

COVER PLUS

THE MAGAZINE OF ASHBY V.S.U.

INCLUDING: G.S.L.'S NEW YEAR
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WORDSEARCH, JOKES.

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the 3rd edition of "COVER PLUS", the magazine of Ashby Venture Unit. It is some time since the last edition came out (1981) so this is a bumper issue. The editors would like to thank all contributors, who helped both with writing articles and copying the final product.

Prince Charles was going to write the introduction but unfortunately his typewriter broke so Craig wrote it instead.

The editors thought that as the Queen is the patron of the scout association, they would have to include something about her -Well that was it.

As you will doubtless have seen from the cover (If not, quickly look back and see) people in very high places read "Cover Plus". It just goes to show you where the country's leaders get their ideas from and why venture scouts never get knighted, in fact it's usually "Get knotted".

Wishing you a Merry Christmas (If it hasn't already gone) and a Happy New year (even if it a bit as well).

N. Spotswood
& C. Langhorn (Editors)

INTRODUCTION

Hello again!! First there was edition one then edition two, then Prince Charles had a baby boy and could no longer cope with fatherhood as well as the previous excitement of writing "Cover Plus". It is my great honour, to defy the saying "Two's company" and present edition three.

During the construction of this masterpiece a few things had to be omitted -"Merry Christmas 1984" and also the article entitled "How to trip an Olympic Champion and get away with it" by Zola Budd.

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VENTURE UNIT

It is now just over 12 months since "Ashby (Hastings) Venture Unit" became the "Ashby Venture Unit" - with the acquisition of five new members from the Ashby (Baptist) Scout troop. Since that time (although after a rather slow start) the Unit has gone from strength to strength. It now has a large bank account and several items of valuable equipment. It has, at present, nine full members and is therefore one of the largest Units in the District. (Any new members will be readily welcomed-read on to find out about our activities).

In the Spring, the Unit gained its first (fulltime) Leader--Mr Jim Sandford. In the Summer, four Ashby Ventures (Nigel Coley, Alex Fill, Neil Spotswood and Craig Langhorn) completed their Venture-award Expedition. It was done in conjunction with Coalville Venture unit of whom, Simon Caunt took part. Their leader, Mr. Andrew Presland, provided the back-up and background organization.

Other activities included a Cycle Rally in Leicester. Alex, Nick Bamkin, Nigel and Neil finished 5th out of approximately 20. On 19th May, Nigel, Nick, Yazdi Nash and Matthew Price finished 20th in the County Venture Scout Raft Race (we hope to do better next year). Still on the subject of County competitions, Nigel, Nick, Matthew and Alex Entered the County Sailing Regatta (the former pair having recieved their "charge" certificates only weeks before). However, due to adverse conditions and malfunctioning equipment they did not win.

On a number of occasions last year, the unit have spent their meeting night in Nottingham to go ten-pin bowling or ice-skating. They have also been to Derby to go roller-skating. This made a welcome break from the run-of-the-mill meetings, even though blisters, bruises and crushed fingers (from the bowling balls) seemed a regular feature.

Foreign cooking has become commonplace "Internation Dimension", required as a part of the Venture Award, countries covered include; India, China, Italy and France. The G.S.I was invited to the latter and the recipe can be found in this magazine (if you really want to risk it!!)

As well as a county Venture Scout Camp-"Intro - 84" at Willesly (designed to introduce bold "outsiders" and older scouts into Venture scouting) the ventures undertook a 24 hour hike. Alex's report of this gruelling 40 mile District event can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

The units main (or only) source of income is its weekly car-wash at the scout centre. It operates between 9.30 and 12.30 every Saturday and the cost is only 50p, so please try out our services if you haven't already. With some of the money raised from this, the Unit purchased a single-seat canoe, which we hope to use in the Summer.

Many thanks to those who have supported the Venture-Unit in any way --- especially the Hastings and Baptist Scout Groups and all attenders of the car-wash.

G.S.L.'s NEW YEAR READING

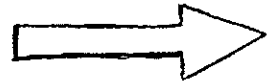
On taking up the post of Group Scout Leader i discord that nothing much was known of our Group history ,apart from recent years during the service of our longest serving leader-Akela,Margaret Redfern.I approached the District Commissioner for help and he in turn requested information from county H.Q.The result was that K.Y.Heslton, the County Scout Records Archivist,produced the following story.

Whilst i realise it is quite a lengthy item to read,i hope over th next few weeks you take the time to get to grips with it.An interesting point is the old family names and connections from the Ashby area.You may find a link somewhere.

My thanks to the Venture Unit for the opportunity to reproduce this group History.

