

CO-ORDINATOR

1975

DECEMBER

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MONTHLY BULLLTIN FREE TO LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT AND GROUP SCOUTERS AND OFFICIALS : 32½P ANNUALLY TO SUBSCRIBERS

* * SCOUT AND GUIDE SWIMMING GALA, 22 NOVEMBER 1975

place	troop	points	place	company	points
1.....	8L(6)...	34	1.....	2L.....	41
2.....	1-3L....	27	2.....	3B.....	22
3.....	4L.....	26		(1L)	
4.....	7L.....	22	3.....	(9L).....	17
5.....	1B.....	13	5.....	11L.....	14
6.....	10L.....	7	6.....	1S.....	11
7.....	5L.....	6	7.....	6L.....	8
8.....	1A.....	5	8.....	5L.....	5
			9.....	2B.....	4
			10.....	4L.....	1

Names of winners appeared in the Citizen Gazette on 27 November.

JUST-FOR-FUN LEAGUE

Though the three top troops are still 4L (1327½), 8L Spartans (1223) and 1-3L (1110½) the Howes Trophy for 1975 will go to the group with highest aggregate points this year. Latest figures:

place	group	points
1.....	8L.....	2382
2.....	4L.....	1419½
3.....	1-3L....	13482
4.....	7L.....	792
5.....	1B.....	736½
6.....	5L.....	528
7.....	1A.....	506
8.....	10L.....	411
9.....	2L.....	319
10.....	2B.....	126
11.....	CH.....	27

* * G I O s

Four new Group Information Officers have been appointed, and we welcome Nick Blott, Sean Boughton, Alastair Green and Paul Robertson to the District news network. Full list:

Local papers didn't have room for names of winners, so here they are
JUNIOR GUIDES

Breast stroke: 1 Elaine Boughton 1L, 2 Joanne Boorman 11L, 3 Tracy Dean 2L. Back stroke: 1 Alison Bruce 2L, 2 Catherine Toms 3B, 3 Helen Dodds 11L. Freestyle: 1 Gillian Andrews 6L, 2 Caroline Martin 3B, 3 Laura Wight 11L. Individual medley: 1 Alison Bruce 2L, 2 Tracey Brind 11L, 3 Fiona Williams 3B. Freestyle relay: 1 Jackie Deary, Gillian Andrews & Frances Davies 6L, 2 Jenny Netley, Paula Coyne & Alison Bruce 2L, 3 Penny Rutland, Elaine Boughton & Alison Rodger 1L. Medley relay: 1 Suzanne Calver, Fiona Moore & Jenny Netley 2L, 2 Beverley Derbyshire, Catherine Toms & Susan Cotton 3B tied with Catherine Hutchinson, Joanne Boorman & Laura Wight 11L.

SENIOR GUIDES

Breast stroke: 1 Carolyn Owens 1S, 2 Karen Watkins 1L tied with Heather Netley 2L. Back stroke: 1 Jenny May 2L, 2 Susan Clarke 3B, 3 Nicola Kane 9L. Freestyle: 1 Jacqueline Crombie 2L, 2 Susannah Robinson 9L, 3 Karen Marrison 3B. Individual medley: 1 Jacqueline Crombie 2L, 2 Carolyn Owens 1S, 3 Susannah Robinson 9L. Freestyle relay: 1 Alison Fellowes, Ann Izzard & Jacqueline Crombie 2L, 2 Karen Marrison, Susan Clarke & Donna Middleton 3B, 3 Janette Wake, Susannah Robinson & Nicola Kane 9L. Medley relay: 1 Heather Netley, Jenny May & Ann Izzard 2L, 2 Nair Watson, Karen Watkin & Penny Rutland 1L, 3 Deborah Gray, Nicola Kane & Mary Skeeler 9L.

