

CO-ORDINATOR

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"THANKING YOU FOR AN EXCELLENT PAPER. IT'S A REAL BOON TO THOSE OF US WHO LIVE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE DISTRICT," With these words, Bob Smither, acting SM 1A, has endeared himself for ever to Letchworth 'District Rover Crew, who (in case you did not know) produce and distribute CO-ORDINATOR to all Scouters, warranted or otherwise, Group committee chairmen, secretaries and treasurers, TLs, CIs, PLs of the Scouterless troops, and anyone else who deserves a copy. All those people are invited to use it, free, to say anything they want to say to the District as a whole.

You should realize, however, that Guiders are also beginning to read CO-ORDINATOR (and we hope to extend the hospitality of our pages to them shortly), and a copy is passed to the 'Letchworth and District Pictorial' for the sake of the list of dates - but as you may have noticed last month, they are liable to reprint some of our items! So if you want to say something private, tell us, and we shall keep it out of the 'Pictorial' copy;

Enough natter. This CO-ORDINATOR is full of important announcements. Please read it carefully. And. let us say Thank You to those who have been handing in the odd half-crowns, which are helping us in LDRC to cover production expenses.

ACCOUNTS

D C 'S A B C

Instructions have been received that we must pay more attention to our financial accounts. All sections must prepare a statement each year, showing on one side the amount of subscriptions received month by month, and any other monies received, plus the balance from the previous year; and on the other side, details of all expenditure. It is advisable to obtain receipts wherever possible.

Scouts and Seniors may be encouraged to be treasurers of section funds, but a Scouter must be responsible for seeing it is properly carried out.

Copies of sectional accounts must be given to the Group Treasurer within one month of the end of the year, or before the Group A.G.M., whichever is the earlier. Also, it is laid down in POR 211: "A copy of the Group's annual accounts, duly certified by the auditor, must be submitted to the LA within four months of the end of the Group's accounting year."

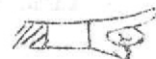
BOB-A-JOB

Once again this is in Easter week. The allocation of areas in Letchworth last year again seemed to work well, and we got fewer complaints than ever. The same areas will apply for 1960, so I hope you still have your maps. If not, I have a master copy.

Boys may go ANYWHERE to do these jobs for their relations and friends, but they MUST NOT GO CANVASSING outside the area allocated to the GROUP.

We are not using the leaflets this year, as they were expensive and did not seem to serve a useful purpose. We hope all Scouters will explain to the boys what is expected, and organize the scheme within their area.

Lastly, please endeavour to get your money in as soon as possible, although I know there is always the odd boy away. Our honorary treasurer will be at DHQ on THURSDAY 5 MAY from 8 to 8.30.



DC'S A B C continued

CENSUS

Will ALL Scouters please co-ordinate in obtaining all details required for the annual census; and return them to the LA secretary NOT LATER THAN MONDAY 4 APRIL.

We also require a list of boys in each unit, so if each CM, SM and SM(S) completes it-straight away, it will be useful for the census totals. List them like this:

Surname	Initials	Address	Age#	Rank*	Proficiency+	Years service C: S: SS
Notes: #Age to the nearest half-Year. *Rank, Sixer or Second, PL, or Second. +Proficiency, 1S-First Star, 2S=Second Star, SC=Second Class, FC-First Class, CORD=Scout Cord, BT-Bushman's Thong, QS=Queen's Scout.						

...AND DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL REPORT

The District Annual Report will again be duplicated, so will all Scouters in charge of sections please start NOW and prepare a report of between 100 and 200 words altogether, on Cubs; Scouts, Seniors and the Group - the last to include a few lines on the financial position. Last year, we still had late reports, and this makes it extremely difficult to compile a District report, especially with so many other items coming at this time of the year.

