

COORDINATOR 86

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICT BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

Free to warranted Scouters, LA Executive Committee,
and Group secretaries. Other subscribers: 3/6 a year
to David Ringrow, Treasurer, Letchworth District Rover Crew,
83 Wilbury Hills Road, Letchworth.

July 1966

SCOUT SPORTS PART TWO RESULTS (12 JUNE 1966)

Tug of war, football,
obstacle, shot-put,
egg & spoon, cross-
common, and wheel-
barrow: 1B 11; 7L 10;
2L 9; 9L 8; 1L and 3L
6; 2B and 1W 5; 1A 2;
4L and 8L 1.

OVERALL PLACINGS for
both parts of Scout
sports:-

1.....7L.....52 pts
2.....1B.....49½
3.....3L.....33½
4.....2L.....33
5.....1W.....20
6.....1L.....19
7.....9L.....17
8.....8L.....14
9.....2B.....5
10.....5L.....4
11.....1A.....2
12.....4L.....1

CUB SWIMMING SPORTS (28 JUNE 1966)

1.....3B.....6 pts
2.....1L.....5
3.....8L Mon.4
4.....(1B).....3
(3L).....3
6.....5L.....2
7.....2L.....1

SCOUT SWIMMING

1....3L....17 pts
2....2L....15
3....7L....8
4....1B....5
5....1L....4
(8L).....3
6....(9L).....3
(5L....).2
8....(1W....).2
10.....6L....1

SENIOR SWIMMING

1....5L....16 pts
2....1B....4
3....7L....2
4....4L....1

SCOUTER SWIMMING

1....1B....4 pts
2....7L....2

CUB SPORTS

Rained off on Sat-
urday 25 June, will
be resumed at 6.30
pm on WEDNESDAY 6
JULY at Norton Sch-
ool field.

JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

Adding these latest
points to every
other contest so
far, relative posi-
tions are unchanged
except that 2B and
6L are now off the
launching pad. IN
1966 SO FAR:-

1.....1B...1405
2.....5L...717½
3.....3L...690¼
4.....7L...614
5.....2L...517½
6.....1A...343
7.....1L...316¾
8.....8L...180
9.....4L...140½
10.....1W...127
11.....9L...98
12.....3B...78
13.....2B...5
14.....6L...1
15.....LDRC...0

"It is not the
winning, but the
taking part..."

THE MOD TROPHY

On 30 June, 1W
Scouts defeated
the holders, 7L,
at seven-a-side
football, by 2-1.
7L immediately
threw back the
challenge in the
form of seven-a-
side rugby! Game
to be played as
soon as possible,
no later than 1
October. All
challenges (by any
section, patrol or
six) must be noti-
fied to District
Information Officer
for the record.

THAT REPORT : WHEN AND HOW?

It hit the national headlines last month,
and the general public assumed that all
Scouts would be in long trousers straight
away. Let us remind you of some of the
principal dates in the implementation
schedule.

FROM NOW: Appointments of ADC(Training),
new sponsoring bodies for Groups, Regional
Commissioners for England.

BETWEEN NOW AND 1 OCTOBER 1967: New names,
titles and ceremonial: that is, Scoutmasters
become Scout Leaders, Cubmasters become
Cub Scout Leaders, the Court of Honour
becomes the Patrol Leaders' Council, the
Patrol Second becomes Assistant Patrol
Leader, and so on. Simplified Grand Howl.

ON 1 OCTOBER 1966: The new form of the
Promise and Law, and consolidation of the
religious policy of the movement.

FROM 1 JANUARY 1967: New policy on Scouters'
and Commissioners' age limits, and the five-
yearly review of all warrants.

IN JULY 1967: Publication of new handbooks
and POR.

FROM 1 OCTOBER 1967: New age ranges (Cubs
8-11, Scouts 11-16, Venture Scouts 16-20).

BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER 1967 AND 30 SEPTEMBER
1968: Introduction of the new training
programmes for each section.

BETWEEN 1 OCTOBER 1967 AND 1 OCTOBER 1970:
Appearance of new uniforms and badges.

FROM APRIL 1968: Annual review of standards
in each Pack, Troop and Venture Scout Unit,
leading to closure of substandard sections
after two or three years without improvement.

Thirty-seven people attended the meeting at
DHQ on Monday 20 June, to discuss the imple-
mentation of the Report. Field Commissioner
Arthur Martin said the presentation of the
Report has knitted together feelings that
had been in many people's minds; there was
really nothing new in it - a lot of it has
been happening for a good many years already.

