

# CO-ORDINATOR 69

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - FREE TO ALL SCOUTERS IN LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT  
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FEBRUARY 1965

SEVENTH LETCHWORTH  
GROUP is holding a DANCE at St Thomas'  
Church Hall, beginning at 7.30 pm on

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY

All are welcome : admission 2/6  
including refreshments

\*\*\*If the function is popular, it is  
hoped to run similar dances regularly.

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## CO-ORDINATOR

welcomes

LOOK OUT!

Last month saw the birth of a joint  
Group Newsletter for 1B, 2B and 3B  
Scouts and Guides. Editor Jim Reddall  
tells us he means to draw on the  
information in CO-ORDINATOR and other  
publications, for passing on to the  
parents and friends of all the boys  
and girls in the two movements in  
Baldock. Every success to "Look Out"!

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## OUR ROGER AGAIN

The District is delighted to see in  
the February edition of "The Scouter"  
two photographs by Roger Keeney. The  
front cover is not of local Scouts -  
but the one on page 33 is a genuine  
Icknield Shield mug-tree taken at  
Nortonbury last September.

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## FROM THE ROCK COUNCIL

A training meeting for the FIRST  
AID competition (6 February) will be  
open to any Pack on MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY  
from 6 to 7 pm at DHQ.

The FIRST AID CONTEST itself starts  
at 2 pm on Saturday. Teams of 4 Cubs  
(plus one reserve if needed) must not  
be over the age of 10½ on that day.

SIGNALLERS BADGE training course,  
open to all first-star-plus Cubs, be-  
gins at DHQ on MONDAY 8 FEBRUARY, 6.30  
to 7 pm..

The ADC(C) and DCM are now fixing  
the programme for the Non-Sixers' Get-  
Together on 1 May.

FOOTBALL CONTEST is still provision-  
ally fixed for 1 April, and teams to  
be entered should notify Mrs Tippet  
by the last week of March. 10½ is the  
age limit again!

THLRD BALDOCK meetings should be  
starting on 10 February.

NANCY BALER (Bagheera of 5L) has  
now officially transferred to the  
Akelaship of 7L.

*Crumbs*

FROM THE C C's SPEECH  
to Letchworth & Baldock  
11 January 1965

"I've been criticized as County Comm-  
issioner: but no-one can accuse me of  
allowing thkngs to stagnate."

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"The movement went down by 30,000 in  
this country last year - maybe because  
the 'bulge' passed, or because slackers  
were no longer included in the census  
with 5/- capitation fee to pay for them."

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"Hertfordshire didn't go with that  
national trend. But we can't afford to  
have 114 less Scouts next year - we  
must be 1,000 up!"

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"We don't know what the figures in  
Letchworth & Baldock will be in April.  
I can't really criticize for you have  
been without a DC for most of the past  
year: but Mr Smith rust plan for a  
terrific increase by 31 March 1966!"

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"Do we go for numbers? Of course. If we  
put on a good show, the boys will flock  
to it."

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"We are trying to rationalize current  
thought on numbers. We are tending to  
amalgamate or federate groups of under  
40 or 50 in urban districts. Especially  
in towns such as Letchworth, the right  
size would be 36 Cubs, 36 Scouts, 16  
Seniors and 12 Rovers and Scouters -  
making 100 in the group. If this is not  
possible, think why it isn't, and join  
with someone else!"

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"No bOy in Hertfordshire who wants to  
join, or who doesn't know about Scouting,  
should be debarred for any reason."

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"How can we run troops in rural areas?  
By having a patrol in each village? I  
don't know. Possibly. I know of a troop  
near Forfar that was run this way, and  
boys were collected in a van from up to  
thirty miles away to get to their weekly  
troop meetings."

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"All of you here are on the threshold of  
making Scouting a tremendous thing. You  
pan easily achieve a 20% increase in  
1965."

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"We can't help but succeed. God never  
lsks us to perform a job greater than we  
have power to give to it. The best is  
yet to be."

# THE MOD TROPHY RESULTS —

WELL, YOU ARE A DOZY LOT! EVERYBODY, THAT IS, EXCEPT SECOND, THIRD AND FIFTH LETCHWORTH.. These are the only groups who even tried the Mod Trophy Qualifying Quiz. And most of the answers were so simple for anyone connected with the Scout movement. Has no-one in the other groups read "Scouting for boys"? Does no-one have sheet 147 Of the OS 1" map? Doesn't anyone else read the local news= papers?

