

# CO-ORDINATOR

MONTHLY FROM LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK  
DISTRICT SCOUT COUNCIL - free to  
Scouters and Group officials - free

139: December 1970

to Scout Patrol Leaders collecting from the District Scout Shop - 6/6 (32½p) annually  
to other readers: subscriptions payable to District Information Officer Ken Johnson,  
80 Spring Road, Letchworth

## GREETINGS

My very best wishes to all readers of  
CO-ORDINATOR for a very happy Christmas,  
and for good health and success for 1971.

S.F. BLAXLAND

Chairman, District Scout Council

## FOR YOU

JOHN NEWNHAM, field officer of the Ramblers' Association, will be describing the work of his association especially for local Scout and Guide members, at St Paul's hall on Monday 14 December at 8 pm. Everyone connected with either movement is welcome to this free meeting, if at all concerned with the preservation of the countryside and access to it in north Hertfordshire.

## POSTS & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

JOHN SIMMONS, SL First Ashwell, of 12 Ashwell Street, is now on the telephone: Ashwell 401.

Mrs MARILYN TRAPPENAU, Secretary of the District Pack Scouters' Council, has moved to 38 Valley Road, Letchworth: telephone Letchworth 5002.

## ONE BEAD

ANYONE who has successfully completed both parts "A" and "B" of the Adult Leader training scheme at the respective courses has the right to wear a "single-bead" Wood Badge cloth emblem on his or her uniform. If you qualify and have not got the badge, please get in touch with ADC John Baker, 47 Highfield, Letchworth.

## NIGHTJAR WARNING

Senior Scouts (14 or 15) are reminded that entries for Operation Nightjar (on the night of 19-20 December) must reach the District Information Officer by next Sunday, 6 December, at the latest. Full details and entry forms were in last month's CO-ORDINATOR. If fewer than six entries are received by the closing date, the event will not take place. The competition is open to Scouts from other Districts as well as this.

## OFFER

A number of books are offered to the first jumble-sale collector calling at 41 Field Lane, Letchworth.

## DON'T MISS

GANG SHOW 1971 rehearsals starting on 12 December 1970: special notice on page three.

## TWO COACHLOADS OF CUBS...

are coming to Letchworth from Luton to take advantage of SPARS' special offer - pantomime plus ice cream or soft drink, all for four bob (20p). The pantomime is "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK". The dates are 29 December 1970 to 2 January 1971. The theatre is St Francis'. The special offer is for the TUESDAY and THURSDAY evenings, for parties of Scouts, Guides, Cubs or Brownies. The address for all enquiries is 206 Rushby Place, Letchworth.

## RESULTS

B-P GUILD CUP : WINTER PATROL COMPETITION  
15 November 1970

| Place  | Patrol                     | Points |
|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1..... | 5L Owls.....               | 610    |
| 2..... | 4L Tigers.....             | 366    |
| 3..... | 8L (Spartan Lions.....     | 325    |
| 4..... | 8L (Spartan Buffaloes..... | 292    |
| 5..... | 8L (Trojan) Falcons.....   | 177    |

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT QUIZ

26 November 1970

| Place  | Pack                                    | Points |
|--------|---|--------|
| 1..... | 7L.....                                 | 54½    |
| 2..... | 4L Nusketeers .....                     | 46½    |
| 3..... | 5L.....                                 | 46     |
| 4..... | 4L Cavaliers.....                       | 43½    |
| 5..... | (1-3L)<br>(8L ) .....                   | 43     |
| 7..... | 2B.....                                 | 42     |
| 8..... | combined team of<br>three reserves..... | 38½    |

DISTRICT CUB SCOUT SWIMMING SPORTS

28 November 1970

| Place  | Pack               | Points |
|--------|--------------------|--------|
| 1..... | 8L.....            | 12     |
| 2..... | 5L.....            | 8      |
| 3..... | 4L Musketeers..... | 5      |
| 4..... | 1B.....            | 4      |
| 5..... | 4L Cavaliers.....  | 1      |
| 6..... | 2B, 1-3L, 7L.....  | 0      |

DISTRICT SCOUT SWIMMING SPORTS

28 November 1970

| Place  | Troop            | Points |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| 1..... | 8L Spartans..... | 28     |
| 2..... | 8L Trojans.....  | 24     |
| 3..... | 5L.....          | 10     |
| 4..... | 4L.....          | 9      |
| 5..... | 2B.....          | 5      |
| 6..... | 1B, 7L.....      | 4      |
| 8..... | 1-3L.....        | 1      |

