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TROOP NEWS

In this issue of The Silver Hill Standard you will find two important questionnaire regarding the German Adventure - one questionnaire for the parents to complete and one for Scouts attending Germany to complete. It is important that both should be completed by all concerned and returned by the dates requested - much effort and planning have gone into the German Adventure and the leaders of this adventure have little time to spare to chase round after questionnaire which have not been returned by a specified date - so please lets have them in on time.

Summer Camp - I.O.W.

May I request that monies for above camp be paid in as soon as possible.

Diary of Events for April.

Various items of importance are shown in the list below. Highlights of the month are a visit to Arborfield, 4 Scouts will be on the Naturalist Badge at Chalfont Heights on April 6th, the band will be on parade at St. George's Day Parade on April 28th - how about coming along to see the parade - at Beaconsfield.

In detail the diary is:-

Date - Venue - Time	Event	Notes
Sun. 31 Mar. Seer Green H.Q. 14.15	District P.L's training	Wear Scout Uniform
Sun. 31 Mar. St. Giles HQ 14.30	canoe repairing	wear old working clothes
Tues 2 Apl St. Giles HQ 19.15	P.L's meeting	inform S.L. if you cannot go
Fri 5 Apl St. Giles HQ 19.30	Troop meeting	Red - test work White - German training (mapping) Blue - Patrol activities
Sat 6 Apl St. Giles HQ 9.30	visit of band to Arborfield	Very smart uniform - offers of help with transport.
Sat 6 Apl Chalfont Heights Scout Camp 14.30	Naturalist badge	cooks also required - can pass Scout standard cooking - names to S.L.
Tues 9 Apl St. Giles HQ 19.15	P.L's meeting	Inform S.L. if you cannot go.
Fri 12 Apl	NOTE: NO TROOP MEETING	
Sat 13 Apl)	Two day hike camp for Scouts going to Germany.	
Mon 15 Apl)		
Mon 15 Apl and to 20 Apl	BOB-A-JOB WEEK	
Tues 16 Apl St. Giles HQ	P.L's meeting	inform S.L. if you cannot go.
Fri 19 Apl St. Giles HQ 19.30	TROOP MEETING	Red - Patrol activities White - Training Blue - German Training
Sat 20 Apl St. Giles HQ	Band Practise	
Sat 20 Apl District 5-a-side Football Competition	- details later	

Date - Venue - Time	Event	Notes
Fri 26 Apl St. Giles HQ 19.30	TROOP MEETING	Red - German Training White - Patrol Activities Blue - Training
Sat 27 Apl St. Giles HQ 10.30	Band Practise	
Sun 28 Apl.	ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE + BAND	- Details later

Scout Shop Corner.

If you have any item of equipment you would like to sell - then advertise it in the Standard. Two items on sale this month:-

- (a) Sleeping bag: best quality "Good Companion" sleeping bag - only been used 4 times. Bargain at £3. See Brian Angel for details.
- (b) Rucsac: Good quality frameless rucsac suitable for a young Scout. See Mark Hatcher for details.

Odds and Ends of News.

The Troop lost a football match 14 - 1 against a local team!

Scouts have attended Jobman, Forester and Camp Warden badge courses at Chalfont Heights.

We have canoed for the first time on Black Park Lake at Iver Heath.

A Go-Kart practice was held at Beaconsfield during the month.

GERMANY 1968 - its only 4 months to go - - - -

During the Easter Holidays we hope to entertain 4 of our brother Scouts from Germany - Willi, Gunter and two Scouts will be staying in the village. The visit is not a "social call" - it was planned several months ago.

The German Scouters will finalise the plans already made and tell us of the arrangements they have made on our behalf. We, for our part want to tell them what we want to do during our stay in their city.

Home hospitality will be the first point on the agenda. It is fully appreciated that not everyone will be able to offer hospitality to the German Scouts when they return in 1969.

What we plan to do is as follows:-

- 1) We hope to take up the German parents offer of hospitality for all the Scouts in our party. The Venture Scouts in the Troop will stay in the German Scout H.Q. with two Scouters in our party.
- 2) When the German Scouts return to visit us in Summer 1969 we hope to offer both (a) and (b) below
 - (a) Home hospitality in Scout homes.
 - (b) Many parents, I hope all, that cannot offer to take a German Scout into their home, will "sponsor" a German Scout. That is entertain him during the day so that he may "live with family" as a guest and the boys could go on trips together. At the weekend maybe a family outing could be organised. But for the sleeping the Scout H.Q. would be the German boys home.

Would all the parents of boys in the Troop please complete the form at the top of page 3 and return to me by the A.G.M. (April 8th). Why not at the A.G.M.

MOWGLI CUB PACK.

On Friday 8th March, the two Packs met with the Scouts for a Going Up ceremony. The five Cubs who went up from Mowgli Pack were J. Smith, J. Roberts, T. Ryder, St. Townsend and A. Wiggins. Two boys have joined the Pack, Keith Diggle and Richard Dobrynieski. Keith has recently moved into the village and transferred from Chalfont St. Peter Pack. The Pack is now up to full strength and no more boys can be taken in for some time.

We spent the evening of 11th March making kites. Some Cubs were very good and actually got their kites to fly!

The Pack is still in need of help for passing Badges, we would also like a Parent to come and talk to the boys about the use and care of tools. Mr. Ward has kindly offered to help with Cloud and Star Formation (see The Cub Scout Handbook) also Map Reading.

Peter Ward has been working hard on Badges, he now has all he can get before his Gold Arrow. Timothy and Lance are going ahead with their Gold Arrow Tests, and at the moment are about level on the Tests they have passed.

We have not made any plans for going to Gillwell Park this year - 6th July. The Seonsee Pack will not be going, and one Pack will not fill a coach. We might consider going if Parents could help with transport. If we are to go, entries must be in by early June at the latest.

O.A. Carden. Akela.

SEONSEE CUB PACK.

On 8th March, Charles Biggie, Robert Gillan, Peter O'Connor and Jim Temperley went up to The Troop. The Pack wish them the best of luck.

I am very pleased to report that after our Parents Evening, several Mothers have come forward to help with the Pack while I 'have a rest!!' Many thanks to them. Through Neil Main I shall be keeping in touch with the Pack and I look forward to returning, suitably rested, in September.

N.E. Whitbread

VENTURE SCOUTS.

The Chalfonts Venture Scouts Unit is now officially registered as a separate Open Unit, so we're now faced with the problems of running our own show, and raising our own funds. We shall shortly be forming the equivalent of a Group Committee, would anyone interested in serving on it please contact the V.S.L. (John Long, 15 Hillside Close, Chalfont St. Giles).

We are anxious for new recruits aged 15½ or over. The Scout Movement has not been too successful in attracting this age group in the past, perhaps we can do better in the future.

We are holding a Jumble Sale in the Scout Centre at 2 pm on Saturday, April 6th. Any Jumble that you may have can be delivered to the hall between 10.30. am and noon, on the day of the sale. Alternatively, if you 'phone Chalfont St. Giles 3014 or C.St. G. 2840 we will arrange to collect it.

We are also holding a Whist Drive in the Scout Centre at 8 pm on Thursday, April 11th. There will be masses of prizes, so come and have a good evening out.