SECOND LETCHWORTH GROUP are with it. They got 30 points out of a passible 42. FIFTH LFTCHWORTH got 25. And if THIRD LETCHWORTH only made 4 points, at least they had a go, which is more than can be said for the-rest of the District.

Anyway, here are the answers.

1 Which villages have no.Scout groups?. The map in a recent HSN gave the complete answer to this: Bygrave, Caldecote, Ciothall, Hinxworth, Newnham, Radwell, Rushden and Wallington.

2. If you count backwards, carefully, you can work out that CO-ORDINATOR 1 was in June 1959.

3. "Common News 1" was on Saturday 2 June 1962.

4. The twenty-fourth anniversary of B-P's death (it's in the 'Scout diary) was 8 January 1965. That day, the local papers reached these numbers - "Citizen" 3052, "Express" 5767, "Pictorial" 2140,

4. The map references 325475 and 165-229 give the village of Wendy, and a Deer Park, respectively. Wendy Deere recently won the Duke of Edinburgh's gold award.

6. Edward George Smith.

7. Mrs Jean Smith.

8. It's the 91 bus route which connects 1A (First Ashwell) and 4L (Fourth Letchworth); so the connection between 4L and 1W is the 807, and between 5L and 8L it's the 80 or 81.

9. Zam-Zammah is the gun outside the Lahore Museum, in chapter 1 of "Kim".

10.. "Miaw ok" is the patrol cry of the Antelope patrol ("Scouting for boys").

11. The shepherd boy who observed the murderer's boots (same book!)

12. Onopordum acanthium is the Scotch thistle - one of the national emblems Cubs are required to know.

13. See "POR" 298 and 323: examiners would wear uniform as for Scouter, with a yellow plume.

14. "Sailing the seas is  
Great where the breezes  
Seem just to blow you along,  
And though before we  
Land there'll be stormy  
Weather, we'll face it with a song.  
High though the billows, we go crashing  
through,  
With our Adventure Crew.  
(Chorus) We're riding along on the crest  
of a wave...." etc., (Scout Song Book,  
among others) .

15. These are caital cities: Bamako, of Mali; Pago Pago of Eastern Samoa; and Phnom Penh, of Cambodia. (Any gazetteer.)

16. Mimas, Enceladus, Tethys, Diane, Rhea and: Titan are satellites of the planet Saturn; the missing three are Hyperion, Iapetus and Phoebe. (Well, perhaps that was a hard one.)

17. Every Scouter should have read "Lord of the flies" by William Golding, of which these were the opening words.

18. We thought that quite a lot of you might have read "The Carpetbaggers" by Harold Robbins, of which these were the opening words.

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SO 'THE MOD TROPHY WENT TO 2L, BEING HANDED OVER TO SM ERNIE HALL ON 11 JANUARY BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER. Twelve days later, 7L Seniors challenged 2L Seniors to a badminton match, which is to be played at St Thomas's, Bedford Road, on Monday evening, 1 February. Whichever group wins this match will then have the Mod Trophy, and may be challenged by any section of any other group, to almost anything. Please keep the Press Secretary informed, as he keeps the official record book.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Steve Page is now to be found at 38 Clifton Road, Henlow, Bedfordshire.

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## CHANGE OF MEETING PLACES

4L pack and troop are now meeting in St Paul's Church Hall, instead of the old huts.

5L troop now meets on Mondays at DHQ instead of Thursdays at Westbury School. Pack meetings remain at Westbury on Tuesdays.

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## BARNET'S FAREWELL

At the end of next month, Barnet is chopped off Hertfordshire and thrown to Greater London. Barnet Scouters invite all Scouters in the county to a farewell camp fire and barbecue at Well End on Saturday 27 March at 8.30 pm. A notification form appears in this month's HSN.

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## "C4" LEAGUE TABLE 1964

Letchworth & Baldock District is in tenth place for last year's awards of the County Commissioner's Camping Challenge pennants. Two troops earned a total of 8 pennants - an average of 3.8% of the Boy Scouts in the District. The contest for 1965 is on, and Scoutmasters should keep careful count of their boys' nights in camp, and send details to Mr Auton in St Albans when they've knocked up the 20.

