



Letchworth, Baldock &
Ashwell

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60th Anniversary Edition

Co-Ordinator

60 years of Co-Ordinator

Thanks for
60
years

The Co-ordinator is the longest uninterrupted Scouting Newsletter in the Country. Started on the 1st June 1959, the District Newsletter has provided information, events, articles and news to the District for 60 years.

WHAT'S ALL THIS ABOUT? (taken from the very first edition of Co-Ordinator).

This is CO-ORDINATOR , which is intended to co-ordinate ideas of Scouts and Cubbers by helping to ensure that everyone concerned knows what is going to happen, when. Letchworth District Rover Crew are producing and distributing, but it is our hope that everyone will join in the provision of material. We shall welcome any suggestions, comments, criticism, ideas, funny stories, hints, tips, news of good camping sites (or bad ones), dates of forthcoming events (even if you are not inviting other groups, you may avoid two events clashing) and we shall accept small advertisements at a halfpenny a word.

District Events

Over the sixty years Co-Ordinator has reported on a number of events, some of which are still going strong today.

Dictionary of District Competitions as recorded in July 1977

BARTON SHIELD - Presented by Mr John Barton for Scout First Aid. Annual from 1955: a Patrol contest from 1968: biennial from 1970.

BLAXLAND TROPHY - Presented by Mr Sydney Blaxland for Cub Scouts arts and crafts. Annual from 1968.

B-P GUILD CUP - Presented by the B-P Scout Guild for the Scout winter patrol competition. Annual from 1958, biennial from 1970.

CUB SCOUT FIRST AID TROPHY - Presented by Mrs Hannah Moules for competition by Pack teams. Annual from 1961

CUB SCOUT FOOTBALL LEAGUE - See MORGANS TROPHY

CUB SCOUT QUIZ - Inter-pack quiz took place at least as early as 1956. Trophy presented by Mr Balaam from competition by Pack teams. Annual from 1959 - 1974.

CUB SCOUT SPORTS - Green and Gold Cords for inter pack contests took place as early as 1944, replaced in 1948 by a Sports Shield for contest annually till 1967

CUB SCOUT SWIMMING - Inter-pack sports took place at least as early as 1956: trophy presented by B-P Scout Guild in 1959. Annual.

CYCLCROSS TROPHY - Presented by Mr Ken Hart for Scout troop teams. Annual from 1969

CYCLOCROSS TROPHY FOR CUB SCOUTS - Annual from 1974

EAVES TROPHY - Presented by Mr Fred Eaves for Venture Scout Unit arts and crafts. Annual, concurrent with PLINSTON TROPHY. From 1968, but in 1969 opened to individual adults over 16.

HALL TROPHY - Presented by Mr Ernie Hall for Scouts troop teams in general knowledge quiz. Annual from 1969.

HOWES TROPHY - Presented in 1971 by Mr Tommy Howes for the Group winning the "Just For Fun League" (began in 1963), annual aggregate of points won in all other District contests in a calendar year.

ICKNIELD SHIELD - Presented in 1930 for annual camping competition. Patrol contest from 1968.

JIM NORTHOVER MEMORIAL SHIELD - Presented by Mrs Northover in 1971. Annual for Scout Patrol winning District "great patrol hunt" running through Calendar year.

JIM'S MYSTERY TOUR - For Senior Scout troop teams, biennial from 1962 - 1968; biennial from 1974 for teams of Venture Scouts and Scouts over 15, .

KNOCKOUT TROPHY - Presented by Mr G Dales for annual contest by Cub Scout packs, replacing the PIXMORE-HARMERGREEN TROPHY. Annual from 1974 to 1975.

MORGANS TROPHY - Presented by Mr Don Morgans for Cub Scout teams in football league. Annual from 1971.

NIGHTJAR TROPHY - Presented by Mr John Davies to replace **POTHUNTERS' TROPHY** for Senior Scouts night exercise. Annual from 1962 - 1969; then for older Scouts, biennial from 1973 to 1975, annual from 1976.

PIXMORE SHIELD renamed HARMERGREEN TROPHY - Presented in 1958 for annual Cub football contest, replaced in 1971 by MORGANS TROPHY. The renamed Harmergreen Trophy became biennial for outdoor activities by Packs teams, from 1970 to 1972, but was replaced by the KNOCKOUT TROPHY in 1974.

PLINSTON TROPHY - Presented by Mr Horace Plinston, for Group with highest aggregate in arts and crafts contest. Annual from 1965.

POTHUNTERS' TROPHY - Annual contest for Senior Scout troop from 1947 - 1961. Replaced in 1962 by NIGHTJAR TROPHY.

SCOUT FOOTBALL CUP - Presented by Mr Ken Hart for annual contest by Scout troop teams, from 1970. Annual six-a-side contest from 1972.

SCOUT REGATTA - Annual from 1975.

