



CO-ORDINATOR



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Scout Groups: The AGM season is upon us, and the Press Secretary (80 Spring Road, Letchworth) would be glad to know definite dates from each group, so that proper coverage can be given. Group Secretaries are also asked to see that Scouters provide all their figures and concise reports to reach the DC (51 Lytton Avenue) by WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH. Though the date of the LA AGM is not yet definite, this will give time for Group reports to be duplicated with the various District reports for the year ending 31 March. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVT IT TOO LATE. Prompt response will be more than courtesy: it will be a real help at a very busy time.

Guide County: Hertfordshire Guides' AGM is at 3 pm on Saturday 30 March in St Albans (exact spot not yet known). The speaker will be Mrs Allan Laing, Senior Branch Adviser, CHQ. Any Guider, LA member or Trefoil Guild member interested in joining a possible coach party to this meeting should notify Mrs Drylie (Letchworth 2500) as soon as possible.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Scouts and Guides are again cordially invited to take their place with the other youth organizations in the YAC Youth Sunday Service. Date: Sunday 17 March. Place: Letchworth Grammar School hall, 5 pm. Secretary of YAC, Mr John Stapleton (28 Cashio Lane) has sent out forms to groups, and wants to know how many to expect. If you think your Scouts or Guides are smart enough to represent the Movement, let ADC Les Collins or DC Mrs Drylie have approximate numbers this week:

BOOKS WANTED

DCC Dr Leslie Pears has undertaken to organize the County Scouts'.share in the English Speaking Union's scheme to send books to African and Commonwealth countries, where many young people can forget the reading they have learned, simply because they have nothing to read! At least 10,000 books are wanted by November - that's 2 books from each Scout, Senior and Rover in the County. Books must be in good condition, but can be of any sort from ABCs to teenage adventures. Magazines and paperbacks are not wanted. It is suggested that Rovers will be most able to help in the, central collection of books and their, delivery to London HQ of the ESU. Further details from Dr Pears at 12 Meadow Way, Rickmansworth.

A NOTICE FROM THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

I find that due to circumstances beyond my control, I am unable to fulfil the duties and obligations of District Commissioner, and it is with regret that I have had to ask the County Commissioner to relieve me of this office.

I have enjoyed the past eight years. There have been diffieulties and problems, but I am most grateful for all the assistance and support given by so many people. I do not intend to give up Scouting, but hope I shall be able to continue as an ADC.

LESLIE R. BROWN

31 Lytton Avenue
Letchworth
1 March 1963

FIRST AID COMPETITIONS

Barton Shield Results

maximum	140
1.	1 Baldock	114
2.	5 Letchworth.....	105
5.	2 Letchworth (A)	99
4.	2 Letchworth (B)	92
5.	4 Letchworth.....	89
6.	5 Letchworth (B)	88
7.	5 Letchworth (A)	87
8.	7 Letchworth (A)	86
9.	1 Letchworth.....	72
10.	1 Ashwell.....	65
11.	7 Letchworth (B)	56

Kent Trophy Results

	maximum	381
1.	45 SW Hertfordshire	225
2.	3 LETCHWORTH	212
3.	2 Hatfield	209
4.	4 St Albans	202
5.	1 Harpenden...,	190½
6	6 Boreham Wood	189½
7.	3 St Albans	188½
8.	10 Harpenden..:	187
9.	2 Adeyfield	184½
10.	44 SW Hertfordshire	179½
11.	Merchant Taylors'	167½
12.	(30 SW Hertfordshire	153½
	(2 Cockfosters	153½
14.	1 Radlett	152½
15.	3 Hatfield	144½
16.	9 SW Hertfordshire..	141½
17.	1 BALDOCK	138
18.	5 LETCHWORTH	135½
19.	56 SW Hertfordshire	133
20.	25 SW Hertfordshire	129½
21.	1 Little Heath Sea Sc:	121½
22.	2 Barnet	110
23.	2 St Albans	99
24.	1 Hatfield	90
25.	6 St Albans	86½

District Cub Competition

All teams will be required at 6 pm on Wednesday 13 March at DHQ. Every pack will be expected to send a team, unless CMs inform ADC(C) Hannah Shannon beforehand that they are not competing. Her home address is 7 Monklands, and business phone number Letchworth 552.

FIREFIGHTER AND FIREMAN BADGES

Station Officer Paul regrets that the proposed courses for Guide firefighter and Senior Scout fireman badges cannot start until the autumn, as the Letchworth Fire Service are fully booked up for the next few months.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We understand that the DC's resignation will not become effective until the AGM, and that nominations for a successor are invited.

