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FROM THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER:

1982 is now with us and on behalf of the District Team I should like to wish everybody in Scouting in the District a Happy and Joyful New Year - and at the same time, as I get over my own Christmas festivities, I hope everybody has had a splendid Christmas with plenty of good company.

What does 1982 offer us in Scouting? We have a very special year in that it is 'The Year of the Scout', our 75th year. Let's make the best of it and at the same time tell everyone that we are Scouts and that we have a great deal to offer the community in which we live. I hope all troops and packs will be at the County Camp which looks as though it is going to be something very special. Our own District events will be announced at a later date.

Let me now say something about 1983. It's '**Jamboree**' year again and the Boy Scouts of Canada have invited the Scouts of the World to attend the 15th World Scout Jamboree at a Provincial Park known as Kananaskis County, 90 km west of Calgary, Alberta. Sounds a terrific place to hold a Jamboree with visits to the Calgary Stampede, in addition to hikes in the mountains, rafting, canoeing, and a host of other activities. Hertfordshire is sending a troop of 35 and I have reserved one place for a Scout or Venture Scout from our District, with the possibility of one further place. Scouts must have Advanced Scout Standard, and Venture Scouts the Venture Award; the age qualifications are that those attending must have reached the age of 14 and will not have had their 18th birthday by the 4th July 1983. The Jamboree dates are the 4th - 14th July, 1983 but the Hertfordshire troop, as well as all the UK contingent, will leave earlier than this and return a little later - precise dates will be announced at a later date.

COULD I HAVE applications from Scouts and Venture Scouts to me by the 1st February **1982** of those wishing to attend. Selection will be made on their Scouting Ability and what they put into the Movement and our Community.

I have made no mention of cost as no-one will be debarred from going because of financial reasons.

I was delighted to receive the other day copies of HENRY (8th newsletter) and the 12th newsletter (it has no name yet). CONGRATULATIONS to both the 8th and 12th for Group newsletters provide a valuable means of communication.

On a more dismal note, I have received information that the subscription for the coming year will be £3.50 for Headquarters, £1 for County and I expect, although not finally decided, 50p for District, making a total of £5.

PETER NORTON,
District Commissioner.

Howes Trophy 1981

With no more District competitions this year, final scores for the "Just for Fun League" are as given in December's "Co-Ordinator". Congratulations go to TENTH LETCHWORTH group for being the takingpartinthingsest group of 1981, and winning the Howes Trophy for the first time.

(Hip Hip Howe-ray!)

HALL TROPHY 1982

Draw for first rounds of the Scout Quiz (made at District All Leaders' Meeting on 29th November):-

GROUP I : 4L(V) ---1B ---7L
 GROUP II : 8L ---5L(A team) ---5L(B team)
 GROUP III : 12L ---10L ---1-3L
 GROUP IV : 4L(S) ---1A ---11L.

As usual, each team plays both the others in its group, and winners of the first round are the team who win both matches; but, if the three teams in a group each win a match, then the highest aggregate score will qualify.

A team consists of four Scouts under 16, two of whom must be under 13. Cub Scouts working for the Link Badge are eligible to take part. Though it is customary to keep the same Scouts in the team through the series, the members may be changed between matches as long as the age limits are observed. It is expected that uniform will be worn correctly.

RESULT!!

First round played 14th December, 1981:

4L(V) --- 34½ : 7L ---- 25

Please arrange your matches at your mutual convenience and that of the customary questionmaster, Ken Johnson. Why not use the occasion to invite some parents for an evening's entertainment?

HOWES TROPHY 1982

Already the first two groups have moved into action for 1982, with an early start for the Hall Trophy Scout quiz. Provisional scores so far, then, are:-

1. (4L Vikings + Cavaliers)34½
 (4L Vikings + Musketeers)

3. 7L troop + pack25

Remaining groups have yet to score

DISTRICT SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

(Sorry, Ken, I was not in time to quote the meeting held on 6th January when Ted Ansell, County Adviser for Extension Scouting, was our guest speaker).

Wednesday, 3rd February - members are invited to Norton Bridge Bookbinders to find out what the DC does in his spare time.

Wednesday, 3rd March - it's St. David's Day plus two - a special celebration with fun, games and Cymric nosh at

1B HQ, Park Drive, Baldock. Book early for this unprecedented digwyddiad!

KEN JOHNSON,
 ADC (Fellowship).

DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCILS

As from 27th January, 1982, all of these **IMPORTANT** meetings are to be held on the last WEDNESDAY in the month instead of Thursday. Still at Norton Bury, still at 7.30 pm.

100 + CLUB RESULTS - DECEMBER

£25	No. 3	-	8th Letchworth Scouts
£10	No. 15	-	G.L. Elliott, L'worth
£5	No. 31	-	M. Tabür, Letchworth
£5	No. 40	-	A.L. Stafford, L'worth
£5	No. 88	-	Mrs. Sutherland, L'worth.

ACC(Activities)

Please see page 3 for letter from our new bod

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As you may already have read in HSG, I have accepted the job of ACC (Activities) in the County and I am looking forward to the challenge of the new job.

I expect you know that we already have a strong Activities Team which covers many aspects of Scouting activities such as Canoeing, Sailing, Mountaineering, Bands and so on, and a great deal of time is spent by that Team in promoting these activities and arranging events and courses.

So why another member of the Team?

I see my particular job as one of liaison and, in particular, in seeking out less well-known activities and helping these to become established. It may be that your Groups or Units want to know where they can carry out archery. Or Chess? Or Morris Dancing?

I believe that many young people may not always want to be involved in the more strenuous sports such as climbing or caving. This is not to say that we should neglect these events because they are vitally important to the development of our members, but should we not be thinking of other activities?

With the cut-backs in Education I believe that the Scout Movement has a golden opportunity to promote these other activities with the help of experts who may be only too willing to come along and help. Obviously such events must be self-financing.

I want all members of Hertfordshire Scouting to let me know what activities they feel might be of interest and we will try and build up a register of experts. This exercise will take some time and involve a lot of work in making contacts.

Please ask your members to contact me with their ideas. Better still, ask them to let me know of contacts who might be able to help.

COLIN LIMNING,
ACC (Activities).