We were advised not to start training
boys for new tests until the badges were
available; it would take time. The raising
of the Cub age to 11 would still keep older
Cubs busy under the new programme. Raising
the Scout age to 16 was linked to the proba-
bility of a higher school-leaving age by
1970, and it is obvious that PLs of 13 or 14
cannot work the Patrol system as effectively
as those of 15, to whom it was a great asset
to feel their responsibility.

Should there be no more new Senior Scouts
from now on? This question was asked as a
matter of urgency for the District, and we
were advised to use discretion in each case,

but if a Troop has a PL who will be Venture Scout age in two years it would be as well to hold on to him so that he can fully train his Assistant as a successor.

The case for the serving Rover (over 20) had been put strongly to the Advance Party, said Mr Martin, but HQ had agreed that the proposed Venture Scout plan would provide completion of training by the time a man is 20. He would still have 45 more years to serve in any of a wide range of posts.

Question: For Senior Scouts beginning their Queen's Scout badge course now, and not completing it by September 1968 - will part of the old and part of the new programme still qualify? Answer: This would be in the discretion of the DC.

Should Groups change to the new uniform all at once, or have a half-and-half period? It was suggested that each Group should decide on its own date after which the new style would be worn: and they could perhaps run their own uniform funds to help defray costs.

SCOUTER CRITIC

A Scouter who was dissatisfied with the meeting has written to CO-ORDINATOR:

"The Advance Party Report discussion was like a patchwork quilt - made up of bits and pieces. It should have been taken for granted that people had read the report (issue date 9 June - eleven days previously).

"How much more interesting it would have been to hear from the various ADCs for Scouts, Rovers, Seniors, Cubs, etc., on how their own specific spheres of responsibility would be affected by the APR, and what they thought of Scouting in the future. It would have been nice to hear some independent thoughts on the subject!

"It was a pity that there was no breath of a suggestion of forming a sub-committee that would make recommendations for re-organizing the district, with the general aim of raising the standard of Scouting.

"A great deal of the work of implementing the APR will fall upon the shoulders of the Scouters and it is suggested that part of the Scouters' Council meetings should be given over to training (the business side of the meeting could be streamlined).

"Come on, Letchworth, let us be leaders into the new world of Scouting - not hanging back waiting to see how the others are going to cope."

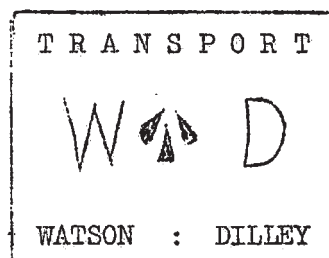
CO-ORDINATOR OFFER

In fairness to critic and ADCs alike, the Report does take some digesting, and perhaps eleven days was not quite enough! No doubt every ADC will by now have some definite and important observations to make. If they would like to jot these observations down on paper, CO-ORDINATOR's August edition will provide 100% Scouter coverage throughout the District, and reach all those unable or unwilling to come to another meeting.

District and Group Scouters are also invited to comment as freely as they wish. All items for CO-ORDINATOR to DIO Ken Johnson by Friday 5 August, please!

VENTURE SCOUT PROGRAMMES

ADC(S) Peter Blott tells us that he hopes to see Venture style activities for the 16-20 age group starting this year, before the full implementation of the scheme begins in October 1967. Part of the meeting of Letchworth Senior Scouts on Tuesday 5 July will be an Open Session on this subject.



This is the emblem (a simplified Scout badge, presumably?) for a new non-profit-making organization that is offering to provide road transport for Scout or Guide bodies or equipment at a standard rate of SIXPENCE A MILE. Reductions for long distances. Proceeds will go towards a new District Lorry Fund. All enquiries to David at Letchworth 5590, or Pete at Letchworth 5061.

FROM THE DISTRICT SECRETARY

A word of thanks to the Group Committees of Fifth Letchworth, Ninth Letchworth and First Beldock, for their efforts in recruiting members for the Local Association. It is hoped that the other twelve Groups will follow suit!

WARRANT APPLICATIONS APPROVED LOCALLY

Mr P.A. Birch	ASL 6L
Mr J. Denton	GSL 9L
Mr J.A. Ferguson	ASL 9L
Miss S. Fye	ACSL 3L
Mr B. Johnson	ACSL 2B
Mrs Mason	ACSL 4L
Mr P.J. Moules	ASL 3B
Mrs A. Pouton	ACSL 4L

CHAPGES:

ACM Mrs T. Charlton	to CSL 4L
ACM Ere M. Hawley	to CSL 9L
SM J. Moys	to ASL 7L
ASM R. Turner	to SL 7L

B-P GUILD ENTERPRISE

Come and join in the Car Treasure Hunt on SUNDAY 10 JULY, beginning at 5 pm at the Arena car park, Letchworth. Entry 5/- for car, driver and navigator, plus 1/- for each extra passenger. Only equipment needed: sheet 147 OS map; and a car.

