris Norton
- 5L - Leslie Gladstone
- 7L - David Pepper
- 8L - Patrick Blott
- 10L - Andrew Nazer
- CHVSU - Paul Nightingale

Thank you, gentlemen, for what you are doing for your Group and your District.

## A FEW MORE DATES

(not yet on the District calendar)

- 11 JUNE: 1A Group AGM, 2000
- 16 JUNE: CHVSU "Streaker Trophy" contests at Fairlands Lake and Letchworth Rugby Club
- 27 JUNE: CLOSING DATE FOR ITEMS TO BE IN CO-ORDINATOR 194
- 5-6 JULY: Queen's Scout reception, Gilwell
- 17 JULY: Joint troop and pack Scouters' council, 8L HQ, 2005
- 29 JULY - 7 AUGUST: World Jamboree, Lillehammer, Norway
- 6-7 SEPTEMBER: Operation Kon-Tiki (see page 1)

I approve of this entry:  
SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
Scout Leader / Guide Guider