

CO-ORDINATOR

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COMMITTEE OFFICIALS AND GUIDERS

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EVERY GOOD WISH FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a Happy New Year. May you all enjoy the very best of health, and may good fortune favour you in 1962 and the years to come.

Trials and tribulations we all have; troubles and difficulties appear all too often; but with a true Scout spirit I am sure these can always be reduced.

May I also take this opportunity of thanking you all for so much assistance in the past; and may we look forward to even better times in 1962! L.R.B.

I take this opportunity of wishing all sections of the movement - not forgetting our friends the Guides - a very happy Christmas, and all the best of good Scouting and Guiding in 1962.

SYD. F. BLAXLAND
Chairman, LA

WARRANTS AND PRE-WARRANT TRAINING (SCOUTERS) (POR 62-75 and 561)

There appears to be some doubt in the minds of a few Scouters what this entails. Briefly, all applicants for warrants must serve a probationary period of three months, and during this period while serving with the group they should acquire the skill of instructing and testing boys, up to and including second star for pack Scouters, and up to and including second-class tests for all others. If there is no experienced Scouter in that pack or troop, the DC will arrange attachment to another group for experience.

Towards the end of the three-month period arrangements must be made by the applicant to pay at least two visits to the 3L pack under the DCM, or the 1L troop under the DSM, and be prepared to take part of the meeting on instruction and testing.

The applicant must then meet the DC for an interview to satisfy him that such a person is properly prepared to take on warranted duty.

Attendance and passing of a preliminary training course is now considered an essential condition for a warrant. Many people are nervous about these PTCs and the Wood Badge; but they are not exams in any form. They are real training courses, and we have yet to meet the person who does not only enjoy them but find them interesting and instructive.

SEVENTH LETCHWORTH Senior Scouts are selling split firewood in 6d. bundles and 5/- sacks, in order to supplement their Jamboree 1963 Fund. Please send any orders of any quantity to SS S.L. Page, 21 Valley Road, Letchworth. Regular orders are welcome. Orders are delivered.

WANTED! SCOUTER, LA member or someone who knows - to test Guides' Knotter badge. (Only one candidate so far.) Volunteers please contact Badge Secretary Mrs O.Hiles, 74 Broadwater Avenue, Letchworth (2285).

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT, arranged by Mrs Bentley in aid of 4L HQ building fund, at St Paul's hall, 7.30 pm on Friday 8 December. Admission 2/- (children, 1/-). Your support will be very welcome.

YAC YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL NEWS

All Scouters and Guiders have received a letter from YAC about the film soon on the Duke of Edinburgh's award on 6 December. Try to get a good turnout from your troop or company. I can personally vouch for the film on the Girls' Award. And I suggest that everyone wears their badge in a prominent place if in civvies. M.C.D.

Carol Service: Exactly as reported in CO-ORDINATOR 30.

Youth Sunday: It has been decided to split this up and hold one service in Letchworth and one in Baldock, if possible on the same day. Letchworth one will be in Grammar School hall, proposed date either 11 or 18 March. Baldock's venue not settled yet.

Christmas in Hospital: In previous years the Baldock Youth Club has undertaken to decorate one of the wards at Lister Hospital, Hitchin. There might be other youth bodies who would be interested in taking part in this effort to help those who are forced to spend the festive season in hospital. If you are interested it would be best to contact the matron of one of the local hospitals as soon as possible. No doubt Mr Briggs (18 Hillbrow, Letchworth) who runs the Baldock Club will be able to give you an idea of what is entailed.

O.A.MULLER

Hon. Sec. & Treas.,

31 Cloisters Road

LB&D YAC

FOR SALE: Two morse flags and sticks, brand new. Purchased before signalling taken out of Guide second-class, but never used. 10/-. Drylie, 21 Newlands, Letchworth.

BALOO OF 1L (Colin Chalkley) whose gift of a new gate now adorns the entrance to DHQ, is now "Kin" to Cubs, land and Sea Scouts and Seniors of 2 Totland. His address is 26 Fort Warden Road, Colwell, TOTLAND BAY, Isle of Wight.

SCOUT NOTES began in The Citizen just over four years ago, and so far 626 members of the movement in this district have been immortalized therein. Number 600 happened to be Ian Stroud, Cub in 7L Wednesday pack.

