

# CO-ordinator

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK  
DISTRICT SCOUTS

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## Jubilee Camp 1977

All Leaders should have had their own copies of the information sheet last month. It is reproduced here for everybody else to know what's happening.

Venue: Weston Park Camp Site.

Dates: Friday-2 to Sunday 4 September.

Times: 1700 Friday to about 1600 Sunday.

Cost: 50p a head. (15p a head per night will be paid to the Weston Park Camp Warden, and the balance is for expenses incurred in organizing the weekend activities.) Troops and companies are expected to cater for themselves and to arrange their own transport.

Organizabion: There will be three sub-camps (Red, White and Blue) and we hope that everybody will join in the competitions between them.

Programme: FRIDAY evening, arrive and set up camp; leaders' meeting. SATURDAY morning, set up activities (sideshows) and practise for "It's a knockout"; afternoon, "It's a knockout" plus sideshows; evening, barbecue and camp fire. SUNDAY morning, Scouts' and Guides' Own; Operation Ferret Mark 2; afternoon, presentations and packing up.

Sideshows: We would like each troop and company to arrange a "just for fun" sideshow, which can be run by Scouts or Guides for others to take part in.

Colours: We intend to parade colours for the Scouts' and Guides' Own on Sunday, and ask therefore that each troop and company remember please to bring them to camp.

Newspaper: Ken Johnson has agreed to supervise the production of a camp newspaper, but he will need a staff of volunteer reporters, typists and printing machine operators. Offers, please.

Visitors: Parents and friends are welcome to join us on Saturday night for the barbecue and camp fire.

WE DO HOPE THAT ALL SCOUTS AND GUIDES AND THEIR LEADERS WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS CAMP, and hope that the weather will be kind so that we can have an enjoyable time.

An item sent too late to "HSG" has been passed on to CO-ORDINATOR, advising all discophiles that Bricket Wood Venture Scout Unit is holding a disco on 24 September at Bricket Wood HQ, The Snicket, Blackboy Wood, Bricket Wood, from 8 till 11.30. Admission is 40 pence and there will be refreshments available.

## SCOUTER TRAINING -FUTURE COURSES

### PACK HOLIDAY AND CUB CAMPING COURSE

9-11 September at Well End; an obligatory course for Leaders prior to taking Cub Scouts on a pack holiday or camp. This is an additional course to the County, calendar, to cater for the Leaders who were unable to get on the March course.

### GENERAL INFORMATION COURSE

part 1 on 3 October at DHQ, part 2 on 10 October at First Baldock HQ: this is the first part of basic training, and is organized by the District for new Leaders of all sections, Administrators, Venture Scouts over 17½, and any adult interested in the work of the Scout movement.

### SCOUT LEADERS' ADVANCED COURSE

28-30 October 4-6 and 18-20 November at Well End.

EXPEDITION PLANNING: a specialist course 28-30 October at Chorleywood. Full details will be in October HSG.

### CUB SCOUT LEADERS' BASIC COURSE

12-13 November at Well End

TRAINING IN THE DISTRICT and Commissioners' Basic Course, 2-4 December at Well End

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS' AND GROUP ADMINISTRATORS' BASIC COURSE, 4-5 February 1978

### SCOUT LEADERS' BASIC COURSE

January 1978 at Well End, This course, originally programmed for 7-8 January, will now be held on 8 and 29 January, to suit Leaders who are unable to attend training on Saturdays.

Details and entry forms for all courses can be obtained from ADC(LT) Colin Phillips, 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth (71705)

## TO ALL GUIDERS

The Guiders who spent a training weekend at Waddcw would like to share with you some of the ideas, games, crafts, activities, and most of all the fun, that they learnt and enjoyed.

A "Sharing Waddow" evening will be held at Letchworth Guide hall on Wednesday 5 October from 7.30 to 9.30 pm.

Application forms will be available through your District.

C R G R E A B E G B A E H Y R F B X ?

# FourthWrite

a special report by Fourth Letchworth's Scout Leader ALAN MANN  
and Group Public Relations Officer CHRIS NICHOLSON

## GOING - GOING - GWENT!

or, "ABERGAVENNY?" - "NO THANKS, I'M TRYING TO GIVE THFM UP".

**I**T WAS TUESDAY 26 JULY. Fourth Letchworth - 17 of them with three leaders and two Venture Scouts - were on the train to Abergavenny in Gwent, to join the Welsh Jamboree at Llanover. But things got exciting even before we got to Reading. An obstacle on the railway track damaged the train to the extent that it had to be withdrawn from service there. And we almost lost three Scouts!

An unannounced train arrived at our platform in Reading, and these three had already seated themselves comfortably, with packs stowed, before it was announced that the train was going to Birmingham. It took a lot of persuading to shift them.

