



# CO-ORDINATOR

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### **My job in the district**

1. Fred Cogar: District Commissioner.

Lorraine has asked that all members of the District Team - including the District Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer - give a profile on their particular role in Scouting in Letchworth and Baldock, and it befalls me to begin.

First and foremost the DC is expected to be able to make a decision as far as his district is concerned, and to this end I give you my decision now! The answer is **NO!** However, twist my arm, cajole me, or, better still, cane and discuss something sensibly, and I am sure we can reach a decision that fruitfully benefits the Scout movement.

I am responsible solely to the County Commissioner, and ultimately the Chief Scout, and the DC's main task is to keep a watchful eye on all sections to see that Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Beaver Scouts are benefitting by their involvement in the Scout movement. To this end I am involved with Leaders: some are good, some are very good, but there is always one who seeks to put him/herself before the good of the youngsters in their care.

Supporting me are two teams. First, the District Executive, led by our Chairman John Moys, together with lay folk and scouters who deal with the administrative side of scouting. Their responsibility includes ensuring the legal side of scouting is met, that adequate funds are available to run the District and Group affairs, approving all new warrants and making the necessary enquiries of each candidate BEFORE warrants are issued; these are just a few of the tasks that the executive has to encompass, and their supporting role is not only appreciated, but very thankfully accepted.

The second of the two teams is the District Team, composed of all my ADCs, together with Scouters who assist them in their duties and are given the title of 'District' Leaders/Advisers. It is their task to plan, consult and investigate within their own sections, and to report back at District Team meetings what is affecting us as a district.

Each of my ADCs has been appointed to 'manage' their section. They have my full support, and I will back them in all of their decisions - providing they keep me informed.

Most of what I have written is probably generally known and accepted, but the one area which concerns me is with my GSLs, whom I feel have been very neglected in the past; we are now starting to have regular meetings

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Fred Cogar: District Commissioner (cont'd):

/meetings to ensure 'communications'.

Communications on all fronts must be made through the GSLs - upwards from leaders, downwards from the district. How often have I heard a GSL say "I knew nothing about it". Some have themselves to blame - "If the cap fits.....". DO come to the GSLs meetings. The dates are circulated in each Co-ordinator. The venue may change, but a 'phone call to me will put that right.

Letchworth, Baldock & Ashwell HAS recovered from earlier setbacks, but don't let us get too complacent; there are still areas for us all to work on.

NEXT MONTH: John Moys, District Chairman.

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## Swimming Gala

SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER, 1986.

### Cub Section:

Event 1 - Breast stroke.  
Event 2 - Back stroke.  
Event 3 - Free style.  
Event 4 - Medley relay.  
Event 5 - Free style relay.

### Scout Section:

Event 6 - Junior back stroke.  
Event 7 - Junior back stroke.  
Event 8 - Junior free style.  
Event 9 - Senior breast stroke.  
Event 10 - Senior back stroke.  
Event 11 - Senior free style.  
Event 12 - Medley relay.  
Event 13 - Free style relay.  
Event 14 - Fastest Venture scout.

Event 15 - Fastest female leader.  
Event 16 - Fastest male leader.

Entry per team - £5.00.

Entries for the Swimming Gala to be handed in or sent to the SCOUT FELLOWSHIP by Saturday, 4th October. This is essential to enable programmes to be done. Final details in October Co-ordinator.

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## Warrants

### Warrants Presented:

Fred Cogar	- District Commissioner.
Christine Parr	- 1st Baldock.
Joe Borowski	- 1st Baldock.
Mark Simmons	- 1st Ashwell.

### Resignations:

Nancy Baker	- District Cub Scout Leader.
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## Wanted

Have you ever had a yen to run a shop? If so, the District Executive Committee would like to hear from you. We are looking for two people to take over from Ruth and Peter Baker at the Scout Shop next year. If you can help, contact Fred Cogar in the first instance.

## Icknield Shield

The competition, organised this year by Ann and Mick Drew, attracted 17 teams from 8 groups. Hitchin District provided the judges.

The shield was won by 11th Letchworth Hawks with 240 points. Second was 7th Letchworth Owls with 215½, and third was 11th Letchworth Eagles with 213½.

Jeff Robson's opinion was that, whilst the overall standard was not as high as last year, the first half-dozen teams achieved very creditable results. The lads were well turned out, and those who suffered this year from lack of experience learned a great deal, which will stand them in good stead next year.

..... and a worm's eye view!

Saturday, 5th July dawned wet and drizzly, but we set off in high spirits, collected the route from the 10th Letchworth HQ, and set off again to the starting point of our hike.

As we trudged along in the rain my rucksack seemed incredibly heavy, and on finding paths barred with barbed wire fences, my legs felt very heavy as well.

By the time we reached our checkpoint, my feet felt very sore, and I wondered what I had let myself in for.

After we had had our lunch and a break, we set our sights on Weston, and, with the help of some plasters, we made it there, but were disappointed about the time we had taken over it. We pitched camp and cooked our meal, and went to bed. On the Sunday morning we cooked breakfast and set about making camp gadgets.

Lunch was made, and we started to strike camp, making thorough searches for sweet papers and other rubbish. We sat around for a while, whilst the judges added up the points for each patrol.

There was an air of anticipation and excitement as our DC, Fred Cogar, presented the certificates and the shield. 11th Letchworth won the challenge, and 12th Letchworth had the best composite patrol.

## Dates for the diary

- 3rd September - District Executive Committee Meeting
- 8th September - District Cub Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 10th September - District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 16th September - District Team Meeting
- 21st September - Scout Cyclocross Competition
- 21st September - Fellowship trip to Wisley
- 1st October - District Executive Committee Meeting
- 8th October - District Scout Leaders' Meeting
- 18th October - Operation Nightjar
- 21st October - District Team Meeting
- 1st November - Swimming Gala



## BSVSU

CONGRATULATIONS TO BEECH SPRINGS!  
The new Non-Stop World Hockey record stands at 41 hours. Well done all who took part, not forgetting the staunch back-up team.

## County AGM

Those present at the County AGM on 15th July not only saw Fred presented with his warrant as District Commissioner, but also heard a thought-provoking address from the County Commissioner, John Bennett.

A few quotes:-

"What right have we in Scouting to bore young people?"

"Whatever happened to the Grand Howl? ... dull ... slow ... boring."

"We have a challenge, as leaders, to inspire."

## 100 Club

Ron May has taken over as Treasurer of the Nortonbury 100 Club. He is looking for new members to keep the numbers up, so contact him at 28, Hawthorn Hill (telephone 673427).

### July Winners:

J. Robson	-	£25.
J. Harbottle	-	£10.
T. Clinch	-	£5.
C. Phillips	-	£5.
P. Shaw	-	£5.

P.S.

£80 was sent to the Lister Children's Ward Appeal as a result of the collection taken at this year's St. George's Day Parade.

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