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LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER PRODUCED NVERY MONTH SINCE JUNE 1959 BY LETCHWORTH DISTRICT ROVER CREW FREE TO SCOTTERS, GROUP SECRETARIES, LOCAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT OFFICERS: 3/6 A YEAR TO AIL OTHER SUBSCRIBERS

RESULTS

B-P GUILD CUP COMPETITION (13 November 1965) Patro1 1.....2L Falcons.....236 2.....2L Kestrels....220½ 3.....1L Kestrels....206 4.....9L Foxes......202 Ineligible entries:-5.....1L composite...195 6.....5L Ravens (4 only) .186

DISTRICT CUB QUIZ (17 November 1965) Pack Place Points 2.....53 3.....49 5.....43 6.....(1L)41 8.....36 9.....33 (1A) $10 \dots (3B) \dots 32$ 12.....27 13.....8L Monday...25

OPERATION NIGHTJAR (20-21 November 1965) Place Team Points 1....1B Anderson & Wilsher 232 2....4L Cadwallader & Ransford.....220 3....1/3L Eaves & Savage 2.09 4....1B Brett & Hilditch; 1Stotfold Bunn & Tirrell.....195 6....lHenlow Prout & Southey.....177 7....5L Thorne & Wilson 135

JUST-FOR-FUN-LEAGUE Adding the points for the above competitions to all other District events, 1L overtook 7L and 9L overtook 3L by having a go at the B-P Guild Cup; 3L, however in a Savage counterattack, regained their sixth place in the table 10.....8L....199during Nightjar. This is all in fun, but it does show which Groups get up and do things.

Place Group Points $1.....1B....2876\frac{1}{2}$ 2.....5L....1952 3.....1765½ 4.....1L....1093½ $5......7L.....658\frac{1}{2}$ 6.....564³ 7.....9L....479 8.....4L....472½ 9.....2B.....240 11.....1A....110 12.....57 13.....3B.....37 14.....DRC.....0

LETCHWORTH DISTRICT ROVER CREW

CO-ORDINATOR 1 listed the members of LDRO as they were in June 1959: Martin Brown, John Collins, John de Louvois, Arundel Hoye, David Northover, Jeffrey Robson, Maxwell Vines and Peter Wey.

An equiwalent number of new members were welcomed as Rover Squires at the LDRC meeting on 21 November 1965: Brian Astridge, David Buckley, Peter Dilley, Christopher Flemming, Michael Hooper, James Murden, David Ringrow and Lawrence Sapsed. They were received by the Rover Scouts who will act as their sponsors: Raymond Andrews, Alan Byrne, Roy Clarke, David Groom, Alister Moffat, Ian Pilkington and Richard Smith, with their RSL elect, Brian Watkins.

The new Letchworth District Rover Crew, stronger than ever before, will continue as a registered group, wearing the scarlet neckcrchief with orange border - but with the addition of a patch of the Rover's Own group colour on the back, in a similar position to the patch of tartan on a First Gilwell Park neckerchief.

Meetings will continue to be at 8 pm on Sundays at DHQ, and the Crew will carry on the task of producing CO-ORDINATOR undertaken by the original members of LDRC and their successors. One honorary member of the Crew, dating from 23 September 1956, was granted an extension of this honour, and as typist of CO-ORDINATOR takes this opportunity to express his deep appreciation.