- 1A - PL Kevin Hunter, 29 Wyndmere Farm, Steeple Morden
- 1B - PL Andrew Brett, 5 Ashwell Road, Bygrave (Baldock 2142)
- 2B - ASL Peter Appleyard, 37 High Avenue, Letchworth (71804)
- CH - VS Paul Robertson, 30 Midhurst, Letchworth (72764)
- 1-3L - PL Sean Boughton, 69 Cowslip Hill
- 2L - PL Clive Thornton, 40 Woodhurst (5226)
- 4L - PL Chris Norton, 74 Willian Way (4545)
- 5L - PL Alastair Green, 185 Icknie]d Way (3446)
- 7L - PL Peter Moys, 2 Paynes Close (5067)
- 8L - PL Nick Blott, 34 Heathermare (72902)
- 10L - SPL Andrew Nazer, 4 Fleetwood (71338)

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The following Tuesdays are proposed for bundles of CO-ORDINATOR and "HSG" to be ready for groups to collect from Letchworth Library. If your copy does not arrive within a day or two of the date, please nag your group. For subscribers and District officers resident in delivery zones, the group number is indicated on the envelope, with Baldock divided into E (1B) and W (2B).

Issue for:	Ready on Tuesday:	Issue for:	Ready on Tuesday:	Issue for:	Ready on
January	30 December 1975	May	27 April	September	31 August
February	3 February	June	1 June	October	28 September
March	2 March	July	29 June	November	2 November
April	30 March	August	3 August	December	30 November

* * CUB AND BROWNIE SWIMMING GALA.

We hope everyone heard in time that it had to be postponed because of filtration problems at Stevenage pool. It is hoped to obtain a new date in January, when the same entrants will be taking part.

* * LETCHWORTH NORTH DISTRICT GUIDES
 * BADGE TESTERS' EVENING
 27 October 1975.

1. Generally testers accepted that standards should vary with age and ability, though for certain badges (as Cook, Homemaker, First Aid, Child Nurse) a definite "pass" standard should be set. Instructional courses for Cook and Homemaker were suggested. A talk with the child beforehand should find out her ability, and parents and background are a consideration. We should encourage Guiders to inform testers of certain problems (as slight retarding, etc.) and of the child's age. Testers would like to be invited to a unit or pack meeting to tell the children what is expected in a particular badge and to speak of their particular interest. Miss Ludford would like it to be known that Brownies are always welcome at the Junior Library.

2. Cook and Homemaker Guide badges seem to be out of gear with the age of the child. They must have done one or two years at secondary school.

3. Extra bright children must be extended by questions to discover their real limits.

4. A local directory of Guiders and testers would be useful. "In Touch" should be used, and comments made on badge certificates.

5. To show appreciation for children who have tried really hard, Guiders are recommended to read out comments on certificates to the unit when the badges are presented.

6. Try never to "fail" a child outright. Encourage her to core back again to take the part she had difficulty with.

7. Be very careful how you tell a child who has not passed first time. If there is a complete failure, the Guiders are at fault.

8. Guiders should be aware of the standards set by testers.

9. A badge tester should be instructive in addition to testing, and try to share some of her or his interests with the child.

10. Badge Secretaries would like more information (such as what a collection is for a Collector badge, or which instrument for a Music badge). Testers appreciate uniform being worn if possible and the child has time to change after school.

11. Mr Taylor would remind Guiders that the Swimmer badge doesn't stop in September. He will test at Stevenage during the winter, and is willing to do a "dummy run" with a child first.

* * DATES FOR LETCHWORTH NORTH GUIDERS

District Show and New Year Disco : 3 January

Second Letchworth Rangers are running a Barn Dance on 20 December, with the Strawplaiters. All over 14 are invited to St George's : fl for admission and refreshments.

7 February: Camp Training at Francis Bacon School, St Albans.

10-11 April: Ranger Training at Beechwood, for 24 hours.

24 January : Brownie Pack Holiday Training at Watford.

6 March or 28 April: PL Permit Training.

LA Jumble Sales: 14 February and 3 April at St George's.

Next District Guiders' Committee 20 January.

* * CUB SCOUT BADGE EXAMINERS

This is as complete a list as is known at present. Corrections and additions, please, to the PRO for the next CO-ORDINATOR. If you have your own pack examiners for any badge, that's fine, but the District Executive must be aware of who they are, so please let us know! If they would also be willing to help other packs occasionally, better still.

ARTIST: K.Johnson, 80 Spring Road, L; Mrs Kleiner, 41 Cloisters Road, L.

BOOK READER: Miss J.Ludford, L Junior Library, Broadway, L.

CYCLIST: Mrs E.Adams, 1 Western Way, L.

ENTERTAINER: J.Baker, 47 Highfield, L.

FIRST AIDER: Mrs D.Savage, 36 Spring Road, L.

