

# C O - R D I N A T O R

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3-8 National Bob-a-job week (see 15 April, below)

3 Gang Show act 1 dress rehearsal, St Francis' theatre, 5.0

4 Gang Show act 2 dress rehearsal, St Francis' theatre, 6.0

5-8 OUR DISTRICT

## GANG SHOW

ST FRANCIS' THEATRE, 7.30 EACH EVENING

Reserved seats 4/6, 3/6 and 2/6, children 2/- anywhere; unreserved seats 2/-  
Tickets obtainable at Richardsons, Eastcheap, Letchworth. Late buses run on  
Friday and Saturday from the theatre after the show, to Grange and Baldock.

- 6 Guide HQ mobile training van (on view only), St Mary's Square, Hitchin, 11.30 to 12.15; Secondary School, Baldock, 1.45 to 2.15. Uniform will be worn for viewing
- 8 1A Group exemption DOG SHOW, Rectory Lawn, Ashwell. Judging begins 1.30. Twenty-five classes. Judge: Mr J. Ross-Paterson. Special prizes for the first ten in each class. Admission 1/- (children, 6d.) in aid of Group funds.
- 8 Inter-county cross-country for Seniors, Essex
- 8-9 Pioneer badge course, Well End
- 8-9 "Pioneer I" weekend for "all Seniors who can undertake 27 hours of pure Scouting and good fun" - the more attending, the bigger the projects - maddest wide game ever played - commando course - Venturer badge part 1 testing. Details from any SM(S). 2 p.m. Saturday to 5 p.m. Sunday.
- 9 LDRC Group annual general meeting, DHQ, 8.0
- 13 District Treasurer will be at DHQ to receive Groups' Bob-a-job moneys, from 8 p.m.
- 14 2B Group jumble sale, Catholic hall, 7.0 (postponed from 24 March)
- 15 ALL GROUP REPORTS IN TO THE D C, PLEASE, FROM G S Ms OR SCOUTERS IN CHARGE
- 15-16 Boy Scout Scouters' Conference, St Audrey's school, Hatfield, 5.30-10.0 and 9.30-4.30. Theme: Leadership
- 15-16 Roman Catholic Scout Guild "Duty-to God" course, Hatfield
- 17 SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, D H Q, 8.15 : please let's have at least one representative from every troop, as plans must be settled for the District show camp, barbeue and campfire (5-7 May)
- 20 ROCK COUNCIL, D H Q, 8.15 : all Old Wolves attend if you possibly can, please!
- 21 4L Group annual general meeting, St. Paul's hall, 7.0
- 22 DISTRICT CUB FOOTBALL COMPETITION, first and second rounds, Westbury school field  
The draw is as follows:- (A) 1L v. 3L at 10.0 a.m. (B) 4L v. 8L at 10.30.  
(C) 7L Wednesday v. 1B at 11.0. (D) 7L Tuesday v. 2L Thursday at 11.50.  
(E) 2L Friday v. 1W at 12.0. 1A, 2B and 5L have byes in the first round.  
Second round: Winners of (A) and (B) at 2.0 p.m. Winners of (C) and (D) at 2.30. Winners of (E) v. 1A at 5.0. 2B v. 5L at 3.30. For semi-finals, see next Saturday, 29 April. Please pin Group scarves to players' shirtfronts:
- 22 Cub Instructors' training course, Stevenage, 3.30-9.30 p.m. For all CIs ages 15 to 18; cost 2/6 including evening meal; transport available - see the DC not later than Saturday 15 April.
- 22 Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's hall, 7.30, 3/- including refreshments

April continued

- 23 St George's Day mass for Catholic Scouts and Cubs, Baldock Catholic Church, 8.30
- 23 (St George's Day) National Scout service, Windsor
- 24 LA executive committee, DHQ, 7.45 : one Scouter and lay member from each Group are expected to attend
- 25 Guide District Court of Honour, Ranger hut, 7.30
- 25 All items in for CO-ORDINATOR 24, please
- 27 Letchworth & District B-P Guild annual general meeting, DHQ, 8.0
- 28 1L Group annual general meeting, DHQ, 7.45

- 29 DISTRICT CUB FOOTBALL COMPETITION, semi-finals and final, Westbury School field
- Semi-final: Winners of (A) or (B) v. (C) or (D) at 10.0 a.m.
- Winners of (E) or 1A v. 2B or 5L at 10.30
- Final: 11.15

- 29 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 24 by Rovers and Rangers (see note on page 4)
- 29 Preliminary training course for CMs, ACMS and prospective ones, Welwyn Garden City

- 30 DISTRICT ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AND SERVICE, ST 'MARY'S CHURCH, BALDOCK
- Practice for colour party: Saturday 29 at 11 a.m. at the church: as many as possible of colour party to be present.

