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OFFICIAL NEWS LETTER of LETCHWORTH, BALDOCK AND ASHWELL SCOUTING.

--- The Shape of Training ---

Parents and others interested in helping with a Pack or Troop have often asked 'What is involved?', 'What sort of training do you get?' etc.

And how often do we find that we are not able to give a clear and up to date answer to their enquiry?

Because of this I asked our new Leader Training Officer, Mr Ron Wilkes, to remind us of the latest sequence of events for a newcomer. This is as follows:-

1. Talk by the G.S.L.
2. Visit to the D.C. with the G.S.L.
3. Visit to Warrants Committee with the G.S.L.
4. Join in Pack or Troop activities.
5. Allocated a 'Personal Training Adviser'
6. Attend a General Information Course.
7. Attend a Basic Course.
8. Attend an Advanced Course.
9. (Cub Leaders) Attend a Pack Holiday Course.

Most Leaders, and particulFrly G.S.L's, are always on the look out for potential new leaders. But suitable persons sometimes opt out of it by saying: '...it's alright for you but I know nothing about Scouting...'

--- WE ALL KNEW NOTHING BEFORE WE STARTED! ---

They probably never thought of this themselves, and it sometimes helps if this is mentioned to them.

We still need more Leaders - see how many you can recruit!

FORTHCOMING TRAINING COURSES:-

at Well End Activity Centre 1983.

CUB SCOUT SECTION

Basic	Oct 15/16.	Jan 29 - 1984	£17.
	Nov 19/20.	Jan-28 - 1984	£17.
Advanced	Sept 9/10/11.	Sept/Oct 30/1/2. 1 day 1984.	£40.
Pack Holiday	May 6/7/8	£13.	
	June:10/11/12	£13.	

SCOUT SECTION

Advanced	Oct 28/29/30.	Nov 11/12/13	
		Mar 24/25 - '84	£40.

VENTURE

Basic	Mar 25-27)	
	Oct 9)	£17.

GSL/COMMISSIONER

	Jan 29/30	£17.
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If any of the above courses are of interest to you contact Ron Wilkes ADC(LT).

SCOUTING SKILLS ---

As requested by Scout Leaders, a Skills Course will be held on Sunday 17th. April 1983 from 13.00 to 18:00hrs.

The title of the course will be:

AN INTRODUCTION TO HILL WALKING.

The following subjects will be covered:-

1. Catering.
2. Map - Compass- Journey Plan.
3. Hypo-thermia - First Aid.
4. Journey Log Book.

The Course Venue is still to be arranged, but will all Scout Leaders please get in touch with Ron:Nilkes (telephone 74956) so that organisation can be established. Please help to make this a very successful course by encouraging your Scotts to attend.

Ron Wilkes.

CYCLOCROSS 1983.

VENUE: Weston Park Activity Centre.

DATE: CUB SCOUTS: Sat. 26 Feb.
SCOUTS: Sun. 27 Feb.

TIMES: To be notified later when numbers are known.

ENTRIES: Please let the ADC(C) or the ADC(S) know the Names and ages of all entries BY 18 FEB.

NO ENTRIES received after this date will be accepted.

The fee will be 20p per boy.

All boys entering must provide their own bike - although ONE bike may be used by the whole team from one group.

Cub Scouts must be 8 yrs old but NOT have reached their 11th birthday by 26th Feb.

Scouts must be over 11 but not more than 16 on NOVEMBER 26th.

LINK BOYS who have attained their link badge and are members of a Scout Troop will be accepted in the scout section.

No Scout who has been accepted into a Venture Unit may compete.

Leaders please note that although this is a Training Activity, due to the nature of this event

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it can at times be hazardous and Parents should be made aware of this,

Fred Cogar

FIFTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP.

presents A

JAMBOREE JAZZ BAND
BALL

at Plinston Hall on
SAT 19TH MARCH

20.00 - 23.30 HRS.

* TICKETS £2.50
INCLUDING CHICKEN
& CHIPS.

MUSIC by The Black &
Blueo Jazzy Rascal

(PROCEEDS TO
* FROM JAMBOREE FUND)
JOHN CHURCHILL (LET 4962)
IRIS KERRIGAN (" 2265)
JIM JURDON (" 76651)

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A CHALLENGE TO ALL!



Although I have received no information to print regarding the 'Arts and Crafts' Competition; I can give you details of the 'Music and Entertainment Section' - this I have done in the form of an appendix to this edition of the Co-ordinator.

As you will see we are going it alone this year - the Guides and Brownies will be having their Music and Entertainment Section later in the year!... which means we can increase the number of entries from all our sections, and in addition are able to open the competition to Venture Scouts and Scout & Cub Leaders, and members of the Scout Fellowship.

So, if you can't sing or do anything musical, have a go at the plain entertainment items... I challenge you all to have a go!