LOST A SPADE?

After NC66, an extra spade, with two notches in its handle, was returned in error to 4L GSM Mike Spurr. It is obviously pining for its rightful owner, so would he please call at 8 Bowershott some time and reclaim it?

Two New Subcommittees To Aid DHQ

THE APPALLING STATE OF DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WAS DISCUSSED AGAIN DURING LAST WEDNESDAY'S MEETING OF THE LOCAL ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. IN AN EFFORT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS RECONSTITUTED, AND WILL NOW BE MADE UP OF THREE SCOUTERS (APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER) AND THREE LAY MEMBERS (APPOINTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LAY COUNCIL).

Mr Ray Hilditch volunteered to be one of the lay members of the new House Subcommittee, and names of other possible helpers were suggested.

Though the Executive Committee itself does not meet again until 7 September, it is hoped that the names of the new House Subcommittee will be ready and appear in the August CO-ORDINATOR, and that the members will have met and begun to take action without waiting for any further discussion by the Executive.

LINKED WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE THOSE OF A NEW FUNDRAISING SUBCOMMITTEE ALSO APPOINTED AND ALREADY GIVEN APPROVAL TO GET ON WITH THE JOB, BEFORE DHQ CRUMBLES AWAY ALTOGETHER.

The new Fundraising Subcommittee has three members - ADC Ken Hart, Mr Fred Eaves, and Mr Colin Rose, with power to co-opt whoever they need.

THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE, not having met since November 1964, was allowed to lapse, as all its affairs are perfectly well handled by the District Treasurer.

Two subcommittees were reappointed as they were: Mr Oldham, Mr & Mrs Juby, Mrs Foster and Mrs Watson to the Badge Subcommittee; and Mr & Mrs Baker, Mrs Tippet and the "functioning officers" of the Gang Show to the Gang Show Subcommittee.

TWO NEW FACES WILL BE SEEN AT FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WARRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE: Mr Peter Norton and Mr A.A.J. Brett, from the B-P Guild and the Lay Council (5L Group re-presentative) respectively. Other members are the LA Chairman (Mr Blaxland), the DC and all ADCs, Mr R. Jones and Mrs G. Watson.

ANY ANSWERS?

Has anyone written to Roland Poole of the First Wadonga Cubs? The invitation was in last month's CO-ORDINATOR, and the District Information Officer would like to know if anything comes of it.

There has been no response to the appeal for home hospitality for Henri Cayla (19), also in last month's edition. Any offers for all or part of the period 3-20 August would be most welcome. Please phone Letchworth 3920.

SAFE AND SOUND

Readers will be glad to know that the paperweight mislaid after the handicraft exhibition turned up safe and sound and was restored to its Cub owner and craftsman, Nigel Furlong.

ST GEORGE'S DAY COLLECTION

Of over £24 collected at the St George's Day service this year, 4 guineas are being passed to the 9L Group committee to cover certain expenses which they stood as hosts on that occasion. All the balance, the LA Executive decided last week, is to go to the Scout World Friendship Fund.

OUR ROGER AGAIN

Everyone in the District will wish to congratulate Roger Keeney on the lively action photograph used as the cover of last week's edition of "The Scout" (2 July). The hydroballistic lads in the picture are not local boys, but were some of those camping next door to 5L and 8L at last year's Welsh Jamboree in Denbighshire.

FIRST CLASS CERTIFICATES

Before it is replaced by the Advanced Scout Standard, the First Class Badge can still be won by scores of Letchworth & Baldock District Scouts. It may not be generally realized that the County awards a free (and very posh) certificate personally signed by the CC, to every First Class Scout. A stock of these is held by the District Information Officer (KJ to you), and he should be informed as soon as a First Class award is due, so that the certificate can be suitably prepared with the name of the Scout and his Troop.

PATROL LEADERS' TRAINING

DSL Jeff Robson says that if all goes well there will be a District Training Camp for Patrol Leaders in the early autumn. It is hoped that this will be on the weekend of 8-9 October, Patrol Leaders' Councils are advised to consider this at their next meeting and plan accordingly.

FIREFIGHTER BADGE COURSE

As announced in last month's CO-ORDINATOR, Letchworth Fire Service have again offered to run a six-week course for Scouts under 15 doing the Firefighter badge. This will be on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm, from 19 October to 23 November. In order to give adequate training, only twelve candidates can be accepted.. Applications in writing, please, to SA Ken Johnson (80 Spring Road, Letchworth), giving Troop, boys' names and addresses and dates of birth, so that priority can be given to older Scouts in more urgent need of the badge course.

