

# COORDINATOR ★ 222

## November 1977

LEITCHWORTH & BALDOCK SCOUT DISTRICT  
BULLETIN free to Scouters and officials,  
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### SCOREBOARD

SCOUT REGATTA 15 October 1917

Position Troop Points

1.....8L(S).....6

2.....5L.....4

JMT7 23-25 September 1977

Position Team Points

1....Alan Cox & Alastair Horwood

CHVSU.....885

2... Adrian Deary & John Miles CHVSU.860

3....Chris Saunders & Peter Thomson

CHVSU.....825

4....Robin Dewhurst & Alex Head

CHVSU.....695

5....Andrew Osborne & Keith Osborne

1-3L.....560

6....David Smith & Martin Wilkinson

CHVSU.....518

7....John Meikle 8L(S) & Nicholas

Smith 4L.....465

8....Donald McKenzie & Nicholas

Mansfield 7L.....440

OPERATION NIGHTJAR 22-23 October 1977

Position Team Points

1....Michael Foster & Cliff Gulbis

8L(S).....340

2....Stuart Bruce & Mark Roberts

8L(S).....331

3....Richard Lomax & Tim Jurdon 5L...217

4....Brett Bartlett & Neil Robson 1B.216

5....Jonathan Hancock & Stuart

Wardman-Browne 8L(S).....214

6....Andrew Plumb & Robert Williams

7L.....160

7....Alastair Green & Mark Sheldrick

5L.....133

8....Martin Sells & Richard Sullivan

5L.....89

9....Graham Bateman & John Meikle

8L(S).....86

10....Richard Paterson & Edward

Scouler 1-3L.....77

11....Simon Churchill & Bruce Cusden

5L.....75

12....Clive Laing & Nicholas Mansfield

7L.....61

13....Neville Billson & Richard Noble

7L.....57

14....David McQuillan & Neil Ward 5L...56

15....Nigel Stewart & Russell Worboys

8L(S).....45

16....Michael Cox & Mark Goodwin 1-3L..42

17....David Baxter & Anthony Mulgrew

1-3L .....0

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### DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP

ON BEHALF OF ALL THE SCOUTS of Letchworth & Baldock District I would like to thank Mns Doreen Eaves, Mrs Foster and their helpers, for the dedicated service they have given in keeping the Scout (and Guide) Shop open during the illness of Eric Oldham.

We are all very pleased to hear that Eric is improving greatly in health, and is now on his feet in Ward 9 of Lister Hospital, Stevenage, anxious to get back to business, if only the ordering and bookkeeping side of the Scout Shop.

If we are to keep the shop open in the future, we will need a great many more people to help with the active side on a rota basis, and in particular a volunteer to act as general manager in co-operation with Eric's work at home.

So I make a plea for everyone in local Scouting to look hard for those suitable people to carry out these responsible but highly enjoyable tasks that are so necessary for Scouting in this District to go on so well.

PETER NORTON

DC

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**THANK YOU**

ERIC OLDHAM AND HIS WIFE would like to thank their many friends and the Groups who were so kind as to send cards, messages and offers of help with transport etc.

We are pleased to say that Eric is now back in Lister Hospital and is making a slow but satisfactory recovery.

### BALDOCK GUIDERS

THURSDAY 3 NOVEMBER: Guiders' meeting, Baldock HQ, 7.45 pm. Please do your best to attend.

SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER: Paper collection, HQ.

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER: Autumn fair, Baldock Town Hall, 2 pm - preceded by Coffee Morning, 10-12,

County day for new Guiders, Welwyn Garden City: form in September HSG.

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER: LA plus Guiders' meeting in HQ, 7.45 pm, re autumn fair.

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER: Division Brownie Guider training in Baldock HQ, 10.30 for 11 am till 4 pm.

\* REMEMBER THE COFFEE MORNINGS EVERY FRIDAY FROM 10 TILL 12 NOON IN BALDOCK GUIDES' DISTRICT HQ, Meeting House Lane (off Church Street). BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

## JUST FOR FUN

LATEST POSITIONS IN THE 1977 CONTEST FOR THE HOWES TROPHY, INCLUDING POINTS IN ALL DISTRICT COMPETITIONS UP TO NIGHTJAR.

p = pack. t = troop. u = unit.

