



# CO-ORDINATOR

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## PROGRAMMED EVENTS 1985.

Scout and Cub activities already planned for 1985 are listed below. Some dates have yet to be confirmed, and full details of each event will be published later when these are known; any changes of date will also be advised through Co-ordinator:-

1985.	CUBS	SCOUTS
January 9	- -	District Leader Meeting
February 2/3	Sixers' Week End	- -
3	- -	B. P. Guild Cup Competition.
4	District Leader Meeting.	
March 1/2/3	- -	P. L. Training Course.
2	Arts and Crafts.	Arts and Crafts.
2	Music Festival	Music Festival
10	- -	Cyclocross Competition.
13	- -	District Leader Meeting.
23	County Swimming Gala,	- -
TBA	County 6-a-side F/ball.	- -
April 14	- -	District Canoe Race.
15	District Leader Meeting.	- -
21	St. George's Parade	St. George's Parade.
May 8	- -	District Leader Meeting.
11	It's a Knockout,	- -
18	First Aid Competition.	Whalebone Trophy.
June 3	District Leader Meeting.	- -
29/50	- -	Icknield Shield.
July 10	- -	District Leader Meeting.
1	- -	Swimming Gala (Provisional)
September 9	District Leader Meeting.	- -
11	- -	District Leader Meeting.
29	- -	Tippett Trophy.
October 9	- -	District Leader Meeting: Nightjar.
19/20.	- -	Operation Nightjar.

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1985		CUBS	SCOUTS
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OCTOBER	TBA.	Swimming Gala	- -
November	4	District Leader Meeting	- -
	10	- -	Barton Shield Competition.
	13		District Leader Meeting.
	22	Nancy Baker Trophy Quiz Competition.	- -
	23/30	Gang Show Week.	Gang Show Week.

FROM THE D.C.

to all Leaders:

Now that the summer season is behind us, it is an opportune time to review our progress since the Annual General Meeting, and to examine whether we are achieving the challenges we highlighted at that meeting, which were:-

1. To reverse the 1983 downward membership trends in all sections.
2. To offer better quality programmes to our membership, which would encompass, for every individual member, "Adventure" "Development" and "Fun".
3. To create good SCOUTING SPIRIT within the District.

1. Membership: Following individual surveys of the Groups in the District we are confident that we have expanded our membership in all sections. Estimated growth is as follows:-  
Cub Section +10%. Scout Section +5%. Venture Section +15%.

2. Programmes: Quite a number of Pack and Troop Leaders have joined with District Team members to discuss and create full and progressive programmes. We are delighted with the results and implementation into Packs and Troops. Coupled with this is the continued practice of applying good programmes by our more experienced Leaders. However, there are still signs that some Leaders are experiencing programming difficulties! Please, PLEASE, if you require support in this area contact me and I will make sure you are given assistance. A statement I heard many years ago by a very experienced Leader was: "The Leader with talent and ability who works without a programme can be totally ineffective. Yet, the Leader with limited experience and ability, but operating a planned programme, can be seen to be most effective". As stated, Programme Planning overall has improved, and is, I believe, the underlying reason why our membership is up.

3. Scouting Spirit: I suppose, to expect 100% Scouting Spirit in the District is asking for Utopia! But I do believe we are achieving a high level, and a level which is still improving. May I take this opportunity in asking all in our scouting district to examine their personal scouting stance, and if that stance is not achieving all their scouting expectations to please feel free to contact me to discuss the situation by 'phone, letter, or call in to see me.

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D. C's message (Cant'd):-

So, should we be pleased with our progress? YES, emphatically YES. You have only to observe and listen to our members to come to that conclusion. But do not let us become complacent.....let us strive forward to enable us to achieve higher levels of quality scouting.

our members demand it!  
our members deserve it!

Please accept my sincerest congratulations and gratitude for all the leadership commitment you continually display. Many thanks,  
Yours in Scouting,

*Don DC*

## FUTURE CO-ORDINATORS - - -

### Scout Fellowship Cooperation - -

Is readers are aware, there has been a short break in the production of Co-ordinator because of pressure of work of the editor, typist, printer and distributor, and aggravated by the fact that some Groups can't be bothered to collect their copies!

However, production has been resumed, due to wide demand, and I am pleased to inform readers that the Scout Fellowship has agreed to do the printing and distribution for me. This issue will be forwarded to the Groups etc., by the Fellowship. I shall continue to produce the stencils for printing.

Future copies, which will commence with the FEBRUARY edition, will be ready for Group Scout Leaders to arrange to collect from THE SCOUT SHOP on the first Thursday of each month, unless advised in the previous edition.

