

COORDINATOR 209

OCTOBER 1976

LEITCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUTS

Free to officials; 32½p annually to others
News and subs to 80 Spring Road, Letchworth

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* LETCHWORTH SOUTH GUIDES' SHOW *
* St Paul's Church Hall, Pixnore Way *
* 28, 29 and 30 OCTOBER at 7.30 pm *
* Adults 40p, children 20p *

SUPPORT YOUR GROUP!

Scouters, Group Councillors and Patrol Leaders are particularly urged to join the delegation led by YOUR Group Information Officer to meet Jack Olden (Scout HQ Public Relations Officer) and Roy Lomas (North Hertfordshire Gazette Editor) to swap ideas and sort out problems about YOUR GROUP, its press and public image.

It starts at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7 October, at Eighth Letchworth Group HQ in Sparhawk.

A table has been reserved for YOUR Group delegation: don't damage your image by a conspicuous absence!

Venture Scouts, Ranger Guides, and Guiders, will all be welcome, too. Anyone who has a uniform should wear it, please.

Situation Vacant

PLEASE can anyone help two Scouters to continue Scouting? We require a reliable and capable baby-sitter, for two children aged 7 years, one 8½ and one 11, and we hope well-behaved! If you think you can help, please contact Hannah or Peter Moules, Letchworth 74500.

LEITCHWORTH NORTH GUIDING

DURING the summer we have been very busy with all companies camping either separately or joining with others. 2L, 5L, 9L and 1S all had representatives on the County expedition to Sion in August, together with our District Commissioner, Mrs Fellowes and Mrs Bitmead.

As a result of our Camper badge weekends we were lucky to gain 11 badges and nine PLs' permits. Our grateful thanks to all the Guiders who gave up their time to test these girls.

COMING EVENTS: OCTOBER

2: Get-together at Guide HQ, 2.30 pm, for Guides and Brownies who wish to take part in the next Show. Rehearsals start on Saturday 30 October, 2.30-4.30 for Brownies, 6.30-8.30 for Guides.

6: All help needed to load paper, 11 am to 1 pm, Methodist Church, North Avenue

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Be a Better Scouter

LEADERS ARE REMINDED that their obligation is to complete BASIC training within two years, Section leaders (Skip and Akela) and GSLs also have the obligation to complete ADVANCED training within five years of the date they receive their warrant. Assistant leaders are strongly encouraged to do the Advanced training as well, because (a) you really do become a better Scouter that way, and (b) it's a lot of fun which you shouldn't miss!

You could hardly find a better place to do a training course than our County site at Well End, near Borehauwood. Everything goes on there...

VENTURE, GSL and COMMISSIONER Advanced course, 22-24 October, 5-7 November and 19-21 November (three weekends)

CUD Basic, 13-14 November (one weekend)

SCOUT Basic, 4-5 December 1976

GSLs' Basic, 29-30 January 1977

CUB Basic, 30 January and 6 February (two separate days)

CUB Basic, 5-6 March (one weekend)

SCOUT Basic, 19-20 March

VENTURE Basic, 6-8 May

CUB Advanced, 10-12 and 24-26 June (two weekends)

SCOUT Advanced, 29-30 October and 5-6 and 18-20 November 1977 (three weekends)

What more could you want? A PACK HOLIDAY course? 25-27 March 1977. An EXPEDITION PLANNING weekend? 21-23 October.

If none of these will do, similar opportunities exist in other counties, and at the heart of World Scouting, Gilwell Park. Tall details on request.

If you are a new Leader, you need to spend two evenings first of all on a brief General Information course run by the District. We've got one for you on two successive Mondays, 1 and 8 November 1976.

Any more details, entry forms, answers to questions, can all be had from your Assistant District Commissioner for Leader Training - none other than your old friend Colin Phillips: 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth (phone 71705).

