

# CO-ORDINATOR

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## THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Boy Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rovers are now entitled to enter into this scheme as members of this movement. Although the first aim of every Scout should of course continue to be the gaining of his Queen's Scout badge, the scheme for the Duke of Edinburgh's award provides an additional challenge which is well worth taking up.

Preliminary details of Scout participation appeared last week in the November edition of "The Scouter" (page 264), but for all those who may be interested in talking it over, a special meeting has been arranged by the DC and will take place at DHQ on Tuesday 15 December at 8 p.m.

SMs, please be sure to let your Scouts and Seniors know about this meeting, and do come along yourself if you can manage it.

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## TOP PEOPLE READ CO-ORDINATOR

We have extra delivery orders this month, to the officials of the newly formed 1A Group committee, and a special gilt-edged copy bound in pigskin is expected to go to "County", that mysterious Elysium somewhere between Olympus and Little Berkhamstead. To these and any other new readers we should perhaps repeat our Apologia Pro Vita Nostra. (Scouters without a classical education please apply to your GSM.)

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Abbreviations are widely used to save space taken up by rather facetious editorials. Thus, 1L, 2L, 3L and so on, are short for First Letchworth, Second Letchworth, Third Letchworth etc. 1B, First Baldock. 1W, First Weston. 1A, First Ashwell. Other things like SM for Scoutmaster will all be found in POR. POR means Policy, Organization and Rules.

Any questions, comments, criticisms, suggestions, complaints, recipes for marmalade-filled twists, complimentary remarks, opinions and ideas should be written down and addressed to LDRC, whose secretary is Max Vines, at 18 Norton Way North, Letchworth. Any thank offerings, which will relieve the financial burden borne by the 1A, should go to the LDRC treasurer, John Collins, at 96 Bedford Road. We trust him, so there is no reason why you shouldn't.

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Who MEETS  
WHEN :  
a handy  
table of  
evening  
meetings

	1A	1B	2B	1L	2L	3L	4L	5L	7L	1W	LDRC
Sun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	C
Mon	T	S	SP	PS	S	T	S	P	SP	T	-
Tue	P	-	-	-	T	S	T	-	P	P	-
Wed	-	-	T	-	P	P	-	-	-	-	-
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Fri	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

P, Pack  
T, Boy Scout  
Troop  
S, Senior  
Troop  
C, Crew



CAMPFIRE AND BARBECUE

Proceeds from sale of refreshments at this year's do were £19:7s.6d., and expenses, at the time of going to press, were £15:0s.1d. , leaving a provisional surplus of £4.:7s. 5d. , though the bill for carting wood has still to come in.

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FOUND...

...a copy of "Akela's Stories" in Whitehorse Street. Please apply to CM May Clare, 12 Pembroke Road, Baldock.

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FOR SALE...

..Swiss climbing boots, hardly used, size , price 10s. Please apply to RS David Northover, .7 The Crescent, Letchworth.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please note that as from yesterday, the address of DSM Leslie Collins is 96 Bedford Road, Letchworth.

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To All Whom It May Concern:

GREETINGS. Be it known that the Meeting of Members and Honorary Members of the Letchworth District Rover Crew to be held at Eight O'Clock in the evening of Sunday the Sixth Day of December in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Nine is to take the Form of a Solemn DEBATE upon the Motion That This House Considers That Teenagers Should Be Discouraged and be it known that the said Motion is to be Proposed by Rover Scout Maxwell Vines and Seconded by Rover Scout John Collins and that the said Motion is to be Opposed by Service Auxiliary Kenneth Johnson and the Opposition Seconded by Assistant Scoutmaster and Rover Scout Jeffrey Robson. AND be it known that All who may read this Notice are Hereby summoned to attend the said Meeting in order that they may have an opportunity to Speak either for or against the said Motion according to the Dictates of their Consciences.

29 November 1959

At the District Headquarters of the Letchworth and Baldock Boy Scouts Association in Icknield Way in the Urban District of Letchworth in the County of Hertfordshire.

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CUB QUIZ RESULTS, NOVEMBER 1959

Winners, 3L (score 57½ points); runners-up, 2L Thursday (55), 5L (54½), 4L (53) , 7L Tuesday (48), tie for sixth place between 1L and 7L Wednesday, then 1A (35). Unlike the grand football tournament where every Pack in the District entered, we were sorry to see no Cubs from Baldock or Weston in the quiz. We'll see you in the first aid competition next March - OK? Watch CO-ORDINATOR for all the details.

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BADGE EXAMINERS: NEW LIST NOW BEING COMPILED

Please let us or the DC know of any names you can think of.



## WINTER PATROL COMPETITION (B-P GUILD CUP)

Full scores were as follows. 1, 1B Peewits (215). 2, 3L Kingfishers (206½). 3, 1B Owls (203). 4, 7L Eagles (197½). 5, 3L Eagles (195½). 6, 1L, Eagles (194½). 7, tie between 7L Hawks and 2B Beavers (193). 9, 4L Swifts (187). 10, 1L Hawks (175½). 11, 1W Wolves (173½). 12, 2L Bulldogs (164½). A non-competing composite team scored 183½. (Maximum was 300.)

