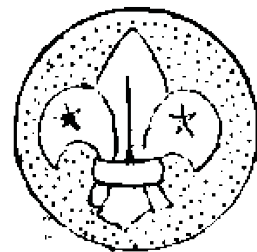


CO-ORDINATOR

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CO-ORDINATOR STRIKES AGAIN!

Or, in another manner of speaking it is the only local newspaper which doesn't.

Letchworth District Rover Crew (hereinafter known as LDRC) are very pleased that the first number of CO-ORDINATOR was so well received and thank everybody who has said nice things about it.

We hope everybody is getting this thing. CO-ORDINATOR is intended for all Scouters, warranted or otherwise, chairmen, secretaries and treasurers, TLs and anyone who helps out regularly with troops or packs. If any Rikki, Mang or Kaa is not receiving it, please tell LDRC.

FRONT PAGE NEWS

In response to great public demand, LDRC is holding another Grand 50-50 DANCE on Saturday 18 July at the new St Paul's hall in Pixmore Way. Those who remember the previous series will know what fun they were. Tickets are three bob each, but that includes refreshments such as the specialité de la maison, Chiens Chauds Au Rover Crew. John Baker will be master of ceremonies, and you can get tickets from him at the Electricity showrooms in Station Place, Letchworth, or from any member of LDRC. The dance ends at 11, when a bus for Hitchin passes the door.

DISTRICT OUTLOOK.BY THE DC

The first CO-ORDINATOR was well received by all .. but not well read by one or two!

There is plenty of items this month, so my notes will be short. I would, however, like to congratulate all Scouters and boys who entered, or assisted, and again did so well in the County Marathon.

The Cu Sports seemed to be well enjoyed, but I feel some modification should be made on judging and points.

May I take this opportunity of wishing everyone a really good holiday this year, and a return to Scouting full of the right ideas and team spirit.
L.R.B.

LETCHWORTH INTERWORKS SPORTS LEAGUE FETE SATURDAY 18 JULY

This takes place at the paddling pool, Norton Way North, and the League would like our help. The DC is therefore asking all Letchworth troops to arrange for six boys in uniform to be present at the following times.

1L : 9.30 am to 1.0 pm

4L to assist in erecting marquee on FRIDAY
at 7pm

2L : 1.0 pm to 5.0 pm

3L : 5.0 pm to 7.0 pm

7L to remove and pack up marquee, SATURDAY
at 6.30 pm

Please arrange for a PL to be in charge, and to report to Mr LIDGETT. The DC will be making the arrangements for the marquee.

LAKELAND WALKING

Is any Scouter or Senior interested in a walking-camping week in the English lakes, in the last week in September or the first in October? If you know of one, and if he can cook, put him in touch with RS John de Louvois at 24 Whitethorn Lane, Letchworth, before 14 July, or after that date through any member of LDRC.

YOU KNOW DOCTOR WILSON?

Late of Letchworth, Dr Wilson is now retired, and concentrating on his life-long study of Kipling. He has most of the articles on the Jungle books that appeared in "The Scouter" last year, but one is missing. If anyone has "The Scouter" for May 1958, he would be very glad to have it. Please see K.J. at Letchworth Library.

COUNTY MARATHON

Our district did well again! Here are the first four places in the inspection results.

CLASS A, Cycling maximum 112

1....1L (A team).....108

2....4 St Albans.....107½

3....1L (B team).....106

4....1B.....104

(other scores 4L 102; 3L 98; 7L 92)

CLASS A, Walking maximum 88

1....7L.....83½

2....1 Bps Stortford.....82½

3....4 Cheshunt.....82

4....4 St Albans.....79

CLASS C, Walking maximum 88

(Letchworth Scouters)

1... (Bps Stortford Scouters)88

(4 Cheshunt)

4.....LDRC.....87

CLASS B, Walking maximum 88

1....4 St Albans.....87

2....1 Harpenden.....86

3....2 Cheshunt.....86

4 4 Cheshunt.....85½

(and 4L Seniors got.....84½

Now, in the words of our DSM, "fingers crossed for log reports"!

TALKING ABOUT THE MARATHON

did you hear who signed the camping certificate for the 4L Seniors' walking team? They camped at St Paul's Waldenbury, and in the morning, the owner came down to find them and inspect their site. He is, of course, the Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire and an uncle of Her Majesty the Queen.

INITIAL DIFFICULTIES?

In case you are not used to CO-ORDINATOR's system yet, let us remind you that 1L, 2L and so on mean First Letchworth, Second Letchworth, etc; 1B and 2B are First and Second Baldock, 1A is First Ashwell and 1W First Weston. Other cryptic remarks like DC, DSM, TL and the rest, can all be found in POR. POR means Policy, Organization and Rules, as you very well know.

YOU SHOULD HAVE HEARD

the mass Grand Howl by Cubs of 1L, 5L and 7L who all met on the Common on Tuesday 23 June. It certainly caused all the other people in the area to realize that Something was Going On.