Addresses of LDRC officers are as follows:

Leader Brian Watkins Rover Mate Roy Clarke Richard Smith Scribe David Ringrow Treasurer (for CO-ORDINATOR subscriptions:

Peter Dilley Quartermaster Lawrence Sapsed Badge Secretary Raymond Andrews

83 Wilbury Hills Road, L 6 Croft Lane, L 7 Hillbrow, L Ventersdorp, Barrington Road. L

88 Southfields, L

97 Baldock Road, L

21 Highfield, L

LETCHWORTH SENIOR SCOUT FEDERATION

Support is growing for the combined meetings of Letchworth Senior Scout troops. Attendance figures for the first eight Tuesdays were: 14-12-13-12-15-15-15. Representation of troops (counting only Scouts under the age of 18) was:

1L : 1-1-2-1-2-2-2-1 4L: 4-3-2-3-3-3-4-4 2L : 0-0-1-0-0-0-0 5L: 5-4-6-4-4-7-7-6 SL: 4-4-2-4-3-3-3-4 7L - 0-0-0-0-0-0-0 The federation is open to Scouts over $14\frac{1}{2}$ in any Letchworth

> troop. Programmes have so far included instruction and some testing in Despatch Rider, Electrician and Handyman badges, visits to Letchworth Police Station and Hitchin Gas Conversion Plant, and a lecture-demonstration by a teacher of

catering from Letchworth College of Technology. Patrol Leaders meeting as a Senate on 26 November planned future programmes to include a pre-Christmas dance, completion of the Despatch Rider course and a start on Ambulance, Senior Pioneer and possibly Master Cook, with stalking and judo instruction having an

eye to the County Marathon (Senior Scouts v. The Army) on 29-50 January.

PRESS PUBLICITY: STATISTICAL EVALUATION At the Scouters' Council on 15 November. the question was raised of whether some Scout groups are appearing in photographs in the local press more frequently than others. To answer this question, the press secretary promised to do some research into the files, the results of which appear in the tables below. These show that five groups have appeared more frequently than others, and some have not appeared at all. The press secretary will try to redress the balance with the help of our local photographers and editors, but he points out that it is the liveliest and most active groups which get the most pictures. Compare the "Just for fun" table on page 1, where the same five groups are at the top of the list for precisely the same reason - having a go at everything!

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1B9	
1L)	
1L 5L 7L	each
7L)	
4L2	
2B)	each
$\begin{bmatrix} 2B \\ 3L \end{bmatrix} \cdots 1$	each

The second table shows the approximate number of column inches given to groups in the Citizen Scout Notes only, from 1 January 1965 to 26 November 1965. Discrepancies here are principally due to shortage of information to the press secretary from some groups - due, perhaps, in turn, to the comparative lack of activity in some of these groups.

 $\underline{\text{TABLE 2}} \colon \text{Citizen column inches so far this year.}$

All files and records may be inspected at any time at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth; the Scout Notes cuttings commence at 29 November 1957 and are fully indexed. It may be of Interest to CO-ORDINATOR readers to know which members of the movement have had their names in these notes most frequently during these eight years, so Table 3, on the right is a summary of all those Scouts who have had their names in the "official" Scout Notes in the Citizen, Express or Pictorial during this period, more than 11 times.

