

# CO-ORDINATOR 244

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT SCOUT BULLETIN

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First of all, my apologies to Ruth Baker who did let me know about the closure of the SCOUT SHOP during the SUMMER HOLIDAYS - I lost track of the note I had made about it. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused to parents wishing to buy uniform, etc. SHOP RE-OPENS 4th SEPTEMBER.

I apologise also for the lateness in producing the following article from SEAN BOUGHTON - I did some late "spring cleaning" and my typing drafts got lost under a pile of curtains!

## "WHAT WE WILL DO IN USA"

The contingent arrives in Dallas at 15.05 Friday, 13th July.

At the airport we are collected by families for 5 days' home hospitality in the Dallas area. After "home hospitality" we take a coach trip to Philmont Scout Ranch - on our first day there we are shown round the training centre. We are given a second medical and then a shake-down, all our equipment is checked and only necessary items are taken on the trail.

We set out on our trails on 21st July and they last for nine days. Over rugged, rocky terrain, each trail has a programme featuring a number of activities, old Western style - horse back riding, burro packing (mule packing), gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, living history, and wilderness survival. We shall also encounter modern challenges - rock climbing, burro racing, .30.60 rifle, and mountain search and rescue. During the trails we shall be able to see numbers of wild animals - elk, coyote, mountain lion, bear, to name but a few.

We return to the training centre on 31st July. The next day we visit Taos and on the 2nd August we depart from Philmont. On the 3rd we have a free day in Dallas.

We depart from Dallas airport at 18.45 and arrive at Gatwick at 09.15 on Saturday, 4th August.

SEAN BOUGHTON, (CHVSU).

HOWES TROPHY - as shown in August Co-Ordinator. No new results!

JIM NORTHOVER MEMORIAL SHIELD - as shown in July Co-Ordinator. No meetings of the District PLs' Council! (Incidentally, does anyone else realise that the 4th September 1979 is the tenth anniversary of the start of that Council?)

MOD TROPHY - no information since 4L Saxons challenged 7L troop to a hanging contest on 26th June, and 7L asked to put it off. If this has not yet been played, it would seem that 4L has the trophy by default, and any 4L patrol has to meet the 5L Hawks' challenge to tennis (doubles and singles), with the winners of that being immediately answerable to 1-3L troop at the same game. The last reported sighting of the actual trophy was in 8L HQ, though that group lost it on 11th April, 1979. If it is still there, it should be removed - probably to St. Paul's.

KJ

## REPORT ON Macduf Camp '79

The Camp was attended by 76 (we think!) cubs, from 4th Musketeers, 4th Cavaliers, 8th Aeolians, 8th Dorians, and 5th Letchworth. Theme of the camp was children of the world. Cubs were formed into 11 sixes, each one having the name of some less fortunate country. A hard-working team made white neckerchiefs with a tartan square - some were even Macduf tartan! A camp fire was held on Sunday night and our invited guests were afterwards treated to hot dogs in a candlelit setting.

There was fun - Silly Sports - String Trail - Obstacle Course, etc. Also an opportunity to gain badges and pass tests, which they did, final results being:-

7 BRONZE ARROWS, 9 SILVER, 8 GOLD  
27 STAGE 1 ATHLETE, 7 STAGE 2, 4 STAGE 3  
12 FISHERMAN, 19 1st STAGE SWIMMER,  
17 EXPLORER - a total of 86 PROFICIENCY  
BADGES!!

"MACDUF CAMP" - continued

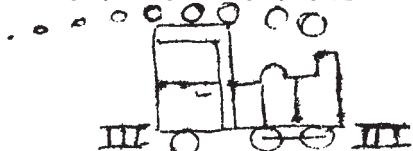
Among other things were firelighting, cooking twists and dampers, traffic survey, survey of Henlow Village, plaster casts, and bark rubbing. Thanks to all who helped, Scouters and parents, including Examiners.

TWO COMMENTS WE HEARD (we didn't hear the others!)

- 1) "What have you done to my son? He's mentally exhausted!"
- 2) "Darren wasn't sure about going on to Scouts, but after Camp he can't wait to join" (take it which way you like!)

HANNAH MOULES,  
CSL 4L(C).

HURRY UP! HURRY UP! ONLY 400 SEATS LEFT!



JOIN with Hitchin District Scouts on their "NORFOLK BROADS EXPRESS" to Wroxham, a mini-cruise on the Norfolk Broads to Horning, afternoon shopping in Norwich - and all for a good cause, a contribution to Cub Country, the Cub Scout project for "International Year of the Child". This comprehensive day out can be yours for £6 for adults, £4 for children of 16 and under. The trip takes place on SATURDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER, the train starting from

Stevenage	at	07.48
Hitchin	at	07.56, and
Letchworth	at	08.04.

We arrive home as follows:-

Letchworth	20.24
Hitchin	20.31, and
Stevenage	20.40.

TO RESERVE A SEAT - telephone D. Hooker, hitchin 56583 - go on! have a good day out.

SCOUT FELLOWS: Please contact Dawn Andrews, 40 North Avenue, Letchworth, re the "Olde Tyme Music Hall" programme - or suggestions for our 'programme of forthcoming events' generally.

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT  
SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

Preparing for our Hallowe'en party next June, our social committee has several other ideas bubbling in its cauldron. First, the BARN DANCE ON 13th OCTOBER at St. Paul's. Only 100 tickets are available (£1.50 including cold supper) so book early.

Fellows meet as guests of the BALDOCK SOCIETY on Wednesday, 5th SEPTEMBER, at 7.15 for 7.30 at 13 White Horse Street (garden entrance). On Wednesday, 3rd OCTOBER, it's an 8 pm start at 5L HQ (Spring Road) to meet James, Keith and Sean, our own Mountain Men with tales of the trails in the Rockies. Definitely not to be missed!

27th OCTOBER - jumble sale in 1/3rd HQ - please save some jumble for this.

A very welcome addition to our Scout Fellowship is Perry Brooks, qualified BCV instructor, who will be happy to help troops with canoeing activities. Various Fellows continue to be available as examiners, judges, scorers, etc. We shall organize the District Cub Quiz on 16th November, and provide catering for the County's Expedition Planning course at Norton Bury on 24-25 November. Please let us know of specific requirements - we'll see if we have the right Fellow for you!

KEN JOHNSON,  
ADC (Fellowship).

## REMINDER TIME

"IS THERE ANYBODY OUT THERE???" - interested in attending the General Information course at Norton Bury on 10th and 17th September, 7.30 pm till 10 pm. Please contact Colin Phillips at 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth, telephone 71705.

### C A L E N D A R

#### SEPTEMBER

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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 3              | Cub Leaders' meeting, Norton Bury . |
| 4              | District Executive meeting          |
| 5              | Fellowship - Baldock walk           |
| 7-9            | Is there a District Family Camp?    |
| 10             | General Info. course - Norton Bury  |
| 15-16          | Scout County L'weight Camp Comp.    |
| 17             | General Info. course - Norton Bury  |
| 22             | "OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH" day         |
| 25             | Items for Co-Ordinator due          |
| 29             | Hitchin Scout trip to Norwich, etc. |
| 30             | Co-Ordinator 245 ready              |
| <u>OCT.</u> 20 | 4L Family Barn Dance, St. Paul's    |