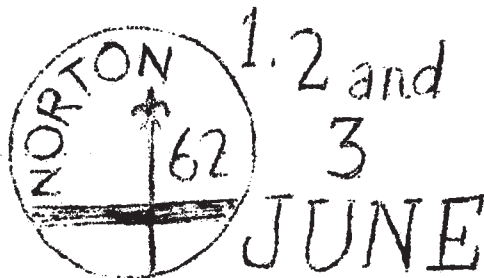


CO-ORDINATOR

THE THING FOR TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT THINGS IN LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT
NUMBER 36 MAY 1962

THIS EDITION IS A WEEK EARLIER than we had planned, because final announcements about Norton Camp '62 will appear in CO-ORDINATOR 37, which will be distributed on 27 May, because (as you have probably heard by now) the date of the camp has been put back to



in order that it should not clash with the Letchworth Inter-Works Sports League's jubilee fete.

Apart from the date, all announcements about the camp in previous editions of CO-ORDINATOR still stand. The Cub pageant will be thoroughly sorted out next THURSDAY, 3 May, at Rock Council, DHQ, 8.15. The Seniors' projected Treetop Walk will be blueprinted at the SSLs' Council next SUNDAY, 6 May, DHQ, 11 am. And anyone who is still worried about what they are expected to do should present his or her case to the special NC62 Subcommittee on MONDAY 21 May, DHQ, 8.0.



by Alastair Gordon, ACM, 3L

My letter in the January CO-ORDINATOR made a stir in some quarters, as was intended, and I had the reply that something was being done - for the better or worse, I do not know. I hear that the concreting of the front is to be done shortly and should be laid by 10 May, the LA AGM. We have also got rid of the horrible garage at the back of the DHQ, and not too soon.

But I still maintain that the DHQ is a disgrace to the District.

Some guttering has been broken for nearly a year, and it does not look as though it is going to be repaired. Gradually more and more is being broken, and the walls and foundations are getting worse. This is surely one reason for the excess damp inside the hall,

The outside paintwork is also in very bad condition, and if it is left much longer it will cause irreparable damage.

The Scouters' room floor is not being repaired, because we are to have an extension built at the back "in the near future" and this part of the hall would have to be altered. It has already been up nine months, and I dare not think how many years it is going to stay that way.

The kitchen is being badly misused, and this is shameful after the amount of voluntary work that was done in renovating it.

People are using the DHQ as purely a "jumble sale and auction hall" - and how it shows.

Whose responsibility? It is the District Headquarters, and is therefore everyone's responsibility.

I am sure if the house Committee asked for help in any big job there would be a good response.

Wake up before it is too late!

BOB-A-JOB

We heard of one Cub who got ten bob for cleaning a Jaguar, and another whose card includes the entry "Moving dung...2/-".

If there should be any "Job done" stickers left over, will Group Scouters please see that these are returned, together with all the earnings. District Treasurer George Fletcher will be in attendance at DHQ on Tuesday week (8 May) from 7.30 to 8.15 to receive proceeds.

ALL GUIDE UNITS

have now received the forms for the District levy and finance scheme. Will Guiders please see that the appropriate moneys are conveyed as soon as possible to the District Treasurer - Mrs Hemmings, 20 Pix Road, Letchworth.

FIVE SILVER ACORNS

come to Hertfordshire in the St George's Day awards, "in recognition of specially distinguished services". The DCs for the East and South-West (Messrs Frazer and Willis) are honoured, together with Ron Freeman (ACC(R)), Bert Moreton (Well End Camp Warden) and Derek Turner (ACC (Training)).

NEW AMENDMENTS

to POR announced in the May "Scouter" include the lowering of the age limit for ASSL from 21 to 19 in exceptional cases; the definite banning of shorts of the "Lederhosen" pattern, but a concession for two coloured bands on turn-over tops of socks; and a new requirement that Scouters in charge of Pack holidays or Cub camps must have had previous practical experience of such events.

The new Skier badge for Seniors is also added to the list of those that may be won and worn by boys under 15.