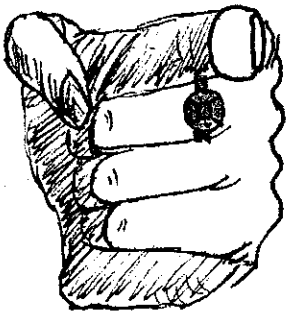
Good Scouting and a Happy New Year to you all.

G.S.L.



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**NEAREST SCOUT
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FOR DETAILS....**

WHEN SHALL WE MEET	by	MYLES APART
KIDNAPPED	by	CEASER QUICK
THE ARMY WAY	by	REGGIE MENTAL
BRICKS & MORTAR	by	BILL DING
THE GREAT MYSTERY	by	IVOR CLUE
PLAN A FORTUNE	by	PHIL.A.POOLE
ANIMAL CARE	by	THORA HERD
MODERN TRAINS	by	D.ZELL

A JOKE (????)

A man is getting knocked down on Britain roads every 20 minutes,and he is getting rather peeved about it!

ANOTHER JOKE (??????)

-How do you catch a rabbit ?
-Go behind a tree and make a noise like a lettuce.

ASHBY DE LA ZOUCH (HASTINGS) SCOUT GROUP.

The present Hastings Scout Group in Ashby was registered in 1969 (No. 39269). The Group Scout Leader at the time was Mr G.Lester and it was apparently a very healthy Group as the G.S.L. was assisted by two Scout Leaders and two Assistant Scout Leaders for the Troop. Though the Wednesday meeting night indicates merely one Troop with a plentiful supply of leaders, it may well be that there were in fact two troops each run by one of the Scout Leaders and an assistant. The Scout Leaders were Messrs. R.Vizor and D.M.M.Edwards and the A/S/Ls J.Faulkner and A.Walmesley.

The Cub Section was very nearly as plentifully equipped with leaders. Because of differing meeting nights - Tuesday at 6.0 p.m. and Thursday at 6.30 p.m. - it is known that there were two Cub Packs, led by Mrs A.Vizor and Miss Peggy Smith respectively. Mrs M.Jones was an Assistant Cub Scout Leader but it is not clear which Pack she helped.

The actual meeting place and headquarters will, of course, be well known to all Ashby Scouts, but in official records a remarkable variation is shown, though very obviously always the same building and in the same place:

1969/70	H.Q. Shell Scout Hall
1980	H.Q. Rear of BP Shell Garage, Wilfred Place
1981	H.Q. The BP Shell, Wilfred Place
1982	H.Q. Wilfred Gardens

The position of Cub Scout Leader in the Hastings Group was not the first held by Miss Smith, as will appear later, nor was it her last. Her services were recognised by the award of the Long Service Decoration in 1972 and in the following year she was given the Medal of Merit.

Central records during the 1970s are, strangely enough, very few and it is not until 1980 that the Hastings Group comes into the light once again. By that time Peggy Smith, obviously a very enthusiastic Scouter, had taken over the job of Group Scout Leader. All the other leaders of ten years previously had left the Group, but it still seems to have been well supplied. There were still two Scout Leaders, Messrs E.J.Whiten and T.Logan, with two A/S/Ls, A.A.Steel and C.A.V.Smith. There were also two Cub leaders: Mrs Margaret Redfern was Cub Scout Leader and her assistant was Mrs J.Whiten, the wife of the Scout Leader. The Group also had a Venture Scout Unit and its leader was Mr E.Bowers. It is interesting to learn this year that the Group Chairman was Mr D.Evans. Too often do Scout records give details of uniformed leaders at the expense of those faithful non-uniformed members of the Movement who do so much to keep things going when affairs seem to be at a low ebb.

Unfortunately by 1982 the only leaders, apart from Peggy Smith, appear to have been Mrs Redfern, who was still C/S/L and Mr G.Davis, who had taken over the Troop. There is no record of any assistants. The two ladies were still in office the following year, but Barry Spotwood had replaced Davis as Scout Leader. Mr J.R. White had taken over from Mr Evans as Chairman of the Group sometime before 1982 and, successively, Messrs D.Fill and J.Green had filled the post of Secretary.

The Group colours are variously described as Gold, Scarlet with Gold Border, Scarlet with Old Gold Border and Red with Gold Border.

This, then, is the story of the present Ashby Hastings Group as far as is known, though it is realised that there are many gaps that only members or former members of the Group can fill. It is not, however, the full story, because there has been a Scout Troop in Ashby since 1908 all predecessors of the present Group.

