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D I S T R I C T   O U T L O O K   :   :   :   :   :   :   :   b y   t h e   D C

It was a bitter disappointment for us all to have to cancel the Barbecue and Campfire last month, but of course the weather was just too bad. A lot of people had been busy making the arrangements, including the ordering of large quantities of food, and as this had to have at least 24 hours' notice, we were forced to the decision that it was better to cancel the whole thing for this year.

We are fortunate in having a preliminary training course for Cubmasters taking place at our end of the county on 3 and 4 December. Hitchin is not very far away, and I do most strongly advise anyone who is taking an active part in Cub work to go to this weekend. You will really enjoy it, and find it a tremendous help with your Pack. Do please let me know quickly if you would like to go.

We have some good news this month, with the Fifth Letchworth Scouts starting up at last. We are very glad indeed that John Green is taking on the job of forming a troop. By the time this CO-ORDINATOR appears, I believe he will actually have held his first meeting with the new tenderfoot Scouts in the Westbury School hall.

I think we shall be having some more good news very soon, as we now have the possibility of a room in the Grange School, where, if all goes well, a new Cub pack should be starting, immediately after Christmas. This will be the Eighth Letchworth, and Miss Shannon, the District Cubmaster is prepared to get the new pack going, before handing over to a permanent successor. If you know of any suitable lady or gentleman in the Grange area who would be willing to help, please put them in touch either with me or Miss Shannon.

Seventh Letchworth have been very lucky to receive the help of Mr Ken Hart, a Cub parent who is now an acting ASM. His interest and support are proving very useful, and we are very glad to welcome him on the District team.

L.R.B.

## GANG SHOW ACTION COMMITTEE

With the loss of three staunch bulwarks of the Gang Show - Fred, Jim and Pete - a good deal of reorganization has been necessary, and this includes the formation of an Action Committee, which is already in action. The dates for next year's show will be found on page 6; but rehearsals are due to start very soon.

More original local material is being included in the new show, and the committee would like to receive more still. If you can write a sketch, a lyric, or a tune, have a word with David Turner (90 Bedford road) or John Baker (47 Highfield).

Solo instrumentalists or singers are also wanted. If there's a boy in your troop who can sing or play, drop in a tactful word. He will not necessarily have to perform solo, but with help to form a strong support for the rest of the cast.

And John Baker particularly wants a couple of good clear singers, from the older age-group, to work in front of the chorus. In fact, more mature voices - Scouters, Rovers, Seniors - actually in the Gang on the stage, are just what is needed to bring our District's Gang Show on a par with any in the country.

How about it?

★ NOW PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 4

## SPECIAL PROFICIENCY BADGES. MORE EXAMINERS

The list of official Examiners for special proficiency badges for Scouts and Seniors appeared in CO-ORDINATOR 16, but there are still a few gaps. We are happy to give you the following addenda.

JOBMAN, MISSIONER, and (S) PUBLIC HEALTH:

Mr Arthur Jump, 195 Nevells Road,  
Letchworth

PRINTER: Mr Peter Norton, 6 Waysbrook,  
Letchworth

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### QUESTIONNAIRES

Has YOUR Court of Honour filled in the answers AND returned the form to the D C ? If not, please chase it up. "Punch", on 5 October, made some interesting observations on the shorts-or-longs question. We quote: "The very word slacks is prejudicial to good morale, preparedness and good deedery, as well as playing false to the memory of Baden-Powell.. ."

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### DISTRIBUTION Of CO-ORDINATOR

Certain changes are continually taking place in the list of those who receive CO-ORDINATOR, as well as those who deliver it.

The Rovers are not complaining about dark damp evenings, but would not take it amiss if a few more readers saw fit to put large clear numbers on their garden gates!

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### MAY WE RECOMMEND...?

Another in the series of "Scouter's Books" was recently published. It's number 17, and it's called "Telling the Public".

Dealing with public relations generally, it has several thought-provoking chapters. Here's a short extract from one of them.

## UNEX

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Clothes distributed this year, to 16 October:

1 Cub cap and uniform, 1 woggle, 1 Scout belt, 3 Scout berets, 1 Senior beret and garter tabs, 5 pairs of Scout shorts, 3 good Scout shirts, 1 old Scout shirt.

In stock at present:

6 Cub caps, 2 pairs of garter tabs, 1 Scout shirt, 1 pair of shorts, 1 shirt-blouse (suitable for camp), 1 Guide beret (size 6½), 1 Brownie uniform dress.

UNEX is run free of charge, by Mrs I.J Foster at 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth. Call any time.