A = Aeolians. C = Cavaliers. D = Dorians. G = Grenadiers. K = Knights. M = Musketeers. S = Spartans. T = Templars (1B) or Trojans (8L).

Position	Points	Position	Points
1...CH u.....	3811	10...8L T+D.....	960
2...8L S+D...	3150½	11...4L t+G.....	958
3...8L S+A...	2842½	12...8L T+A.....	652
4...1-3L t+p...	2171½	13...1B t+K.....	505
5...7L t+p...	1983½	14...1B t+T.....	502
6...4L t+0...	1275½	15...2B t+p.....	284
7...5L t+p...	1223	16...10L t+p.....	230½
8...4L t+M...	1219	17...BS u.....	0
9...1A t+p...	1210		

## GREAT PATROLS

LATEST POSITIONS IN THE 1977 CONTEST FOR THE JIM NORTHOVER SHIELD, INCLUDING ALL CLAIMS RATIFIED AT THE DISTRICT PLs' COUNCIL ON 27 OCTOBER.

Position	Patrol	Points
1.....	BUFFALO 1-3L.....	783½
2.....	EAGLE 1-3L.....	146
3.....	BULLDOG 8L(S).....	88
4.....	Tiger 5L.....	76
5.....	Lion 8L(S).....	53
6.....	Eagle 7L.....	51
7.....	Panther 7L.....	49
8.....	Hawk 7L.....	45
9.....	Kestrel 8L(T).....	43
10.....	Buffalo 8L(S) ,... ..	42½
11..	Kingfisher 1A.38½	
12..	Wolf 1A.....	32
13..	Panther 8L(S).29	
14..	Buffalo 4L	
	Panther 1-3L	
	Peewit 1-3L...22	
17..	Falcon 8L(T)..21	
18..	Cobra 7L	
	Kingfisher 4L.14	
20..	Tiger 4L...13	
21..	Peewit 1A..11½	
22..	Hawk 5L.....4	
23..	Bulldog 4L..3	
24..	Hawk 8L(T)	
	Owl 5L	
	Panther 2B..2	

## AMENDMENTS

to the list of CO-ORDINATOR recipients, published last month:

We are delighted to welcome Alan CHURCH, 23 Angels Meadow, Ashwell, ASL 1A, and sorry to lose Marilyn TRAMPENAU, ACSL 1-3L. The address of James BRUCE, ACSL 5L, is changed to 54 Swanstand, Letchworth,

## THANKS

are conveyed from Pixmore branch of Letchworth Good Neighbours Association, to the Scouts of Fourth Letchworth troop who at short notice took on the job of delivering 1,000 handbills throughout the area.

## TROOP SCOUTERS

IN VIEW OF THE FACT that all outstanding business was covered at the joint meeting with Pack Scouters on 20 October, it was decided that there was no need to convene a further meeting until that already fixed for Thursday 15 December. Please make an effort to have your Troop represented: if you cannot come yourself, why not delegate the job to your ASL or SPL?

LAURIE COOK Chairman  
LES BURT Secretary

## TIPPETT TROPHY

THIS YEAR'S COOKING COMPETITION for Scout patrols is still proceeding. The planned completion by 31 October has been delayed for some weeks, and we hope to bring you full results in the next CO-ORDINATOR or the one after,

## NIGHTJAR '77

"A FRACTION TOO STIFF" was the general verdict on this year's Nightjar contest. The two Spartan patrols who proved it was possible still admitted they had to walk very fast, or even run, between checkpoints. It was obvious, however, that for too many contestants, insufficient knowledge of map references (and even the 24-hour clock!) was their downfall.

## MOD TROPHY

DISTRICT PACK AND TROOP SCOUTERS', and Patrol Leaders', Councils (which just about covers everybody) have discussed the recent malfunctioning of the Mod Trophy, and all agree that ONE MONTH should now be the limit between making a challenge and playing it off.

The 1-3L challenge to 1B at snooker was not played, and the Trophy went by default to 1-3L. In all the messing about, 8L Dorians challenged 1-3L Cubs to skipping, but were disappointed that no reaction was forthcoming. The Mod Trophy should by now be with 8L again, and the whole Group or any Six, Patrol or section of the Group, is open to challenge from any other Six, Patrol or Section, to anything legal and competitive. Challenges must be notified to DPRO Ken Johnson who keeps the record book.