The original Scout Troop was probably one of those formed by the spontaneous banding together of boys in response to "Scouting for Boys". Certainly it came into existence on 6th October, 1908 and was only the ninth troop to be formed in the whole of Leicestershire. Regrettably, but true, Scouting in the past does not appear to have been very strong in Ashby and this will become clear later. It is an undoubted fact that this early Ashby troop had been disbanded by 1911, most probably sometime before then. Fortunately there were apparently still one or two keen Scouts and/or Scouters in Ashby and four years after the birth of the first troop, in October, 1912, the Ashby Troop was re-formed. It was run by two men who were already running a troop at Coleorton. The Scoutmaster was Mr J. Ellison and his assistant was H.C. Tucker. The Troop met at the Old Grammar School. In those days it formed part of the North West Leicestershire District, but in 1913 it was transferred to a new Coalville District. The title of this was changed to Ashby and Coalville in 1915.

By 1913 Tucker had taken over as Scoutmaster and he was able to carry on during the early years of the First World War, but in 1917 he was succeeded by a Mr G.L. Fox, an Ashby policeman. By this time the headquarters of the troop was in Market Street in Ashby, but the precise location is not known. James Peck took over from Fox in 1918, but only for one year as in 1919 F. Lovett was in charge of affairs.

This rapid succession of leaders was not a good thing and, it is no surprise that by 1920 the Troop had disbanded for the second time. Luckily it was only for a short period and by 1921 was in existence again under a new guise. It had now become the 1st Ashby (St. Helens) Troop and the Scoutmaster was a Mr J.H. Newman. The Troop apparently met in the parish room. For the next few years it looks as though Newman ran things on his own. Though the indications are that after 1921 the Troop had become a Closed Unit sponsored by St. Helens, the strange thing is that in 1926, still with Newman in charge, the unit dropped the St Helens from its title and moved its headquarters to the London Road Baptist Chapel. It would be interesting to know the reason for the move, because it was certainly not so that it could become connected with the chapel as a London Road Baptist Chapel Troop came into existence at the same time.

In 1928 N.W. Powis became Scoutmaster and the following year his wife took over as Cub Mistress and by the latter year the headquarters are described as being in Church Street. By 1930, however, the unit had disbanded for the third time. Powis remained in Scouting and in 1932 was Group Scout Master of 1st Meacham, so it can only be presumed that it was lack of numbers, not leaders, which caused the Group to close in 1930.

It was not until 1933 that the Group was re-formed, this time at Toc H Headquarters and with a healthy leader strength. The Group Scoutmaster was E.W.W. Read, the Scoutmaster, J.F.W. Hall and the Cub Mistress, Miss S.M. Dole, assisted by Miss D. Neale. The following year S. Janis had been recruited as an Assistant Scoutmaster, but he was replaced two years later by R.B. Crane.

The year 1935 had seen new Cub leaders. Miss P.M. Sowter became Akela, with the Misses J.E. Spencer and N.M. Granger as her assistants. By the following year the latter had left and Miss Sowter was on her own. The Group was obviously going through hard times once again and in Coronation year, 1937, all leaders had left and things were kept ticking over by a Mr J.L. Jones, who had taken over the job of Group Scoutmaster. The Toc H Headquarters where the Group held its meetings is described at that date as being in Grundy's Yard, South Street.

Jones clearly worked hard and by the following year had recruited leaders for the Cub Section, Miss J.H. Hinds as the Cub Mistress and Miss Joyce N. Beard as her helper. This team carried on until the outbreak of the Second World War and then disaster struck again. For the fourth time in its history the Ashby unit disbanded. It is purely conjecture, but the reason was probably either that Jones was busy on war work or that he joined the Forces.

This time it was two whole years before the Group was re-formed and as the only leader was an Assistant Scoutmaster, G.E.W.Jackson, it looks as though he had agreed to take on the running of a Scout Troop only. By the end of 1944 he had helpers with the Troop, Messrs R.Williscroft and P.J.Leach. There was also a Cub Pack run by Miss E.Shawcroft.

The difficulties facing the Scout Movement in Ashby again became apparent. Although eventually Jackson agreed to take on the Group Scoutmastership on an acting basis, by 1946 he was once again working on his own. He did eventually get some help. Mr R.H.Drummond ran the Troop, assisted by Mr R.Evans, but this team did not last very long. By 1948 Mr L.W.Pike had temporarily assumed the post of Group Scout Master, but there were no other helpers.

There is a gap in the history of the Group until 1954 when the only officer was the G.S.M., W.Popejoy. The Troop met every Monday night and the colours are described as Scarlet with an Old Gold Border. The Headquarters had moved to The Hostel, Shellbrook. (The following year it is described as The Hostel, Moira Road, presumably the same place.) The mid-fifties saw another surge of interest. Popejoy the G.S.M. recruited an assistant for the Troop, R.Price and someone to run the Senior Scouts, J.Hall. His most interesting newcomer, however, was his Cub Mistress, Miss Peggy Smith, who has been encountered before in this history. The Cubs met on Thursdays, the Scouts on Mondays and the Seniors on Thursdays.