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# SWIMMING RESULTS IN DETAIL

## CUB SCOUTS (8, 9, 10)

BREAST STROKE: 1 Graham Baker 4L(M), 2 Stephen Garrett 8L, 3 Gary Saunders 5L

BACK STROKE: 1 David Craig 5L, 2 Glend Mealing 8L, 3 David Castle 4L(M)

FREE STYLE: 1 Mark Nicholson 1B, 2 Paul Weber 8L, 3 David Wilson 4L(C)

PEFESTYLE RELAY: 1 Alistair Horwood, Nicholas Dean, Michael Weber 8L, 2 Nicholas Yates, Gary Saunders, David Craig 5L, 3 David Taylor, Shaun O'Ferrall, Grant Kleiner 4L(M)

MEDLEY RELAY: 1 Glenn Mealing, Stephen Garratt, Paul Weber 8L, 2 Gary Saunders, Andrew Faden, David Craig 5L, 3 Martin Roberts, Barry Wade, Michael Ward 1B

## JUNIOR SCOUTS (11, 12, 13)

BREAST STROKE: 1 Chris Morley 8L(S), 2 Eddie McAlone 2B, 3 Darrell Brooks 7L tied with Glyn James 8L(T)

BACK STROKE: 1 Richard Miller 8L(T), 2 Roger Bone 8L(S), 3 Nicholas Plum 5L

FREE STYLE: 1 Ken Weber 8L(S), 2 Nark Guy 1B, 3 Eddie McAlone 2B

BUTTERFLY: 1 Iain Baker 4L, 2 William Hawkins 5L, 3 Martin Elliott 8L(S)

FREESTYLE RELAY: 1 Stephen Kleiner, David Peck, Iain Baker 4L, 2 Clive Broome, Barry Mealing, Martin Elliott 8L(S), 3 Richard Miller, Glyn James, Steven Hargreaves 8L(T)

MEDLEY RELAY: 1 Roger Bone, Barry Mealing, Martin Elliott 8L(S), 2 Glyn James, Richard Miller, Nigel Pitchers 8L(T), 3 Nigel Furlong, Philip Shea, Iain Baker 4L

## SENIOR SCOUTS 14,15)

BREAST STROKE: 1 Ken Weber 8L(S), 2 Terry Miller 8L(T), 3 Neil England 5L

BACK STROKE: 1 Chris Morley 8L(S), 2 Gary Watkins 8L(T), 3 William Craig 5L

FREE STYLE: 1 Ian Reeds 8L(T), 2 Kevin Smith 5L, 3 Peter Foster 1-3L

FREESTYLE RELAY: 1 Terry Miller, Ian Reeds, Nigel Pitchers 8L(T), 2 Howard Dean, Roger Bone, Ken Weber 8L(S), 3 Kevin Smith, Neil England, David Simpson 5L

MEDLEY RELAY: 1 Terry Miller, Gary Watkins, Ian Reeds 8L(T), 2 William Craig, Neil England, Kevin Smith 5L, 3 Chris Morley, Roger Burt, Howard Dean 5L

## JUNIOR GUIDES (10, 11, 12)

BREAST STROKE: 1 Deborah Hales 2L, 2 Shelagh Mitchell 1L, 3 Jackie West 3B

BACK STROKE: 1 Philippa Yates 1L, 2 Anne Castle 6L, 3 Gillian Smith 2B

FREE STYLE: 1 Anne Hayward 3B, 2 Kim Parks 6L, 3 Julia Howard 5L

FREESTYLE RELAY: 1 Kim Parks, Susan Gee, Alison Deary 6L, 2 Irene Lane, Philippa Yates, Pauline Hession 1L, 3 Julia Stokes, Clare Spinks, Linda Pearce 2L

MEDLEY RELAY: 1 Lucinda Deacon, Philippa Yates, Shelagh Mitchell 1L, 2 Deborah Hales, Gillian Nicholson, Linda Pearce 2L, 3 Kim Parks, Susan Gee, Elizabeth Webb 6L