It would be nice if the Dorians got a challenge from some other Cubs, to make up for being let down. But if some other Scouts or Leaders get in first with a gauntlet dropped before Spartans or Trojans, that will do. There will then be ONE MONTH to play whatever it is.

# WATER ACTIVITIES

SWIMMING GALA  
26 NOVEMBER

## GULL DINGHIES

The sails and all bookings for the District Gulls are now in the capable hands of ALAN LEE, 65 Maddles, Letchworth (phone 72426).

## THIRD ANNUAL DISTRICT REGATTA

This took place as planned on Saturday 15 October. In spite of a rather disappointing turnout, it was an enjoyable day for all concerned, and Eighth Letchworth (Spartans) won the event with Fifth Letchworth as runners-up.

## CHARGE CERTIFICATES

The Scout Association has adopted as its charge certificate standard the proficiency and instructor certificates issued by the British Canoe Union and the Royal Yachting Association.

All charge certificates will be cancelled on 31 December 1977, and only holders of the necessary BCU or RYA certificates will be granted charge certificates after that date.

Details of the standards are contained in a "Scouting" magazine supplement, "Charge Certificate Standards", obtainable for a stamped addressed envelope, from the Training Department, Gilwell Park, Chingford, London E4.

In conjunction with this change, new grades of water have been introduced and a national directory of waters issued. I have a copy of this and will be glad to advise on water grades. As an example, the river Ouse has been graded B2 by the Bedfordshire County Water Activities Committee. This requires that canoeists not under instruction must hold the BCU inland proficiency certificate, and instructors must hold the BCU inland senior instructor certificate. These are requirements which very few in this District can match.

If canoeing opportunities are to continue, then a pool of Leaders and Venture Scouts will be needed, holding the necessary qualification. Can anyone wishing to work towards a charge certificate please contact me for advice and guidance?

## COUNTY WAC DAY

Another source of help will be the County Water Activities Committee day at Hertford on 20 November. The details are in this month's HSG, on page 745. I shall be going, so why not get in touch and have a lift to Hertford?

## DISTRICT SCOUT AND GUIDE SWIMMING GALA

There is a now date for this year's gala at Stevenage. The date published on the District calendar (3 December) is not available, so the event has been brought forward one week to Saturday 26 NOVEMBER.

Please amend this date in all Group calendars and personal diaries.

Apart from this change of date, everything else is the same as last year. Let us just clarify the age limits, however.

JUNIOR SCOUTS are those aged 11, 12 and 13.

SENIOR SCOUTS are those aged 14 and 15.

JUNIOR GUIDES are those aged 10, 11 and 12.

SENIOR GUIDES are those aged 13, 14 and 15.

Anyone who is 16 may enter as Venture Scout or Ranger Guide only. Those Ranger Guides of 14 and 15 may also enter only as Ranger Guides.

Application forms are enclosed for the Scout Leader of each troop, and each VSL. Guiders' copies are being distributed by their respective DCs. However you get it, please ensure that your entry reaches Peter Deary by MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER with the £1 entry fee for the troop, company or unit. Late alterations can be accepted, but no late entry forms.

Tickets will be available from Peter Deary when you take him your entry.

# JUBILEE SERVICE

TWO OLD CHURCHYARDS cleared and tidied by Scouts in Jubilee year - Norton by 1-3L and Willian by 5L; leaflets delivered for voluntary organizations; what else? Much service has probably gone unreported, and HSG is appealing this month for lists of what Groups have achieved, whether or not they have gained the County Commissioner's "20 hour" certificate.

TWO MAJOR PROJECTS have been proposed by North Hertfordshire District Council in which Scouts can be of active service to the community. A clearing and tidying of public open spaces is being arranged for the 1978 spring-cleaning season; and NHDC want an up-to-date report on the public footpaths and bridleways.

The joint Scouters' Council on 20 October approved the weekend of 12-13 November as most suitable for OPERATION FOOTPATH. Lists of the numbered footpaths in those parishes adjacent to Ashwell, Baldock and Letchworth have been compiled, and shared out as evenly as possible among the troops in the District. Report forms are enclosed for each Scout Leader, and it is hoped that Scouts will patrol their paths on that weekend, or as near to it as possible, and note the state of the ground and any obstructions, returning the form to the DC for forwarding to the District Council.