Hall, the Senior Scout leader had also become the G.S.M. by 1959 and there was an additional Assistant Scoutmaster, D.J.Roach. However, both Roach and Price had gone by 1960, though Peggy Smith had a new helper, R.Dickie. During 1960/61 the Group again experienced one of its numerous sweeping changes of leaders. Mr E.Jackson became G.S.M. and his wife helped Miss Smith as Assistant Cub Mistress. Dickie had gone, but Mrs M.Jones took his place as a second A/C/M. There was, alas, no Senior Scout Troop and the meeting nights had changed to Thursdays for the Cubs and Fridays for the Scouts. The following year D.B.Thompson came in to help with the Troop and in this year the Headquarters was the Scout Pavilion, Hood Park, though it is not clear whether the move was in this year or earlier. Or, indeed, if it was only a temporary move. Whatever the circumstances, a year later the H.Q. was "BP Shell, Wilfred Place", which is presumably the same H.Q. as that now used by the Hastings Group.

With the move to Wilfred Place the Jacksons had left the Group and D.Lester took over as G.S.M. for a short time, though he had gone by 1965, when the office was vacant. The Troop was now run by M.C.Avins, helped by Messrs Thompson and P.Lewis. Miss Smith and Mrs Jones were still running the Cubs and the Senior Scout Section had been revived. Avins eventually took on the job of G.S.M. in an acting capacity. The Troop lost Thompson's services, but gained those of Messrs J.Faukles and E.Johnson in addition to Lewis. Lewis and Johnson soon left and the staff remained the same until the 1st Ashby (Reg. No 39269) was, technically at least, disbanded for the fifth time. It was, like a Phoenix, almost immediately re-born as the Ashby de la Zouch (Hastings) Group, which was where we came in.

K.Y.Heselton
September, 1984.

40 MILE HIKE

Three Units took part in this event; Ashby, Hugglescote (who provided the coach) and Market Bosworth. Five Ventures went from Ashby; Simon, Matthew, Nigel, Nick and myself. The coach collected us from Ashby at 7.30 pm. and we arrived in Castleton at 9.00 pm. Some members then tried to catch some sleep on the coach while others went into the village (What for? -Ed). By eleven everyone had settled down.

At 3.30 am., the party had breakfast and by 4 am., had set off on the first stage of the hike. The weather conditions were not ideal; heavy showers and strong winds which to remain throughout the day.

We walked South-West over the Old Moor and down into the Peak Forset. We then passed through Dam Dale, Hay Dale and Peter Dale to the South-East. Monk's Dale proved to be very rocky and wooded so it was fortunate that day broke before we passed down it. We stopped at 8.30 am. in Millers Dale for a second breakfast.

We then went down stream to Monsal Dale to Deep Dale and up to Monyash where we stopped for lunch.

We then travelled east down Lathkill Dale and there, turned south, near Youlgrave up the River Bradford to Dale End. Then up Grallon Dale and East along Long Dale to Friden. We then had a break for dinner as darkness fell.

We got back on the Liney Way, using the High Peak Trail, crossing over Alech Low to Biggin. The final stretch was due south down Biggin, Wolfscote Dale, Mill, Dove and Lin Dale to Thorpe, ending at 1200 midnight.

Out of the five Ashby Ventures, Matthew and I completed the full 40 miles (within 24 hours). The others came close and failed only on the last stretch.

Alex Fill

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BUMPER WORDSEARCH

Find the following scouting words in the grid below. They can be found vertically, horizontally, or diagonally. One example has been given.

APL	fun	rope
badges	guy ropes	saw
beans	hike	scout hut
camping	Icelandic (tent)	shooting
canoeing	knife and axe	singing (?—Ed)
codes	knots and lashings	staffs
cubs	law	summer camp
cycling	mallet	tent peg
dixie	maps	troop
Eagles	Owls	Union Jack
fire	parade	Ventures
first aid	parascending	weather
flag	patrol	widegame
fox	public house	woggle

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O S G N I D N E C S A R A P F A P
G H G K F E X R V C E I X I D N E
G O N N W I S O K O N L R G O O A
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A R B U M A A E U T E L L A M N C
E K I H S Z P M A C R E M M U S K

SCOUT SUMMER CAMP 1984

Twenty-two scouts and three leaders attended our 1984 summer camp at Walesby Forest Scout Centre. The site was situated 2½ miles north of Ollerton and covered 225 acres of woodland and open country in the Sherwood Forest area of Nottinghamshire. During the week the centre entertained no less than 1800 cubs, scouts, guides and ventures from 82 different groups.

