

CO-ORDINATOR

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ABBREVIATIONS

Initials used in CO-ORDINATOR baffle new readers, so here is a reference guide.

1A	First Ashwell
1B,2B,	First, Second Baldock
1L,2L,	etc. First, Second Letchworth, etc.
1W	First Weston
A/	acting (or not warranted, as A/ASM)
ACC	Assistant County Commissioner
ACM	Assistant Cubmaster
ADC	Assistant District Commissioner
ASM	Assistant Scoutmaster
CC	County Commissioner
CI	Cub Instructor
CM	Cubmaster
DC	District Commissioner
DCM	District Cubmaster
DHQ	District Headquarters, Icknield Way
DSM	District Scoutmaster
DYB	Do your best
GSM	Group Scoutmaster
IIQ	headquarters
IIIQ	Imperial Headquarters, London S.W.1
LA	Local Association
LDRC	Letchworth District Rover Crew
PL	Patrol Leader
POR	Policy, Organisation and Rules
PS	Patrol Second
RS	Rover Scout
RSq	Rover Squire
(s)	Senior Scouts (as SM(S))
SA	Service Auxiliary
SM	Scoutmaster
TL	Troop Leader
UNEX	Uniform Exchange, 7 Campfield Way

BOB-A-JOB

Deductions from the cash returning to Groups this year are: 2s. per boy to IHQ; 1s. per boy to County for insurance; and 2s. per boy to District, to keep the LA solvent Total 5s. per boy. All earnings above this come back to the Group committee.

B-P GUILD

Mr Douglas James informs us that the Guild visit to the House of Commons must be postponed to next March. An emergency meeting will be held at DHQ in July.

CAMPING PERMITS

If you intend to camp outside this county this summer, and have not yet got your permit form from the DC, drop everything and go and see him now!

CORRESPONDENCE

"Do we consider turfing seriously enough? Someone did in 'Live Letter' after almost losing a campsite because of bad turfing. Yet my experience is that few troops bother about this subject till they arrive at summer camp, and the turfing is either done by someone who 'did it last year' or who 'ought to learn how it's done'. The result is usually that the turf will not go back at the end of the week without coaxing, and subsequently a patch of dry grass appears. Such patches were apparent in the Common for several months after the 1957 camp; and I wonder how many turfers were 'first-timers' then: There are from this two points:- (1) Practice is needed; and waste ground is in general available for this: 30 minutes of two consecutive meetings spent cutting and replacing turfs, with subsequent visits to see whether the grass survives, would help. (2) The boys should be made aware of the importance of doing turfing well, always. Point 1 will cover this, because practice stresses importance as well as making perfect.

"Should long trousers be uniform? If Scouting changes its name let it change its uniform - otherwise let's keep the sensible and conspicuous uniform of which I for one am proud. Will the wearing of 'longs' attract over-15s from the other clubs which the Albemarle report apparently supports in favour of our activities for the over-15s? I think not

"If Fatty survived and the nettles didn't, that was a good thing. Otherwise he should have been (mis)used for some useful purpose, such as squashing the boys who chucked him in the nettles." R.E.D.

* Further comments are invited. on the above subjects, or any other subjects, In writing, please.

CUB SPORTS

These are to be on WEDNESDAY 20 JULY at 6.30 p.m. on Norton School field. All the District packs are expected to take part and make it a grand affair. Please remember that no boy who has passed his eleventh birthday on 20 July may compete.

DATES

Apart from the Cub sports above, we have no new dates to add to the July list printed in CO-ORDINATOR 13.

EXAMINERS

We keep being asked for the list of Scout proficiency badge examiners. It will appear in CO-ORDINATOR as soon as possible.

GANG SHOW

Of the £50 profit made this year, the Gang Show committee has given £20 to the LA and £5 to the 4L building fund. Next year's producers will be Jim Bruce and Dave Turner; stage managers, Bert Crouch and John Tippet. The committee comprises Messrs J.Baker, L. Brown, J.Bruce, D.Turner, Mrs Z.Hyde and Miss H. Shannon. The 1961 show will only be at St Francis' Theatre, not in Baldock.

HOUSE COMMITTEE

After some time, this meets again this month to consider the state of DHQ. The members are the DC, Messrs Blaxland, Finney and Hoyer, 1L GSM Collins, 3L SM Turner, and (co-opted) 3L A/SM(S) Dabinett.

LA EXECUTIVE

The next meeting will be on Monday 12 September, 8 p.m., DHQ, unless members are previously informed otherwise.

LAYOUT

If you like this month's "classified" layout of CO-ORDINATOR, please let us know. If you hate it, please let us know, too.

MARATHON

Both the CC and ACC have sent very nice letters to the DC, thanking all those in our district who helped so much at St Paul's Waldenbury. Inspection results (first four places) are as follows.

Class A cycling

(1) 1B, 105½ points; (2) 1Bishops Stortford,

104½; (3) 1Harpden tie with 1Royston, 101½; (5) 1L, 101.

Class A walking

(1) 3L -tie with 1Chorleywood 'A', 84 points; (3) 7L tie with 1Chorleywood 'B', 83 .

Class B cycling

(1) 4Cheshunt, 101 points; (2) 1Harpden, 98; (3) 3Harpden, 96½ (4) 7Southwest Hertfordshire, 96.

Class B walking

(1) 4Harpden (2) 1Harpden (3) 4St Albans (4) 3Harpden. (Can't any of OUR Seniors walk???)

Class C walking

(1) 7L Scouters, 87½ points; (2) Bishops Stortford Rovers, 78½. No other entries.

Class A with trek-carts

(1) 3Harpden (2) Merchant Taylors (3) 2Cheshunt.

MILK BOTTLES

It has been noticed that people bring these to DHQ for refreshments at sales and things, but often forget to take away the empties. Guilty parties please note.

SCOUTERS' COUNCIL

Remember this tomorrow night, Monday 4 July, DHQ, all SMs, ASMs. A/SMs, A/ASMs, please. Important plans to discuss. 8.30.

SWIMMING SPORTS

Cubs and Scouts will make their annual splash from 6.15 on Monday 5 September. Full details will be in the August CO-ORDINATOR.

UNEX

UNiform EXchange, 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth (proprietrix: Mrs I.J.Foster). Several Cub caps and other items are there for the asking. That Scout beret has not been claimed: All enquiries are welcome, any time.

WESTON OPEN EVENING

The 1W Group is holding its first open evening on Monday 11 July, 8 p.m. at Weston School. We may expect stunts by Cubs and Scouts, refreshments and other entertainments. Scouters and Guildsmen from other parts of the District will be cordially welcomed. Map reference of the School is 263303.

LAST DAY FOR NEXT EDITION NEWS: 26 JULY