LATEST DATE FOR REPORTS TO REACH ME: MONDAY 4 APRIL. Thank you, Scouters:
LESLIE R.BROWN

UNEX

IS NOW IN OPERATION;

This is the UNiform EXchange system, in which surplus or outgrown items of Cub or Scout uniform may be handed in; and if Akela or Skip knows of a boy whose family cannot manage all the uniform items, they are welcome to come and take their pick.

UNEX is being run by Mrs I.J.FOSTER, at 7 CAMPFIELD WAY, LETCHWORTH (map ref.: 205324). Mrs Foster will receive uniform and issue it at any reasonable time - but items must be clean and in good condition.

If donors wish to fix a reserve price on any item, this can be arranged.

Associated with UNEX is the famous Foster Anorak Service, offering you advice on making your own, use of patterns - or personal anorak tailoring for only 10/- if you provide the material! This offer is restricted to members of the Scout movement.

UNEX BARGAIN OF THE MONTH:

A very good pair of corduroy shorts, free to a genuinely hard-up Scout.

ROVER in the District

***NOW that parties have finished, let's knuckle down to some BADGES. I'd like to say to some PLs (but not all): concentrate on your Patrols, and try to get them ALL up to second class standard;

***I DID see a Boy Scout turning into Green Lane from Works Road with his beret stuck on his head like a mushroom. (If you can't put it on right, see your SM;)

***HAS anybody seen anything wrong on the front of the February 'Scouter'?

***JUST reading through the second issue of 'Maroon', I wonder how many Seniors are subscribers. It's GOOD. For a year's copies, send 2/6 to The Maroon, Wavertree, Barnet Lane, ELSTREE. ***WENT to see Ralph Reader's professional 'Gang Show' and thought it was Gang flat compared with the true Gang Show,

ROVER

ALL FOOLS PLUS ONE : Remember the date for the next 50-50 DANCE - organized this time by Letchworth ROVERS AND RANGERS. Usual place, time, price, food; nicer faces.

CUB BADGE EXAMINERS

The following people are willing to act as examiners for Cub special proficiency badges, if your group does not already have its own traditional examiner. Please be sure to give at least a week's notice.

ARTIST: SA K.Johnson, 80 Spring Road. ATHLETE: arrange. with the games master of the boys' school. BOOK READER: *Miss A.C.Cunninghame, Public Library. COLLECTOR: DC L.R.Browm, 31 Lytton Avenue. CYCLIST: local police - to be arranged through DCM H.Shannon, 7 Monklands. ENTERTAINER: Mr J.Baker, 47 Highfield, FIRST AID: Mrs D.Blewchamp, 32 Souberie Avenue, Mrs D.Bowman, 17 Bowershott, or Mr D.Green-shields, 74 Archers Way. GARDENER: GUIDE: as Artist. HANDCRAFT: Mr A.A.Hoye, 146a Wilbury Road, or Mr Martin, Pixmore School (who is to be approached via the DCM). HOUSE ORDERLY: arrange with a member of your group committee, or Mrs I.Foster, 7 Campfield Way. OBSERVER: as Artist. SIGNALLER: ADC F.H.T.Cogar, 11 Ashtons Lane, Baldock. SPORTSMAN: as Athlete. SWIMMER: Mr Scott or Mrs Pooley, Swimming Pool. (All Letchworth, unless otherwise stated.)

Please give at least a week's notice, and in the case of examiners outside the movement, let them have a copy of the appropriate rules at the same time.

We still require an examiner for the Gardener badge. Any volunteers or nominations will be welcome. *See the note on Book Reader course on page 4.

SENIOR BADGE COURSE

A course is being arranged for the new CIVICS badge. Names of candidates must be given to DSM(S) Jim Bruce by next Sunday, 13 March. His address is 21 Green Lane, Letchworth.

SECOND CLASS AFTERNOON

LDRC will be "at home" in DHQ on Sunday afternoon, 13 March, to give second-class training, with emphasis on the outdoor tests. This is open to boys from any troop in the district, but it is especially hoped that those without Scouters will attend.