LETCWORTH & BALDOCK

Guiders' DATES

JULY

- 6 - Brownie Guiders training at Barclay School, Stevenage, 7.15-9.15, Cars will leave Arena car park 6.50.
- 6 - Guiders & Scouters meeting on proposed Senior Scout and Guide camp. 8 pm at First Baldock Scout HQ, Park Drive.
- 9 - COFFEE MORNING, 10-12, Civil Defence Hall. Please note: we couldn't get St Thomas's as suggested.
- 23-30 - 2L camp at Hatfield

AUGUST

- 6-13 - 4L camp at East Grinstead
- 13-20 - 5L camp at Northaw
- 20-27 - 1L camp at Gamlingay

SAFE CYCLING

The Safe Cycling competition announced in last month's CO-ORDINATOR has been postponed from Saturday 9 July to Saturday 16 July, so as not to clash with the Local Yokels' Carnival procession.

If there are any more Scouts, aged between 11 and 16, who wish to represent their Troop (in uniform) on this event, Scouters should phone the Road Safety Officer (Mr C.W.Hankin) at Letchworth Town Hall (5642).

COUNTY MARATHON

THOUGH ENTRY FORMS WERE RECEIVED FROM 99 TEAMS IN THE COUNTY, ONLY 77 WERE ACTUAL STARTERS. OF THESE, FOUR WERE FROM OUR DISTRICT.

Darryl Jones, Richard Wagg, Barry Read and Clive Roberts scored 178 points for 1B, coming fifteenth in the whole County. Many congratulations to them.

Baldock's success continued with the 2B team, Paul Marshall, Bernard Jones, Stephen Dilley and Trevor Austin, scoring 158 and tying for fortieth place.

Letchworth was represented by two troops. 5L tied for fifty-first place, with 153 points scored by Richard Biggs, Richard Evans, Alan Wilsan and Ian Smith. In sixty-second place, with 144, were the 1L team, Alan Eaves, David Dainton, John Ford and Clive Sapsed.

Top score was 197; bottom, 102.

THE OXFAM HIKE

Our District's Senior Scouts were quite well represented on the Oxfam hike from Hitchin to High Beach (Essex, a mile or so from Gilwell) in the early part of Sunday. Among those observed were Stephen Eaves (1L), Martien Lafferty (2L), Martin Ransford and Jim Cadwallader (4L), Bob Wilson, Mick Wilson and Trevor Thorne (5L). 5L Boy Scout Melvyn Pitt (age 13) also took part, and did the whole distance unaided: a great effort.

JULY 1966

- 4 ROCK COUNCIL meets for last time and becomes CSLs' COUNCIL or something, DHQ, 2000
- 6 DISTRICT CUB SPORTS resumed, Norton School field, 1830
- 6 Scouters & Guiders meeting on proposed Senior Scout and Guide camp, 1B HQ, 2000
- 9 Letchworth Guides' Coffee Morning, Civil Defence hall, 1000-1200
- 9 County AGM, Hertford
- 9 7L jumble sale, DHQ
- 9 Local Yokels' Carnival
- 10 B-P Guild car treasure hunt, Arena car park, 1700 (see page 2)
- 16 5L jumble sale, DHQ
- 18 SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, 2L HQ (St George's 1945

AUGUST 1966

- 5 Last items in to DIO for CO-ORDINATOR 87, please
- 8 Publication of CO-ORDINATOR 87

SEPTEMBER 1966

- 7 LA Executive Committee, DHQ, 2000
- 10 DISTRICT CUB SIXERS' DAY
- 10-11 ICKNIELD SHIELD CAMPING COMPETITION
- 18 DISTRICT COOKING COMPETITION, Norton Common
- 30-2 October: Sixteenth County SENIOR SCOUT GATHERING, between Ivinghoe and Ashridge

OCTOBER 1966

- 1 Introduction of new Scout and Cub Law and Promise
- 9 DISTRICT CUBS' JUBILEE THANKSGIVING, SERVICE, St Paul's, Letchworth
- 15-16 International Jamboree-on-the-Air
- 16 County Scouters' Conference, East Hertfordshire College, Turnford
- 17-29 London Gang Show, Golders Green
- 19 Fireman badge course starts, Letchworth Fire Station (see page 3)
- 25 British Summer Time ends, 0300
- 30 County Cubs' Jubilee Thanksgiving services, St Albans

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