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

DO YOU CANOE? ---

--- want a £250 fine?!!

Dave Liddle says:-

Canoe Examinations and Registrations 1984/5.

This is a reminder that ALL Canoes used on Scout activities MUST be examined and registered annually. This should be done BEFORE March 31st., and the fee is only 40p per canoe!

Unregistered canoes OR canoes not displaying the appropriate year plate are illegal and the users risk a £250.00 fine in the Anglian Region alone.

Contact me at once for YOUR canoes to be examined.

Dave Liddle, 53 The Crescent,
Letchworth 2798.

DISTRICT CANOE RACES.

Entry Forms for the District Scouts Canoe Races, together with a 50p Fee, should reach Dave Liddle on or before Wednesday 14th. March. (The next SL's meeting)

Certificates will be awarded to all who finish, and a new annual Trophy will be awarded to the winning Group.

Start times will be given out after 14th. March.

Arts & Crafts

Colin Phillips has arranged with the Gateway Building Society for a window display of some of the more interesting items from the Arts and Crafts Exhibition which is on Sat. 7th. April.

The window display will be from the 9th. April until Monday 23rd. April.

100 Club Winners--

January 1984:

(ticket nos in brackets)

£25 J. Morley (63)
£10 J. Beresford (105)
£5 A. C. Wright (69)
£5 Mrs D. Eaves (80)
£5 Mrs R. Baker (22)

February 1984:

£25 D. de Fraine (90)
£10 C. A. Phillips (5)
£5 J. Beresford (105)
£5 R. J. Smith (82)
£3 K. Howard (37)

And in December last year we had:

£25 5th. Letchworth (114)
£10 J. A. Churchill (35)
£5 P. Baker (38)
£5 S. E. Salmon (93)
£5 J. Robson (34)

If you want to join, just telephone Don Mackinnon on Baldock 893138.

DISTRICT 'GREAT PATROL HUNT' - - -

Last claims for points in the 1983 "District Great Patrol Hunt", for which the Jim Northover Memorial Trophy is awarded, were made and accepted in a meeting on 4 January 1984.

Too few PLs attended to make a quorum for the District Patrol Leaders' Council, but ADC(S) Fred Cogar ruled that the meeting would be valid for these claims, and the final patrol positions were as follows:

1.	HAWK	11L	215	9.	{ EAGLE 7L }	10
2.	FALCON	11L	201		{ KESTREL 7L }	
3.	BULLDOG	8L	102	11.	PANTHER 12L	6
4.	PANTHER	1/3L	58½	12.	{ HAWK 5L }	
5.	EAGLE	1/3L	56		{ PANTHER 8L }	4
6.	BUFFALO	1/3L	43		{ STAG 7L }	
7.	KESTREL	11L	42½	15.	{ EAGLE 12L }	3
8.	OWL	5L	33½		{ TIGER 5L }	
				17.	FALCON 12L	2

KJ reports on a function--

That Function Suite at the Broadway Hotel was really functioning on the evening of 27 January. Nothing untoward occurred - there was no singing or dancing, and nothing unseemly. Just a vast assembly of the nicest people you would want to know, all there to pay tribute to a retiring Cub Scout Leader. Retiring? Well, you can believe that if you want to.

Though I am not sure why they asked me to record my impressions of that historic occasion when so many other people were there to do it just as well nevertheless I can say it was historic, and very well done, and very well deserved. It's not that often you have an Akela of the quality and endurance of Nancy Baker's twenty years with Seventh Letchworth.

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Mind you, as a lapsed Fifth Letchworth assistant myself, I can remember a certain Assistant Cubmaster of the Fifth, slightly more than twenty years ago, bearing a strong resemblance to. that lady who was deluged that evening with flowers and presents and thanks and kisses.

Yes, Seventh Letchworth organised it very well, and it was so very well deserved. KJ.

CAMPING IN WALES 4

Following the cancellation of the District Camp in Wales, the 11th. & 12th. Letchworth Scouts decided to go to Snowdonia; other Troops asked if they could join in with us.

Invitations were given out in the order that requests were made, and our numbers are now FULL. Dave Liddle S.V.

THE GOINGS & COMINGS OF THE D.C.'s ---

They come, they go - they come again.....

this month we publish a letter, received after pages one and two were typed, from the D.C., Peter Norton. He writes:-

I have thought a great deal on how to put into words what I have to say this month.