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### "TO SEE OURSELVES"

As members of a uniformed organisation we automatically draw attention to ourselves. The very clothing we wear serves to put us in the spotlight,

When a Scout in uniform carries out a small act of service in public observers will say to themselves: "Good types, those Boy Scouts". If another Scout were to throw his weight about, barge his way to the head of a bus queue, bag a seat and leave a lady standing, the rest of the passengers could not be blamed for thinking the worst about Scout training.

A Senior Scout may be kind, helpful, trustworthy and all the rest but if he went around with unkempt hair, in a scruffy uniform with shorts turned three parts up his thighs, beret on the back of his head and shuffling along with hands in pockets (and I'm sorry to say I've seen a few such types knocking about the streets of London and at seaside resorts during the holiday season) members of the public would undoubtedly think: "Some Scout; The 'Movement isn't what it was" One shocker like him can lower Scouting in the eyes of hundreds of people and make them tend to forget those many smart-looking fellows we do have.



"DEAR SIR,

"I hear that you would like people to contribute to the District magazine, CO-ORDINATOR, so here is a contribution of mine, namely a cross-word puzzle.

"I do hope it can be included in the next issue of the magazine, and I assure you that I am a Scout, only that I would like my identity kept a secret, unless you can discover who I am.

"For the crossword puzzle I use the pseudonym Q.E.D. If you wish to know what those initials stand for then first you must discover my identity:

"Yours faithfully,  
- . . - . . ."

#### CLUES ACROSS

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Insomnia (13)        | 26. Meadow (3)     |
| 8. Decade (5)           | 27. Giant (4)      |
| 9. Wood (3)             | 29. Canal boat (5) |
| 10. Say (5)             | 31. Scout (3)      |
| 13. Saline solution (3) |                    |
| 14. Help (6)            | 53. Church (5)     |
| 16. Mariner (5)         | 35. Title (3)      |
| 17. Creek (5)           | 33. Twist (3)      |
| 20. Main (3)            | 37. Meal (3)       |
| 22. Suspend (5)         | 40. Foreigner (5)  |
| 23. Tear (4)            | 42. Rower (3)      |
|                         | 43. Boy (3)        |
|                         | 44. Typists (13)   |

#### CLUES DOWN

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Stammcr (7)     | 21. Beverage (5)       |
| 2. Permit (3)      | 22. Owns (3)           |
| 5. Come in (5)     | 24. Flow (3)           |
| 4. Before time (5) | 25. Arrest (3)         |
| 5. Fish (3)        | 28. Short journeys (7) |
| 6. Cunning (3)     | 30. Rotation (4)       |
| 7. Stank (5)       | 32. Excuse (4)         |
| 11. Part (4)       | 33. Voices (5)         |
| 12. Percentage (4) | 34. Mammal (5)         |
| 15. Messenger (5)  | 35. Step (5)           |
| 18. Limb (3)       | 38. Devour (3)         |
| 19. Sin (3)        | 39. Exist (3)          |
| 20. Scatter (5)    | 41. Attention (3)      |

SCOUT AND CUB

UNIFORMS

including:-.

Rover and Scout Berets

Cub Caps \* Scarves

Cub Jerseys \* Scout Shirts

Scout T Shirts

Khaki Drill and Corduroy Shorts

Nylon Stockings \* Scout Belts

Whistles \* Garter Tabs

Woggles etc.

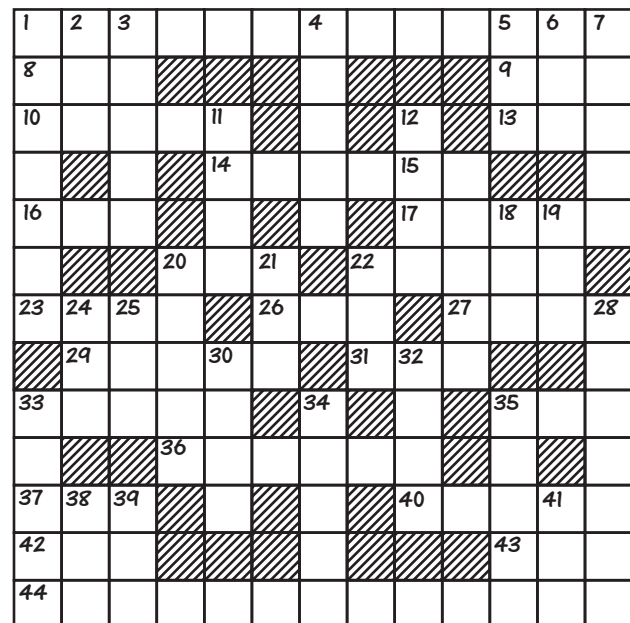
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**SPINKS & SON**

49 / 51 LEYS AVENUE

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Telephone 319



CO-ORDINATOR wishes to record its appreciation of the gesture of support from the 3L Group Committee. Some members of this committee had been subscribing at 2s. a year, but now the whole committee is doing so, including those elected officers who have it free by right. Thank you very much.