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TABLE 3: Frequency of appearance in
Scout Notes. 1957-1965.
Christopher Flemming (3L/LDRC) 46 times
David Watson...(iL)......35 times
Brian Robinson (7L)......33 times
James Bruce (1B/D) and Michael Dilley
   (2B/LDRC)......32 times
Stephen Eaves (1L)- and David Ringrow
   (7L/LDRC)......30 times
Leslie Brown (D) and Robert Wilson (5L)
                             29 times
Lawrence Sapsed (5L/3L/LDRC) and
  Michaol Steele (5L)......28 times
Peter Pricker (2L)......27 times John Davies (1B/LDRC), Robert Hiîditch
   (1B), Trevor Thorne (5L), Richard
   Watson (3L/8L/LDRC) and Michael
   Martien Lafferty (2L) and David Lewis
   (5L/1L)......25 times
James Murden (1L/LDRC) and Terence
  Phillips (lL).....24 times
Michael Coram (5L), John Foster (3L/LDRC),
   Stephen Page (7L/5L), Jeffrey Robsen
   (1L/LDRC/2B) and Russell Smith Turner
(7L/LDRC)......23 times
Patrick Byrne (2B/LDRC) Roger Cooper
   (2L/5L) and Graham Rose (3L)22 times
Brian Astridge (7L/2L/3L/LDRC), Peter
   Dilley (2B/LDRC), Robin Edmett (4L),
   Alastair Gordon (3L/LDRC), Michael
   Hawley (5L), John Hilditch (1B),
   Gordon Rawson (4L/5L) and Kathleen
   Paul Gay (7L/2L)......20 times
John Lavery (2L) and Jonathan Blewchamp
  Savage (3L)......19 times
David Buokley (1L/LDRC), Anthony Harrison
   (1A/4L), Bryan Imber (3L), David Innes
   (7L) and Graham Rowson (4L/5L)
                              18 times
John Baker (D), Peter Browning (2L),
   Brian Davey (1A), Christopher Gce (2L),
   Nicholas Imber (3L), Geoffrey Petty
   (5L), Richard Seaton (2L) and Geoffrey
   Thompson (2L).....17 times
Hugh Grant (3L), Michael Hooper (2L/LDRC)
  Keiron Jones (1B), Roy Murden (1L),
   Brian Phillips (1L), Ian Pilkington
   (4L), Vincent Wells (1A), Robert Wil-
   sher (1B) and John Wood (4L) 16 times
Kevin hart (7L) and Michael Hills (2L)
Christopher Anderson (1B), John Butcher
   (3L), Leslie Chapman (1A), Leslie
   Collins (1L/D), Harold Hodge (D/9L),
   Alisier Moffat (4L), Hannah Shannon
   Moules (3L/D), Jeffrey Noakes (7L),
   Clive Sutherland (2L) and Timothy
  Whitfield (7L).....14 times
Melvyn Baker (5L), Colin Christie (7L),
  David Davis (2L), Paul Fitch (5L),
  Ernest Hall (1B/2L), Miichael Hoeg
(1B),
   John Holloway (1A), Stephen Hudson
   (7L), Martin Kemp (7L), Erie Oldham
   (2L) and Maxwell Vines (LDRC)
                               13 times
Christopher Brett (5L), John Buckley
   (1L/LDRC), James Cadwallader (4L),
   Trevor Hart (7L), Geoffrey Haakeswood
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(7L), Nicholas Juby (4L), John Lewis (5L) and David Ralston (1L). 12 times

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Once again I send through CO-ORDINATOR very warmest Christmas greetings to the whole Scout District - and, as many Guiders read this, to our sister movement as well. Good Scouting and Guiding to you all at this season and throughout the new year"

S. F. BLAXLAND

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING WEEKEND

Response has been favourable, and plans are proceeding for a really valuable series of sessions for about 40 Scout PLs, joined on the Sunday by a dozen Guide PLs. Note the dates: FRIDAY EVENTED 10 DECEMBER, till SUNDAY AFTERNOON 12 DECEMBER: these dates are correct and confirmed.

Scouts should arrive from 7.30 pm on Friday at DHQ, ready to start the first session at 8 pm. Besides proper uniform for the few formal occasions such as meals, they should bring rough clothes or games kit, which will be worn most of the time; Warm outdoor wear, which should probably include wellingtons, for Saturday; sleeping gear, and personal equipment for eating and washing.

Note: "PLs" means not only "Patrol Leaders" but also "Potential Leaders", and the course is open to anyone with second class.

FOUND

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES

Some groups have recently been surprised to learn that the County supply a rather posh certificate to all first class Scouts. It is a good deal larger than the one you can buy from the Scout Shop, and it is personally signed by the County Commissioner. A supply is held by the press secretary, who sees to the completion of each certificate in high class lettering with the name of the Scout, his troop, and the date of presentation of the badge. Make sure these details are known either to the District Commissioner or the press secretary (preferably both), and the certificate will be presented at any suitable occasion you propose. There is no charge.

