

CO-ORDINATOR

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CHANGE OF PLANS

You are keeping the weekend 7-8 December free for one or two days' useful labouring at Well End. Now we learn that the County response is so great that our District's contribution can be postponed till the New Year. Not to let all your energy and enthusiasm run to waste, however, our working party for this weekend is to be diverted to DHQ, where we can start putting our own house in order. And gosh, how it needs it! Roll up in your dozens and in your oldest clothes, to give a hand in putting a little bit of smartness into YOUR District Headquarters:

GANG SHOW GETS STARTED

The first two rehearsals of the '64 show have made an encouraging start. Do please remind your blokes to keep up the support through the coming months - though there's only 17 Saturdays to go before the curtains open on the First Night! The last two Saturdays in this month have no rehearsal - so that leaves only fifteen! Wow.

On 11 January, the GS Committee are running a jumble sale to help make the show still more prosperous and independent. Without jeopardizing your Group efforts, please see what you can find for this District event, aimed at improving Scouting's brightest shop-window in north Hertfordshire. A card to Mrs Tippet at 48 High Avenue, Letchworth, will ensure co-ordination.

TREELOPPING SERVICE

At a cost of £1 for an average-sized tree, you can have a useful lopping job expertly done - and help your Movement at the same time! Get in touch with the Third Letchworth Senior Scouts' Treelopping Service, at 7 Hillbrow or 71 Lytton Avenue.

1963 DISTRICT COMPETITIONS

Adding together the total points received in the Barton Shield, Cub First Aid, Scout Sports, Cub Sports, Cub and Scout Swimming, Icknield Shield, Kon-Tiki, Cub Quiz, B-P Guild Cup and Nightjar, we get these figures. They don't mean a thing, as the competitions varied so widely in style and methods of scoring. But they may amuse you.

As for 1964, we have heard loose talk of introducing a Scout cooking competition (after all, who wants raw Scouts?), a Scout quiz, and some ghastly challenge match between the local Rover Crews.

What do you think?

YOUR "CO-ORDINATOR"

SCOUTERS and Group representatives on the LA Executive Committee are receiving this and all future editions of CO-ORDINATOR at the LA's expense. Scouters are receiving, at the same time, the December edition of "Hertfordshire Scout News", and it is hoped to distribute these two periodicals, for County and District, together in the same wrappers every month.

We are not making any attempt just yet to refund the unexpired portions of the annual subscriptions to CO-ORDINATOR which have been paid by Scouters and LA Executive Committee members. If they wish to apply for such a refund, they should see RM Jim Davidson (Treasurer of LDRC), 10 Orchard Close, Letchworth.

NON-WARRANTED RANKS, members of Group committees, Cub Instructors, assistants, helpers, parents, friends, et cetera, who wish to receive CO-ORDINATOR monthly by post should send 3/- annual subscription to RM Jim Davidson (as above). Those in these categories who are already subscribing will get a reminder when a renewal is due.

There are no arrangements for "Hertfordshire Scout News" to be supplied to other than warranted Scouters, but subscribing readers of COORDINATOR who may be particularly interested in seeing the County newsletter should ask SA Ken Johnson (District Press Secretary), 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

THE BOOK SCHEME

We told you about this in CO-ORDINATOR 46, last March. Our 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!) is 10,000 books. That's 2 books from every Cub, Scout, Senior and Rover in the County. Books must be in good condition, but can be of any sort from ABCs to teenage adventures to popular fiction, even including clean firm paperbacks. WE WANT YOURS AT D H Q BY NEXT SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER, PLEASE!

1. SECOND LETCWORTH.....1753½
2. FOURTH LETCWORTH.....1511
3. FIFTH LETCWORTH.....1114
4. FIRST BALDOCK.....994½
5. THIRD LETCWORTH.....906½
6. SEVENTH LETCWORTH.....809
7. SECOND BALDOCK.....554½
8. FIRST LETCWORTH.....499
9. FIRST ASHWELL.....440
10. EIGHTH LETCWORTH.....88
11. NINTH LETCWORTH.....53½
- (FIRST WESTON)
- 12(LETCWORTH DISTRICT ROVERS)....0

* *Best Greetings* *
 * and Best Wishes for Christmas and New *
 * Year to all members of the Movement. *
 * S.F.BLAXLAND *

GUIDE NOTES

The Trefoil Guild had a most interesting evening last month when Mrs Pearmain demonstrated how to make a variety of Christmas table decorations from an assortment of fir cones, twigs, bark and a few Christmas ornaments. They would welcome some more members and I would like to make it clear to Guiders, should they wish for a chance to meet together socially, they may join the Trefoil Guild as associate members.