This year twelve patrols competed (eight of them from Letchworth), compared with only seven last year (all from Letchworth). Maybe the marking was tougher or the tests harder, but the average score dropped from 211½ last year to 191½ this time. But it was a much closer thing. In 1958, the difference between top and bottom marks was 83. This year, with nearly twice as many teams taking part, the difference was only 50½.

These are the average marks scored in each part of the competition:

|             | 1958 | 1959 |           | 1958           | 1959  |
|-------------|------|------|-----------|----------------|-------|
| Inspection  | 38   | 42   | TOP<br>50 | Pioneering     | 41 37 |
| Exploration | 31   | 40   |           | Public Service | 37 25 |
| Health      | 23   | 35   |           | Observation    | 33 11 |
|             |      |      |           |                |       |

President Gavin Jones was due to hand the trophy to the winners at last Friday night's troop meeting.

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## FROM HAROLD WARREN

(ACC Scouts) we hear of the first Troop Scouters' Conference to be held since the beginning of the last war. It promises to be bo interesting, helpful, controversial and alive! The theme is "Scouting on a broad canvas", and the speakers are to include CC Dr Leslie Pears, Melville Balsillie and John Sweet: which is pretty good value for 12s.6d. inclusive of all meals. When is this? Saturday and Sunday 2 and 3 April 1960, at St Audrey's School in Hatfield. All Scouters in the Boy Scout section should have this in their diaries by now. + + + + + + + + + + + + + + +

## GROUP SCOUTMASTERS

Here is your opportunity. There's a training course specially for you at Boreham Wood HQ on Saturday and Sunday 30 and 31 January 1960. The aims are to explain principles and functions of the Group system, and to give practical examples of what every GSM ought to get up to. All you need are notebooks, eating irons and twelve bob. The DC has some entry forms; which have to be in in the first half of January, so go to it, Group, and let's hear how you got on, in the March CO-ORDINATOR.

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## BEFORE THE NEXT EDITION

of CO-ORDINATOR, the District Gang Show rehearsals will have begun. If you know of any Scouts or Cubs over 10 who enjoy making a. noise, you might recommend them to come along to the first rehearsal. REIEKER this is our big chance to show all the other youth organizations that the Scouts are the best and happiest of the lot: The Gang Show puts us in the public eye, and this year's programme looks like being better than over before. So let's find the talent that is hidden in our midst. John Baker is producer-in-charge, Hannah Shannon looks after posters and publicity, and the rest of the back-stage team is as before. By the way: those fund-raising calendars should all be sold by now. Will SMS and QMs be sure to hand in all the takings THIS WEEK to Hannah Shannon or David Turner?



# DATES★DATES★DATES

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE pin this up on your wall for reference, and copy in your diary the dates that concern you. This is the OFFICIAL LIST of arrangements in the Letchworth and Baldock District.

## DECEMBER

- 4 4L, Beetle drive, 4L HQ, 7.30: all welcome at 9d. in uniform or 1s.6d. non-U.
- 6 LDRC invites all Teenagers and their Elders to a Debate: see page 2.
- 9 1A open evening, Villaj2o Hall, 7.0: entertainment includes Scouting slides.
- 12 4L Cub party, iEL HQ. LDRC party, DHQ, 6-12.
- 15 Duke of Edinburgh's Award: meeting for all interested, DHQ, 8.0; see page 1.
- 17 2B party, 2B HQ
- 19 1L party, DHQ
- 26 All news in to Ken Johnson for "Citizen" Scout Notes, please:
- 30 All dates and correspondence in to LDRC for CO-ORDINATOR 8, please:
- 30 1A group party
- 31 5L Palladium pantomime outing

## JANUARY 1960

- 2 First Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6.0
- 3 Distribution of CO-ORD. N:ITOR 8
- 9 4L party with 4L Guides. 7L party with 5L Guides.
- 16-17 Pioneer badge training course for Seniors, Wall End
- 23 7L Cub party
- 29 Letchworth & Baldock B-P Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel
- 30 3L Palladium pantomime outing
- 30-31 GSM's' training course, Boreham Wood : see page 3.

## FEBRUARY

- 1 1A meeting
- 6-7 North Hertfordshire Senior gathering, 2.0 Saturday to 4.0 Sunday
- 13 7L London theatre outing with 5L Guides
- 27-28 and 5-6 March : Senior Pioneer badge testing, Well End

## MARCH

- Dates to be announced: County Cub palaver, DHQ ; Cub first aid competition
- 13 Tempest-Hicks Cup competition (first aid, Seniors); Hatfield
- 19-20 Conference of Senior section Scouters, Hertford

## APRIL

- 2 Inter-county Cross-country (Seniors) in Buckinghamshire
- 2-3 County Troop Scouters' Conference, Hatfield : see page 3.
- 22-23 Our Gang Show at Baldock. 28-30 Our Gang Show at Letchworth.

## MAY

- 1 CMS' Wayfaring, Hitchin
- 11. Third Tour of Hertfordshire for Seniors, organized as usual by LDRC

## JUNE

- 11-12 County Marathon

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Of all the things that could: have been said  
And maybe haven't, this must:  
All readers of CO-ORDINATOR please  
Consider yourselves Happy-Christmasscd.

