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OFFICIAL NEWS-LETTER of LETCHWORTH, ASHWELL AND BALDOCK SCOUTING.

OPERATION FERRET, FOR THE WHALEBONE TROPHY 1983 ---

This contest is open to all Scout troops in this District, and is being run by the District Scout Fellowship.

Lists of the various objects to be collected, and instructions on where to take them, will be supplied free of charge to:

CORRECTLY UNIFORMED PATROL LEADERS ONLY.

-- how the P. L's get their instructions

PL's must apply in person to a member of the Scout Fellowship who will be travelling on foot from Ashwell Station on SATURDAY 7th. MAY 1983.

He or she will be wearing a red hat, and will depart from the said station at 13.40 GMT, travelling by Station Road, High Street, Bygrave Road, North Road, Icknield Way, Blackhorse Road and Icknield Way, to arrive at the Wilbury restaurant forecourt at 16.00 GMT.

Patrol Leaders must present themselves, AT ANY POINT ALONG THIS ROUTE, AND say: "You are a Scout Fellow and I wish to win the Whalebone."

If this procedure is correctly followed, the instructions will be immediately handed over and the competition begins.

YOUR MAY DATES:

- 1st. Rotary Club 15 mile walk.
- 4th. Fellowship: Secrets of Norton Common.
- 6th, 8L. AGM.
- 7th. Operation Ferret (see above)
- 9th. CSL's Meeting - Nortonbury.
- 11th. Dist. Executive AGM. 19.30 for 20.00hrs, Council Chambers.
- 11th. 4L. AGM.
- 13th. District Team Meeting - Nortonbury.

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- 14th. CUBS ONLY Gang Show Rehearsal
- 18th. Gang Show Committee Meeting 20.15hrs., St. Thomas's Hall.
- 21st. Cubs' First Aid Competition.
- 22nd. Leaders' Skills Day.
- 28th. Gang Show Rehearsal for Venture Scouts, Rangers and Scouters.

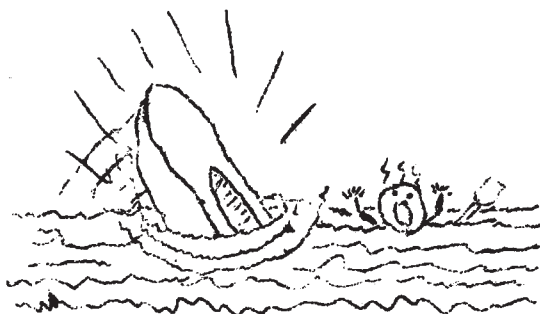
Collection Date ---

The next Co-ordinator collection date is Thursday 26th. May.

All copy for the June edition should be received at 47, Highfield by Friday 20th. May 1983,

J.F.B. (Editor)

IT'S THE GSL's RESPONSIBILITY!



CANOEING IN DISTRICT.

I think it should be pointed out that GSL's are responsible in ensuring that all canoes used by their respective Groups are both Certificated for their seaworthiness and that they are Licensed to use a particular region of water.

The penalties for not being certificated or registered could mean a fine of up to £200 per canoe!
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However, we do have a Knight in shining seaweed who has now qualified in canoe examination. I would also add he is working hard to achieve the Senior Canoe Instructor's Qualification. Sounds as though the 11th. Letchworth Scouts are in for plenty of water adventure in the future - well done David Liddle.

If your group's canoes have not been certificated this year please contact David at once on Letchworth 2798. Costs:- 40p covers both canoe test and water use registration for use on eastern region waterways. David will also furnish you with information for use of canoes on other waterways.

Ron Wilkes (ADC(LT))

HALL TROPHY GK QUIZ.

No further results to report. We are STILL waiting for the following troops to make fixtures, and arrange with KJ about asking the questions:

5L	v.	10L	v.	1A
7L	v.	1B	v.	1/3L

Leaders' Skills Day.

Just a reminder that the Skills Day planned for 22nd. May is still on!

The Theme is "Hillwalking".

There are still some vacancies, but don't leave it too late!!

Contact Ron Wilkes direct on Letchworth 7495

Sounds like fun - and the more knowledgible a leader can become the better he can help the boys!

NORTON BURY.

Some changes...