## —AND THE OTHER DISTRICT TROPHIES

AS FAR AS THE L A SECRETARY AND PRESS SECRETARY CAN TELL, THE TABLES BELOW SHOW A FAIRLY COMPLETE RECORD OF THE WINNERS OF DISTRICT TROPHIES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. No doubt these lists could be extended back to earlier years; if anyone can do this, or point out any mistakes, we would be glad to hear from them.

<b>ICKNIELD SHIELD</b> (Boy Scout camping)	<b>B-P GUILD CUP</b> (Winter patrol competition)	<b>CUB FIRST AID TROPHY</b>
1930 1L	1958 7L Eagles	1961 4L
1931 1L	1959 1B Peewits	1962 4L
1932 1L	1960 3L Kiagfishers	1965 5L
1933 1L	1961 2L Ravens	1964 9L
1934 - - ?	1962 1L Peewits	
1935 1L.	1963 2L Falcons	<b>PIXMORE SHIELD (Cub football)</b>
1936 - - ?	1964 2L Falcons	1958 1L
1937 - - ?		1959 1B
1938 4L		1960 - - ?
1939-1945 -	<b>BARTON SHIELD</b> (Boy Scout first aid)	1961 4L
no contest-	1958 1B	1962 1W
1946 1/3/6L	1959 4L	1963 4L
1947 1A	1960 2L	1964 2L'
1948 2L	1961 3L	
1949 1L	1962 2L	<b>CUB SPORTS SHIELD</b>
1950 1L	1963 1B	1957 6L
1951 1B	1964 3L	1958 4L Friday
1952 1L		1959 3L
1953 1B	<b>BOY SCOUT SPORTS SHIELD</b>	1960 2L Friday & 4L tied.
1954 1B	1956 4L	1961 3L
1955 1L	1957-1960 - no contest	1962 5L & 8L tied
1956 1L	1961 7L,	1963 8L Friday
1957 1B	1962 1A	1964 5L
1958 1L	1963 1A	
1959 3L	1964 1L	<b>CUB SWIMMING TROPHY</b>
1960 3L		1959 3L
1961 1L	<b>BOY SCOUT SWIMMING TROPHY</b>	1960 1B
1962 1L	1959 7L	1961 2L Friday
1963 1L	1960 3L	1962 7L
1964 5L	1961 1L & 3L tied	1963 4L
	1962 2L & 4L tied	1964 7L
	1963 2L	
<b>POTHUNTERS' TROPHY*</b> (Senior night exercise)	1964 2L	<b>CUB QUIZ</b>
1958 1/3L		March 1959 5L
1959 1L	<b>BOY SCOUT COOKING COMPETITION</b>	November 1959 3L
1960 3L	1964 2L	January 1961 4L
1961 1B/3L		November 1961 5L
*renamed	<b>OPERATION TARZAN</b>	January 1963 2L
<b>OPERATION NIGHTJAR</b>	1959 1L OPERATION	November 1963 5L
1962 1/3L	KON-TIKI 1960	November 1964 5L
1963 4L	1/3L	
1964 3L	<b>WHALEBONE TROPHY</b> (Senior operations)	<b>JIM'S MYSTERY TOUR</b> (Seniors)
	Tarzan 1962 1A	1962 1B
	Kon-Tiki 1963 2L	1964 7L
	Burnup 1965 2L	

## COMPLETE SCORES FOR OPERATION BURNUP, 24 JANUARY 1965

Position	Troop	Senior Scouts	Points (of 200)
1.....	2L....	David Davis, Peter Fricker.....	176
2.....	1B....	Michae Hoeg, Keiron Jones.....	173
3.....	7L	David Ringrow, Brian Robinson....	170
4.....	1B....	David Emery, Robert Hilditch.....	168
5.....	2L....	Nick Leathers, Clive Sutherland..	162
6.....	1/3L..	Vincent Dean, Jonathan Savage....	154
7.....	(5L....	Roger Cooper, Michael Coram )	145
9.....	(5L....	Geoffrey Petty, Graham Rowson)..	144
9.....	5L....	David Lewis, Michael Steele.....	144
10.....	1B....	Timothy Hughes, Chris Page.....	142
11.....	5L....	Michael Hawley, Robert Wilson....	115

Points won by  
each group

5L.....	549
1B.....	483
2L.....	338
7L.....	170
1L.....	77
3L.....	77

# From the DC for Guiders

## COUNTY TRAINING PROGRAMME

Each Company and Pack now has a copy of this booklet. Would you please note the following alteration of the Stevenage training secretary - Mrs Rhodes, 86 Wildwood Lane, Stevenage: telephone 55493. Please change your entries for 2 March, 29-September and 5 October accordingly.