ONE AND A HALF MILLION GREEN SHIELD STAMPS

These are required by the County for the purchase of a minibus, especially for transporting Handicapped Scouts and Cubs. Several thousand have already been collected: the Green Shield company themselves matched the first 10,000 that came in.

If you have a book full of Green Shield stamps, please help our handicapped brothers and send it to ACC(H) Charles Cade, 81 Luton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire,

REMINDERS FOR GUIDERS

The next Letchworth Guiders' meeting is on Tuesday 7 December, at 8 pm in the Ranger Hut,

On Saturday 11 December, another COFFEE MORNING for HQ funds is-being held at the Civil Defence Centre in Gernon Road, from 10 am till 12 neon.
All readers of CO-ORDINATOR and all their families and friends are invited to drop in.

THINKING DAY celebration is on Sunday 20 February 1966

Mrs Drylie would be glad to hear from any Guider willing to take a ten-minute session at the Guide and Scout PLs' training, any time from 9.15 onwards on the morning of Sunday 12 December.

THE HSN HIKE

All Members of the Scout movement are challenged in "Hertfordshire Scout News" to take part in the HSN Hike. This starrs at St Paul's, Letchworth, at 8 am on Sunday 26 December, and follows the route of tne old cyclē Tour of Hertiordshire: a total distance of 100 miles But there is more to it than just working off a Christmas dinner. Before you start, go round all your friends and relations and get them to back you by signing a "betting slip" something like this:

"I hereby undertake to pay to Oxfam the sum of f__:_:_ for each mile walked by ____ in the HSN Hike around Hertfordshire on 26-27 December 1965 Signed "

When you have walked as far as you can and returned home, get the promised money and send it to Oxfam, with a postcard, to HSN telling them your total. The route is Letchworth -Hitchin - Codicote - Kimpton -Harpenden - Redbourn - Leverstock Green -Abbots Langley - Watford - · Elstree - · Barnet -Potters Bar - Cheshunt - Hoddesdon - Sawbridgeworth - Bishops Stortford - Puckeridge - Buntingford - Royston - Baldock - Letchworth, and so on round again to enable anyone starting at other points on the route to complete the circuit. Any member of the Scout movement walking the whole 100 mile circuit in 32 hours 46 minutes or less will receive a new pair of boots (or something comparable) as a personal prize from the editor of HSN.

HSN's telephone number, Letchworth 3920, will act as emergency control for the whole period of the exercise. Help is invited from this District for the round-the-clock manning of this phone, and for the provision of a rescue service by car for participants from any part of the county who may fall by the wayside. Any volunteers please notify the press secretary at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth.

Scouters, who receive "Hertfordshire Scout News" in the same wrapper as CO-ORDINATOR, will notice that they have an extra insertion in that journal this month: a custardcoloured card which when folded in half (crosswise, not lengthwise) forms a pocket-size reminder of the main County events of 1966. Most of these County dates have been or will be co-ordinated into the District list of coming events, beginning right here

DECEMBER 1965

- 6 Letchworth & District B-P Guild sausage and mash supper, Wilbury Hotel, 7.45 pm
- 10-12 DISTRICT BOY SCOUT PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING COURSE, DHQ and elsewhere (see page 3)
- 13 District Gang Show committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- Last items in to KJ, please, for ${\tt CO-ORDINATOR}$ 80
- The HSN Hike begins, St Paul s, Letchworth, 8 am (see page 3)
- Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 80
- 29 5 January: Mountain Survival course for Seniors, Rovers and Scouters, Lochearnhead

JANUARY 1966

- 12 Local Association executive committee, DHQ, 8 pm
- ROCK COUNCIL, DHQ, 8 pm
- 2L Group party, St George's hall
- SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 8 pm
- Letchworth & District B-P Guild, DHQ
- 29-50 County Marathon ("Noctpram") for Senior Scouts: details in HSN
- 31 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 81