ALL LEADERS NOTE! AN OMISSION!

I regret that Class 13 was omitted from the lists I circulated to all Leaders last week, Please insert this on your copies and inform everyone concerned. Here is the item:-

"Class 13 Special Item: Any Stage entertainment, as in class 12, but performed by an individual, or by less than 4 persons."

Don't forget that entries must reach me by Feb. 20th. - and we do want lots of entries. Help me to help you to make this event a resounding success.

John Baker.

NOTIFICATION OF A SPECIAL MEETING.

A SPECIAL MEETING, to which all Scouters, Fellowship Members, Venture Scouts, and interested Parents are asked to attend, will be held on WEDNESDAY 16th. FEB. at St. Thomas's Youth Hall, Bedford Rd. starting at 20.15hrs. (7L HQ.)

The subject to be dealt with will be: 'Arrangements for the 1983 Scouts' Gang Show, Nov. 14 - 19.'

PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTEND - or your views will not be heard.

St Georges Day ---

St. Georges Day Parades will be held on Sunday April 22th. 1983.

Full details will be published in a later edition, when meetings to make the arrangements have been held.

EVENTS IN THIS DISTRICT.

A 'Diary of Events' has been compiled and is attached to this Co-ordinator.

I have printed it 'single sided' so that you can put it on your notice boards.

ITEMS FOR NEXT CO-ORDINATOR BY FEB 20.



THIS SPACE
MUST BE
FILLED

on the stage of
this year's Gang
Show.

Cubs, Scouts, Ven-
ture Scouts are all
needed.

Date for initial
get-together will
be soon notified.

(with anologies to KJ for using
his sketch)

1983 LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK GANG SHOW

FRED CCGAR, who is going to be the
Producer of this year's Gang Show
writes as Follows:-

Well, at last we are going to put on
a Gang Show.

Permission has been granted by the
District Executive and the Show is now
set to take shape.

First, let me tell you what has happened
to date:

The Show will take place during week
ending November 19th. ana the Plinston
Hall has been booked.

The songs and sketches have been selected
and are already being duplicated. We are putting forward a suggested timetable
of events, and these will be confirmed at the meeting notified on page 3:-

Late Feb - March:	Auditions	
April	Cast get-together.	
May) June) July)	One Rehearsal each month for familiarization.	
September	3rd/10th/24th	Rehearsals 16.00 - 21.00hrs (Youngsters early - older members 19.00hrs onwards.)
October	1st/8th/15th 22nd 29th.	Rehearsals, as above. Full run of second half of show. Full run of first half of show.
November	5th. 12th. 13th. 14th. 15th - 19th.	Full run, whole show, with costumes.' Full run with Props and Costumes. Stage rehearsal of Scenery and Lights. Final Dress Rehearsal The Gang Show.

Please note that we were unable to get a Hall booking for the half-term
period, and therefore we are suggesting that the show should start at 19.00hrs
so that we can finish by 21.30hrs.

The Guides are being invited to participate

Would Leaders please get as many boys interested as they can and let me have
their names as soon as possible. They must then be willing to be auditioned
in late Feb or March.

Fred Cogal

WHERE IS THE 'MOD TROPHY'??

KJ will be writing. in the next, edition about this - anyone know where it is?
Please get in touch with KJ or me if you know its whereabouts URGENT!



THE ARTS & CRAFTS COMPETITION 1983



MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT SECTION.

March 5th --- at Highfield School.

Here are the details of the MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT section of the 1983 Arts and Crafts Competition.

ITS DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!!

Guides and Brownies will NOT be taking part in this year's competition with us - their's will be later in the year.

This arrangement has enabled us to increase the number of entries which can be accepted and to run the event on the same day as the Arts and Crafts competition itself.

In addition, entries will be also accepted from Venture Scouts and from any adult Scouter or member of the Scout Fellowship.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT SECTION RULES:-

1. Entries must be received by Sunday February 20th. by John Baker, 47 Highfield.
2. No item which has been entered in previous competitions will be accepted.
3. Title of item should be indicated on the entry form.
4. No item may exceed 4 mins. total presentation time, excepting Recorders where the time limit is 3 minutes.
5. All music to be supplied by the competitors.
6. John Baker will accompany where required, but would appreciate adequate notice. Rehearsals by arrangement.
7. If insufficient entries are received in any Class this may be cancelled, or the entries transferred to another class.
8. A Hi-fi system will be available for Records, Tapes or Microphone.
9. All entries must be on the official entry form, available from Leaders or John Baker.
10. Programmes will be issued to Leaders before the competition.
11. The 'ADLAY TROPHY' will be awarded to the Pack which produces the most entertaining item, as judged by the independent adjudicator.
12. The 'NORTON' Trophy will be awarded to the Troop which produces the most entertaining item.
13. The 'JOHN BAKER MUSIC TROPHY' will go to the individual Scout or Cub who performs with the highest degree of technical skill, presents good entertainment value and shows the most potential in the opinion of the adjudicator.