All these amendments take effect immediately. "The Scouter" costs one shilling a month; and is strongly recommended to all CO-ORDINATOR readers.

BOOKS

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FIRST OF A NEW SERIES

"B-P's SCOUTS"

by Henry Collis, Rex
Hazlewood and Fred

Hurll (Collins, 21/-).

Many of you will not know of the new books which are being published about Scouting, and some may be unaware of some of the older ones; I shall therefore endeavour to express my views on some of them and hope that it will encourage you to read them.

This is described as the official history of the Boy Scouts Association, but do not let this put you off. This is an extremely enjoyable book and it is very readable. It gives a good picture of how Scouting started and the difficulties it has been through.

This is not just another life story of B-P, but a book on Scouting with many interesting and varied facts about it, written by three people who are all well known in Scouting circles and who are in an ideal position to get help and information.

One of the things I disliked was the overuse of praise. Although it may be quite justified, it seems to me a little false and out of place.

I thoroughly recommend this book to you, and hope everybody buys. or borrows a copy.
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DATES

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THIRTY-SIXTH OF AN OLD SERIES

- 1 Guide Committee, Ranger Hut, 7.30
- 3 ROCK COUNCIL, DHQ, 8.15 - someone from each Pack is required to attend
- 3 YAC annual general meeting
- 5-6 Ki-Ro course for first class grade only (camp), Hitchin
- 5-6 -Cub Wood Badge Part 2 course, Well End : second weekend
- 6 SSLs' Council, DHQ, 11 am
- 8 Bob-a-job money received by District Treasurer, DHQ, 7.50-8.15 pm
- 10 LA annual general meeting, DHQ, 7.45
- 10 Guides' coffee evening, Grange junior school, 7 pm
- 12 Fifth Annual TOUR OF HERTFORDSHIRE (Seniors) from 8 am
- 12 Gang Show Party, DHQ, 6 pm : Scout uniform with Gang Show scarf
- 12-13 PLs' weekend, Well End, 4 pm Saturday to 4.30 pm Sunday
- 12-15 Chief Scouts reception for Queen's Scouts, Gilwell Park, Essex
- 13 County Rover motor rally, starting Bishop's Stortford, 10 am
- 15 Guide and Brownie badge lists must be in to Mrs Neale, Mrs Smith or Miss Cross
- 16 LA group annual general meeting and open evening, Primary School
- 18-20 County Rover-Ranger camp, Barnes Wood, Welwyn
- 18-20 Cub Wood Badge part 2 course, Well End : third and last weekend
- 20 Ki-Ro course (see 5 May)
- 21 Norton Camp '62 Sub-Committee, DHQ, 8.0
- 23 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 37
- 26 2L group annual general meeting, St George's hall
- 26-27 County Marathon, Gorhambury
- 27 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 37

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- 1-3 NORTON CAMP '62
- 1-3 International weekend, Gilwell Park, Essex
- 2 County Rover gathering, Well End
- 2 District barbecue and campfire, Norton Common
- 8-11 Combined Whitsun camp for Scouts of Roman Catholic groups, Well End
- 9-11 Operation Tarzan '62
- 10 Whit Sunday
- 6 District Brownie Revels, Norton School field
- 16-17 and 23-24 Senior Wood Badge preliminary training course, Sandridge
- 23 4L group Summer Fair, St Paul's hall
- 30 SOMETHING NEW: a sort of potted Pothunter for practical PLs

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- 7 Cubs' open afternoon, Gilwell Park, Essex
- 7-8 County CMs' Get-together, Well End
- 7-8 National Rover Moot, Walesby Forest, Nottinghamshire
- 14-15 National cooking competition finals, Gilwell Park, Essex
- 17-18 Scottish international Philia, Blair Atholl, Perthshire
- 28-11 August 1L troop camp, Broadstone Warren, East Sussex
- 28-8 August 7L troop camp near Lyndhurst, Hampshire

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- 4 Opening by the Chief Scout of Hertfordshire Highland Headquarters, Lochearnhead