FEERUARY 1966

- 12 DISTRICT CUBS' FIRST AID COMPETITION DHQ, 2.30 pm
- 12-13 CMs' preliminary training course, Hertford
- 18 Letchworth & District B-P Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel
- County Senior Scouts' cross-country
- 19-20 County Senior Scout Leaders' conference, Well End
- 19-20 Kent Trophy competition (Boy Scouts, first aid)
- 26-27 County Rover hike trials, Stevenage
- Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 82

MARCH

- 5 Boy Scout Patrol Leaders' county gathering and conference
- County representative cross-country for Senior Scouts
- 19-20 County Cubmasters' Palaver, Watford Technical High School, Bushey
- British Summer Time begins, 2 am
- Tempest-Hicks Trophy competition (Senior Scouts, first aid), Hatfield
- Annual census and registration of groups 31

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- 1 Capitation fees due
- 2-8 Boy Scout Patrol Leaders' course, Lochearnhead
- 4 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 83.
- 10 Easter Day
- 7-17 Advanced hike leaders' training course, Lochearnhead
- 11-16 NATIONAL BOB-A-JOB WEEK 16-23 Boy Scout Patrol Leaders' course, Lochearnhead
- 24 National St George's day parade, Windsor
- 29 1 May : JMT3 Jim's Mystery Tour for Senior Scouts

1966 MAY

- 2 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 84
- 14-15 Boy Scout Patrol Leaders' weekend, Well End
- 21-22 Pack Scouters' Jubilee Year camp, Gilwell
- 28 4 June : Whitsun working party, Lochearnhead

30 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 85 UNE

- 11-12 Father and Son camp, Gilwell
- 18 County Cub Jubilee Party, Well End
- 25-26 International Weekend, Gilwell JULY

2 Cub Day at Gilwell

- 2-5 Boy Scout County Marathon
- 4 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 86
- 16 Scout County annual general meeting
- 22 lL and l Stotfold leave for Kandersteg
- 23 6 August : Senior camps, Lochearnhead

AUGUST 1966

- 1 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 87
- 6 1L and 1 Stotfold back from Kandersteg
- 6-20 1B Seniors at Lochearnhead
- 13-27 County Senior Scout expedition to Liechtenstein
- Bank Holiday: publication of CO-ORDINA-TOR 88

SEPTEMBER 1966

- 3 First Gilwell Park Group reunion
- 30 2 October : County Senior Gathering

JOIN THE A.T.C!

(Loose Thoughts by a Tame Typist with Half a Stencil to Fill Up)

Good things and great progress occurred in 1965. Stotfold; Weston; new District Rovers; Letchworth Senior Federation; and. a great new DC.

But so much was left undone, it really was a tatty old year.

What's tatty? Shaggy-haired, cheap, inferior, say the dictionaries.* Unkempt, uncaredfor, like the grass round District Headquarters. Like the hedges. The rubbish left behind after every jumble sale and party. The muck swept into the corners and left. The window that never got mended. ('The warden'll see to that. Get off home, we're late as usual.")

Tatty is when nobody bothers.

There were about 1500 pack, troop or crew meetings in 1965. How many began and finished on time? Promptly? (Honestly: who bothers?)

There were 33 Scouts at the PLs' training course.: How many had been to a patrol camp in 1965? Five. No-one else had bothered.

When nobody bothers it is tatty.

Like jeans and jerseys over uniform on mild, spring evenings. Like Cubs in longs. Like carefully losing berets, and looking like walking unmade beds. (Now we're back to the shaggy hair again! Tatty.)

We could do with an Anti Tatty Campaign for 1966. To get things tidy; to trim things up, like grass, hair, uniform, timekeeping, piles of rubbish. ("Who's duty patrol tonight?")