The 225 acres were split up into 76 separate sites, of which we camped on number 45. Although all the different camp areas had their advantages, I am sure we picked an exceptionally good one. It was not only large enough to cope with our camping needs, but we even had room for a football pitch, a volleyball court and a large Roman Catapult; which we constructed as part of a pioneering project. Our site was located near to the main activity area and shop, as well as having a water tap close by and a toilet block with washing facilities within easy reach.

On Saturday July 28th we all arrived at the Ashby Scout Centre, and after loading the van, set off on the 60 mile journey to Walesby in a fully laden Machines Bus. We arrived at 12.30 and ate our packed lunches before pitching the 14 tents and setting up the rest of our equipment.

The three patrols each had their own area on our site, which contained a patrol tent, a store tent and a dining shelter, as well as their kitchen and chopping area. The fourth area of our camp was occupied by the three leaders, Mathew, myself, the first aid tent (just incase) and the main stores.

Many activities were undertaken by the troop as a whole; as well as patrol and individual activities. These included a camp fire on Saturday night in which a member of the troop; David Wier was volunteered to take part. On the second day there was a Scouts Own in the morning, followed by a tour of the site; which turned out to be more like a hike.

On Tuesday we paid a visit to Ollerton Leisure Centre where we played 5-a-side football for an hour before retiring to the swimming pool. (The only wash of the week for certain members of the troop). Tuesday was a very special day for one of our leaders, Glyn; as it was his birthday. We all contributed to a collection and with this we purchased a card; which was signed by all the troop, and a number of camp souvenirs to remind him of this special day.

Thursdays program took the form of a 6 mile hike to Bevercotes Mining Museum, where we had a guided tour around before returning to camp to cook a number of rabbits for tea.

The run of extremely dry weather had made the ground so dry that cooking fires could not be used because of the risk of forest fires. Although not suitable for fires the weather made it possible for many other activities, which included; orienteering around the sites own 4 mile course, archery, bivouacking, swimming in the sites pool, wide games and a rounders match against some friends from a guide company on the site next but one to us; in which we won convincingly.

Rain. Yes on Thursday night the long spell of dry weather was broken by a rather unexpected downpour of rain which caused a few problems in the way of wet sleeping bags, due to the streams running through the three patrol tents and our tent. But they were soon dried around the fire in the camps main hall and the activities were resumed for the last two days.

On the last night the PL's and leaders clubbed together the last of our spending money to buy 22 bottles of pop and £10 worth of sweets and chocolates for the end of camp party; which was a great success.

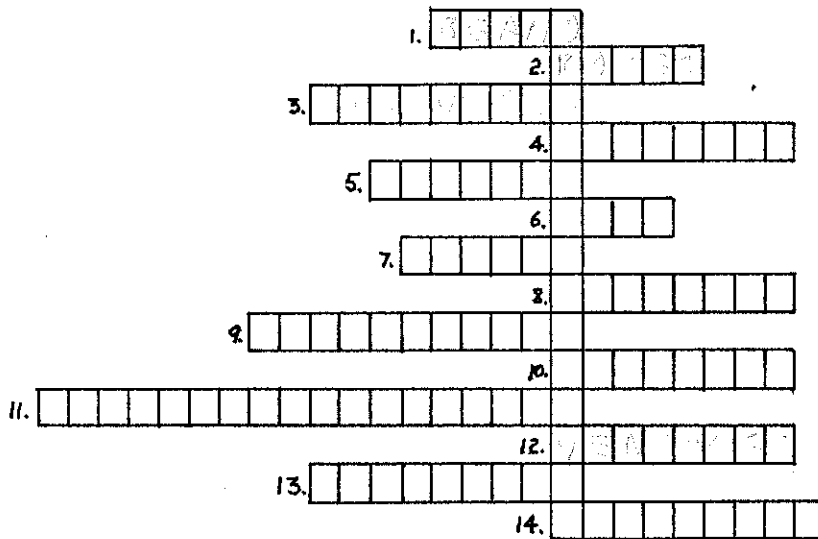
The damp weather rejoined us on Saturday morning, which meant we had to strike camp in the rain. But this didn't seem to dishearten the lads at all, and in no time the site was empty, and all the kit in the van. So it was time to say good-bye to Walesby and to all the friends we had met during the week, and set off on our journey back to Ashby.

At this point I must thank everyone who helped to make it a most enjoyable summer camp for us all and one that we won't forget in a long time. Thanks must go to the quartermasters Robin Sharp and John Finch for driving the van to and from Walesby, and special thanks to the leaders, that is Skip (Barry Spotswood), Derek, who looked after the food, Joe and Glyn, with whom it would not have been possible.

