



# CO-ORDINATOR

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## F R E D C O G A R

Most of you Leaders have completed your plans for pack holidays and Scout camps. I am more than pleased that those of you I have spoken with have prepared well in advance. However, to date I have only received one "Permission to Camp" form.

I hope you are all aware that this form, PC(CS) or PC(S/VS), MUST be received by the host District Commissioner two months before the camp or pack holiday is due to take place. He has the sole right to refuse his permission if this is not adhered to.

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The season of AGMs is now upon us. I hope to be present at all of your group AGMs. However, I am delegating the responsibility of representing me to my ADCs in the District team. I trust that you will welcome and indeed nurture them as you would me.

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The District AGM is again this year in the delightful setting of the North Hertfordshire District Council chamber, in Gernon Road, Letchworth, at 7.45 for 8 pm on Wednesday 14 May.

We hope to be honoured by the presence of the chairman of the County Scout Council, Sir Alan Pullinger, and the chairman of North Hertfordshire District Council and Letchworth Garden City Corporation. May I give you all an invitation to be there? All warranted Leaders we would like to see, together with the chairman, treasurer and secretary of each group.

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The District Executive Committee has accepted the responsibility of sending two Scouts to the World Jamboree 1988 in Australia.- By now, GSLs will have been asked by Colin Phillips (who is acting as co-ordinator) to suggest any young man or woman who they think worthy of representing us.

The criteria are: (1) to be between 14 and 18 in January 1988; (2) to hold  
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## Saint George

The District St George's service of renewal and rededication will take place at St Mary's Church, Baldock, on SUNDAY 27 APRIL at 3 pm.

Our theme will be the rainbow - which will give an opportunity to focus on the Cub Scout anniversary theme. We would like lots of visual rainbows in the church, so can Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders please provide posters or free standing material to decorate the church before the service? Any level of artistic talent will do: it must be colourful and rainbowlike, and include your interpretation of the rainbow as a parable on life. You could consider the illusory nature of rainbows, the crock of gold, or the harmony of the colours as they form white light - or include as many rainbow logos (like Do it All Stores, for instance) that you see around.

All your offerings need to be brought to the church between 2.0 and 2.30 on the Sunday afternoon, before the parade assembles at 2.30 on the playground of Isnights Templar School.

COLOUR PARTY RAN 'SALS will take place in the church on Saturday 26 April from 10 am till 12, and Leaders will be advised of any boys required to take part in the service in addition to the three members (bearer and two escorts) in the colour party itself.

PETER DEARY

ASSEMBLE: Knights Templar, 2.30.

MOVE OFF: 2.45, in order: 12L - 11L - 10L - 8L - 7L - 5L - 4L - 1-3L - 2B - 1p - 1A - CHVSU - BSVSU.

UNIFORM: complete and smart; berets are optional on a Whole-Troop basis (all or none!)

REASSEMBLE in Hitchin Street after the service, behind your own Group flags in the above order.

ANY QUESTIONS? Colour parties: Steve Newberry, 672976. Parade marshall, Colin Phillips, 671705. Service, Peter Deary, 686859.

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the Chief Scout's Award or Venture Award by January 1988; (3) to be able to make some contribution towards the cost.

The County is also looking for adult Leaders who would like to go, and who would be capable of leading the Hertfordshire Troop. Please let me know if you wish to be considered.

## Norton Bury News

The annual Wardens' Meeting on 17 February was a special event, including a presentation to Ken Hart on his retirement from the Norton Bury Management Committee.

Chairman Barbara Crombie welcomed everyone before Peter Norton spoke on the fulfilment of a dream with the acquisition of Norton Bury in 1979. John Moys then outlined "The Way Ahead" and Sidney Melman, chairman of Letchworth Garden City Corporation, complimented everyone on "the warm and friendly building that was helping to preserve the Garden City and doing such an invaluable job in forming the citizens of the future."

Uniformed representatives of all sections presented Ken with a model of the house, and Doris with flowers, as tokens of our thanks for all their hard work in the many years Ken chaired the management committee.

WARDENS are asked to sign up for the rest of 1986 as soon as possible, either by filling in the chart at Norton Bury or by phoning Barbara (671062) or Lesley (0525 716488). Norton Bury needs you!

A VERY BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who gave up precious spare hours to help with the "spring cleaning" of Norton Bury. The effect is dazzling, and we couldn't have done it without you! Many thanks!

## HERE WE GO AGAIN!

All the Letchworth groups must surely be planning to take part in the "Garden City 15" charity walk on Sunday 18 May. 75% of the money you raise goes to your group, and the rest to local medical charities, including the Lister Hospital Children's Ward Appeal. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult, though not necessarily one each! Get full details and forms NOW from Scouting's favourite Rotarian, Jim Morley, 17 Wilbury Road, Letchworth. You won't have to walk all 15 miles, but come and have a go!

MY TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY NINTH CO-ORDINATOR!

A slight misunderstanding crept into the March edition. Fred asked me to type CO-ORDINATOR for a couple of months as a stopgap till a new editor is appointed, but there is no question of my resuming the post of District Public Relations Officer. Please amend your District Directory accordingly.

For the record, I did that job, under various titles, for almost 21 years, which was long enough. During that time, I also produced the first 228 editions of this bulletin in the 228 months from June 1959 to May 1978. Andrew Osborne was editor of CO-ORDINATOR for the rest of 1978, but the typist and also the next editor until July 1982 was Mrs Jo Sullivan, producing 47 editions in 50 months. Then John Baker carried on the great tradition for the last 35 editions in the 42 months from October 1982 to March 1986. This month and next, your bulletin is back in the hands of its original typist - but the fourth set of fingers must be found by the end of May.

A DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISER is also required immediately. It need not be the same person as the CO-ORDINATOR editor, though it could be an advantage. The two jobs might suit a married couple, or be combined by a team of Venture Scouts or Scout Fellowship. Volunteers are asked to contact Fred Cogar without hesitation.

The job of PRA is as important as any in the District. Requirements include access to telephone and typewriter, and an ability to write recognizable English and especially to spell people's names right.

The successful applicant is assured of experienced advice and help (if wanted). Regular co-operation with the local press is essential, to give the general public the true picture of Scouting - and from my experience, the press can be our most valuable friends. We may have to keep on telling them that historical technical terms like "Scout Master" have been obsolete for 20 years; but we must not get overwrought about their mistakes - or our own, either.

We must continually get the message over that Scouting is not a religion or a secret society, but a Great Game, full of good clean fun.

KENNETH JOHNSON

Secretary, District Scout Fellowship  
\*\*\*And by the way, all items for the MAY CO-ORDINATOR had better reach me by St George's Day (Wednesday 23 April) at 80 Spring Road, Letchworth. Ta.