



# BILLERICAY AND DISTRICT SCOUT NEWS.



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## EDITORIAL NOTES

In publishing the fourth issue of our magazine we beg to apologise for having kept our readers so long, but owing to displays and entertainments the publication has been found a matter of impossibility. Having now re-organised our Editorial Staff we hope now to publish our Magazine on the first of each month. It will also be noted that we have altered the title somewhat and have reduced the price to one penny per copy. Up to the present the cost of production has exceeded the receipts from the sale of our magazine and we confidently hope that with the alterations effected we may see at least a small balance credit.

Our best thanks are due to T. W. Bacon Esq J.P. for his splendid gift of two fencing helmets & two excellent signalling lamps and a donation to the funds; also to E. T. Mashiter Esq J.P. for a number of find books and

for financial assistance. We very much appreciate the kindness of R. Porter, Esq. in adding to our library several interesting and instructive volumes.

Should any of our readers have a type-writer for which they have no use, we should greatly appreciate the loan of such a machine, and would facilitate the publication of the SCOUT NEWS

In our columns this month we give reports of displays given by the 1<sup>st</sup> Billericay Troop at Billericay, and Dawnham. As the district covered by the Billericay and District Scout Association is fairly large we anticipate receiving some short articles from month to month from readers interested in the movement for publication. We invite reports of doings from Troops in the District, and hope to have a column of such each month.

### RECRUITS WANTED.

Billericay Training Squad.  
Age 9 to 12 years.  
Mondays. 6. to 7.30 P.M.

FROM THE FRONT CONT'D

A vision arises of the cold moonlight rather late at night with thick clouds gathering in the south-west and a distant rumbling with occasional bright flashes of lightning—most of the camp tents are gone and in their place are huddled heaps of young "city" men sleeping the sleep of the tired. By and bye the night guards hear a rustling sound and presently a large raindrop falls plump in the eye of a sleeping figure. It is enough; with first a yawn and then a gathering perception of the serious situation he wonders why, this being the night when the tents have been packed up, it should also be the first night on which it should rain then, like a soldier true and bold he recognises that immediate action is necessary and, waking his fellows with a kick, picks up blankets and such little things as he recollects and makes a dash for the large mess tent which is still standing and pegs out a claim.

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INDEPENDENCE CONT'D

The silly young fool refused to take it. "I think he was barmy, all scouts are barmy" "What did you do?" inquired the elderly man "why I laughed at the old gal and enjoyed the the joke, my! I tell you it was awfully amusing the way the old gal went down and her parcels flew about." "Don't you think it was a kindly thing of your young brother to help her?" said the elderly man. "Well of course it was but the police are paid to do that sort of thing, that is their job" said the young fellow "supposing you ever got into a difficulty and the scouts came to help you would you tell them to go away? and would you like it if they stood and laughed at you because it was a comical sight to see you lying there all covered with mud and pretty sore." "Well no, perhaps not" said the young fellow "but these if ever I got into a mess I should jolly well get out of it as soon as I could." "But suppose you were hurt a bit and sore" said the elderly man. (TO BE CONTINUED)

# Reports of Troops under the Billericay Association

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## Billericay

Scoutmaster J W Wheatly  
 \* A.S.M's R Fowler  
 P Howard

Number of Scouts 40  
 As a result of the two displays recently given at Billericay and Downham, the 1<sup>st</sup> Billericay Troop are no better off financially, but were very pleased to see such a good audience at both places and are satisfied the public now understand the Scout movement better and the good it is doing the boys.

We have now started a Junior Training Squad and have already 15 boys between the age of 9 and 12 years who attend every Monday evening at 6 P.M. They in no way mix with the Senior members of the Troop, but as soon as they reach the age of 12 years are drafted into the Scout Troop proper

## Stock

Scoutmaster Major E N Lubitt  
 \* A.S.M. G Hull

\* The Abbreviation A.S.M. is Assistant Scout-Master

## Rettondon

A.S.M. A W Craig  
Number in Troop 11

We have received the following report from the A.S.M. The "buckoo" Troop was started last summer and numbered seven. It has now grown to eleven scouts. Six have passed Major Lubitt in knots, Scout Law etc: and all can swim at least a few strokes while two are fairly efficient swimmers. The winter has been devoted to First Aid and the Semaphore

Ramsden and Downham  
 Scoutmaster W Brooks  
 Troop Leader L Keene

Number of Scouts 12  
 As a result of the display recently given at Downham by the 1<sup>st</sup> Billericay Troop, a troop has been formed for Ramsden and Downham and are now going well ahead under the guidance of Scoutmaster Brooks and Troop Leader L Keene. Their excellent club room is lent free by Mr and Mrs Gambier Parry.

## Scout Notes

We see by the Third Annual Report issued by Headquarters Committee that there are now about 124,000 Scouts, 4212 Scoutmasters and 5792 Assistant Scoutmasters in Great Britain

Taking craftsmanship in its relation to character Sir Robert Baden Powell said recently that it was self reliance imagination and adaptability of Britishers who were not trained regular soldiers but working <sup>men</sup> mostly mostly railwaymen that got them out of many a tight place at making

We hope to have some great news with regard to a big Rally of Troops which is to be held at Billericay shortly

We would remind our readers that by their buying this magazine they are helping not only the Billericay but all the Troops under the Association

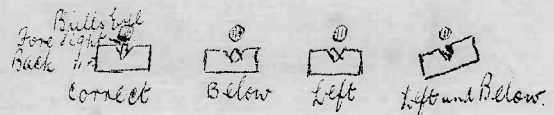
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## Scout Instruction

### Rifle shooting

The following diagrams may be useful to some scouts they give the position in relation to the Bulls Eye which will result when sights are seen as shown



Any scout who has an article suitable for this column we should be very much obliged if he will do us a good turn by letting us have it

Any person who has a question on scouting he would like answered, if he will let us know we will do our best to answer it in this column if of general interest, or reply privately if not.

We apologise for using this space for the Scout Law but we think it should be better known

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted

2. To do his duty to God and the King

3. To help other people at all times