Assembly on Sunday in Secondary School playground by 2.20 p.m.

Move off: Cubs 2.25, Scouts and Guides 2.30. Brownies assemble in the church.

Collection for B-P Memorial House. Please remind the boys and girls.

Order of procession: Scouts: 1B - 2B - 1A - 1W - 1L - 2L - 3L - 4L - 5L - 7L - 8L.

Guides: 5L - 9L - 10L - 1B - 3B - 1L - 2L - 4L.

Route: Mansfield Road and High Street.

Leaving church: In order as above, but in Groups with colour party in front of each unit.

Salute: Near The Wilderness, Hitchin Street. Brownies form guard of honour at saluting base.

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- 3 District Cubs' first aid competition, DHQ, 6.30
- 5 Guide LA Beetle drive, St Paul's hall
- 5-7 District show camp, Norton Common. This is to be as grand an event as the Festival Year camp of 1951 or the Jubilee Year camp of 1957. Scouting will be on display to the public, and the highlight will be the BARBECUE AND CAMP FIRE on the Saturday night. Details will be worked out at the Scouters' Council on 17 April, and at other meetings, for it is hoped that Guides will participate at the campfire, and that Cubs will join in the dramatic displays on Saturday afternoon. Bands and pennants will probably be available. One thing is needed now: a good snappy name for the camp. Have you any suggestions?
- 6-7 Queen's Scout reception, Gilwell Park
- 6-7 Boy Scout PLs weekend, Well End
- 9 5L Group annual general meeting, "Westbury School hall, 7.15
- 10 SPADS present an evening of films by Four Square Productions, at St Paul's hall, 7.30. Admission 2s., children 1s., in aid of 4L building fund
- 10 Guide badge lists in, please!
- 13 Fourth cycle Tour of Hertfordshire for Seniors, starting 8 a.m. from Letchworth Gate roundabout and nine other points around the county. Full details from RS Alastair Gordon, 84 West View, Letchworth
- 14 County Rovers' motor rally; starting at Standon (400226) at 10 a.m.
- 17 LA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, DHQ, 7.45. All readers of CO-ORDINATOR are invited to submit up to ten of their best colour slides of Scouting or holiday activity and be prepared to talk briefly about them when they are shown at the meeting.
- 27 Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's hall, 7.30, 3s, including refreshments
- 28 Operation Timber, at Springfields, Coopers Lane, Northaw (271024): see. note at the top of page 3

OPERATION TIMBER will start at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Cross-cut and bush saws, and rope, would be useful to bring. Hot soup will be served at mid-day; other food should be brought. Felling and cutting (wonderful practice!) will be done on 28 May, and the timber loaded and carted to Well End on 4 June. It is hoped that Seniors and Rovers will assist on one or other of these dates, in good numbers.

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3-4 International weekend, Gillwell Park

4 Operation Timber, Northaw to Well End : see note above

10-11 COUNTY MARATHON under NEW RULES:-

BOY SCOUTS (over 15 but under 15) will walk 5 miles or cycle 14 miles, to reach Bocket Park (214530) between 4 and 6 p.m. on Saturday. Teams of four. No cycle-trailers, tandems or trek-carts. No log, but certain tasks set on the route. Inspection on arrival, pitching camp and cooking evening meal, to include meat (no tins!), vegetable and hot drink. Inspections and projects on Sunday morning and expedition on foot from about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., including meal cooked by backwoods method.

SENIOR SCOUTS (under 18) will walk or walk from DHQ (or five other starting places in the county) to reach Bocket Park at 8 p.m. sharp on Saturday. Teams of two, entirely self-supporting. Marks awarded on inspection at time of departure, overnight camping, special activities, inspection at camp site, Sunday hike and final inspection.

ROVER SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS may not compete, but are all invited to help with arrangements. Results will be announced at the Sunday teatime assembly.