The people in charge of the Anti Tatty Campaign would be any and each Cub, Scout, Senior, Rover, Scouter or odd-and-end who bothered to do anything, to trim things up and eliminate all evidence of unbothering. To get rid of the tatty rubbish - and the tatty Cubs and Scouts who don't bother - and the tatty little troops who are unkempt and uncared-for. ("We'd better leave that to the DC (or the ADC) (or the GSM) - we can't do anything.")

We are getting together and doing better in District Rovers and Letchworth Seniors. Boy Scouts could think about this in 1966. We could do much better things still by tidying up our organization. Not cheap, or inferior.

Join the A.T.C.!

*"The hare of his berde was lang and taty." (Bellenden's "Livy" 1553 . Oxford. English Dictionary)

BARTON SHIELD

ANNUAL DISTRICT COMPETITION IN FIRST AID FOR BOY SCOUTS: SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY at DHQ

Teams consist of <u>four</u> Boy Scouts under 15 on the day (no restrictions regarding rank or patrol membership). Standards required are knowledge of (a) tenderfoot, (b) second class, (e) first class, and (d) proficiency badge first aid, respectively. (That is, one member of the team only needs to "Clean a wound, and make and apply a dressing" to score his full points!)

NUMBERS OF TEAMS ENTERING MUST BE GIVEN to ADC Les Collins (96 Bedford Road, Letchworth 6487) NOT LATER THAN SUNDAY 30 JANUARY. He will then notify each troop of the hour their teams are required to report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the last meeting of the LA Executive Committee are being sent with this month's CO-ORDINATOR to all Group Secretaries - and also to all members of that Committee, who are hereby especially reminded by the LA Secretary of the next meeting: Wednesday 12 January, 8 pm at DHQ..

THE MOD TROPHY

Present holders, 1W were challenged by 4L Cubs to a chess match (teams of two). In order to allow the Weston Cubs to get some coaching, the general rules were clarified to allow this match to take place at any time up to 19 February 1966. Whoever wins, their Boy Scout section (1W or 4L) have been challenged to seven-a-side rugby by 7L Boy Scouts CLARIFIED RULES:

Any section of a Group, or any patrol or six within a section, or any individual Scouters or non-warranted ranks in the Group, can challenge their opposite numbers in the Group holding the trophy, to any sort of legal competitive activity. A section may challenge a higher section if it wishes (Cubs may challenge Scouts, Scouts may challenge Seniors, etc., but not vice versa). If special equipment is needed, the challengers must be able to provide it for both teams.

If a challenge is not accepted within 1 calendar month and played within 3 calendar months of the previous award, the trophy goes to the challenging group without contest. If no challenge is made within 3 calendar months, the trophy reverts to the District for a new open contest. All challenges, with date and place, must be notified to the Press Secretary, who will enter them in the official record book.

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^{+&}quot;He liked loyalty and short hair; he disliked promiscuity and any failure to carry out your promises." (Grace Wyndham Goldie on Richard Dimbleby, Daily Telegraph, 24.12.65). Promiscuity = the quality of being mixed and disorderly (from the Concise Oxford Dictionary)

REHEARSALS START AT 6 PM ON SATURDAY

8 JANUARY AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS thence every Saturday until the show: WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY 13 TO 16 APRIL AT SAINT FRANCIS' THEATRE, LETCHWORTH 🕏

BAMBOO POLES

Light and practical for all kinds of pioneering training: from as little as 14s.a dozen (42s. a dozen for 1" thick poles, 8' long). ADC(S) Peter Blott has price lists and all details for anyone interested. 61 Howard Drive, Letchworth.

Larger pine poles? They are listed, too, from $3\frac{1}{2}d$. a foot.

