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From the District Commissioner

On behalf of the District Team I would like to wish all in Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock District a happy and prosperous 1977...

Scouting will give us many challenges in the new year, which I am sure all of us will accept with a smile, remembering that one of our aims as Leaders, Administrators, and Scouts, is to make available the great adventure of Scouting to as many boys as possible in this very special Silver Jubilee year.

In order to strengthen the District Team, I am pleased to report that Ken Hart has taken on the responsibilities of ADC (Development) and Ken Johnson has joined the District Team as ADC (Scout Fellowship). I would like to offer my congratulations to both of them and wish them success in their new responsibilities.

PETER NORTON

For your brand new Diary

CHECKLIST OF DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS:-

PACK	TROOP	JOINT PACK AND
SCOUTERS	SCOUTERS	TROOP SCOUTERS
10 Jan	24 Mar	17 Feb DHQ
14 Mar	16 Jun	23 Jun DHQ
9 May	22 Sep	17 Nov DHQ
1 Jul	15 Dec	=====
12 Sep	=====	PATROL LEADERS
14 Nov	GROUP	6 Jan at 1BHQ
=====	REP TO	27 Jan DHQ
DISTRICT	COLLECT	24 Feb DHQ
EXECUTIVE	HSG AND	31 Mar 1BHQ
11 Jan	CO-ORDI-	28 Apr DHQ
8 Mar	NATOR	26 May DHQ
24 May	4 Jan	30 Jun 1AHQ
12 Jul	1 Feb	29 Sep 1BHQ
13 Sep	1 Mar	27 Oct DHQ
8 Nov	29 Mar	23 Nov DHQ
=====	26 Apr	=====
Group	31 May	ANNUAL GENERAL
PROs are	28 Jun	MEETINGS
urged to	26 Jul	District 10 May
keep their	30 Aug	1A ?
copy of the	27 Sep	1B ?
District	1 Nov	2B 22 Mar
Calendar	29 Nov	CH 7 Nov
updated	27 Dec	1-3L 27 Apr
with any	=====	4L ?
changes		5L 26 Apr
and to let		7L ?
the District		8L 11 May
PRO know of		10L 18 Apr
dates for sales		=====
and bazaars, to try to prevent clashes!		

EIGHTH DO IT AGAIN

Nobody has told us about the Cub, football league points, but unless First-Third United rule with about 2,000 points, which does seem unlikely even for them, no significant difference would be made in the final scores for the Howes Trophy. With all the points added together for the 17 other District competitions of 1976, EIGHTH LETCHWORTH are at the top of the Just-for-Fun League for the fourth time in five years.

Position.	Group	Points
1.....	Eighth Letchworth.....	4464½
2.....	First-Third Letchworth....	2527½
3.....	Fifth Letchworth.....	2412½
4.....	Champion Hills.....	2246½
5.....	Seventh Letchworth.....	1942
6.....	Fourth Letchworth.....	1625
7.....	First Ashwell.....	1200
8....,	Tenth Letchworth.....	1118½
9.....	First Baldock.....	926½
10.....	Second Baldock.....	228
11.....	Second Letchworth.....	219

TOP PACK was FIRST ASHWELL who got 203 of these points for their Group, followed by Eighth Letchworth Dorians with 185½, and Fifth Letchworth with 153.

TOP TROOP was EIGHTH LETCHWORTH SPARTANS with 3,201 points won simply by taking part in everything that happened; next were First-Third Letchworth with 2,454½, and Fifth Letchworth with 2,228½.

TOP UNIT was unquestionably Champion Hills who got 2,246½ points in the only two competitions that were open to them, JMT and the Eaves Trophy (arts and crafts).

As we go to press, the 1977 Just-for-Fun League figures show a startling situation with ten groups neck-and-neck in first place!

1.....1A, 1B, 2B, CH, 1-3L, 4L, 5L,
7L, 8L, 10L.....0

SCOUT SHOP REOPENS

YOU ARE REMINDED that the District Scout Shop reopens on Tuesday 4 January, and then on THURSDAY 6 January (including badges), then on subsequent Tuesdays and Thursdays. But watch for further notice of change of venue.

The Scout Shop has in stock a good selection of lightweight unframed rucksacks on special offer from as little as £4.25 - just the thing for Scouts or Guides planning weekend expeditions this year.