Don't let the Fellowship down by not having yours collected, like some let me down over the past two years!

Thank you, members of the Scout Fellowship, for agreeing to help us.

NEWS FOR THE FEBRUARY CO-ORDINATOR should reach 47 Highfield no later than Saturday 26 January 1984.

*John Baker (Editor) ADC (PR)*

## CANOEING - -

Congratulations are due to all, with commiserations to the five who were unable, on the day, to put all their skills together and just missed out. Better Luck next time!

Thanks must go to the Leaders from the Troops who assisted, especially Mick Drew, John Tomkins plus the staff at the Swimming Pool and the Council, all of whom made it possible for us to

hold the B.C.U. tests.

We hope to run similar courses there again next year.

It is worth noting that EVERY Troop had Scouts taking part, and at least one from each Troop gained a certificate and Badge.

Details of results, and dates of future canoeing events are given overleaf.

Dave Liddle (Dist. Canoe Adviser)

# B. C. U. Tests - results...

Following the Canoe Courses, held between May & October, a series of tests were held by various senior instructors and British Canoe Union Award Certificates were awarded as follows. Fifty-five Scouts & ten Letchworth A.T.C. boys attended.

B. C. U. ONE STAR:-					
Tom Howard	1A.	Graham Hopkins	8L	Richard Hogg	12L
Richard Child	1B	Barry Howard	8L	Darren Martin	12L
Owen Hanks	2B	Carl Spelting	8L	Peter White	12L
Malcolm McCallion	2B	Mark Taylor	8L	Philip Kerrigan	C. H. V. S. U.
Niall McCallion	2B	Stephen Budd	10L	Francis Drew	Let. Guides.
Liam Crowther	1/3L	Nicky Barker	11L	Martin Baxter	A. T. C.
Richard Collinge	4L	Chris Chapman	11L	Simon Burgess	A. T. C.
Paul Hardy	4L	Ian Hemmings	11L	Ashley Brown	A. T. C.
Mark Hensler	4L	Philip Scoot	11L	Lisa Kirk	A. T. C.
Brian Rosendale	5L	Robert Smith	11L	Adam Pienkowski	A. T. C.
Andrew Rundell	5L	Andrew Tolputt	11L	Stephen Reeves	A. T. C.
Ian Stone	5L	Jason Wood	11L	John Skilla	A. T. C.
Graham Wright	7L	Matthew Wood	11L	Jonathon Steward	A.T. C.
John Dyke	8L	Richard Drew	12L		
Alan Hopkins	8L	David England	12L		
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B. C. U. TWO STAR:-				B. C. U. INLAND PROFICIENCY:-	
Niall McCallion	2B	Dave Liddle	11L	Chris Bates	11L
Brian McCusker	5L	Colin Tomkins	11L	Mick Drew	11L
Ian Stone	5L	John Tomkins	11L	Dave Liddle	11L
Chris Bates	11L	Jason Wood	11L	John Tomkins	11L
Mick Drew	11L	Philip Kerrigan	CHVSU.	-o0o-	

## CANOEING DATES...

FIRST SUNDAY of each month.... at ...

STANBOROUGH LAKES, Welwyn Garden City.

Arrange your own transport and Register upon arrival. Use County Equipment.

*have a day out!*

Scouts, come and bring your family to a fantastic day out at the

INTERNATIONAL CANOE EXHIBITION at

CRYSTAL PALACE on Sunday 24th. Feb 1985

The cost is only £4. 00 including entry fee AND transport from and to Letchworth.

Apply to: Dave Liddle, 53 The Crescent Letchworth. Tel; 2798.

## LEADERS - - -

Please let me have any interesting bits of news from your Group for inclusion in Co-ordinator. YOU can help make it interesting as well as useful.

*Editor*

## GROUP NEWS...

Eleventh Letchworth Troop have been very active since the summer break, and have taken part in the County Canoe POLO championships, coming 6th. out of 12.

Then their Hawk Patrol represented them and the District at the County Light-weight Camping Competition, and on this, their first ever attempt, achieved a commendable 13th. place out of 24 teams.

After that they entered no less than five teams in our Operation Nightjar Competition, and seven of those Scouts went on to enter the Swimming Gala, finishing joint Second, only one point behind the winners.

A Bonfire Party on Guy Fawkes night was organised by leaders and boys and was successful in raising £25 for the Group to hand-over to Letchworth Day Hospital.

Well done, the eleventh! Keep it up!

How about some news from other active Troops AND Packs in the District?