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

The Chief Scout has written to us - - -

The Chief Scout Major-General Michael J.H. Walsh, CB DSO., has written to County, area and District Commissioners, and our D.C. has asked for the following extract to be included in this issue-of Co-ordinator:-

".....Thank you for all that you have done in the service of Scouting during the past year. I wish you every success in maintaining high standards in 1986/87. Now I am asking you to insist that those high standards apply to your Census returns. There is evidence that some Groups have pruned their figures to evade the payment of some Membership Subscriptions. I regard dishonesty of this kind by adults who have taken the Scout Promise as a very serious matter indeed. I am certain that, as a responsible Leader committed to the principles of Scouting, you will do everything to ensure that your Census returns are correct and above question."

My Last Co-ordinator!

At the last District Annual General Meeting I asked to be relieved of the duties of PRO and Co-ordinator Editor, but as no replacement was forthcoming Ron Wilkes asked me to continue until a replacement could be found.

This I have done, and now, after producing the last 35 editions, I find increasingly difficult to find time to cope with PRO and Co-ordinator work due to my many other commitments.

Accordingly, I have had to advise the DC that the time has now come when I must relinquish these responsibilities.

Having done so, I am very happy to be able to advise readers that Ken Johnson has agreed to keep the ball rolling as PRO and Co-ordinator Editor, It would be hard to find anyone more suitable and capable of doing the job! Thank you Ken.

In the early days of Co-ordinator, Ken was Editor, and his know-how went a long way in setting the pattern and standard of the news letter as we know it to-day.

My thanks to all who, over the years, have contributed to Co-ordinator or have helped me in any way in its production.

John Baker.

Fred's News..

Fred Cogar gives details, on page 2, of the latest position in the District, including the appointment of D.C.

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The New D.C. . .

JOHN BENNETT, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, has invited me to continue officially as District Commissioner, which I have agreed to do.

He has also requested that I recommend to him a new District Team; to this end I have asked Mr. John Moys if he will continue as District Chairman, which he is willing to do.

Mr Bob Williams, and Mr Don MacKinnon will remain as Secretary and Treasurer for the immediate future

The Public Relations Advisor will be Mr Kenneth Johnson to replace Mr John Baker who has now retired from this position.

The District Beaver Leader will be Mrs Kathleen Williams;

The District Cub Scout Leader, with overall responsibility for the Cub Section will be Mrs Nancy Baker;

Mr Jeffrey Robson has agreed to be ADC Scouts and Mrs Rosemary Charsley ADC Venture Scouts, Mr Colin Phillips will be ADC Leader Training, Mr Roger Comley ADC Fellowship and Mr Peter Deary District Chaplain.

I intend, after consulting my ADC's, to appoint District Leaders, who will support their sectional ADCs.

I ask you all for your support and encouragement of the new district team.

Fred Cogar

Annual General Meetings---

4th Letchworth Group have changed the date of their A.G.M. to Wednesday 30th April so that it fits in Letter with the District A.G.M.

Other dates known to Co-ordinator are:-

5th Letchworth A.G.M. Weds 16th April.

8th Letchworth A.G.M. Friday 9th May

DISTRICT A.G.M. Weds 14th May

11th Letchworth A.G.M. Tues 20th May!

Ashwell A.G.M. Tuesday 20th May!

SCOUT SHOP - - -

Scout Shop will be closed for Easter holidays after business on Tuesday 25th March, and re-open on Tuesday 15th April.

Get your orders in as soon as possible.

Two from 4th - -

Two events being organised by 4th Letchworth:-

A Barn Dance will be held at Lordship Farm School on Saturday 8th March from 20.00hrs to 23.30hrs.

Tickets are only £3.00 each and may be obtained from Alan Greenshield (Telephone Letchworth 685853)

The 4L Jumble Sale is to be held on Saturday 15th March at Howard Hall, at 10.30hrs.

Two More - -

Ashwell will be holding a 'Jazz Night' on Saturday-8th March at Hinxworth Village Hall starting at 20.00hrs at a cost of only £3.00 including Food! Contact Wendy Kirbyshire on Ashwell 74-2791.

5L Barn Dance will be on Sat 22 March at Highfield School - 20 00hrs - £3.00 inc food - contact Tim Jurdon, Let. 682265.