LEADER TRAINING

CONGRATULATIONS TO KEITH TINDALL, ROGER BURT, NIGEL PITCHERS AND GRAHAM SMITH who completed the Scout Leader basic training on 5 December 1976. Now 1977 opens new opportunities for all Leaders to advance their own training in LOCAL courses! ADC(LT) Colin Phillips has a full list up to December 1978 on request, but it starts like this...

29-30 January 1977: GSLs' Basic

30 January and 6 February: Cub Basic, spread over two Sundays for those who can't manage Saturdays or full weekends; or else...

5-6 March: Cub Basic for those who can

19-20 March: Scout Basic

25-27 March: Pack Holiday and Cub Camping

6-8 May: Venture Scout Basic

10-12 and 24-26 June: Cub Advanced

THRILL AT THE MILL

MULTIACTIVITY WEEK AT COETMOR MILL, where I am helping from 8 to 16 April, plans to introduce rock climbing, hill walking, orienteering and canoeing to older Scouts, Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides. The cost is £25 including travel, food, accommodation and instruction, and there are still one or two places left. There was an application form in November's HSG, or you can contact me at 17 Howards Wood, Letchworth (6859). Don't forget the £5 deposit. PETER DEARY

ARTS AND CRAFTS

THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE IS THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S PLINSTON TROPHY SHOW. It's at Highfield School on 2 April, handing in on the previous evening. RULES ARE BEING AMENDED and will be published by February. For Cubs, the special class will be decorating a paper plate with a Jubilee design, and their cooking project is gingerbread men. The Scouts will also be symbolizing the Jubilee, and their section will be divided into Juniors (11, 12 and 13) and Seniors (14 and 15).

For music and entertainment, similar items will be accepted as last year, but they will be divided according to the number of entries. There will be no restriction on the number of people in an item. Individual items will be judged where possible in a separate room and the winners will be invited to perform in front of spectators before the presentation of trophies.

Refreshments will be available during the Saturday. We cannot have those gingerbread men being nibbled by starving spectators.

CLANGER CORNER

Mrs Eely, whose address change was announced last month, is an ACSL, not Secretary, of 7L. The Group Secretary continues to be Mrs D. Smith, 10 The Birches (76336), and the DPRO has resolved to try to keep all his records straight in 1977.

WATER QUESTION?

IT IS PLANNED TO START A MONTHLY MEETING at DHQ, on the second Thursday of each month, starting on 13 January from 7.30 to 9.30. It will be a "surgery" for Leaders and boys (and girls if they wish) dealing with all water activity "ailments" of What We'd Like To Do If Only... Instant answers and instruction should be available on anything from canoeing to cruising and lifesaving to dinghy sailing.

LOFT INSULATION

To raise funds for their expedition to the Polish Tatra Mountains in July, a unique service is offered by senior members of Champion Hills Venture Scout Unit. They will supply and install Crown 75 glass fibre in your loft for an inclusive charge of £11.20 per roll.. (An average 3-bedroom house requires 3½ rolls of 3" thick insulation.) For further information please ring Ken Reader, Letchworth 76685.

Baldock Guiders

EILEEN
MARSHALL

My very best wishes for a happy and peaceful new year, to everyone in Guiding in Baldock District and our friends in neighbouring districts.

There is a Guiders' Meeting on Thursday 13 January at 1B Scout HQ, 8 pm. All Brownie Guiders are asked to attend for a special item of interest.

Letchworth North & Stotfold Guiders

A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HERE IS THE DIARY OF EVENTS SO FAR...

- 15 Jan.- Disco at St George's.
- 18 Jan - District meeting at DHQ, 7.30 pm
- 19 Jan - Paper collection, 2L Guides for tying up
- 22 Jan - Dance and drama at Highfield School
- 29 Jan - Pack holiday training
- 20 Feb - Thinking Day parade: still-thinking
- 5 Mar - Northern Lights dress rehearsal
- 11, 12, 18, 19 Mar - Public performance at Methodist Church
- 26 Mar - Special performance for over 60s
- 1-2 Apr.- Arts and crafts at Highfield School
- 14 May - Barn dance at St George's
- 17 May - AGM at DHQ: special guest, Miss Beryl Martin, County Commissioner
- 28 May - Brownie Revels
- 9 July - District sports

Letchworth South Guiders

- 22 Jan - Dance and drama training, Highfield School, 10 am to 5 pm
- 20 Feb - Thinking Day, St Paul's Church Hall, 2.45