



# NEW YEAR COORDINATOR

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO  
ALL OUR  
READERS

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## THIS MONTH FRED COGAR WRITES:-

First of all, on behalf of all the District Team let me wish you all, Soouters, Scouts, Venture Scouts, Cub-scouts and Group Officials, A Very Happy New Year...and let us hope for a better understanding between all Scouts.

note these dates - and turn up!!

In the new year there are two events that I cotmend for your attention:

First, The County Commissioner Mr. John Bennett and the A.C.C.(Scouts) Mr. Peter Thwaite have given Me a firm date of WEDNESDAY 5th. JANUARY at Norton Bury when they wish to meet ALL Scout Section Scouters and P/L's and A/FL's. Will you please let all concerned know ana do your best to be there by 7.30 p.m. promptly.

The second event is on WEDNESDAY 12th. JANUARY and is the District Scout section Scout Leaders' meeting, again at Norton Bury, at which our own A.D.C(LT) Mr. Ron Wilkes has consented to be in the 'HOT SEAT'. If you have any problems on Adult Training, District or County Training Schemes or L.E.A. Grants come along and let's give these an airing. In fact, co e,even if you have no problems.

It's now up to YOU!

Fred Cogar.

A.D.C. (Scouts)

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Bring the 'other half' !!

Peter Deary reminds us that: 'Coffee Evenings are not formal meetings, and therefore Wives, Husbands, boy and girl friends are also welcome.

In wishing you a happy nev year I look forward to meeting more of you at the Coffee Evenings during 1983.

Remember that these evenings are aimed at giving Group, Troop and

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Pack Leaders, together with Group Officials, an opportunity to get to know District Team and Executive Members.

The dates for the next six are:-

Jan, 27: CHVSU display their Morocco trip.

Feb. 24: N/Bury Operation 'Clean-up'

Mar. No Coffee Evening,

Apr. 28 )

May, 26 ) Programme to be arranged.

June 30 )

Peter Deary.

## KJ's historical chat. . .

Ken wrote the following for the December edition of Co-ordinator, but space would not allow it to be included. My apologies, Ken, and as promised here it is in the January edition.

### a correction of 'the start' . .

"When did CO-ORDINATOR start?"

"Oh," I said, "I can't remember exactly, offhand. It was June in -- er- about 1958, I think."

"Fine," he said, and dashed back to the typewriter.

Only when that date had been committed to print was I able to consult the complete file of CO-ORDINATOR and to find out that it was June 1959 when the Letchworth and Baldock Scout bulletin first appeared. This file is kept in the local history section of the Letchworth Public Library, and you can always see it if you ask.

### THERE HAVE BEEN OTHERS . . .

Also, there are other files of group magazines, such as "Thrisk", "Senelet", "Henry" and others which have all played their part in making Scouting successful over the past two decades. Apart from "Peg Board 18" and "Does 'n' Doings" none seem to be appearing regularly now, which is a pity. A newsletter can do so much to keep a group informed, alive and awake.

### A proud record ! .

This is what CO-ORDINATOR has done for the District for over 23 years, and probably not many districts have such a continuous record. Long may this one continue to co-ordinate!

Incidentally, the name was thought up by Arundel Hoyer, of Letchworth District Rover Crew. It was meant to show that the bulletin was to help everybody to arrange events to fit in with each other; to avoid having six jumble sales on the same day; and so on. This is still the primary purpose of CO-ORDINATOR, and it will work better than ever if every group and all the District team let John Baker know at once whenever they are planning to do anything. Well almost anything!

That reminds me - the committee of the District Scout Fellowship is meeting to plan the 1983 programme. You shall have the first copy, John!

But in the meantime, as sort of honorary traditional scorekeeper to the District, I have here the latest figures for the Jim Northover Memorial Shield contest for 1982. The top ten active patrols so far are:-

1 FALCON 11L...171 points	6 FALCON 10L.....44 points
2 HAWK 11L.....95	7 PANTHER 1-3L.....37
3 KESTREL 11L...85	8 EAGTF 12L.....35½
4 FOX 10L.....65	9 OTTER 12L.....33
5 STAG 10L.....53½	10 RAVEN 4L.....24

The other cumulative competition for 1982, the Howes Trophy, depends on the adding together of points won in all other District contests, and I am still waiting for actual figures for the Icknield Shield, Swimming Gala and Nightjar before a new total can be made. Or, as interest seems to have waned and the trophy itself vanished some years ago, is it time to drop the 'Just for Fun League'?