BALDOCK GUIDES
autumn fair
TOWN HALL

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER

Thursday 4 November: Baldock Guiders' meeting, 8 pm,

COMING EVENTS FOR LETCHWORTH NORTH & STOTFOLD GUIDERS: OCTOBER continued
 12: LA meeting at 61 Lammas Way, 8 pm.
 All unit representatives, please! Will you attend?
 12: Trefoil Guild at Guide HQ, 8 pm.
 19: District meeting, Guide HQ, 7.30 pm.
 20: Paper collection
 23: Brownie first aid competition at St John Ambulance HQ, Birds Hill (times to be arranged)
 24: Ranger Guider training at Foxlease
 NOVEMBER 9: TREFOIL DINEER AT GUIDE HQ, 7.30 for 7.45 pm. Tickets £1.50 obtainable from Mrs Williams, 53 Hawthorn Hill (Letchworth 6727). All Guiders are welcome. Please come and have a convivial evening.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

(Extract from a letter to Peter Norton from Tony Burgess, retiring as County Commissioner in July:)

"...To write to everyone would take a very long time so will you please pass on to all in Letchworth & Baldock my very sincere thanks. You are all so very kind and I am very grateful to you all for the wonderful support you have always given me. It was a great honour to have been County Commissioner and I look back with great pleasure on all my visits and dealings with the Scouts of Letchworth and Baldock..."

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WHY NOT CO-ORDINATE PLANS?

With Christmas approaching, or at least Christmas fairs and more jumble sales, can we not have some kind of liaison between Groups?

I know we have a District Calendar, but how many parents' committee members have seen it?

Last year there were three Scout Christmas fairs on the same day. Perhaps we cannot avoid clashing with other organizations, but surely we can get together to avoid doing the same with our own.

HANNAH MOULES

SCOUT JOB WEEK, 11-16 APRIL 1977

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR GROUP SCOUT LEADERS AND GROUP SECRETARIES

If your Scouts or Cubs plan to take part in Scout Job Week 1977, they will need Job Cards, continuation sheets and "Job done" stickers. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET ANY OF THESE UNLESS you let the District Secretary know E1 15 OCTOBER (this month) how many you will require. A useful form appeared in the September edition of "Scouting", or you can phone the Secretary, Alan Marshall, at Letchworth 74927.

FREE ADVICE on fundraising, insurance, or the investment of Group funds, is available to all Group Councils and their treasurers, from the Finance Subcommittee of the District Executive. Have a word with the District Treasurer, John Moys, 2 Payees Close, Letchworth (5067).

ALSO THE DC'S ROAD SHOW is now in preparation! It's a packaged performance by the District Team, complete with visual aids, to slot into any Group's 1977 AGM, bringing entertainment and information to the basic foundation of the Group - the mums and dads!

CO-ORDINATOR DELIVERY Three days should be the longest you have to wait for your copy, delivered in Letchworth and Baldock zones by the Scouts on the spot. Two ADCs in one Letchworth zone had to wait five weeks for their August copies, and this is very bad. If yours is delayed, please complain to the Group indicated on the top left corner of the envelope. In Baldock, the First look after the East half, the Second the West.

Slight alterations to the zones are made this month with the disappearance of 2L. The 8L and 7L areas are considerably enlarged; with minor modifications for 5L, 1-3L and 4L, though only a few actual envelopes are affected by the changes.

DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL

THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER, 1B HQ, Park Drive, at 8 pm. All PLs and APLs are particularly asked to attend this meeting, as it will be necessary to elect both a new Secretary and a new Chairman. The District Commissioner also wishes to meet as many PLs as possible on this occasion. (Uniform.)

OCTOBER 1976

- 2 DISTRICT CUB SCOUT ACTIVITY DAY at Weston Park: everyone invited to the camp fire in the evening! 7 pm.
- 7 YOUR GROUP and its public relations: 8L HQ, 7.30 (see page 1)
- 16 5L Group stall, Hitchin market
- 16 1-3L Group dance, Grange Community Centre
- 21 District Troop Scouters' Council meeting has been cancelled
- 23 DISTRICT SCOUT SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL competition (revised date)
- 23 10L Group stall, Hitchin market
- 28 DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 7.45
- 29 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR November edition
- 30-31 OPERATION NIGHTJAR (revised date)

NOVEMBER 1976

- 1 and 8 General Information course for new Scouters (see page 1)
- 2 YOUR GROUP'S CO-ORDINATOR and HSG is waiting for collection at Letchworth Public Library enquiries desk
- 4 DISTRICT PACK SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 5L HQ, Spring Road, 8.15