## SENIOR GUIDES (13, 14 15)

BREAST STROKE: 1 Kathleen Dennehy 1L, 2 Anne West 3B, 3 Rosemary Umney 6L

BACK STROKE: 1 Anne Castle 6L, 2 Rosemary Squirrell 1L, 3 Marie Rider 2L

FREE STYLE: 1 Hazel Whitfield 2L, 2 Deborah Hitcham 5L, 3 Averil Grimmond 1L

BUTTERFLY: 1 Lesley Stroud 6L

FREESTYLE RELAY: 1 Jacqueline Smith, Kathleen Dennehy, Averil Grimmond 1L, 2 Lynn Homer, Deborah Hitcham, Julia Howard 5L, 3 Anne West, Elizabeth Wagg, Jayne Saunders 3B

MEDLEY RELAY: 1 Anne Castle, Rosemary Umney, Carol Reed 6L, 2 Rosemary Squirrell, Kathleen Dennehy, Jacqueline Smith 1L, 3 Marie Rider, Kathryn Parker, Hazel Whitfield 2L

## RAFFLE

The raffle at the Swimming Gala made a profit of £8/10/6 (£8.52½) to help with the expenses. One prize is still unclaimed, and the holder of yellow ticket 137 should apply to Mrs Eaves, 47 Norton Road, Letchworth.

## FOUND PROPERTY

A white belt in crochet work, and a Scout beret, were left at Stevenage after the Gala. Owners please apply to 47 Norton Road, Letchworth.

## OVERALL PROFIT

Subject to confirmation, it looks as though the swimming gala made a profit of something over £8. Details will be given to the next Scouters' Council on Thursday 3 December, and to other section meetings.

## THANKS FROM THE ORGANIZER

I'd like to put on record my sincere thanks to everybody who helped at the Swimming Gala. It was your efforts that helped to make the evening an enjoyable, and I am pleased to say profitable, success.

Jeff Robson

## THANKS TO THE ORGANIZER

Everyone who had anything to do with it knows what a fantastically good job Jeff made of planning the Gala. Each person had full instructions on every detail, so the whole very complicated operation went smoothly.

## MOD TROPHY

Seventh Letchworth Group retained the Mod Trophy on 13 November when their Cubs beat 4L Musketeers at Subuteo football, 2-0, 1-0, 0-0. Now the 7L Scouts have three months to meet the 8L Trojans' challenge to an angling match. If any other section, patrol, six or individual wishes to challenge the winners to any other original contest, inform the DIO.

TRY THIS (AN IDEA FROM H.S.N. page 1000)  
Tie a packer's knot with your toes.

## BALDOCK AND LETCHWORTH DISTRICTS

## GUIDES' SWIMMING RESULTS

| Place  | Company | Points |
|--------|---------|--------|
| 1..... | 1L..... | 21     |
| 2..... | 6L..... | 18     |
| 3..... | 2L..... | 11     |
| 4..... | 3B..... | 7      |
| 5..... | 5L..... | 5      |
| 6..... | 2B..... | 1      |

## GUIDES &amp; SCOUTS

It was standing room only at the Gang Show reunion and AGM on 14 November. The enthusiastic response shows that interest in the 1971 District show is likely to be stronger than ever, so all Scouts and Guides, Venture Scouts and Rangers, Scouters and Guiders, who'd like to play their part should note the time of the start of the first rehearsal - 1800 BST on SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER at District Headquarters. Chairman Ken Hart suggests you should come early to be sure of a place!

## JUST FOR FUN LEAGUE

"It's not the winning, but the taking part..." which matters in these charts, which add up all points gained each year in all District competitions. Even if you don't win anything, you get points for attending, and you can see where the lively and interested Scouts are. The following are up to date to include the swimming ng sports.

## G R O U P S

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1...8L...2323½  | 8...2L...310   |
| 2...5L...1872   | 9...17H...55   |
| 3...4L...1493½  | 10...1C...51   |
| 4...7L...962¼   | 11...1S...21   |
| 5...1-3L...631½ | 12...CH...10   |
| 6...1B...508    | 13...1A, 1W,.0 |
| 7...2B...448½   |                |

## CUB SCOUT PACKS

|                |
|----------------|
| 1...7L...4124  |
| 2...5L...399½  |
| 3...4L M .380  |
| 4...4L(C).373  |
| 5...2B...311½  |
| 6...2L...272   |
| 7...1-3L...241 |
| 3...8L(M).195  |
| 9...8L T .183½ |
| 10...1B...182  |
| 11...8L(U)..65 |
| 12...1A.....0  |