SCOUTS SPORTS SHIELD - Annual for troop teams, from 1951.

SCOUT SWIMMING SHIELD - Annual for troop teams, from 1959.

SENIOR SCOUT COOKING COMPETITION - Annual for Senior Scout troop teams, from 1964 - 1965.

SENIOR SCOUT SWMMING COMPETITION - Annual Senior Scout troop teams, from 1965 to 1967.

TIPPETT TROPHY - Presented by Mr & Mrs John Tippet for Scout Cooking Competition. Annual, for troops from 1964; for Patrols from 1968; biennial for Patrols from 1971.

WATSON TROPHY - Presented by Mrs G Watson for Scout arts and crafts. Annual from 1968 for troops in Groups competing for PLINSTON TROPHY.

WHALEBONE TROPHY - Presented by Mr John Davies in 1962 for Senior Scout special contests. Previous contests were Operation Tarzan 1959, Kon-Tiki 1960. Whalebone awarded for Tarzan 1962, Kon-Tiki- 1963, Burnup 1965, Pheidippides 1965, Tarzan 1966, Santa 1966, Ferret 967, Ugh 1967, Opened to Scout troop teams and awarded for Kon-Tiki 1971, Tarzan 1972, Chaingang 1973, Ferret 1974, Kon-Tiki 1975, Survival 1977

Co-Ordinator is in good company as the following took place in 1959



10th World Scout Jamboree - Laguna, Philippines

The first World Scout Jamboree to be held in Asia. It was attended by 12,000 Scouts from 69 countries including a carefully selected contingent of 105 from the UK, which made the outward and home-ward journey by air. The trip cost each British Scout £300.00



Barbara Millicent Roberts, known as Barbie was created in 1959. Her creator Ruth Handler introduced the doll as a teenage fashion model in a striped bathing suit at the New York Toy Fair.



The very first Minis were officially introduced to the public in 1959. Originally conceived as a solution to fuel shortages following the Suez crisis in 1957 there were two versions, the Austin Seven, and the Morris Mini-Minor, which differed essentially, only

in the badge. This new mini sold for £497 of which £147 was the purchase tax.

- Post codes were introduced for the first time , as an experiment, in Norwich.
- Barclays were the first bank to install a computer
- London Transport introduced the production AEC Routemaster double-decker bus into public service.
- Associated-Rediffusion first broadcast the children's television series *Ivor the Engine*.
- United States - Hawaii became the 50th state.

In the last sixty years there have been a number of editors - the longest serving being Kenneth Johnson (K.J.) He was instrumental in producing the first issue partly because he could type and also had access to a Gestetner duplicating

Editors

				Yrs
1959	1982	Ken	Johnson	23
1982	1982	Josephine	Sullivan	1
1982	1986	John	Baker	4
1986	1993	Lorraine	Riley	7
1993	1995	Anne	Lilley	2
1995	1998	Andrea	Soulsby	3
1998	1999	Bob	Williams	2
2000	To present	Rita	Hawkins	18

Over the years, in particular the early years, Co-Ordinator was one of the main forms of communication within the District with every Leader and Group officer receiving a copy. Not only did it provide dates of forthcoming events but reported on previous events, often from the teams and individuals themselves. Since the onset of the digital world Co-Ordinator has been made available of the

District Commissioners

Aldfred Hodgson	1945 - 1954
Leslie Brown	1955 - 1963
Harold Hodge	1963 - 1964
Edward Smith	1964 - 1967
Frederick Eaves	1967 - 1976
Peter Norton	1976 - 1984
Ronald Wilkes	1984 - 1986
Frederick Cogar	1986 - 1988
Robert Williams	1988 - 2001
David Hawkins	2001 - 2007
Christopher King	2008 - 2012
Anthony Hartley	2013 - 2017
Wendy Tierney	2018 - to present

June 2000 Edition No: 461

"THE WET ONE"



Very
many
thanks for
inviting
me and

Don Wood to visit your Millennium Camp. In spite of the challenges of the weather, there were many youngsters enjoying their Scouting.

Best Wishes - Derek Twine
Chief Executive, Scout Association

In the next few pages we invite you to browse through some items from the earlier editions, which have appeared without fail every month to ensure that everyone concerned knows what is going to happen when.