FISHERMAN:

HANDYMAN:

HOBBIES: (Chess) J.Bruce, Flat 1, 119 Norton Way South, L.

HOME HELP:

MAP READER:

NATURALIST: B.Sawford, L.Museum.

PHOTOGRAPHER: M.Baker, 47 Highfield, L.; B.Sawford, L.Museum.

RESCUER

SCIENTIST:

SPORTSMAN:

SWIMMER:

WORLD CONSERVATION:

Next month we hope to include a list of all known Scout badge examiners. Any names and addresses would be useful to know before we go to press, please.

* * NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE ADVENTURE CLUB
in conjunction with Stevenage College
of Further Education
offer courses for adults and young people
in Canoeing Hill walking
Rock climbing Caving
Gliding Pony trekking
Sailing Mountain craft
Skiing or any other outdoor
activity that you require. Write now for
details: Tony Freeman, Secretary, North
Hertfordshire Adventure Club, Stevenage
College of Further Education, Monkswood
Way, Stevenage.

Courses include six weekend beginners'
or refresher courses in sailing at Thurne,
Norfolk, £4.75 each inclusive. Dates are
27-29 February; 26-28 March; 30 April - 2
May; 1-3 September; 29-31 October; 19-21
November.

* * FROM THE CHAIRMAN
Letchworth & Baldock District Scout
Council

Yet another year of Scouting has gone by,
and though as always it has had its ups
and downs, it is good to know that our
movement is stronger and more active than
ever. A very happy Christmas to everyone
involved in Scouting or Guiding, at what-
ever age and whatever job you do! Let's
hope that 1976 will be the best year you
have ever known. SYD BLAXLAND

* * MOUNTAIN AND WATER ACTIVITIES

All Scout groups are reminded that
before boys are taken on any type of hill
walking or mountaineering or caving acti-
vity, the programme must have the approval
of the District Mountaineering Adviser,
Stephen Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth.
Similarly, all sailing and canoeing acti-
vities must have the prior approval of the
District Water Activities Adviser, Peter
Doary, 17 Howards Wood, Letchworth.

This is in no way intended to be a
restriction on such activities, but quite
the opposite. These gentlemen are here to
help and encourage all such adventurous
enterprise, and will give all the advice
they can from their considerable experience.
The important thing is that there are safe-
ty regulations in the Scout organization,
and activities without the consent or know-
ledge of the appropriate Activities Adviser
are not covered by Scout insurance in the
unfortunate event of any possible mishap.

* * HARPENDEN GANG SHOW

31 December - 3 January
Leaflets and booking forms are being sent
to every Group Information Officer in this
District. Your GIO's address is on page 1.

* * LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK WANT
CUB SCOUTS (over 9½ in April 1976)
SCOUTS
VENTUBE SCOUTS
LEADERS

for the District's

*N*E*W* 76 *SHOW *****
22-23-24 April 1976 at St Francis' Theatre

***REHEARSALS begin at DHQ Saturday 6 December
and Saturday 13 December, then in January
onwards, at 6 pm. If you want to be in
this *N*E*W* SHOW but can't make either
of the December rehearsals, please send
your NAME, AGE and GROUP to
Fred Astridge, 4 Monklands, Letchworth,
or Ken Lilley, 31 Lordship Lane, Letchworth.

***Tho *N*E*W* 76*SHOW is different from a
Gang Show. Come and see!

* * FROM THE CHAIRMAN
District Patrol Leaders' Council

The attendance at the November meeting was
disgracefully low (three, all from Eighth
Letchworth!) so we could not hold a proper
meeting and discuss rules for "Operation
Survival"; but John Miles drafted his sug-
gestions, as shown below, hoping that you
30 or 40 Patrol Leaders will bring your
APLs to the next meeting on 1 January 1976
at 1945 in 1 Baldock HQ, with your amend-
ments to the proposed rules. You can, of
course, bring other suggestions, or con-
plaints! We shall take the final claims
for the Jim Northover Trophy 1975, and make
the draw for the first rounds of the Hall
Trophy quiz. STUART FOSTER

* * SUGGESTED RULES FOR "OPERATION SURVIVAL"

1. Teams to consist of 3 senior Scouts,
i.e., over the age of 13.
2. The competition lasts from 0900 hrs
Saturday to 1500 hrs Sunday. A packed lunch
can be taken for Saturday.
- 3.. Only activity clothes that are worn may
be taken and a sheath knife and bush saw.
All food, shelter etc. must be found on the
site.
4. Each team has 500 points given to them
at the beginning of the weekend and if they
survive the weekend entirely living off the
land they will keep their 500 points. A
trading post is available where matches,
food, tools, can be bought/hired for some
of the points.
5. All meals (excluding Saturday lunch)
have to be cooked on open fires with no foil.
No tents can be 'hired' from the trading
post: all teams must build a backwoods
shelter, otherwise they are disqualified.
The team with the most points left are the
winners. JOHN HILES.