DIARY OF EVENTS 1983.

February

3	District Executive Committee.	Norton Bury	20.00hrs-.
4	District Team Meeting	" "	" "
5	Cub Scout Leaders' Activity Meeting	11L HQ.	14.00hrs
9	Scout Fellowship: 'Getting to know you'	5L HQ	20.00hrs
11	7L Jumble Sale	7L HQ	19.00hrs.
16	All Scouters: Gang Show prelim. Meeting	7L HQ	20.15hrs.
19	7L Cubs' Senior Citizens party	7L HQ	16.00hrs.
23	Scout Fellowship: Dry Slope Ski-ing	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
23	1/3, 5L, 7L & 8L St. Georges Day Meeting	7L HQ	20.15hrs.
26	Cub Scouts' Cyclocross	T.B.A.	Weston Park.
27	Scouts' Cyclocross	T.B.A.	Weston Park.

March

2	Scout Fellowship: Table Top Rally	T.B.A.	20.00hrs.
3	District Executive Committee	Norton Bury	20.00hrs
4	Arts & Crafts submission of entries	Highfield Sc.	18.00hrs.
5	Music & Entertainment Festival	Highfield Sc.	T.B.A.
5	Arts & Crafts Exhibition	Highfield Sc.	14.00hrs
9	Troop Scouters Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
14	Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
19	5L Jamboree Jazz Ball	Plinston Hall	20.00hrs.
20	Scout Fellowship: County Day	Ricknansworth	T.B.A.
20	Scouts' First Aid Comp. (Barton Shield)	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
31	Scout Fellowship: Ten Pin Bowling	Henlow.	T.B.A.

April

6	Scout Fellowship: Whist Drive	T.B.A.	20.00hrs.
7	District Executive Committee	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
8	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
20	7L Annual General Meeting	7L HQ	19.00hrs.
23	Scouts' 5-a-side Football	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
24	St. George's Day Parades	Various	T.B.A.
26	12L Annual General Meeting	12L	T.B.A.
30	Cub Scout Leaders' County Activity Day	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

May

4	Scout Fellowship: Secrets of Norton Common. N.Common		T.B.A.
5	District Executive A.G.M. (Provisional)	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
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8)	Scouts' Operation Ferret	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
9	Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
21	Cub Scouts' First Aid Comp.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

June

2	District Executive Committee	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
3	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
6	Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting	Norton Bury	20.0fhrs.
8	Scout Fellowship: Mystery Coach Tour	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
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18	Cub Scouts' District Camp- 'Indians'	Norton Bury	T.B.A.
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June

25	7L Wilbury Fair	Wilbury Playing Fields	14.00hrs.
25	Scout Fellowship: Mid-summer Madness Party	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

July

2)	Scouts' Icknield Shield Comp.	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
3)			
6	Scout Fellowship: Visit to Bennington Lordship Gardens	T.B.A	T.B.A.
7	District Executive Committee	Norton Bury.	20.00hrs.
8	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
9	Cub Scouts' Athletic Sports	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
20	Scout Fellowship: Gliding	Duxfora	T.B.A.
30	District Camp 30/7 to 13/8	Lochearnhead.	T.B.A.

August

2)	Cub Day	Gilwell	T.B.A.
3)			
3	Scout Fellowship: Car Treasure Hunt	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
5)	Cub Day	Gilwell	T.B.A.
6)			

September

1	District Executive Committee	Norton Bury	20.00hrs
2	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
3	Gang Show Rehearsal	T.B.A.	16.00hrs.
5	Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
7	Scout Fellowship: Visit to a (hic) Brewery.		T.B.A.
10	Gang Show Rehearsal	T.B.A	16.00hrs.
17	Cub Scouts' "it's a Knockout"	Norton Bury.	T.B.A.
24	Gang Show Rehearsal	T.B.A.	16.00hrs.

October

1	Gang Show Rehearsal	T.B.A.	16.00hrs.
6	District Executive Committee	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
7	District Team Meeting	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
8	Gang Show Rehearsal	T.B.A.	16.00hrs.
12	Scout Fellowship A.G.M: Wine & Cheese	Norton Bury	20.00hrs.
15	Gang Show Rehearsal	T.B.A.	16.00hrs.
22	Gang Show 2nd. half rehearsal	T.B.A.	16.00hrs.
22	Scouts' Operation Nightjar	T.B.A.	T.B.A.
23	Clocks back one hour.	everywhere	
29	Gang Show 1st. half rehearsal	T.B.A.	16.00hrs.
29	Scout Fellowship:Halowe'en Happening	T.B.A.	T.B.A.

November

See next month's Co-ordinator.

Note: 'T.B.A.' indicates 'To Be Advised'.