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**F**IVE THOUSAND SCOUTS and 1,000 Guides converged on Llanover from 19 countries for that week of the Jamboree Cymru. Each country had its national flag at the opening ceremony, when astonishment was caused by the flag of Wales being raised upside-down! The Lord Lieutenant of Gwent must have been puzzled by two mighty cheers in the middle of his speech - one when the flag was lowered and the second when it was raised again the right way up.

This is not intended to give the impressmon of a lack of organization. On the contrary, the camp was run most efficiently and our Welsh hosts are to be congratulated and complimented on an effiecient and friendly camp with the minimum of hitches, considering the huge number present.

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**W**EATHER WAS PERFECT, and sun-tans, to say nothing of sunburn, were in early evidence. The Trading Post situated in the centre of the Jamboree was the focal point, remaining a hive of activity throughout the camp. It was from there that hike plans could be borrowed, giving routes for various hikes including a long thirty-mile one.

Four people from Fourth, Nick Smith, Paul Beverley, Andrew Saunders and Chris Nicholson, managed to complete the twelve-mile hike which entailed camping overnight at a given location.

Many other activities were organized, including orienteering, pioneering, different types of badge work, and canoeing - seemingly more in the water than in the canoes! In this latter activity, two of our number gained Charge Certificates: VS Alex Head and PL Nick Smith.

Ian Moules and Paul Male gained their Scout Standards, and Chris Nicholson completed his Chief Scout's Award, which was presented to him by Sir Christopher Cory, the Commissioner for Wales. Chris N. also managed to gain a special Jamboree woggle by completing various activities. Two people also obtained their Camp Cook badges - James Walsh and Chris Nicholson. Congratulations to all of these!

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**H**ALF WAY THROUGH THE WEEK the whole troop went on a visit to the Vale of Rheidol Railway, which runs from Devil's Bridge to Aberystwyth through woodland scenery.

Going on throughout the Jamboree was non-stop badge swapping, which at the end turned into neckerchief-swapping; One difficulty, however; was experienced with our Celtic hosts. This was the seeming inability of the staff of the camp newspaper, the "Llanover Mail", to spell our name correctly. We were compelled to resort to writing verses of bad poetry, and are pleased to report that in the final edition we had persuaded them to spell it correctly.

Our first effort was to the tune of "Land of my fathers":  
"O town of our homesteads in beauteous  
Herts.,  
The Mail has maligned and mis-spelt thy  
fair name  
They printed it Fletchworth, then mis-  
printed it Letchwood,  
But Letchworth is our name for good.  
Letch-worth! Sweet are thy gardens and  
roads.  
Your name we spell, and the Nail wp tell,  
O may they now print it LETCHWORTH."

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**U**NFORTUNATELY, the last word of this was printed "Petchworth" and reference was made to First Petchworth! So we set to and wrote again, to another

well-known Welsh air:

"We'll keep a welcome back in Letchworth,  
we'll keep a welcome there in Herts.,  
For the Mail that cannot count right,  
Nor spell, o how it hurts:

This troop of Scouts will teach them  
spelling

And basic arithmetic.

These constant printing errors

Make us wonder if they're thick!"

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**T**HIS, however, was attributed to the  
Fourth LETCHWOETH! Taking the tune  
of "Cwm Rhondda" we then wrote  
episode three:-

\*Bless my soul, they've failed again.  
Correctly spell our name, we pray.  
Do not heed the Welsh inflections;  
Spell the Anglo-Saxon way.  
Spell it Letchworth,  
Spell it LETCHWORTH,  
Come now, 'it's not really hard!"

At last this one did the trick, and  
we remained on good terms with the staff  
right up to Friday 5 August, the day  
after the Jamboree had been officially  
closed. Our GSL and his wife had joined  
us for the final seven days, and a happy  
and memorable time was had by all.

\*\*\*This full and excellent report by the  
SL and GPRO is printed here for the  
interest of all other groups - who might  
like to follow suit in future editions  
of CO-ORDINATOR. The District PRO regrets  
that it was not possible to send the  
whole story to the local press, but  
suggests that "in-depth" accounts of  
camps and expeditions make good material  
for this District bulletin.

Alternatively (or additionally) the  
title "FourthWrite" is a suggestion for  
a possible Group newsletter. Why not?  
Only two groups produce regular bulletins  
nowadays - "Fifth Letchworth News" and  
"Henry - the Eighth". If anyone else  
would like any assistance in launching  
such a magazine for themselves, remember  
the District's Gestetner duplicator is  
available to all, and more than 18 years'  
experience by the CO-ORDINATOR staff is  
yours for the asking.