Warrant Mrs Talbot of First Baldock Pack has received her warrant as Tawny Owl:

PLs' County Conference is planned for Saturday 14 March 1964. All PLs over 14 keep this date free.

Uniform: Will you please remind Guides and Brownies that long coloured stockings or tights are not part of uniform, and ask them to make an effort when wearing uniform to see that it is correct.

B-P GUILD CUP : FULL CLASSIFIED RESULTS

Patrol	Inspect.	Pioneer.	Pub.Ser.	Obser.	Health.	Explor.	TOTAL
2L Falcons	43	38	28½	42	40	49	240½
2L Ravens	42	45	50	36	36	47	236
5L Owls	38	42	37	57	36	55½	225½
2L Owls	40	37	27½	34	38	48	224½
5L Panthers	37	37	32½	35	34	40	215½
4L Tigers	36	36	44	36	32	24	208
5L Tigers	42	35	26½	36	52	56½	208
4L Kingfishers	45	30	36	34	36	25	206
3L Eagles	39	30	26½	38	32	36½	202
2L Eagles	40	40	28½	29	26	37½	201
1B Owls	37	37	25	45	16	35½	195½
3L Kingfishers	35	33	21	32	32	40½	193½
4L Beavers	39	38	25	16	34	20	172
2B Merlins	30	36	22	27	8	19	142

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING WEEKEND

Forty-four boys turned up on Friday night at the start of the biggest thing of its kind ever run in this District. Sixty-one had been nominated; allowing for notified cancellations and sickness, this still left a number unaccounted for. The organizers (especially the catering staff) hope that Scouters will point out to defaulters the discourtesy of just not turning up.

OPERATION NIGHTJAR '63 TOTAL SCORES

4L Dunkley & Peters.....	302
2B Byrne & Dilley,.....	291
7L Ringrow & Robinson.,.....	291
1B Hilditch & Keep.....	270
1L Watson & 3L Flemming.....	268
4L Jarvis & 7L Christie.....	267
1A Chapman & Davey.....	237
2L Fricker & Seaton.....	216
1B Hoeg & Jones.....	206
4L Carpenter & Mudd.....	167
1A Bush & Skerman.....	129
4L Moss & Sawilowicz	78
2L Hooper & Sutherland.....	30
2L Astridge & 3L Sapsed.....	20

COMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 1963

- Scouters' Council, DHQ, 7.30: all troops should have a representative Scouter at this new-style meeting for talk plus action - uniform preferred.
- Monthly meeting of Letchworth B-P Guild, DHQ, 8 pm
- District Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6 pm
- 1A open night, Primary School, 7.15
- Last Gang Shbw rehearsal of this month, DHQ, 6 pm
- Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 56
- Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 56

JANUARY 1964

- 5L Group outing to London Palladium
- District Gang Show weekly rehearsals resume, DHQ, 6 pm
- 4-11 Second Winter Expedition, Lochearnhead
- 7-11 SPADS present "Mother Goose", St Francis' Theatre, 7 pm (see the enclosed leaflet)
- District Gang Show Committee
- LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- Jumble sale in aid of Gang Show funds, DHQ
- 1A Group party.
- Going Abroad Conference, Baden-Powell House (see HSN, page 30)
- 2L open night, St George's, 5 pm
- Rover-Ranger dance, St Paul's, 7.30
- 25-26 GSMs' preliminary training course, SW Hertfordshire (see HSN, p.55)
- 25-26 County Senior Scout Marathon, 8 pm - 4 am

FEBRUARY 1964

- 8-9 Hertfordshire old Wolves' Palaver, Hitchin (see HSN, page 28)
- 9, 16, 25 SMs' preliminary training course, Stevenage (see HSN, p.33)
- Letchworth B-P Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel
- 15-16 County SSLs' Conference
- 29 Jumble sale for Gang Show funds, DHQ

MARCH 1964

- 7-8 County Boy Scout section leaders' conference
- 14 Guide PLs' county conference
- 27-4 April : Second Hike leaders' training course, Lochearnhead