P. Finch.

"KEYWORD" CROSSWORD

Try and fill-in the horizontal spaces by solving the extremely difficult clues below. If you succeed, you will have discovered the vertical keyword. WOW! (See answer page for solutions).



1. Biggest rival to "Cover Plus".(5)
2. Lashings of these in pioneering.(5)
3. Ex-international camp site.(9)
4. Compass and keyword would help you to do this.
(8)
5. There is no scouting there.(7)
6. French town not usually used to describe
camp cuisine.(4)
7. Important item of equipment.(6)
8. Scouts have a built-in aversion to this.(8)
9. Arduous camping trips on foot.(11)
10. Where we all live.(8)
11. Lad at the top.(6,6,6)
12. Loonies.(At least, everyone else thinks so!)
(8)
13. Fun in the dark.(5,4)
14. A type of singing.(9)

CUBS CORNER, CUBS CORNER, CUBS CORNER.

With nearly 60 youngsters in our two Cub Packs, we have grown into a large group since our new building was opened last year. In that time Cubs (aged 8-11) have taken part in lots of activities both here and elsewhere. Our joint Cub camp, in June '84, was a great success and we are looking forward to a district Cub camp this June at Willesley.

We have competed in 5-aside football matches - swimming galas - sports days - never actually winning, but putting up a good show.

Any excuse for a party meant we had joint do's with Waingunga, for our 1st birthday in October and also a Christmas party. Not to mention mum's and dad's evenings. Where in the latter dads proved that they were still boys at heart.

Forth coming events include a sixers (joint) training weekend at Willesley in April (Hope the weather is O.K.). A Cross country running competition at Groby, 5-aside football to mention but a few. Also, parades and church services also provide an opportunity for the local people to see our boys. The forth coming St. Georges Day Parade in Ashby will hopefully be attended by 100 %.

Through all of these activities the help received from mums and dads has been invaluable and the assistance of Scouts, Ventures and all leaders has meant that the Cubs now have regular contact with their older "brothers" of the group, which can only help to keep Scouting very much alive and growing at Ashby Hastings !!!

CUBS JOKES

Q. WHAT TYPE OF PAPER SHOULD BE USED TO MAKE A KITE ?

A. FLYPAPER.

Q. WHY WAS THE PHOTOGRAPHER ARRESTED?

A. BECAUSE HE SHOT PEOPLE AND BLEW THEM UP.

Q. WHAT IS A FAST DUCK ?

A. A QUICK QUACK.

Q. WHY DO BULLDOGS HAVE FLAT NOSES ?

A. BECAUSE THEY CHASE PARKED CARS.

Q. WHY WAS THE FARMER CROSS ?

A. SOMEBODY WALKED ON HIS CORN.

Q. WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A BLUE MONSTER ?

A. CHEER HIM UP.

By Jonathan Small.

PROBLEM PAGE

Dear Ed,

I can't keep up my payments of protection money to the Brownies. What should I do?

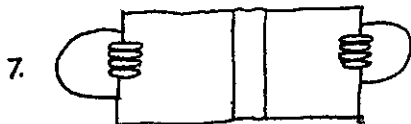
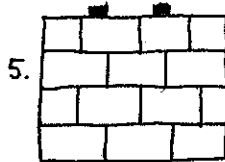
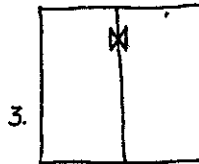
Yours (worriedly) P. Finch

The Editor replies:

Don't worry Paul, if you send me half of what you were paying the Brownies, (and promise to join fabulous, fun-packed Ventures) I'll see what I can do.

DROODLES

Identify the following;



A Poem by J. Keats

How happy is a moron -
He doesn't give a damn,
I wish I were a moron,
My God, perhaps I am!

Answers to Doodles: 1/ A chinaman with a frying pan
in his head 2/ A staircase 3/ A man with his tie
caught between lift doors 4/ A fat woman cleaning
the floor 5/ Denis Healey hiding behind a brick wall
6/ The Ku Klux Klan in a sinking boat 7/ H.R.H. Prince
Charles, reading 8/ A man with eyes in the back of his
head.

The 4th Ashby scouts in 1984 had a year of varied and lively activities. We have three leaders and 28 boys. Training has been steady with many progress badges being attained including three boys achieving the Chief Scout Award, the highest accolade in the Scout section.

There have been courses in specialist subjects including three that have not been available to our scouts previously. The officers of Ashby fire service ran a firemanship course, Mr Fell - forestry officer for Leicestershire County Council - ran a forester course and St. Johns of Coalville ran a first aid course based on the scout standard work. Other subjects covered were pioneering, cooking, craftsman, guide, communicator, jobman and athletics. The boys are at present doing an introductory course on canoes in the Ashby Grammar School Baths.