# Our Chalet

OUR CHALET stands on a mountain slope just outside the village of Adelboden, Switzerland. The inscription on a beam in the dining-room reads "To Helen Storrow our world sisterhood owes this chalet for the promotion of Guiding and goodwill between nations. July 31, 1932."

The friendship of Guiding is deeply felt as all nations sing the World Song and Taps together in their own languages. During our stay the group of us from England met Indian, American, Danish, Australian, Icelandic and Japanese Guiders, as well as the Swiss secretary and Dutch housekeeper, who with Pen the British Guider in charge are on the permanent staff there.

The atmosphere is friendly and one is free to join a climbing party or coach load to a place of interest. (We visited the Blue Lake, Gruyeres, Chateau de Chillon and the Scout Chalet at Kandersteg.) In the evenings we had film shows, talks (including one by our Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell), sing-songs and dancing.

Our Chalet is built of pine wood, kept light inside by twice yearly scrubbing with soap and water from roof to cellar. It is comfortably furnished and complete with pictures, books and souvenirs from Guides all over the world. Meals are Swiss, but not very different from our own, and visitors help with cleaning, washing up, laying tables or potato peeling, according to the patrol they are in. These tasks are done very quickly, often to the accompaniment of a song from another country. The view of mountains and (usually) blue sky from any window is breathtaking, and the air is so clear that even I felt wide awake at 6.30 a.m!

I am fully intending to return to Our Chalet - next time in the winter, when I feel it will be worth missing the gentians to see the snow. I hope Guider and Ranger readers will take the first opportunity of going, and that Scouters visiting their Kandersteg Chalet will

## A DISTRICT DIRECTORY

On the opposite page is the first instalment of a comprehensive Group-by-Group directory of Letehworth and Baldock Scouting. We hope to give similar details for the other nine Groups in this District in the next two or three editions of CO-ORDINATOR. And we are fairly sure that this lot, anyway, is up to date.

It may not be much use to know the names of bikers, but someone may find the names interesting in ten or twenty years time! .

Only warranted Scouters are listed; or where none exist, those acting are shown, marked (a). Numbers in brackets after addresses are telephone numbers.

### STOP PRESS I

St Paul's Amateur Dramatic Society (GRADS) offer all our packs, troops and companies seats at 2s. each for their performance of "Jack and the Beanstalk" at St Francis' Theatre, 3-7 January. They tentatively suggest the Tuesday for all Cubs and Brownies, Wednesday for all Scouts and Guides, Enquiries from CMs to Hannah Shannon, 7 Monklands; from Brown Owls to Mrs. Gwyneth Deere, 9 Haselfoot; from SMs to Leslie Collins, 96 Bedford Road; from Captains to Mrs Margaret Drylie, 21 Newlands.

### STOP PRESS II

Our Gang Show  
FIRST REHEARSAL  
6 p.m.  
SATURDAY 19 NOVEI, MER  
at DHQ

All Scouts and Cubs over 10 may come for introductory meeting, leading to auditions. OLD WOLVES AND SCOUTERS PLEASE TELL TEE BOYS, More details available at Thursday's two Councils.

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find it worth a visit - though I warn them it is a steeper climb than their Chalet!