A few months ago, after much discussion with Ellen, I decided to write to CC John Bennett, handing in my resignation as District Commissioner. It has been an honour and privilege to hold this position for over 9 years and know the comradeship and dedication of the members of the Scout movement that the position as District Commissioner gives to the person holding this position.

I am extremely pleased to say that John Bennett has asked Ron Wilkes to be District Commissioner and he has accepted.

I am sure Ron will lead the movement into a new era of Scouting in this District that will benefit the movement and the community in which we live.

I know all of you will back the leadership of Ron in the future.

Lastly, may I thank everyone who has so loyally served the movement, over the years I have been District Commissioner,

Peter Norton

Group News ---

This month we have heard from 11L Scouts that 25 scouts gained their 'Fireman's Proficiency Badge' following a five-week course at Baldock Fire Station.

Our thanks go to Fire Officer Phil Howard for running the course, and the parents who assisted in transport.

A team of five scouts (Patrick Tomkins, Andrew Bates, Chris Chapman, Dean Kemp and Nicky Barker) took part in the County Fire Prevention Quiz. They came second out of eight teams in the Stevenage Heat. Dave Liddle, SL.

DIRECTORY 1984 CORRECTION ---

Please note amendment, page 1:-

SCOUT FELLOWSHIP

Treasurer Sheila Bridge, 159 Baldock Road, Letchworth (73874)

Fellowship News.

A completely unique celebration of SAINT PATRICK'S DAY with all sorts of silly games in an Irish dimension, just for fun will be held on Saturday 17 March at First Baldock HQ, Park Drive, Baldock, at 19.30hrs.

Charge for refreshments: half a pound a head. So that we may know how many potatoes to dig up, please let Jim the Leprechaun know if you're coming, by phoning him at Letchworth 79138 in plenty of time.

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Membership of the Scout Fellowship is open to any person over the age of 18; no previous Scouting experience necessary - but former Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides may find the opportunities for social and service activities particularly to their liking.

BOB GIVES UP-DATE ON SOME DISTRICT THINGS--

Warrants: The Warrants' Committee has upgraded Nick Smith to VSL at Champion Hills, and AVSL warrants have been awarded to Mark Goodwin, and Ian Brown.

Brian MoCusker has been appointed ASL at 5L.

The next meeting of the Warrants Committee will be on Tuesday 13th. March.

District Directory: Copies of the 1984 District Directory have been distributed to GSLs. There is one for each Warranted Leader and one for the Group Chairman.

Census: The Annual Census Forms have been distributed to GSLs. The District Secretary would be grateful if you would return form GR to him and two copies of the yellow form together with your subscription to the District Treasurer as soon as possible, and at the latest by 1st April. Please give this job your utmost attention.

National-Job-Week: Materials ordered in November have been distributed to 4. GSLs. Each person taking part should receive one Job Card and twelve Job Done stickers. One Job Card Continuation Sheet will be issued with every four Job Cards.

District A.G.M.: The District Executive Annual General Meeting will be held on THURSDAY 17 MAY in the Council Chambers, Gernon Road, Letchworth, starting at 19.30 for 20.00hrs.

Bob Williams

HELP NEEDED!!

If you've an hour to spare, between now and March 16, please contact Andrew or Lesley Lowe on Let 72641, or Barbara Crombie on Let 71062.

They need your help in the Spring Cleaning of Norton Bury!

It'll be a lot of fun - and you don't have to be an expert! There's general cleaning, decorating, painting and wallpapering to be done, to mention but a few. Go on, have a go!

SCOUT SHOP

Easter Break: The Shop closes after business on April 12 and will reopen on Tuesday May 1 1984.

Ret. + Peter Barker

special facility for leaders only--

Scout Shop: We are now permitted to order stationery and all kinds of general equipment from Hertfordshire County Supplies. So, if you wish to avail yourself of this facility, please call at the shop and see the catalogue. Prices are quite considerably lower than the normal retail price.

THE CAMPING SEASON approaches; so make sure all your gear is complete.

We try to keep most basic equipment in stock, (pegs, rucksacks, anoraks etc), but allow 3-4 weeks for anything bigger or more specialised,

YOUR NEXT CO-ORDINATOR News in by Sunday 25 March.

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