There have been a total of seven camps over the past year, a full week's camp next to the Wye Forest near Bewdley with eighteen boys and six weekend camps which were worked on a theme. In April a patrol cycled to and from a camp at Foxcovts, in May they joined the rest of the district at Willesley, in June a patrol hiked the Dovedale valley top to bottom, overnight; in November a similar hike was done on a backpacking weekend which was very wet and windy but thoroughly enjoyed by all taking part, and finally, in January our first venture into winter camps was undertaken at Foxcovets.

The troop has been represented in most events organised by the district: these included a P.L. training camp, sports day, swimming gala, Scout tramp, First aid competition, general knowledge quiz and a night hike around the Ibstock area. Most Saturday mornings our boys help out in the old folks tea room at Ashby Town Hall.

B. Nevin S.L. 4th Ashby Scouts.

IS WASHING YOUR CAR BORING OR EXPENSIVE ??

WELL WHY NOT COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL
VENTURE UNIT AND GET YOUR CAR WASHED
BY HAND FOR ONLY **50p** - JUST

DRIVE IN ON SATURDAY MORNINGS
BETWEEN 9.30 AND 12.30 TO ASHBY
(HASTINGS) SCOUT CENTRE, WILFRED
GARDENS (NEAR THE FIRE STATION), ASHBY.

**"IT'S THE CHEAPEST PLACE IN
TOWN !!!"**

FRENCH COOKING FOR BEGINNERS (HA!!)

La Menu :- Normandy Chicken avec Carrots a la viche et Pommes Frites (Chips !!)

i) Normandy Chicken	15ml corn oil	450ml Dry cider
	100g butter	100ml Chicken Stock
	6 Chicken Portions	5ml Dried Mixed Herbs
	1 Small Onion	1Kg Cookings Apples
	25g Plain Flour	Salt & Pepper

Method

AS per J.Tates TOP SECRET method.

ii) Carrots a la viche 1kg Frozen baby Carrots
300ml Chicken Stock
25g Castor Sugar
75g Butter
Salt & Pepper

Method

Melt the butter, then add the stock and all other ingrediants. Place in a very large pan along with the carrots. Cook for 30 minutes. If this is a bore then go to your cupboard and open a tin of normal carrots !!

iii) Pommes Frites Lots and lots of peeled spuds

Method

Heat some oil in a chip pan. Cut the peeled spuds into very, very thin slices. Place in the now very hot fat. Leave for 5 minutes or until you smell burning. If you don't succeed then take £1 down to your local chippy and buy a few bags of professionally cooked chips.

If this is all to much, don't bother. If you get stuck ask a venture or even ask a school dinner lady!!!

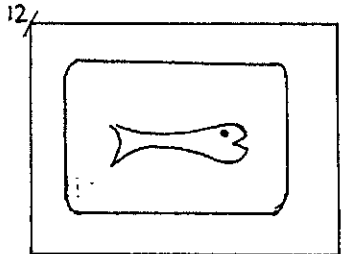
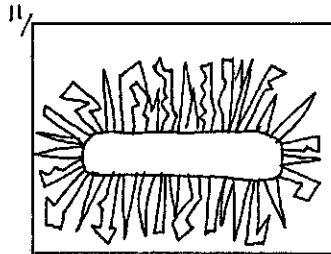
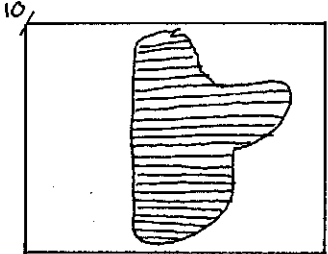
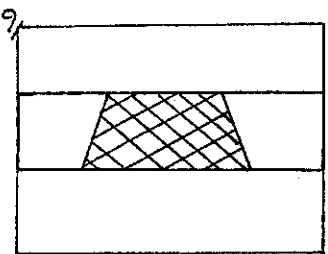
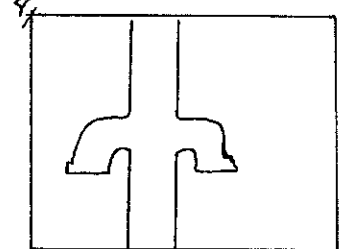
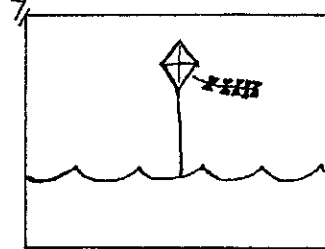
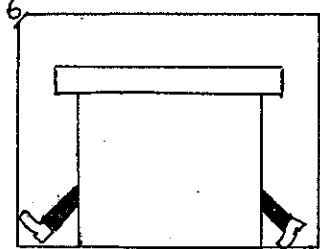
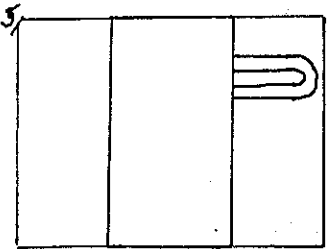
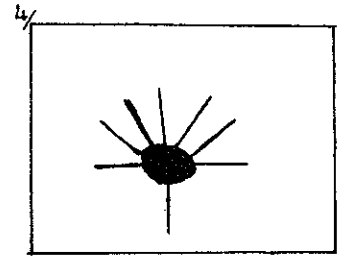
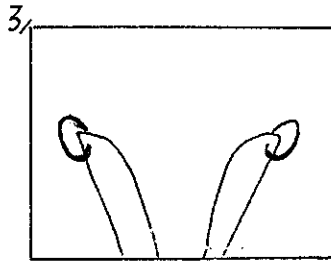
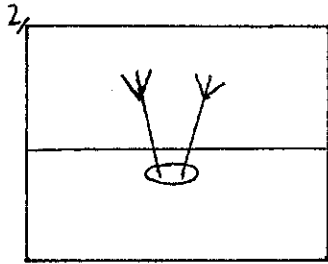
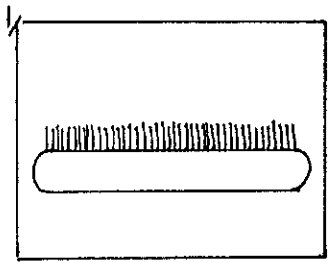
LANGUAGE AND THE MOTORIST.