The new secretary Lesley Lowe has written to Co-ordinator as follows:-

1. Before Xmas Barbara Crombie resigned as secretary and I have taken over.
2. Barbara is now QM, responsible for all consumables at the centre
3. On April 1 Helen Frankland passed over her responsibilities as Booking Secretary to: Hazel Liddle, 53 The Crescent, Letchworth (Tel: 2798)

We will be very pleased to help you in any way concerning Norton Bury. *Lesley Lowe*

Lesley Lowe (Mrs) 114 Icknield Way (Tel: 72641)

ARE YOU LISTENING ??-- boys can bank on having fun!

The Midland Bank is sponsoring a 'Paint a Poster' competition which is open to both individual and group entries from Cubs and Scouts, schools and other groups.

London Zoo and Whipsnade Zoo are joining forces with Midland Bank on this competition, and the Bank will provide a total of £720 prize money for group entries and £120 for individual entries in three age groups - under 9, 9 to 11, and 12 to 16 years. In addition, winners will also have a day out at London Zoo.

The Poster (to be no bigger than A3 in size - 420 X 297 mm) may be painted in watercolour, chalk, crayons, or felt-tipped pens. It should include a catchy slogan to attract visitors to London Zoo or Whipsnade Park, or alternatively, to invite them to adopt an animal at either Zoo.

The closing date is 31st. August 1983, and Leaders should get their boys to send a stamped self-addressed envelope (9½" X 6½") for full details to 'Poster Competition, London Zoo, Regent's Park London, NW1 4RY.

WELL DONE LAURIE

By kind invitation of 1/3L, the editor was pleased to be present at their AGM on 13th. April when Laurie Cook was presented with a 'Workmate' to keep him even busier in his retirement as Scoutleader of 1/3L Troop.

Over the years that he has been with first third as Scoutleader he has, in my opinion, ranked amongst the finest of the leaders in this district and I am sure that he will be greatly missed by all at first third, especially the boys themselves.

Thank you for all you've done, Laurie, but we are not saying 'good Bye' to you through these pages as there will be plenty of work with which I am sure you will be helping us as before, so we'll be in touch!

Well done - see you around.

John.

P. S. Don't forget Laurie's Flower & Plant Stall, by Smith's on 21st.

School Co-operation.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Head Masters of at least two of our local schools take an active interest in Scouting.

Mr Carrell, headmaster of Wilbury School, held a special assembly in February to mark BP's birthday, at which KJ and the PRO were invited. Pupils who were members of the Scout Movement attended in uniform, and they and the rest of the school were given a potted history of how scouting has developed since its inception in 1906.

Mr Barrett, headmaster of the Grange Junior School, held a St. George's Day Parade on 22nd. April, attended by DCSL Nancy Baker and the PRO John Baker.

Cubs (and some Scouts) were in uniform, colours were paraded and the Cubs and Scouts re-affirmed their promises.

The headmaster and pupils presented a dramatised and illustrated version of the story of St. George.

VENTURE SCOUTS' WATER PROJECT - - -

Ten million people die each year - the majority of them young children - because they have no access to a safe supply of clean water.

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is now co-operating with the Sri Lankan Government to provide clean and easily accessible water in Sri Lanka where the problem is particularly acute.

- - - helping others when & where needed.

The Venture Scouts of the UK, living up to their slogan "Scouts help others", have chosen to support this scheme as their 1983/84 National Project.

By participating in this project, the Venture Scouts will be helping to save some of these lives and contributing to the objectives of "The Year of The Scout" to Help Other People.

The aim is to help to install up to 1,000 wells in Sri Lanka. Each well costs approx. £60 and our particular aim is to raise money to provide tools and equipment for Sri Lankan SCOUTS from the KALUTARA District who are working on the spot, digging and restoring wells.

We hope that it may be possible, later, for our own Venture Scouts to visit Sri Lanka to work alongside the local Venture Scouts.

- - OTHERS CAN HELP. - -

No contribution is too large or too small. If each unit raised just £20. we shall make our target.

Cubs and Scouts who wish to participate may do so in conjunction with a Venture Scout Unit - for further details please contact Champion Hills or Beech Springs Venture Units.

DATES for VENTURE SCOUTS. -

May 15. 'Codicote Hilly Ten': Cyclocross event for Scouts and Venture Scouts.

May 22. Buccaneer Trophy, St. Albans: Incidents to challenge your ingenuity.
(Teams of 5)

Junb 18/19. Assault Course: Built & manned for County Patrol Gathering - Gilwell,

June 24/26. South Downs Walk: 40 miles to be sponsored (for Unit & Sri Lanka)

Nov, 27. V.S Conference, Stevenage College.