

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 2ND ORPINGTON SCOUT GROUP.

WANTED - A MOTOR ENGINEER.

The Group's Bus, like all mature vehicles, needs great care taken of her. To drive her is as much an adventure as driving motor cars in the very early days of motoring.

To ensure the van is 100% safe for the boys to ride in, and to conform to M.O.T. regulations, the lorry undergoes a yearly test and naturally, anything below par is repaired. This costs money and, as many of us know, garage repairs are expensive.

Mr. Don Stiles (Orp. 26625) has done much work on the Group Vehicle over the last two years, donating his time and skill to the Group. It would be of great service to the Group for Dads or friends of the Group to offer assistance to Don in the maintenance of our Group Bus, and help keep the costs of running the vehicle as low as possible. The Group Chairman in his letter refers to next year's Budget and the sum quoted is a good reason for keeping our transport costs to a minimum.

Additionally, any of our parents wishing to become a member of the '2nd Orpington Grand Prix Driving Team', please contact either me or Doug James (Orpington 29643) for details. To drive the lorry loaded with Cubs or Scouts, or Guide Companies who utilize our services, is an experience like no other, and great fun. Any volunteers?

VENTURE UNIT:

Recently the Venture Unit elected its new Executive Committee. Those shouldering the responsibilities of organising the Unit are:-

Chairman:	Chris Harris	Orpington 29967
Secretary:	Steve Thurton	" 30878
Treasurer:	Martin Crouch	" 38640
Unit Representatives:	Trevor Ludlow	
	Raymond Pearce	

TROOP DAIRY:

14th - 16th November a camp at Broadstone Warren, sleeping in the Log Cabin.

Phil Wheeler, A.S.L.

NEWS FROM THE CUB PACKS

The following dates will be of interest to Cubs in all three Groups:-

16th November (Sunday) - The Link Badge will be started with a visit to Broadstone Warren Scout Camp for a Patrol activity after Church Parade. The Link-Up with the Troop will commence on Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m. from 5th December.

22nd November (Saturday) - Swimming Gala

6th December (Saturday) - Cubs Christmas Party, 3.30 - 6.30 p.m. at HQ.

16th January 1976, (Friday) - Going-Up Ceremony. All Cubs are expected to attend.

LEOPARDS

New boys invested on 2nd September were Paul Manning, David Osborne, Paul Walder, Mark Paraman and Nicholas Hone.

There will be a Parents Night on 16th December at which Films of the Year's Activities will be shown.

An outing to the Pantomime at Fairfield Hall, Croydon, has been arranged for 9th January, 1976.

#### PANTHEKS

HELP! Please has anyone an Army Officer's hat we could borrow for a sketch on "Dad's Army" the Silver Arrow Cubs are doing, and which we hope to present at the Camp Fire. Capt. Mainwaring is getting a little anxious. Please contact Mrs. Ann Newport, Orpington 26435, if you are able to lend us one. Many thanks!

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 16th November - Church Parade, 10.45 a.m. All Saints Church
- 29th November - Cheese and Wine Evening, 7.30 p.m. HQ
- 6th December - Cubs Christmas Party, 3.30 - 6.30 p.m. HQ.
- 27th December - Old Year Party, 7.00 P.M. HQ.
- 9th January 1976 - Pantomime Visit for Cubs in Leopard Pack (see details above)
- 18th January - Church Parade, 10.45 a.m. All Saints Church.

#### A LETTER FROM THE GROUP CHAIRMAN

At a recent Group Council meeting, budget estimates for 1976 were discussed. I have explained the estimates to the Parents and Supporters Association Committee and feel it only right to pass the information on to all those interested in the 2nd Orpington.

In 1976, we shall expect to pay capitation fees of £150 to the Scout Association; for new equipment we must allow £100; we must allow £250 for HQ maintenance; HQ running costs, covering heating, lighting, rates etc. will amount to £350; transport £400 and general running expenses £100, money put aside for the eventual replacement of van, tents etc. will be £250.

These are the main items, but when all are taken into account, the total comes to about £1,800 for the year.

This is what the Group Council feels is necessary to maintain 2nd Orpington at its present standard. There are no unusual items, they are mainly routine and recurring items. The Group is hit by inflation like the rest of us.

Your Committee have accepted the estimates and feel confident that they will be able to raise the money. I am writing this letter to explain how important it is for each and every one to give PASA your full support in its fund-raising activities.

If everyone will help in the way they are best able, we shall have no problems in meeting the target.

Charles Marchant.

GROUP CHAIRMAN.

#### 300 CLUB

The latest winners of £5 prizes are:

Share No. 65	Mr. D. Sapwell
" 167	Mr. & Mrs. Tickner
" 32	Mrs. L. Cook.

and Mr. & Mrs. M. Everest (Share No.23) have won £25.