## September 1977

1-31 October: Tippet Trophy cooking  
competition for Scout patrols, Each  
troop to arrange date with ADC(S) Jeff  
Robson as soon as possible!

2-4 DISTRICT JUBILEE CAMP, Weston Park  
(see page 1)

12 District Pack Scouters' Council, St  
Paul's, 2015. Important for all packs  
to be represented.

13, District Executive Committee, DHQ,  
2015

15 Official opening of new Venture Scout  
Unit, at Baldock District Guide HQ,  
Pond Lane

17-18 County lightweight camping compe-  
tition, Well End

18 Official opening of Melville's Wall,  
Well End, 1530

22 District Troop Scouters' Council, DHQ,  
2015

23 LAST DATE FOR ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN  
CO-ORDINATOR 221

23-25 JMT7, Coventry

24 District Cub Sports, Letchworth Grammar  
School field, Spring Road

27 CO-ORDINATOR 221 READY at L. Library

29 District Patrol leaders' Council, IB  
HQ, Park Drive, 2000

30-2 October: District training course for  
Patrol Leaders

## October 1977

3 General information course, part 1, DHQ

9 New Arrow scheme: information day for  
all Pack Scouters, DHQ

10 General information course, part 2,  
IB HQ

11 District Executive Committee

20 Joint Pack and Troop Scouters' Council,  
DHQ, 2015

## THE MOD TROPHY

An amendment to the rules was carried by the last meeting of the District Patrol Leaders' Council, and unless modified by any other competent body will be adopted from now on. It is that unless a challenge is accepted and played within TWO MONTHS, the Mod Trophy automatically goes to the challengers.

The Mod Trophy, for any SECTION of a Group, any PATROL, or any SIX, to challenge the holders to any legal competitive scorable activity, is now therefore the property of First-Third Letchworth Group, who challenged First Baldock to snooker last February. Eighth Letchworth Dorians have challenged First-Third Pack to skipping, and this must be taken up not later than 31 October; if not played, the Trophy will then go automatically to the Eighth Letchworth Group.

# WHICH ONE

OF THESE INTERESTS YOU?



FAMILY CAMPING		CATERING FOR A CHRISTMAS PARTY		HILLWALKING EXPEDITIONS	
SOCIAL EVENINGS		TESTING FOR CUB SCOUT BADGES		EMERGENCY SERVICE	
HELPING WITH FUNDRAISING STUNTS		BEING A SPORTS MARSHAL		CHATTING OVER OLD TIMES	
VISITS TO FAMOUS PLACES		THEATRE TRIPS		HELPING TO JUDGE SCOUT COMPETITIONS	
HELPING THE HANDICAPPED		ANNUAL DINNERS			



TICK ONE

WHICHEVER ONE YOU TICKED,

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU  
IN THE  
SCOUT FELLOWSHIP!

THE SCOUT FELLOWSHIP is a new oiganization.

It's a nationwide plan to give backing and support to boys in the Scout Movement,. and their overworked leaders.

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP branches are already flourishing throughout the country. In Hertfordshire alone, strong branches are growing at Hertford, St Albans, Watford, Potters Bar, Hemel Hempstead, Ware, Cheshunt, Stevenage...

The time has come for LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK to get moving!

WHAT DOES THE FELLOWSHIP DO?

Anything and everything which helps Scouting, in the widest possible range.

WHO CAN JOIN?

Anyone over 18 who believes in the ideals of the Scout Movement and would like to help, in however small a way, can be considered for membership.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE UP?

As much or as little as you are willing and able to contribute. There is NO regular commitment.

DO YOU HAVE TO WEAR UNIFORM?

No - but you can, if you wish to become a Full Member by making (or reaffirming) the Scout Promise. Associate Members need do neither. The Fellowship welcomes both kinds of members.

CAN ALL THE FAMILY JOIN IN?

Of course. The Fellowship is a family organization in every sense.

WHAT IF I WORK WITH ONE PARTICULAR SCOUT GROUP ALREADY?

We are not out to poach helpers from their own Groups. Quite the reverse, in fact. The principal aim of The Scout Fellowship in Letchworth and Baldock will be to give every possibie assistance to the ten independent Croups in the \_, District.. The co-ordination at District level will be as informal and friendly as can be.

WHEN DOES IT START?

Every Thursday evening throughout July, August and September, from eight o'clock till around nine, District Headquarters in Ickniel Way, Letchworth, will be open for informal enquiries. Drop in and have a cup of coffee. Ask any more questions from members of the District Team, or from the Assistant District Commissioner for the Scout Fellowship - Ken Johnson (80 Spring Road, Letchworth).

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE SCOUT FELLOWSHIP!