KENNETH JOHNSON, Secretary, Dist. Scout Fellowship.

# NEWS FROM THE GROUPS - - -

- do you know that the news-letter referred to by K.J. on page 2, 'Does 'n' Doings!', is the news letter of 12th. Letchworth Scout Group? In their issue No 5. I notice that the Troop is now one year old and appears to be doing well.

They have 26 Scouts and another three Cubs start their Link Badge in January. Their Leader, Steve Newberry, tells us that over half his Scouts have gained their Scout Standard, and many of the others are well on their way. He adds that, with a little application, all these should have gained it by next summer.

The CSL, Lorraine Riley, welcomed five new members to her Pack in September, but informs us that her waiting list is full for the next FIVE YEARS - and that's without boys who transfer in from packs in other parts of the country!

That could explain why GSL Peter Burgess is, in common with other GSL's, urgently appealing to his Group Parents to help him find new Leaders!

## Beetlemania at 11L!! - - -

The GROUP CHAIRMAN writes:-

The 11L Group held a very entertaining Beetle Drive for Cubs, Scouts, Leaders and Families on Thursday December 9th. 1982, in Pixmore School.

The evening's proceedings were started by the presenting of the Scouter's Warrant to John Chapman, who was invested as G.S.L. by the District Commissioner Peter Norton.

The feverish dice throwing for Beetles then commenced in earnest. During the much needed refreshment break the opportunity was taken to present a variety of well earned badges to many of the Scouts present. (The Beetle Drive coincided with the current Troop night). The list of badges, all of which were completed in the last two weeks, went as follows:-

3 Canoeist.	8 Master at Arms.
7 Cyclist	10 Pioneer.

Beetling then continued with renewed enthusiasm. At the end John Tomkins and son Patrick carried off the 'high score' prizes for adult and child respectively. Booby prizes were also awarded to those having the lowest scores.

We would like to take this chance to announce that, starting in the New Year, on 14th. January 1983 the Scout Troop will meet ON FRIDAY NIGHTS, meetings commencing at 19.30hrs.

B.V. Sims  
(Group Chairman.)

## CUB LEADERS

### NOTE:-

misprint - - -

The date shown on page 4 of the Dec. Co-ordinator for the CSL's JULY meeting should read: July 4 (not 6!)

## NORTON BURY WORD COMP.

### JIM MORLEY REPORTS:-

The winner of the above competition, which was judged by K.J., was Mrs J. Toiline of Green Lane with 1523 words. Well done. I would like to thank the other three unsuccessful entrants.

## MORE NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

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### Curtains for the Eighth??

The Eight's Christmas Fair was a tremendous success. There was a terrific turn-out and we thank all Co-ordinator readers who came along.

The draw raised the fantastic sum of approximately £122 which, as had been agreed, will go a long way towards purchasing the new Curtains for the Headquarters.

On top of this we raised £246 from the numerous other Stalls, making a grand total of approximately £363.

Once again, our sincere thanks.

Yours sincerely, DERRICK FOUNTAIN (Chairman)  
VERA MORLEY (Secretary)

## JAMBOREE GLASSWARE PARTY

a big disappointment

The Glassware Party held recently, in aid of the Jamboree Fund, raised £15. I would like to thank the SIX people from the District who took the bother to come along. Never mind - you can't win them all!

We'll try again!

We are now trying to raise money for the fund by selling Quartz Digital Watches with date and light facilities. Ladies and Gents models available at the give-away price of £2.99 each. Please place your order with me at once to ensure you get one at this price.

Tim Morley.

## ANOTHER DISAPPOINTMENT

At the Cub Quiz at the end of November I was told by a Cub Leader that he knew nothing about certain happenings in the District because he had not received either the October nor November Co-ordinators. I do know that his Group had their copies because I delivered them myself, as their GSL had not collected them.

As I write, I still have the bundle of Co-ordinators for one Group for December, despite telephoning the GSL!

If I am to continue devoting quite a lot of my time to producing Co-ordinator then I think it very fair to expect that those requested to distribute it to their Groups should co-operate with me and ensure their copies are distributed in time.

To the GSL's who have replied to my question in the October edition (only four so far) and to those who collect and distribute Co-ordinator regularly and reliably I say THANK YOU VERY MUCH. May the others follow your example.

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

J.B. (Editor)

P.S. I hope to be able to publish the 1983 Scouting Calendar next Month.