## SCOUT TROOPS

|                  |
|------------------|
| 1...5L...1455½   |
| 2..8L(S).1226    |
| 3...4L...741½    |
| 4..8L(T)..623    |
| 5...7L...541½    |
| 6..1-3L...375V   |
| 7...1B...326     |
| 8...2B...137     |
| 9...17H,...55    |
| 10...1C.....51   |
| 11...2L.....29   |
| 12...1S.....21   |
| 13...1A, 1W....0 |

4L:M=Musketeers

C=Cavaliers

8L:M=Monday

T=Thursday

U=United

(S)=Spartans

(T)=Trojans

C=Cornelly

H=Hitchin

S=Stotfold

The one remaining contest in 1970 is Operation Nightjar, for Scouts of 14 and 15, on the night of 19-20 December.

## LETCWORTH GUIDERS

THE COFFEE MORNING AND BAZAAR on 7 November made an estimated profit of C82. (We are still waiting for one bill to come in.)

Individual stalls took the following amounts.

|                          |     |    |   |
|--------------------------|-----|----|---|
| Aprons                   | £ 7 | 4  | 0 |
| Balloons                 |     | 12 | 9 |
| Cakes                    | 17  | 15 | 6 |
| Gifts & toiletries       | 9   | 3  | 4 |
| Groceries                | 2   | 19 | 9 |
| Needlework               | 9   | 14 | 6 |
| Plants                   | 3   | 13 | 6 |
| Raffle                   | 5   | 4  | 6 |
| Scout Shop discount      | 2   | 0  | 0 |
| Sweets                   | 2   | 19 | 4 |
| Toys                     | 12  | 13 | 3 |
| Admission & refreshments | 13  | 16 | 3 |

We also sold 115 worth of Christmas cards and a similar amount of goods from the Scout Shop. I would like to congratulate everyone on a most successful and profitable morning.

BADGES - There are a few points I would like to make clear. Testers for badges are appointed by the DC (see Brownie Guiders' Handbook page 85, paragraph 2, and Guide Guiders' Handbook page 56, bottom paragraph). I am finding recently that girls are being tested by people I've never heard of, let alone approved. If you know of someone who would be suitable to test for a particular badge, please let me know. In most cases I am only too pleased to get extra help in this direction, but I must first satisfy myself that the person in question knows the syllabus (all of it) and what can be expected of the girls in the age range concerned.

Brownie Hostess badges Please may I repeat that only six Brownies can be tested for this at any one event. It just isn't fair on the tester for her to try to watch more than this number of strange girls and remember each one individually.

Guide Homemaker badge: The tester for this insists that girls under 13 are too young to have knowledge of the theoretical sections and they must also have had at least one year of domestic science lessons at school. This backs up what the Cook and Laundress testers have emphasized in the past.

DATE - Tuesday 1 December: Guiders' meeting, Ranger Hut, 7.30 pm. Please bring any money for Christmas cards that you have sold.

M.C.D.

## GIFT IDEAS

FOR SCOUTS - CUBS - VENTURE SCOUTS - and SCOUTERS: the District Scout Shop is open every Tuesday and Friday 7-8 pm, with a wide choice of BOOKS...

What about a 1971 Diary? Only 5/-, and invaluable to any efficient Scout.

...CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT...

The uniform green jacket (optional for Cubs) is part of the uniform, and very warmly recommended by those who have one!



## HOW TO DO NOTHING

"CO-ORDINATOR" failed to co-ordinate last month. Its announcement of the meeting of the District Patrol Leaders' Council was pretty well ignored by about 50 of the APLs and PLs who should have attended. Apologies were received from the 4L Tiger PL, but way of the 4L Lion PL who turned as promptly. Also there was the Council secretary, the 5L Owl PL, who had an agenda prepared in co-operation with the DSL, who attended as adviser.

As nobody else turned up, except the DIO rather late, no decisions could be taken on any of the items down for discussion. These included, besides the formal matters of minutes and correspondence, the following items.