MARY BRENCHLEY  
District Captain

## DISTRICT DIRECTORY : 1

Group	FIRST LETCHWORTH 5428	SECOND LETCHWORTH (St Nicholas) 22352	THIRD LETCHWORTH 32299
G S M	Leslie Collins 96 Bedford Road	Eric Oldham 77 Wilbury Road (2282)	Frank Bolton (a) 71 Lytton Avenue (1915)
S M (S)		-	Leslie Dabinett (a) 59 Maycroft (2611)
A S M (S)	Peter Blott 78 Archers Way	-	
S M		Ernest Hall 12 Station Rd BALDOCK	David Turner 90 Bedford Road
A S M	Jeffrey Robson 67 High Avenue	Bertram Crouch (a) 21 Lammas Way	John Foster 7 Campfield Way
C M	Arthur Scott 13 Stoneley	Thur:Mrs Gertrude Hoyer 146A Wilbury Road Fri:Mrs Sheila Barley 2 Linden Green	Miss Hannah Shannon 7 Monklands
A C M	Colin Chalkley Perdita, 116 High St STOTFOLD	Thur:Mrs Nell.Tomkins 49 Southfields Fri:Mrs Jean Leathers 64 Danescroft	Alastair Gordon 84 West View (1523)
(S)Patrol PL(S) PS(S)	Scott Roger Woods -	- - -	Wingate John Butcher -
Patrol PL PS	Eagle Hawk John Vasey Gra.Plinston Ben Cousins Dav.Buckley	Eagle Falcon Chr.Makepeace John Hills Tim Mudd Mich.Ray	Eagle Kestrel Chr.Fleming - Lawr.Sapsed Ray.Andrews
Patrol PL PS	Kestrel Owl Rog.Champs Dav.Watson Rog.Firth Kei.Wilson	Owl Raven Ken Miller Gra.Barley Pet.Fricker Dav.Carpenter	Kingfisher Peewit John White Mich.Rogers Roger Howes Rich.Bryant
Patrol PL PS	Peewit PaulTippett Dav.Ralston		
Sixers	Brown,JohnDaniells Grey,TerryPhillips Red,Paul Gooch White,Stephen Eaves	Thur:Blue,Malc.Dunham Brown, Barry Crouch Red,Phillip Collins White, Sean Kilgarriff Fri:Green,Peter Page Grey,Peter Browning Tawny,Ken Williams Yellow,Colin MacEwen	Black,Geoff.Shaw Blue,Robert John Green, - Red, -
Chairman	Sydney Blaxland 55 Bedford Road	William Vines 18 Norton Way North	Thomas Howes 5 Redhoods Way
Secretary	Mrs Zara Hyde 89 Monklands	Mrs Doris Furmston 146 Wilbury Road (1975)	Edward Shaw 191 Icknield Way (1755)
Treasurer	Mrs D.K.Buckley 91 Bursland	Edwin Rook 38 Longmead (2273)	Mrs Irene Ball 22 Rowan Crescent (1831)

# The Order

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## NOVEMBER 1960

- 3 Scouters' Council, DHQ (Den), 8.0 : all SMs and ASMs, please!
- 3 Rock Council, DHQ (Main hall), 6.15 : all Old Wolves, please!
- 4 Evening Rover moot, Well End, 8.0
- 5 5L jumble sale, DHQ
- 5-6 and 19-20 SMs' preliminary training course, Hertford
- 7 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8.0 : all Scouter and lay members, please!
- 12 Winter patrol competition for the 3-P Guild Cup, 4L HQ, 2.30
- 19 Our District Gang Show : first rehearsal, DHQ, 6.0
- 19-20 Queen's Scout reception, Greenwich
- 19-20 Hertfordshire Rover-Ranger round-up, Barclay School, Stevenage, 3.45 Saturday to 4.0 Sunday
- 26 3L Group sausage-and-mash party, DHQ
- 26 All news in to SA Ken Johnson for "Citizen" Scout notes, please!
- 26-27 Pothunters' Trophy contest for Seniors
- 26-27 and 10-11 December SM(S)s' preliminary training course, Apsley
- 29 Your Group's fixtures, your letters and other items in for CO-ORDINATOR 19, please!

## DECEMBER 1960

- 1 Letchworth & District B-P Guild.: Guildsman Arthur Jump on "Scouting 40 Years Ago", DHQ, 8.0 : Guildsmen, Scouters, Rovers, Seniors and friends all welcome
- 2 4L open evening, 4L HQ
- 3-4 CMs' preliminary training course, Hitchin : see page 1
- 3 Letchworth District Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's hall, 7.50-11.0 : tickets 3s. including refreshments
- 4 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 19 by LDRC
- 10 4L Cub party, 4L HQ
- 13 2B Group party, 2B HQ
- 21 1L Group Committee's special Christmas whist drive, DHQ
- 27-5 January County Seniors' winter expedition

## JANUARY 1961

- 5 1L Group party, DHQ
- 7 County cross-country for Seniors
- 14 3L Group outing to Palladium pantomime
- 14 4L Scout party, 4L HQ

## FEBRUARY 1961

- 15 Letchworth & District B-P Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel : details to be announced at previous meeting on 1 December 1960

## MARCH 1961

- 24 Letchworth & District B-P Guild visit to House of Commons

## APRIL 1961

- 5-8 Our Gang Show at St Francis' Theatre

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Nearly 200 copies of CO-ORDINATOR are distributed each month free to Scouters, committee members, Guiders, etc., by LDRC (Letchworth District Rover Crew) - Treasurer: RM John Collins, 96 Bedford Road. Secretary: RM Max Vines, 18 Norton Way