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

Dear Rovers,
On behalf of the Letchworth & District B.P.Guild, I wish to congratulate you on your first issue of CO-ORDINATOR. May I have 24 copies monthly? I feel your monthly news service can do so much to help the Guildsmen, and others, to follow the various Scouting activities in the district.

Best wishes; good luck; good Scouting

DOUGLAS JAMES
(Chairman) 49 Norton Road
Letchworth

Dear Scouters:
Would any of you disagree that smoking, particularly in uniform, is a bad habit and a bad example? It is not prohibited in POR, but I would say it is contrary to the Ninth, Tenth, and Eleventh Scout Laws. You may disagree with this, or with B.-P., who says in "Scouting for Boys", page 203, "A Scout does not smoke". May we have your views in CO-ORDINATOR? If smoking is a bad example, why do we set it so often, in public, at rehearsals, and even troop and pack nights? I only asked.

KENNETH JOHNSON
(SA) 80 Spring Road, LGC

CUB SPORTS RESULTS

The shield this year was won by 3L, who finished with 39 points. Runners up were 1B with 31 and 1L with 27. Other placings as follows: 2L (26), 2B (21), 5L (15), 7L (A pack) (13), 4L (10), 7L (B pack) (5), 1A (who had to leave early) 2.

TRAVELLER'S TALE

At the last Rock Council some mad fool suggested a ramble to be led by our friend K.J. Everybody agreed it was a good idea ...but only the mad fool turned up on the date arranged, along with David Northover and three friends of Ken's.

Now I have been asked to give my impressions of our day in the country. My first impression was the peace and solitude. Compared to this Letchworth was like Piccadilly in the rush hour. We tracked through paths which, judging by the nettles, had not been trod upon before, and across fields where the sun and wind on the corn gave one the impression of waves on the water.

We managed to find a suitable spot to eat our lunch, eating with one hand and swatting flies with the other. On we went to Rushden and Julians gardens, where we enjoyed the beauty of the roses and other lovely flowers, not forgetting a thistle six feet tall. It was here that we rescued a toad from the swimming pool.

Once more on our way along the road, we passed thatched cottages and prosperous farms and one can even get Bed & Breakfast in Sandon! Journey's end was Kelshall, where Mrs Freeman made us very welcome. Like myself, she had expected a bigger party, nevertheless those present did justice to the refreshments provided.

I must admit that 10 miles was just about my limit, but I enjoyed every minute of it. My eyes were opened to the beautiful countryside which lies at our own door. There could not have been a better way to spend a lovely summer's day, nor could one have wished for better company; but one did wish for a larger company. But rest assured, there will be another chance. Don't miss it!

H.S.

THANKS!

The DSM, Les Collins, has asked us to pass on a message of many thanks, on behalf of the Scouts and Scouters, to the B.-P. Guild for their £5 donation towards the transport costs to Gorhambury.

APOLOGIES

We're terribly sorry about all these small O's with the middles blacked in it must be the hot weather.

SCOUT NOTES

June Scout notes which should have appeared in "The Citizen", noticed that there are more Senior Scouts about now, especially in Baldock. John Evans, David James and Robin Thorn changed to maroon berets in the 1B group, while in 2B, Michael Dilley and Clive Knight led the way which more will soon follow.

There are more Scout Cords about, on the shoulders of Gerald Sturman (3L) and Robert Vasey (1L), while in 1B John Davies is now officially first class.

From Boy Scout sections, news included a milestone in the history of 1A, where the new troop had its first weekend camp and first church parade, when the rector of Ashwell spoke in his sermon of the Scout Law.

Cub news from Common View, the second 2L pack has started operations, led by Mrs Barley and Mrs Leathers, on Fridays with the Thursday pack continuing under Mrs Hoyer and Mrs Tomkins. And Leaping Wolf badges are being won all over the place: we have heard of Bryan Bourne (5L), Roderick Charles (3), Michael Gates, Michael Hoeg and Christopher Rogers (1B). Congratulations to one and all!

DATES TO NOTE.

JUNE

- 29 7L camp fund draw takes place, 8.30.
- 30 5L annual general meeting, Westbury School, 6.45.

JULY

- 10-12 1L and 1W Cub camp
- 13 1L committee, DHQ, 8.0
- 15 3L family social, DHQ, 8.0
- 18 LDRC dance, St Paul's Hall, 7.30 - 11.0
- 25 to 9 August 1L and 2B Scout camp, Arundel, West Sussex
- 3L camp, Looe, Cornwall

AUGUST

- 22-29 7L Scout camp, Penmaenmawr, Caernarvonshire
- 31 Scouters council, DHQ, 8.30

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Pothunter's trophy competition
- 7 Swimming sports
- 12-13 Icknield Shield competition

OCTOBER

- 2-4 County Senior Gathering, Knebworth

NOVEMBER

- 14 District patrol competition for B-P Guild Cup

WELL THERE IT IS,

another CO-ORDINATOR done. If we have left out your Group's news, we are sorry. But if you didn't tell us about it, you know who to blame. Good hunting, and all the best from LETCHWORTH DISTRICT ROVER CREW.