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New Year News

As proposed in last month's edition, CO-ORDINATOR is no longer being aimed at those Scouts who were appointed as Group Public Relations Officers. The District PRO regrets that the experiment seems to have been a failure, but hopes that each Group will soon appoint someone else who is capable of two-way communication. Until then, each Group's copy of the Hertfordshire Broadsheet is being addressed to the GSL, who should be able to ensure its immediate display for Scouts, Cubs, Venture Scouts and others to read at the beginning of each month.

Bundles of CO-ORDINATOR with HSG etc. will continue to be ready for collection by a Group representative, from the Public Library enquiries desk in Letchworth, on the following Tuesdays this year:

31 January	1 August
28 February	29 August
28 March	26 September
2 May	31 October
30 May	28 November
27 June	

With the approval of the District Executive, bundles will remain waiting to be collected until 1 pm on the Wednesday; those copies not collected by then will be posted, and the bill for postage sent to the appropriate Group. (Exceptions are 10L whose copies will remain at the Jackmans branch library, and 1A who will continue to have theirs posted and not be charged.) This is operative from Wednesday 1 February.

Scoreboard

No results have yet been reported for the 1977 Tippet Trophy cooking competition: On these figures depends the final Just-for-Fun League Table for the past year, so we hope to bring you the full details in the February CO-ORDINATOR.

Guides Singing

Attention is drawn to the amendment in this month's HSG, showing that the Guide County Singing Group meets on 26 January, not in Hitchin as previously planned, but at Letchworth Guide Hall, 247A Icknield Way.

Scout Shop

LETCHWORTH & BALDOCK SCOUT SHOP REOPENS AFTER ITS CHRISTMAS BREAK, ON TUESDAY 10 JANUARY - and thereafter each Thursday and Tuesday from 7 to 8 pm at DHQ.

Training news

CONGRATULATIONS to Doreen Lewis (8L), Bill Pack (1A), and Brian Sapsed (10L), who completed their Cub Basic course on 12-13 November, and to Tony Glenn and Dick Walsh (4L) and Graham Smith (8L) who completed their Scout Advanced course during October and November.

Future courses for 1978 are as follows.

8 and 29 January: Scout Basic, at £6.

4-5 February: GSLs' and Commissioners' Basic, at £8.50.

5 and 12 February: Cub Basic at £6.

17-19 March: Pack Holiday and Camping, £7.50

8-9 April: Scout Basic at £6.

5-7 May: Venture Scout and Ranger Guide Basic, £10.50.

9-11 and 23-25 June: Cub Advanced.

20-22 October, 11-12 November, and 23-25

March 1979: Venture Scout and Ranger Guide, GSLs' and Commissioners' Advanced.

11-12 November: Cub Basic.

2-3 December: Scout Basic.

Details and entry forms for all courses can be obtained from ADC(LT) Colin Phillips, 29 Haselfoot, Letchworth (71705).

Baldock Guiders

GREETINGS to all in Guiding for a peaceful and happy new year!

All Guiders in the Division are invited to meet Mrs Baker, our Division Commissioner who retired at the end of December, at Baldock Guide HQ, Meeting House Lane (second turning on the right down Church Street), on Monday 9 January at 8 pm.

The LA meeting on Tuesday 10 January at Baldock Guide HQ is for LA only.

Pack Holiday training at Hemel Hempstead, 28 January: see January HSG.

Please note: There will be a Guiders' meeting on Monday 16 January at 8 pm in Baldock Guide HQ. Please will all Guiders do their best to attend.

EILEEN MARSHALL

New addresses

PETER AND HANNAH MOULES are now at 27. Milestone Road, Hitchin (phone 35103).
BILL PACK is at 55 Station Road, Ashwell

New World

Looks like the trip is off for the meantime. Since talking with you, I became really aware of another project that I have been working on for some time in connection with the machine shorthand I have been involved with. I was originally thinking of coming over to do research in Great Britain and France on the existing systems and to check out what was happening in their Computer Aided Transcription programs if they had anything going.

As I began to think about it, the cost that I was going to lay out for the trip will pay for approximate half of the system that I want to bring up here at home, so it's just a case of various worthy causes competing for the same limited resources.

I wanted to come over, in fact I was rapidly filling up a notebook of things I want to do, people I wanted to see, but the large part of those tasks were not really viably related to my major research but probably more than anything else "home-sickness" if one can call it that for an environment that I found to be the most satisfying during that period of my life that I was fortunate enough to be in the UK.

I've just renewed my "Scouting" subscription so I will continue to keep in touch with British Scouting. I am so pleased to read recently that you've had an increase in census for the second or third year running, and I find that to be very supportive, at least to me personally, as we are still experiencing a decline in our movement. My own "gut reaction" is that parents seem to be seeking more of an alter-ego satisfaction by encouraging intense participation of their offspring in various after school sports programs. There are always plenty of dads to coach various teams of one sort or another; and you may be interested to know that football, British style (soccer we call it) is really catching on fast. In fact, I changed my meeting night from Monday to Tuesday because I was being clobbered by Tuesday night soccer practice. I feel a British institution catching on so here is worth the compliment.

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Scout Fellowship

Launched appropriately in the Cruise Room on 7 December, the Fellowship got a very good send-off. Thanks are due to everyone who turned up on such a wet night, and to all the spontaneous stewards who were found on board.

Ship's papers, (the pink application forms are now coming in, and all these potential passengers and crew will now be receiving CO-ORDINATOR each month, where Fellowship news will be included along with the rest of the District doings.

Those who offered to step up on the bridge and help to navigate the Fellowship on the first part of its cruise, will be meeting on Tuesday 10 January. All suggestions, ideas, pink papers, etc., should be addressed to them:

Jim Bruce; Flat 1, 119 Norton Way South, Letchworth;

John Davies, 39 Silverbirch Avenue, Stotfold;

Dave Joseph, 17 Goldon, Letchworth;

Ken Johnson, 80 Spring Road, Letchworth;

Peter Morris, 59A Norton Road, Letchworth.

New year dates January 1978

- 5 District Patrol Leaders' Council, 1B HQ, Park Drive, 2000. (This is the December meeting, including final claims in the Northover Trophy, draw for the Hall Trophy, and election of new officers)
- 10 Fellowship Bridge meeting, 119 Norton Way South, 1930;
- 27 LAST ITEMS IN, PLEASE, FOR CO-ORDINATOR 225
- 31 CO-ORDINATOR 225; Group bundles ready for collection from Letchworth Library

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- 13 Champion Hills VSU supporters' cheese and wine evening.
- 24 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 226
- 28 CO-ORDINATOR 226 ready for collection

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- 24 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 227
- 28 CO-ORDINATOR 227 ready for collection

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- 6 Joint Pack and Troop Scouters' Council, DHQ, 2015
- 28 Last items in for CO-ORDINATOR 228
- 29 ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITION

Make a date!

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