CO-ORDINATOR began in June 1959 by saying it was "intended to co-ordinate ideas of Scouters and Cubbers by helping to ensure that everyone concerned knows what is going to happen, when." This intention has not changed, though the correct term "Old Wolves" is now used instead of "Cubbers", and the service now also includes the Guide movement. Letchworth District Rover Crew are the publishers of CO-ORDINATOR, and until recently distributed it free to all Scouters (warranted or acting), Scout Group committee officers and LA lay members, and Guiders. This year, in order to simplify distribution, all these readers were asked to pay an annual subscription of three shillings and LDRC handed over to the GPO the ultimate responsibility for delivery. Only one comment has so far been received in writing, and we reproduce it here with an invitation to all other readers to give us their opinions.

"WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND POLICY OF THE CO-ORDINATOR?"

Is it as its name implies, to co-ordinate each Scout group together to ease district administration, or is it intended to be a light hearted news letter of Scout activities in this district?

If it is to ease administration, is it fair to ask each reader to pay for distribution of a necessary pamphlet?

If it is a news letter, it is not a necessity, so people may have it if they wish, and pay for it. What I don't like is to be told that anything I know nothing about, because of no fault of my own, was 'in the Co-ordinator', and now I shall have to pay for it too.

B. WATKINS

SSL 4 Letchworth."

WANTED.

A set of the three editions of "Common News" printed by LDRC at Norton Camp 1962. These are wanted for a display at the Troop Scouters' Conference to be held at Hatfield. at the end of this month. Anyone who has a set to lend, please tell District Press Secretary at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

WANTED

A Copy of CO-ORDINATOR 29 (October 1961) to complete the file kept by the CO-ORDINATOR typist, also at 80 Spring Road.

WANTED

Second-hand SCOUT SHIRTS in good condition. UNEX (UNiform EXchange) has quite -a lot of shorts and Cub jerseys and caps, plus 1L, 2B, 4L and 7L scarves - but Mrs Foster cannot fill all demands for SHIRTS. If you know of any lying idle after leakage, drop a word to 7 Campfield Way, Letchworth.

GUIDE COUNTY COMPETITION

DC Mrs Drylie would be interested to know how many patrols in the District are competing in this challenge.

THINKING DAY SERVICE

The collection in the church raised £8:10s. of which £4:5s- was given to the church and £4:5s. to the Freedom From Hunger Campaign. Thinking Day-Pennies amounted to £1:18s. (but if any Company has any more to come from Guides who were not present, please send it to Mrs Drylie as soon as possible)

NINTH LETCHWORTH SCOUT TROOP

An inaugural meeting will be held at Hillshott School at 7 p.m. on Friday 8 March. Prospective SM is Anthony J.W. Lawrence, 42 Lawrence Avenue, Letchworth, and applications are invited from Roman Catholic boys of 11 to 13. Numbers will be limited to about a dozen at first, and priority will be given to boys-coming up from the 9L Cub pack. It is not suggested that Catholic boys from other troops should transfer to the new troop.

DATES IN MARCH 1963

- 9 County Senior Scouts' cross-country race, Watford
- 9 Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's Hall, 7.30 (EVERYBODY IS INVITED FOR 3/- A HEAD)
- 9 - 10 County Rover-Ranger Roundup, Berkhamsted
- 11 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8.0 (EACH SCOUT GROUP IS EXPECTED TO SEND ONE SCOUTER AND ONE LAY MEMBER)
- 13 District Cubs' first aid competition, DHQ, 6.0 (SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 1)
- 14 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8.15 (EACH BOY SCOUT TROOP IS EXPECTED TO SEND ONE SCOUTER OR OTHER SPOKESMAN, AND THE SSLs' COUNCIL SHOULD BE REPRESENTED)
- 17 Tempest-Hicks (Senior first aid) competition, Hatfield (ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN NOW)
- 17 Youth Sunday (SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 1)
- 21 SSLs' sub-committee for Norton Common Camp programme; DHQ, 8.0
- 22-23 First Hitchin (Grammar School) Scout Troop presents "CLAMOROUS KNIGHTS", an all-Scout revue, at 7.30 pm in the School Hall.. Tickets 2/- and 3/-.
- 26 Guiders' District Committee, Ranger Hut, 7.30
- 27 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 47
- 30 Hertfordshire Girl Guides' annual general meeting, St Albans, 3.0 (SEE NOTICE ON PAGE 1)
- 30-31 Rover Wood Badge preliminary training course, 3 Welwyn Garden City HQ
- 30-31. Boy Scout Troop Scouters' County Conference, Hatfield (GET THAT FORM IN QUICKLY!)