17 Wolf Cub open afternoon, Gilwell Park

17 1L Group jumble sale, DHQ

18 Roman Catholic Scout Guild Ki-Ro Halfday, Hitchin

20 Attempt at Tour of Hertfordshire on foot by 1B-2B Seniors and anyone else interested, in collaboration with Countryside Bashers Club (postponed from Easter weekend)

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#### SUGGESTION

from the Gang Show committee. It would help the movement considerably in this District if all Scouters attending the show turned up in uniform. How about it, then?

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT

from UNEX, which now has in stock 7 pairs of shorts in various sizes, as well 5 Cub caps, 1 green neckerchief etc. 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT

from Anutha Fox:, 88 Southfields, Letchworth: disposing of three class sailing dinghies, prices from £15.

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#### INFORMATION

from the Guide County. Copies of the annual report, as given at the County annual general meeting at Hertford on 18 March, are available, price 1/- each, from Mrs Margaret Drylie, 21 Newlands, Letchworth.

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#### REMINDER

to Guiders. Any Guider who has not already collected the Thinking Day coach fares from her Guides or Brownies, please do so at once (6d. each) and send to Mrs Hemmings, 20 Pix Road

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## REPORT FROM CANADA

Dear District:

First of all, would you kindly take note of the address below, for I should be so glad to hear from some of you.

Well, just a short report for you on Canadian Scouting. Being the rugged kind of country that it is, most Canadian Scouting is outdoor with the emphasis on canoeing, hunting, fishing, etc. The basic principles are the same, although they are not too particular about having association with IHQ and British ideas; therefore there is a vast difference in the Canadian POR and our own.

For instance, in Canada you do not need Bushman's Thong to become a Queen's Scout - therefore QS badges are handed out like pocket money at the end of the week. The thing to remember is, though, that whilst their ideas differ (or should I now say our ideas differ) the spirit of Scouting is just the same and on average they are (we are) just as keen as yourselves.

So in summing up, although countries differ in opinion and colour, as far as Scouting goes, it is definitely a brotherhood of ideals.

Just to comment on the weather: at present (1 March) it is extremely cold, with some places under 14" of snow.

Well, my friends, owing to the thoughtfulness of the District Rover Crew, I still read CO-ORDINATOR fairly regularly. I say fairly because I get them in batches of three or so at a time.

Good luck to Gang Show 1961. With you very very much in spirit, yours in Scouting,

BILL BRUCE

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DISTRIBUTION OF CO-ORDINATOR

RS David Northover is now our circulation manager, and hopes that everyone entitled to receive this thing: is getting it. That means Scouters, warranted or not, Cub Instructors and general helpers, chairmen, secretaries and treasurers of Group committees, lay members of the LA executive, and Guiders - more than 200 altogether! In case of any query or complaint, please ask David, at 47 The Crescent, Letchworth: telephone Letchworth 1798.

KENT TROPHY COMPETITION RESULTS

Place	Maximum possible: 350 points
1. 45 SW Hertfordshire.....	198
2. 44 SW Hertfordshire.....	160½
3. 69 SW Hertfordshire.....	148
4. 2L.....	147½
17. 3L.....	126
22. Tie between 1L, 7L and 35 SW Hertfordshire .....	113 (34 teams competed)

HOW TO RAISE MONEY

As a result of the District Guides' Spring Fair and the coffee evening, £67 was raised. This, with the addition of £35 already in the camp equipment fund, is being used to purchase three 14-foot ridge tents with fly sheets, and three toilet tents. Next year, we are informed, they aim to buy another ridge tent, a toilet tent and a wash tent.

ROVER-RANGER GET-TOGETHER

We arrived at Phasels Wood at 4.30 p.m. on 14 March. Soon after, when everybody had arrived by some means of transport, tea was served in the hut. For tea there were all sorts of sandwiches to eat, as well as a piece of Swiss roll, and a good cup of tea.

After tea, some games were put on. They were pretty energetic, and it was surprising how many girls joined in.

Later, about 6.30, everybody went back to the hut where Conrad (as he is known to all of us)-gave a talk on SOMETHING. Joe Westwood was another guest, who gave a talk on "Scouting abroad" - very interesting and amusing.

Then came the country dancing. A chap from Watford demonstrated and had everyone joining in. About half way through the dancing, hot dogs were served, with tea. There were enough of these to have two or three each. Dancing was then started again.

At about 9.0, when everyone was exhausted from dancing, a campfire singsong was held in the hut. It went down very well, and Derek Lea (from London Gang Show) came and sang a few songs, and Conrad led the campfire. At 9.50 the gathering closed down, and I think those who went had a wonderful time.

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