## OUR DISTRICT H.Q. FUND....

...now stands at £119.1s.3½d. It was suggested that to encourage everyone to contribute a few odd coppers per week we should collect Victorian and Edward VII pennies. Please tell all Guides and Brownies and ask them to collect from relatives and friends.

## THE TREFOIL GUILD...

...are having a Beauty Demonstration on Tuesday 16 February, at Norton Secondary School, at 8 pm. All Guiders, Senior Branch and Guides over 14 are invited, also any LA members. Talking of beauty, Spirella cosmetics can be obtained by members of the movement through Mrs Wells (profit to HQ Fund, of course).

## THINKING DAY

Sunday 21 February is the parade, at the Salvation Army Church, 2.30 pm. Packed teas for afterwards: drinks and cups will be provided. Your presence is requested if you are a Guider - Cadet - Ranger - Guide - Brownie Sixer - Trefoil Guild member - or LA member. A rehearsal for colour parties will be arranged. Details later.

## BROWNIE REVELS..

...will be held on 26 June this year. Please book the date.

## GUIDERS' DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Next meeting is Tuesday 9 March, 8 pm. I will try to book Norton Secondary School.

## CAMPING

Please let Miss Wright, 84 Ninesprings Way, Hitchin, know where and when you intend to camp, and approximate numbers, as soon as possible. Also tell her of any licences and permits for Guiders, and Guides to be tested. Then book the equipment with Miss Branchley, The Rectory, Baldock, again giving approximate numbers.

## A CONCERT...

...is being arranged by the LA and the SPADS at the end of March, in aid of the District HQ Fund. More details will come later, but please pass the news on. We shall want lots of girls and their parents to attend to be able to rake a profit.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

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|----------|----|--|
| FEBRUARY | 6  | Dance at St Thomas's                                     |
|          | 16 | Trefoil Guild Beauty Demonstration                       |
|          | 21 | Thinking Day Parade                                      |
|          | 22 | Thinking Day   |
|          | 27 | Promise and Law training, St Albans (see County booklet) |
| MARCH    | 2  | Guide training, Stevenage (see County booklet)           |
|          | 9  | District Committee                                       |
|          | 13 | County AGM, Watford, 3 pm                                |

## ONE MORE DATE TO REMEMBER.

Ranger night is now Wednesday:

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*Scouting things to come*

## \* \* \* F E B R U A R Y 1 9 6 5 .

- 1 Cub first aid training, DHQ, 6-7 pm
- 1 L A Executive Committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- 4 Scouters' Council, Rover Den, DHQ, 8 pm: SCOUTERS FROM EACH TROOP, PLEASE -  
 THE PROGRAMME FOR THE WHOLE OF THE COMING YEAR WILL BE UNDER DISCUSSION!
- 4 District Gang Show Action Committee, Kitchen, DHQ, 8 pm
- 6 District Cubs' first aid competition, DHQ, 8 pm
- 8 Cub signaller badge training begins, DHQ, 6.30-7.30 pm
- 10 First-meeting of 3B Cub pack
- 13-14 County SSLs' Conference, Hertford Grammar School
- 13-14 Kent Trophy Competition (Boy Scout first aid), St Audrey's School, Hatfield
- 17 Letchworth B-P Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel
- 20 1B Spring Bazaar; Town Hall
- 20 County Senior Scout Country Championships, Watford
- 20-21, 27-28 Senior Scout Wood Badge preliminary training course, SW Hertfordshire
- 22 Despatch rider badge (part 4) testing for District's Senior Scouts, 7-10 pm
- 24 Last items in, please, for CO-ORDINATOR 70
- 27-28 County Rover hike trials, Hitchin