CUB QUIZ : FULL SCORES

Place	Pack	Points
1.....	5L.....	50
2 (2L Fri)	(3L).....	48
4.....	4L.....	46
5...2L Thu.....		44
6 (1B)	(7L Tue).....	42
8 (1L)	(1A).....	37
10...7L Wed.....		34
11.....	8L.....	28
12.....	2B.....	27

Reason why the date of the quiz was not in the last CO-ORDINATOR:- No-body thought to tell us anything about it until it was too late! So we smile and whistle, and carry on.

NORTON CAMP 1962

is on the agenda for the Scouters' Council, on Monday 15 January - when all troop Scouters should really be there.

WOODCHOPPERS REQUIRED

The B-P Guild invites assistance from Seniors or Rovers in their active Christmas Good Turn - cutting up wood for old folk. Place: Dunhams Lane, opposite K&L main entrance. Time: 9. a.m. Sundays 5 & 10 December. Let Doug James know (Letchworth 1726)

GUIDERS - ATTENTION!

So far I have received: no names for course on First Aid, Sick Nurse & Emergency Helper badges, no numbers for SPADS panto, no more wool. What about it? M.C.D.

GIFT FROM TREFOIL GUILD

to company or pack most needy: 4 white lanyards, 2 semaphore flags (no sticks). Apply M.C.D.

FIRST LETCHWORTH SCOUT GROUP

reminds all its members and associates to bring their own mugs to the party at DHQ on Tuesday 2 January 1962, beginning about 6 p.m.

UNEX (UNiform EXchange)

wants shirts to fit boys of 11-12. We have in stock: 1 Scout beret (as new) 2/6 1 Scout shirt, size 15 collar several pairs of shorts 1 x 7L neckerchief Apply to Mrs Foster, 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth, at any reasonable time.

DAVID TURNER (SM)

has left the 3L, for a variety of reasons - none terribly serious. The DC asks us to thank him for all his work, and to remind you that he remains in the movement as a Service Auxiliary, who will maybe one day take out another warrant.

REFUGEE FUND

At the County conference in October, the Cub section agreed to support a scheme to provide a flat for a refugee family now in Germany. It was calculated that if every Cub produced one shilling, this could be achieved.

The District Rock Council agreed to support this scheme, and already some packs have produced their quota. Good luck to the others, and see if you can let us have it soon!

Further details may be had from the DC or DCM.

What a wonderful Christmas present to this family if we could let them know that the flat will be reserved for them!

PLs' AND PSs' WEEKEND

arranged by LDRC begins at 9 30 p.m. next Friday. Signs are that a large attendance (at ten bob a head) will be enjoying the never-a-spare-moment programme that is ready for them. Full reports in the Scout Notes one Friday later.

COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

about CO-ORDINATOR are still invited to fill in odd corners like this one. Anything printable will be printed, of course. Let's hear from you.

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- 5 1L-3L Seniors' open evening (presentation of QS badges), DHQ, 8.0
- 6 YAC Duke of Edinburgh's Award film show, Pixmore School, 7.30
- 7 District Gang Show committee, DHQ, 8.0
- 8 Choral and orchestral concert, St. Paul's hall, 7.30 (see page 1)
- 8-10 PLs' and PSs' training weekend, DHQ, 9.30 pm Friday to 4.30 pm Sunday
- 10 B-P Guild woodchopping, Dunhams Lane; 9.0 am (see above)
- 12 7L Cubs' open evening, St Thomas's hall, 7.0
- 16 1B Group party, Secondary School hall, 5.0
- 20 1A Cub party, Guide hut
- 22 YAC youth carol service, Town Square, Letchworth, 7.0
- 26 to 4 January : County Senior winter expedition, Hag Dike, West Riding
- 27 to 6 January : Seventh world Rover moot, Wonga Park, Australia
- 27 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 32
- 28 5L Group outing to Bertram Mills Circus
- 31 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 52

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- 2 1L Group party, DHQ, 6.0
- 2 Cubs and Brownies visit SPADS pantomime, St Francis' Theatre, 7.0
- 3 Scouts and Guides ditto
- 5-13 Fourth National Camping & Outdoor Life Exhibition, Olympia, London; 10 am - 6 pm (adults 3/-, children 2/-, movement in uniform 1/6)
- 8 All Groups' representatives are required, please, at LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8.0
- 12 1A outing to Arts Theatre pantomime, Cambridge
- 13 2L Group party (with District Newsreel), St George's hall, 5.0
- 13 (postponed from 6 January) Rover-Ranger party, DHQ
- 13 B-P Guild County dinner and dance, Hatfield
- 15 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8.0
- 20 4L Scout and Guide party, St Paul's hall