1. The draw for the 1971 Scout football league, with the proposal to ask Champion Hills Venture Scout Unit to supervise the arrangements.
2. The draw for the 1971 Scout quiz for the Hall Trophy.
3. The DSL's proposal to arrange a weekend visit to Coetmor hill for PLs and APLs.
4. Details for Operation Nightjar for Senior Scouts.
5. Comments and criticism of the B-P Guild Cup competition.
6. Reports of patrol activities.
7. Any other business members wished to raise.
8. Films of past Senior Scout activities which might be revived in a new form for older Scouts.

Item 8 was, in fact, carried out, and enjoyed by the very limited assembly. In the absence of a quorum, no official decision could be made regarding the date of the next meeting, but the Secretary has now booked Fifth Letchworth HQ for 7.30 pm on Thursday 17 December, and hopes that a better attendance will enable the agenda to be dealt with.

All Scouters receive CO-ORDINATOR, and it is available free to all Patrol Leaders. It would be interesting to know what the precise blockage is. Is CO-ORDINATOR not read at all? If read, is it not understood? If understood, are proposed meetings rejected as undesirable?

Field Commissioner Arthur Martin, reporting on the findings of the County Scouters' Conference in this month's "HSN", writes. "IF COMMUNICATION IS WEAK, THE GROUP SYSTEM IS INEFFECTIVE. WHEN IT FAILS, BLAME RESTS ON INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM PAROCHIALISM AND A LACK OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS. GROUPS TEND TO BE INWARD LOOKING, FORGETTING THAT LAY HELPERS, DISTRICT AND COUNTY EVENTS ARE THERE AS A SUPPORT TO THEM."

It is in the interest of all Patrol Leaders that this District is trying to encourage the District PLs' Council, which up to now has been one of the liveliest and most successful in Hertfordshire.

PLs and APLs are all asked to attend the next meeting of their Council, in uniform.

## DECEMBER 1970

### THURSDAY 3

DISTRICT TROOP SCOUTERS' COUNCIL, DHQ, 2000

(The same remarks might apply to these meetings as to District PLs' Council, in column 1).

### SATURDAY 5

First-Third Letchworth Christmas Fair, Howard Hall, 1030

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 . Throughout the weekend 4-6 December .  
 . a District Patrol Leaders' training .  
 . course is running at 1B HQ, Park .  
 . Drive. A report will appear in the .  
 . January CO-ORDINATOR. .  
 . . . . .

### SATURDAY 12

FIRST REHEARSAL FOR DISTRICT GANG SHOW 1971 (see page 3). Be sure to come to be sure of a place! DHQ, 1800

### MONDAY 14

OUR COUNTRYSIDE: an open meeting for all Scouts and Guides: John Newnham, field officer of the Ramblers' Association. St Paul's hall, 2000

### THURSDAY 17

DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL (see column 1) 5L HQ, Spring Road, 1930

### SATURDAY 19 - SUNDAY 20

OPERATION NIGHTJAR for senior Scouts (see November CO-ORDINATOR), DHQ and other places, 2200-0530

## JANUARY 1971

### SATURDAY 2 - SUNDAY 3

Hertfordshire Great Patrol Hunt 1970  
 Top Twenty Patrols' Get-Together, First Wormley HQ, Broxbourne, 1500-1130. (The Patrols in this District who qualify are 8L Bulldogs, Lions, Buffaloes and Hawks, and 5L Stags and Tigers, whose PLs have all received invitations.)

### TUESDAY 19 (provisional)

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, DHQ, 2000  
 (The Committee is: Chairman S. Blaxland, Secretary P. Norton, Treasurer M. Gardiner, Assistant Secretary A. Wood, DC.F. Eaves, ADC(S) K. Hart, ADC(C) Mrs A. Pouton, ADC(V) vacant, ADC(G) J. Baker, ADC(G) R. Tiplady, DIO K. Johnson, DSL J. Robson, DSO vacant, 6 elected members Mrs D. Eaves, Mrs J. Foster, A. Hawley I. Hooper, T. Sparrow, Mrs G. Watson, 2 co-opted members R. Allison, Mrs B. Eaves, 2 Pack Scouters' representatives Mrs N. Baker, one vacant, 2 Troop Scouters' representatives A. Brown, P. Deary, and a Venture Scout representative, vacant. Total 26, of which 4 are vacant. Bets on the number attending may be placed with the Assistant Secretary, Honest Arthur Wood, 25 Cloisters Road, Letchworth.)

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ITEMS for inclusion in the January "CO-ORDINATOR" should reach the DIO by Friday 25 December.