B.P. GUILD CUP

The Scouts' B.P. Guild Cup Competition was held on Sunday 16th. February and 18 Patrols entered; one scratched, and the results of the remaining teams are:

RESULTS

PATROL	TROOP	PATROL LEADER	POINTS	FINAL
Alpha	11L	Chris Bates	229	2nd
Bravo	4L	Paul Hardy	160	4th
Charlie	1/3L	Simon Ellmers	101	10th
Delta	12L	Malcolm Reid	198	3rd
Echo	8L	Scratched	-	-
Foxtrot	7L	Richard Young	90	11th=
Golf	11L	Colin Tomkins	80	13th=
Hotel	4L	Mark Hensler	143	5th
India	1/3L	Jeremy Steele	105	9th
Juliet	10L	Robert Swaisland	80	13th=
Kilo	7L	James Blacker	79	15th
Lima	8L	Carl Speltinkx	38	17th
Mike	11L	Mark Armstrong	120	7th
November	1/3L	Paul Slingsby	50	16th
Oscar	12L	Richard Silver	115	8th
PAPA	4L	JAMIE SHEA	240	1st
Quebec	7L	Graham Cox	90	11th=
Romeo	11L	David Dawson	124	6th.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

As promised in last month's Co-ordinator the Jan 1986 District Directory is being issued to Scouters & Group-Chairmen, and to the District Executive Committee with this month's Co-ordinator.

I take this opportunity to thank Bob Williams, District Secretary, for the sterling work he has put in to provide me with the majority of the information needed for the Directory.

In the absence of information from Groups, the issue of the directory relied on Bob's information,

District Executive Meetings

There will be additional meetings of the District Executive Committee to the ones listed in the Jan Co-ordinator. The complete list for 1986 is as follows:-

Th	6 March	Wed	2 July
Wed	2 April	"	3 Sept
"	14 May <u>AGM</u>	"	1 Oct
"	4 June	"	3 Dec

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Confirmation has been received from Highfield School of the booking for the Arts & Crafts Music Festival on Saturday 19th April.

Just a reminder to consult your January Co-ordinator for details, and remember to get entries in by 31st March.

J.F.B.

Norton Bury Notes - -

Suggestions: If, from time to time, you have any suggestions, queries, comments, criticisms or questions about Norton Bury please let one of the Management Committee members know so that it can be discussed at the monthly meetings. Who is on the committee this year? Here's who:-

Chairman: Barbara Crombie (671062) Treasurer: John Moys (685067)
Secretary: Lesley Lowe (0525-716488 ('local' call))

Members: Jeff Robson (684954), Shaun Howard, Peter Norton (684545), Shiela May, (673427)
Peter Baker (682752), Gwen Keech.

Co-opted: Hazel Liddle (682798) Booking Officer.
Andrew Lowe (0525-716488) Quartermaster.
Colin Phillips.

Charges Charges are to be increased this year from September onwards, BUT this is for visitors from outside the District only!
Local Movement members charges will still be only £1 per person per night in the house, and now only 30p per person per night on the campsite, with the hope of encouraging more Patrol Camps! Local Movement Day Visitors will get the use of the area FREE!

Outsiders will pay £1.30 per person per night in the house and 50p per person per night on the campsite. Minimum charges for house: Locals £25; Outsiders £32.50.

Support - - We are trying to assist local units to use their local activity centre more, especially as we rely on your year round support so much, and we hope that the static and reduced charges and added activities will provide the incentive.

Lesley Lowe

Fellowship

Flower Frolics - -

MONDAY 3 MARCH THE Fellowship will meet at 42 Salisbury Rd, Baldock for an indoor gardening demonstration by Laurie Cook, Who will be showing us how to 'put 'em in' and on

SATURDAY 17 MAY the Fellowship has a coach trip arranged to Wisley Gardens to see what they should look like after you've 'put 'em in'!!!

Chairman Laurie tells us that there are just a few seats left for this outing and that it will be 'first come first served' Tickets are £5 (adults) & £4 (children) Coach leaves Arena Car Park at 09.30hrs & returns at 17.00hrs from Wisley.

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There is a Licensed Garden Restaurant and Cafeteria available, and Pass-out facilities are issued to those taking packed lunches and wishing to use the Picnic area.

If you'd like to go please contact Laurie at once on Letchworth 674046.

On page 6 of the January Co-ordinator we printed an application form for those wishing to be a good Fellow and join the Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Fellowship. Have you filled yours in yet and returned it to the Secretary Ken Johnsen?

Further Fellowship activities will be published in our next edition.

April Co-ordinator - -

All copy for inclusion in the next edition of Co-ordinator should reach Ken Johnson no later than Sat. 22 March. April Co-ordinator should be available from the Scout Shop on Tuesday 25 March.