# DATES TO MAKE NOTES OF...

## TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

You are already one day late if your Troop, hasn't returned the yellow application form to Jeff Robson, for places on the District Lochearnhead Expedition 1978. Even if it's a "nil" return, please help the planning to get started and make sure. YOUR form is IN NOW!

MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER : DISTRICT CUB QUIZ has been CANCELLED for this year.

MONDAY 7 NOVEMBER : CHAMPION HILLS VSU invites you to its annual general meeting, with live entertainment including "Poland: the inside story!" DHQ, 2000

Tuesday 8 November: District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2015

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER : 10L Group BAZAAR

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 12-13 NOVEMBER.

"O P E R A T I O N F O O T P A T H"  
(see page 3)

SATURDAY 12 NOVEMBER : 4L Group presents a BARN DANCE at St Paul's Church Hall. Tickets fl including supper: obtainable from John Head (Letchworth 72162).

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER : District Pack Scouters Council

THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER : "FAB" is Fifth's Autumn Bazaar, 5L HQ, 1900

SATURDAY 19 NOVEMBER : 4L Christmas Market, Howard Hall from 1100

MONDAY and WEDNESDAY 21 and 23 NOVEMBER : HOBBIES! for Cubs and Brownies, or anyone else! As part of David's Bookshop Book Fair, Letchworth Library presents a session on PUPPETS and puppetmaking, Monday 1630; and an evening of "What's Your Interest?" on Wednesday, 1830-2000. Come along to the library, see displays, models, etc., and talk to local experts on angling, model aircraft, pet fish, model railways, stamps, fossils, coins, chess, birdwatching or whatever....

THURSDAY 24 NOVEMBER : District Patrol Leaders' Council, DHQ, 2015

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER: Last date for items to be included in CO-ORDINATOR 223

FRIDAY 25 NOVEMBER : 8L Group Fair, at 8L Group HQ, all evening

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER : District SCOUT AND GUIDE SWIMMING GALA, Stevenage pool 1830

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER : After the gala, what better than a CHEESE AND WINE PARTY? CHVSU Supporters Association invite you to

join them at DHQ for a social evening. Tickets 70 pence, from Eileen Phillips, Steve Eaves, Irene Brett or Ken Lilley.

TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER : PUBLICATION DAY FOR CO-ORDINATOR 223: BUNDLES FOR DELIVERY BY LETCHWORTH AND BALDOCK GROUPS AWAIT COLLECTION AT LETCHWORTH LIBRARY FROM 0930.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY 2 and 3 DECEMBER : It's the District Cub Scouts' SILVER JUBILEE SHOW! at Letchworth Central Methodist Hall, Pixmore Way.

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER: 1-3L Group BAZAAR, at the Free Church Hall, 1030-1600

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER : Tho Scout Fellowship presents "SOMETHING OLD - SOMETHING NEW" - an evening of reminiscing and looking to the future, at Letchworth Settlement, 1930. Free tickets available from your GSL or any ADC.

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER : 7L Cubs' Coffee Morning, St Thomas's Hall

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER : District Executive Committee, DHQ, 2015

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER : District Troop Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2015

THURSDAY 5 JANUARY 1978 : The December meeting of the District Patrol Leaders' Council, at 1B HQ (Park Drive), 2000. The last chance to submit claims for the Jim Northover contest of 1977, and declaration of results.

THURSDAY 6 APRIL 1978 : Joint Troop and Pack Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2015

SATURDAY 29 APRIL 1978 ; the PLINSTON TROPHY arts and crafts competition

FRIDAY-SUNDAY 9-11 JUNE 1978 ; DISTRICT CUB SCOUT CAMP, possibly at Henlow Park

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 17-18 JUNE 1978 : ICKNIELD SHIELD lightweight camping competition for Scout patrols

FRIDAY-SUNDAY 7-9 JULY 1977 ; LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK DISTRICTS' SCOUT AND GUIDE CAMP

SATURDAY-SATURDAY 12-26 AUGUST 1978 : District Expedition to LOCHEARNHEAD SCOUT STATION. Applications should be in NOW!

FRIDAY-SUNDAY 8-10 SEPTEMBER 1978 : A new event for everybody - the DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP! Watch for details!

OTHER DATES WHEN YOUR CO-ORDINATOR WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION: 27 December 1977; 31 January; 28 February; 28 March; 2 May; 30 May; 27 June; 1 August; 29 August; 26 September; 31 October; 28 November 1978.