

# COORDINATOR 54

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## PATROL LEADERS' AND SECONDS' TRAINING 'WEEKEND

29 NOVEMBER - 1 DECEMBER

Once again, by popular demand, LDRC are running a 42-hour course for PLs and PSs, from 9.30 pm Friday 29 November to 4 pm Sunday 1 December. The cost: 10s. per head. The place: DHQ. Bring equipment as for a weekend camp, except tentage and cooking. All meals are provided. Eating irons must be clearly marked or unmistakably recognizable. Scouters are welcome to drop in at any time during the weekend.

The course is open to potential PLs as well as those actually holding stripes, but definite numbers need to be known beforehand. Will Scouters please make sure to tell Jeff Robson how many boys are coming, NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER. Get him at 67 High Avenue, or phone Letchworth 4954. Course fees are paid on arrival on the Friday evening, and it is suggested that ten bob for the training of your PLs is a very legitimate outlet for Group or troop funds.

## B-P GUILD CUP ("Winter Patrol Competition")

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Rules appeared in the last edition of CO-ORDINATOR. We must add that soft shoes (sandals or plimsolls) must be worn during the contest in Westbury School. And we repeat that teams must consist of FIVE Boy Scouts (not four or six) who are members of the same genuine patrol, though one may be borrowed from another patrol if he is not a PL. (Under 15's cannot be TLs, so there is no need to say that he must not be a TL either.) There is no entry fee, and (look at this!) no need to tell anybody beforehand if you are entering. Just make sure as many teams as possible turn up by 2.29 p.m., ready to start. 2L GSM Eric Oldham is C-in-C again.

## DISTRICT WORKING PARTY AT WELL END

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 7 AND 8 DECEMBER

Up to a dozen industrious Scouters, Rovers, Seniors or Guildsmen are required for each of these days, as our District's practical contribution to the big task of rebuilding the County Training Centre. Please give volunteers' names to the DC (64 Waysbrook or phone Letchworth 2734) as soon as possible, so that transport plans can be co-ordinated.

CALLING ALL SPIES AND INFORMERS! If you know of a fellow who used to be a Scout, but is no longer active hereabouts, please give his name and address to the DC, or to Peter Norton, 6 Waysbrook, or to Douglas James, 49 Norton Road (Letchworth 3744).

## DISTRICT GANG SHOW 1964 : FIRST REHEARSAL

SATURDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Things are well in hand. Even the scripts have been printed already. New schedules for rehearsals are designed to avoid that old hanging-about-waiting-for-your-bit sort of thing. All we need now is the Gang! Let's have a large lively turnout - the cream of local talent - rearing to go on the first rehearsal night. There's room on stage for Scouts from every troop in the District. Don't let us down in our tenth going-to-be-a-gala-Gang-Show year!

## OPERATION NIGHTJAR 63

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 23-24 NOVEMBER

This is the Senior contest which is setting the model for next year's Senior County Marathon. SSLs are meeting secretly to finalize plans and synchronize watches. It starts at 10 pm on Saturday and finishes about 6.30 on Sunday morning. Teams of two with reliable bikes take part. Though primarily intended for Senior Scouts, there is no lower age limit, so that first-class Scouts, or those who think they are first-class, and even second-class Scouts who have started shaving, will not be excluded from the contest if they think they can stand the pace of a tough test in the cold drizzle of a November night. New sites and new map references - even some new nightmare problems - are being stitched into the framework of this year's rather-you-than-me-mate contest for the flower of British youth. Ken Johnson is collecting names and numbers before the event. (Who knows who will collect what afterwards?) Please let him know soon.

## ROVER-RANGER BONFIRE

TUESDAY 5 NOVEMBER 1963

Everybody who likes this sort of thing is welcome to the fireworks and food on Guy Fawkes' Night. The site is Wrayfield Farm, Stotfold (map reference 226375), and there will be hot dogs and hot drinks and things on sale at sixpence each. Do come!

## TRAVEL TALES AT THE B-P GUILD

THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER

And everybody, no matter how remotely connected with Scouting, is welcome to see films and slides of America, taken by one of our own Guildsmen and being shown at DHQ this Thursday evening, directly after a short business meeting that will settle the winter programme of the B-P Guild. Meeting starts at 8 pm. Refreshments, of course!

## S P A D S CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

7-11 JANUARY 1964

Once again SPADS offer all Scout troops, Guide companies, Cub and Brownie packs, seats at 2/- each for party bookings on the Tuesday and Wednesday performances of their new pantomime- "MOTHER GOOSE". It starts at 7 pm. Applications for seats should be sent to Mr N.W.Cadwallader, 206 Rushby Mead, Letchworth, as soon as possible. Bookings in the first instance need only be provisional, and final numbers can be agreed nearer the date of performance.

GOOD PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED for reproduction in "Hertfordshire Scout News": if you have a favourite picture, not less than en-print size, the editor of HSN would like to borrow it with a view to letting the whole County see it. No reproduction fee, alas - but think of the prestige!

SNAPPIER SCOUTERS' COUNCILS are on the way Will troop Scouters make a note of the next one - Wednesday 4 December, at DHQ at 7.30 pm. The talking will be cut to a minimum, to allow time for some really useful practical training. Bring along any particular problems (no, not the actual boys!) and ideas you have found to work, or not to work. This should be a very helpful evening to us all. Uniform is suggested.

## FIREMAN BADGE COURSE

beginning 7 pm WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

The following 17 Senior Scouts have applied. for the five-week course, and their names are being forwarded to Letchworth Fire Station. There is still room for three more, if they will apply rapidly via KJ.

R Andrews 3L, D Buckley 1L, P Byrne 2B, C Christie 7L, P Dilley 2B, C Flemming 3L, P Fricker 2L, R Hilditch 1B, M Hooper 2L, R Murden 1L, J Noakes 7L, D Ringrow 7L, B Robinson 7L, L Sapsed 3L, R Seaton 2L, D Watson 1L, J Weir 7L.

PROPOSED SCOUT MARKSMAN CLUB : So far, only eight Scouts have expressed interest in the idea, and at least another dozen would be needed before any inaugural meeting can be called. Scouts, Seniors, Rovers or Scouters would all be eligible. Once again, KJ is writing the names down, so let him know.

## THINGS TO COME

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- 6 Cub Quiz, DHQ, 6.30 : teams of four bright Cubs from each pack are expected.
  - 8 Hertfordshire Evening Rover Moot, Kings Langley Community Hall (073029), 8 pm
  - 9 Brownie Guiders' Training, St Albans (details and application in CO-ORDINATOR 53)
  - 9 Stevenage Rovers' Tramp Supper, at "Look Wide", Fry Road, Chells, 8 pm : 4/6
  - 11 Letchworth & Baldock Girl Guides Association annual general meeting, Hillshott
  - 14 Rock Council, DHQ, 8.15 : someone from each Pack, please: ( School, 7.30
  - 16 B-P Guild Cup competition, Westbury School, 2.30 pm (see page 1)
  - 16 7L Scout Group Bazaar, Church Rooms, Commerce Avenue, 2.30 pm
  - 16 5L Scout Group "At Home", Westbury School, 6.30 pm
  - 19 Gang Show Committee, DHQ, 7.30 pm
  - 23 Gang Show 1964: first rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
  - 23-24 Operation Nightjar 63 for Senior Scouts, 10 pm to 6.30 am (see page 1)
  - 27 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 55
  - 29 4L Scout troop show, St Paul's hall
  - 29 - 1 December: Patrol Leaders' and Seconds' Training Weekend; DHQ (see page 1)
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