** EAGLE SCOUT

Earlier this year, William Blaiklock, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop 179, Canton, Connecticut, received the highest award of the Boy Scouts of America - the Eagle Scout Award. He was the first in his troop to become an Eagle Scout under the new system in which 24 merit badges (proficiency badges) must be earned.

The presentation was recognized by a special Court of Honor, and letters from the Congregational Pastor, the Principal of Canton High School, the Superintendent of Schools, his Member of the State House of Representatives, Member of Congress, two Senators, the State Governor, the Appointments Secretary to the President of the United States, and from the President of the Boy Scouts of America.

Copies of all these letters, with photographs of the ceremony, were sent to Bill's grandmother, Mrs Gwen Spinks, in Letchworth, and she has passed them to the District Public Relations Officer, who would be pleased to make them available to any local troop, pack or unit interested in seeing the kind of recognition Scouting achievement gets in the United States.

** AMERICAN BADGES

Not merit badges, but big colourful special issues for camps and jamborees in the United States, make up a selection bought by Eighth Letchworth group and offered for sale to interested collectors at 25p each. You are invited to inspect the range at 8L HQ, Sparhawke, on any Tuesday evening between 7 and 9 pm.

** CAMPING AT NORTONBURY FARM

With the kind permission of Letchworth Garden City Corporation, Scout and Guido units may continue to use Nortonbury Farm, provided that they give plenty of advance notice as to their requirements. Leaders should write in good time to the Farms Manager, Mr J.D. Salwey, Normans Farm, Willian, Letchworth.

** GOOD NEWS FROM OVER THE BORDER

Mrs Joan Tirrell, First Stotfold Group Secretary, writes to tell us that the new edition of the Stotfold Directory, recently compiled and published by Stotfold VSU, is selling well, has covered expenses and should now begin to show a profit for group funds. Copies may be obtained in Stotfold, or the Letchworth & Baidock District PRO has a few copies, at 40p.

Congratulations to the Stotfold Venture Scouts on an excellent achievement!

** DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP NEWS

LANCING HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY ARE OFFERING A DISCOUNT ON "ALL TENTS WITH SCOUT SHOP LABEL ORDERED BEFORE THE END OF DECEMBER". This means that a section ordering a tent this year through the local shop will get it at 20% off.

Our last opening night this year will be Friday 19 December. We will re-open on Friday 2 January.

** DISTRICT CALENDAR 1976

A calendar of events for the whole year is now in course of preparation, and will be distributed through Group Information Officers as near as possible to 1 January. GIOs will be responsible for displaying the calendar and making additional entries, as later events are arranged.

***NOTE YOUR REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

Troop Scouters - the third Thursday each month except March.

Pack Scouters - the second Thursday in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Joint Pack and Troop Leaders' meetings: 25 March, 15 July, 18 November.

Patrol Leaders and APLs - 1 January, and the last Thursday in each month.

** THREE DATES FROM SEVENTH

7L invite you to St Thomas's on Saturday 6 December, for a coffee morning arranged by the Cubs in aid of the Children's Society; on Saturday 13 December, for their Group's Minibazaar from 10.30 am; and on Wednesday 17 December for the joint Carol Service at 6.45 pm.

** STOP PRESS : SCOUT SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL
DRAW TAKEN ON 30 NOVEMBERGROUP 1

71"A"
8L(S)"A"
10L"B"
4L"B"

GROUP 2

1-3L"B"
2B"A"
1B"A"
10L"A"

GROUP 3

1A"A"
1B"B"
7L"B"

GROUP 4

1-3L"A"
1A"B"
8L(S)"B"

Note: The top two teams from each of the above groups will go through to the quarter finals.