BARTON SHIELD

This annual contest for the Boy Scout section in FIRST AID will take place at DHQ on Sunday 27 March, beginning at 2.30. Let ADC Fred Cogar know as soon as possible how many teams you are entering.

OLD WOLVES' PALAVER

Accommodation for Saturday night, 19 March, is still required for some visiting Cubmasters. Please ask around, and let DCM Hannah Shannon know THIS WEEK if anyone can help.

CAR PARKING

It is suggested that anyone using a car to attend meetings at DHQ should park it either in Icknield Way or in the open space behind the hall, and not in the drive beside the hedge. This does interfere with our neighbours' transport and is not helpful.

WANTED

John Baker is anxious to find the owner of a set of drums who would be willing to lend them for a few weeks to add a bit more beat to our-Gang Show. We have a player, but no drums for him to play: Do you know someone with the right equipment?

Dates for District Diaries

M A R C H

- 10 Rock Council, DHQ, 8.15 : all CMs, please!
- 13 Tempest-Hicks Cup (Senior first aid), Howe Dell School, Hatfield
- .. Operation Timber , Springfield, Northaw : is YOUR Group helping?
- .. LDRC second class training afternoon, DHQ, from 2.30 (see page 3)
- 19-20 County Old Wolves' Palaver, St Paul's hall, 4 p.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday
- .. County Scouters' (S) Conference, Morgans Walk School, Hertford
- 20-26 Letchworth Refugee Week (no further information yet available)
- 23 3L AGM, DHQ, 8.0
- 25 7L AGM, St Thomas's hall, 7.50
- 26 All news in to K.J. for "Citizen" Scout Notes, please!
- 27 Barton Shield (Boy Scout first aid), DHQ, 2.30 (see page 3)
- 30 All news, dates and correspondence in to LDRC for CO-ORDINATOR 11, please:
- 31 Census and re-registration of groups (see page 2)

A P R I L

- 2 Seniors' inter-county cross-country, Iver, Buckinghamshire (our tip: John Davies, 1B)
- .. Letchworth Rovers and Rangers 50-50 dance, St Paul's hall, 7.30, 3/-
- 2-3 County Troop Scouters' Conference, Hatfield, with show by 1L and 3L patrols: do GO if you can, and get those forms in to the DC tomorrow!
- 3 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 11. by LDRC
- 4 LA executive committee 4L HQ
- 6 District Cub first aid competition, DHQ, 6.30
- 9-10 Tracker badge training, Well End
- 12 Care of books: session for all Cubs interested in Book Reader badge, arranged by Miss A.C. Cunningham, Children's Librarian, Letchworth Library, 5.0
- 18-23 Bob-a-job week (see page 1)
- 22-23 Our Gang Show at Baldock Secondary School
- 24 National Scout Service, St George's Chapel, Windsor (Max Vines representing Hertfordshire Rovers)
- 28-30 Our Gang Show at St Francis' Theatre, Letchworth

M A Y

- 1 St George's Day parade, Letchworth Free Church
- .. N.B. The CMs' Wayfaring at Hitchin may be postponed: see next CO-ORDINATOR
- 5 Bob-a-job money in to District treasurer, DHQ, 8-8.30
- 7-8 Patrol Loaders' weekend, Well End
- 14 Third Tour of Hertfordshire (Seniors) organized by LDRC
- 18 LA Annual General Meeting, THIS MEANS YOU, at DHQ, 7.30
- 21-22 Tracker badge testing, Well End

J U N E

- 11-12 County Marathon
- 17-19 International weekend, Gilwell Park

THREE HUNDRED YEARS OF "BE PREPARED"!

Here is a definition, given in "Military Maritime Discipline" by Captain Thomas Venn, published in 1672. "Scouts; They are not only to discover the High-ways, but also to secure them; they are to be of a number, answerable to the danger of the Guard; for the hazard of them, may prove dangerous, both to a private Guard or an Army in General. They are to give notice of the Enemies motion, of his approach, and of the number of them, that all sudden surprizes may be prevented."