WHO HOLDS WHAT

A quick reference list of the District trophies, and who got them during 1965

| Barton Shield (Boy Scout first aid)4L |
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| Boy Scout Sports Shield1B |
| Boy Scout Swimming Shield2L |
| B-P Guild Cup (Boy Scout patrols):2L Falcons |
| Cub First Aid Trophy7L |
| Cub Quiz Trophy,7L |
| Cub Sports Shield8L Monday |
| Cub Swimming Trophy1B |
| Icknield Shield (Boy Scout camping)lL |
| Nightjar Trophy (Horn of a dilemma)1B |
| Pixmore Shield (Cub football)8L Monday |
| Plinston Trophy (arts and crafts)7L |
| Whalebone Trophy (Senior operations)1B |

Contests without trophies Boy Scout cooking competition.....5L Senior Scout cooking competition.....1/3L Senior Scout swimming competition.....5L

The Mod Trophy Present holders (see page 1).....lW

SENIOR COUNTY MARATHON

Senior Scout troops are reminded that all entries for the County Marathon (29-30 January) MUST reach the organizer BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK! Application forms were in the November HSN.

JUST-FOR-FUN LEAGUE

The table given in the December CO-ORDINA-TOR is now final for 1965. This showed the three most active groups last year to have 1B.... $2876\frac{1}{2}$ points been:

5L....1952

2L....1765½

The top three in the year 1964 were:

 $5L....2746\frac{2}{3}$ points

3L....2371

1B.....2022½

And the top three of 1963 were:

 $2L....1753\frac{1}{2}$ points

4L 1511

5L 1114

First contest for 1966 will probably be the Cub first aid on 12 February.

HOUSE ORDERLY BADGE

Mrs I.J. Foster is unable to examine any Cubs for this badge for the time being. CMs please note.

THE HSN HIKE: Exclusive report

Letchworth a Baldock District provided the control centre for this county exercise on Sunday and Monday this week - and two of the 28 walkers involved

Roger Keeney and Bob Wilson manned the telephone in the map room throughout Sunday, while PL(S) Michael Coram, and Ken Johnson, were walking 30 of the 100 miles around Hertfordshire. David Watson did a gallant rescue job to find these two after dark and bring them home from Leavesden Green, Watford.

Six others started from Letchworth at 8 am on Sunday: Peter Carnoohan (15) and Michael Hall (16) of 64SWH Seniors, kept it up all day, but left off when close to their homes at Watford (31 miles). Four of the "Brown Scarf" Senior Troop of Hemel Hempstead were met at intervals by their Scouters in their Dormobile with coffee, or soup or sausage and mash, and this way walked an aggregate of 172 miles. Andrew Mathie (17) of 1Gadebridge quit at 30 miles, just after sunset; Jim Anderson (23) of 4 Leith and Colin Connelly (18) of 4Boxmoor, kept going for $16\frac{1}{2}$ hours till giving in at Potters Bar (46 Miles) in the middle of a bitterly cold foggy night. David Shipway (17 and a vegetarian) went on till 1.15 on Monday morning to complete the 50 miles at Cuffley, and was then taken home.

Stevenage were represented by ADC(S) Vic Olley and SS John Watts, who did 18 miles from Rush Green to Leverstock Green. Four Welwyn Garden City Seniors joined in at Codicote, caught up with the main party (who were an hour ahead of schedule) and two of them finished at Bushey (33 miles), the other two at Elstree (38).

Four of the six who started at Harpenden at 3.10 am made the 39 miles to Hoddesdon before retiring late on Sunday night. Two lApsley Rovers are believed to, have done 25 miles, and five representatives of 31SWH walked at least 10 miles, earning between them 30 bob a mile for Oxfam.

Colin Connelly's 46 miles were done at six shillings a mile, so altogether when final figures are published. (in February HSN) a considerable sum should have been sent to Oxfam.

JANUAREMINDERS

- First Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6pm
- 12 L A Executive Committee, DHQ, 8 pm

- Rock Council, DHQ, ·8 pm 15
- 2L Group party, St George's Hall 15
- 17 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8-pm
- 2.4 Gang Show Committee, DHQ
- B-P Guild meeting, DHQ 26
- Last items in, please, to KJ for 23 CO-ORDINATOR 81