September 1967 edition No: 100

NINTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT TROOP

An inaugural meeting will be held at Hillshott School at 7.00 pm on Friday 8 March.
Prospective Scout Master is Anthony J.W. Lawrence, and applications are invited from Roman Catholic Boys of 11 to 13.
(Co-Ordinator 46 : March 1963)

LETCWORTH DIAMOND JUBILEE CARNIVAL

Two floats are being entered in the carnival procession on Saturday 21 September, one by the Cubs, in the "Circus" theme, and one by the Scouts with the theme of "Jamboree".
(Co-Ordinator 52 : September 1963)

THE FIRST DISTRICT COOKING COMPETITION

This was not at all a bad start to what should become an exciting annual event. In the set menu class, the scores were: 2L, 11 points (Maximum 140); 1A and 2B equal with 104, 1B 100.
(Co-Ordinator 62 ; July 1964)

WELCOME TO THIRD BALDOCK

On 24 March, the inaugural meeting of Third Baldock Scout Group was held at the Methodist Hall, just a week before the first Pack meeting of 3rd Baldock Cubs .
(Co-Ordinator 71 : April 1965)

LAST WORDFROM THE DC

It is very hard to know what to say just now, for as you all know, this is my last month as District Commissioner. I had hoped to be able to give you some information about my successor, but it is still a little too soon, and my "farewell message" will have to wait, perhaps till the one-hundred-and first edition of "Co-Ordinator" For this special 100, I can only offer my congratulations and thanks to K.J. and the Rovers for all their services in producing the newsletter. It has indeed filled that "gap in communications" that Leslie Brown mentioned in number 1, and it is widely read with great interest. With the changes that are facing the Rover Crew at present, I trust that they, or their successors, will continue to provide this most useful service to local Scouting for many more years to come.

Ted Smith - District Commissioner

January 1976 Edition No: 200

NEW TOP PEOPLE

First-Third Letchworth - Laurie Cook is now warranted SL and Joan Ludford is now Akela.

April 1985 edition No: 300

St George's Parade - This years collection will be donated to The Disabled Riders' Association, and as part of the offertory I wish to feature the Hobby Horses made by the Cubs for the Arts and Crafts Competition. The service will be based on the International Year

of the Youth Theme of Peace, Participation and Development of our service of 'renewal of our promise' and rededication of ourselves to live up to the high ideals of Scouting'.

Peter Deary, Scout District Chaplain

December 1994 edition No: 400

Edition No 329 announced my appointment as **District Commissioner**. A glance through the following issues shows all the fun of Scouting in the groups, the adventure of overseas expeditions and World Jamborees, the pageantry of St George's day and the excitement of meeting the Chief Scout at the County Camp at Gilwell and our celebrations

for the Cub's 80th Anniversary and the Venture Scout's 21st Anniversary.

Our thanks go to all the Editors and contributors and our hope is that Co-Ordinator remains active for another four hundred issues as a reflection of Scouting in the 21st Century.

Bob Williams - District Commissioner

January 2004 edition No: 500

Congratulations Co-Ordinator !

What a splendid achievement to be celebrating your 500th issue! And what a record too, to have been published without a break since June 1959. I wonder if that is a record in itself for Scout District Newsletters— I bet it is in Hertfordshire.

Good communications is so important in Scouting. Everyone needs to know what's going on locally, and you manage to keep Co-Ordinator fresh and full of interesting

information and stories to keep in touch with. Letchworth and Baldock Scout District always seems to be so together, so keen and enthusiastic and I feel it every time I come to visit you, or talk to you people at events. Co-Ordinator plays an important role in creating that super general happy atmosphere.

Well done to everyone concerned and I look forward to reading the next 500 issues!.

Roger Sands - County Commissioner

Congratulations to Co-Ordinator on its marvellous achievement - 500 not out. The activities and events described in the columns of this issue paint a broad picture of all that has gone on in a very busy Scout District over the past forty five years. They represent hours and hours of adventure, excitement, fun and learning for thousands and thousands of Scouts.

Dave Hawkins - District Commissioner

February 2013 edition No: 600

Co-ordinator is a publication designed to keep everyone in touch with what Scouting is doing in Letchworth and Baldock, not only those currently involved within the movement but past Leaders, parents, friends and a wide range of local organisations and it does so with amazing effect.

My thanks for keeping Coordinator up to date with the needs of the readers go to the current and past editorial teams, who have done an amazing job and I hope will continue to do so over the coming years.

Well done to all Editors and contributors alike, here's to the next 50 years!

Chris King - District Commissioner

Our Numbers of young people then and now.

1959

1st Letchworth	57
2nd Letchworth	50
3rd Letchworth	55
4th Letchworth	59
5th Letchworth	21
7th Letchworth	60

1st Baldock	72
2nd Baldock	36
1st Ashwell	26
1st Weston	9
Rover Scouts	8

Total 453

2019

4th Letchworth	71
5th Letchworth	48
7th Letchworth	58
8th Letchworth	81
11th Letchworth	46
12th Letchworth	59
1st Baldock	112
2nd Baldock	61
1st Ashwell	83
Explorer Scouts	49
Network Scouts	19

687



Bob and Deirdre Williams met the Chief Scout, Peter Duncan, at a lunch given in honour of Silver Wolf recipients after attending the Thinking Day Service at Westminster Abbey in 2013.



Anne Lilley, Gwen Pack and Christine Moys at the Scouting Centenary celebration held at Wymondley Wood in 2007.

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