- The accident was due to the other man narrowly missing me.
- I blew my horn but it would not work as it was stolen.
- I thought the window was down but it was up as i found out when i put my head through it.
- I looked for the sign but the more i looked the more i couldn't find it.
- Three women were all talking to each other, and when she stepped back and one stepped forward I had to have an accident.
- One wheel went into the ditch. My foot jumped from the brake to the accelarator pedal, leapt across the road to the other side and jumped into the trunk of a tree.
- A cow wandered into my car, I was afterwards informed that the cow was half witted.

COMPETITION TIME FOLKS !!!!

FOR THE FOLLOWING COMPETITION ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS IDENTIFY THE FOLLOWING DRAWINGS. A PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE FIRST CORRECT ENTRY DRAWN OUT OF A HAT. FILL IN THE ENTRY FORM BELOW AND SEND TO:-

Mr. N. Spotswood, #2, Alton Way, Ashby.



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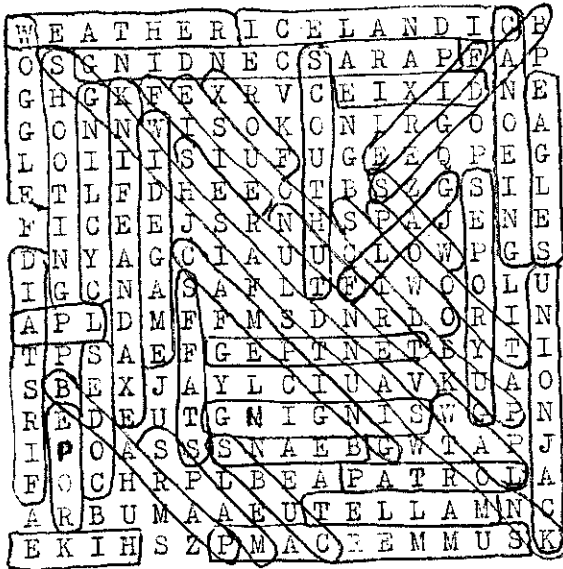
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WORD SEARCH - SOLUTION



THE "KEYWORD" WAS - ORDNANCE SURVEY.

The solutions to the clues are as follows:-

1. BEANO
2. ROPES
3. CHARWOOD *
4. NAVIGATE
5. ALBANIA (Bet you didn't get this one - Ed).
6. NICE
7. RUCSAC
8. EXERCISE
9. EXPEDITIONS
10. UNIVERSE
11. SENIOR PATROL LEADER
12. VENTURES
13. NIGHT HIKE
14. YODELLING

MORE LCCNY AUTHORS

HOW TO FEED MONKEYS	by	P. NUTB
EARLY ONE MORNING	by	R. U. UPJOHN
THE FLOWER GARDEN	by	POLLY ANTHUS
ALL ABOUT EXPLOSIVES	by	DINAH MITE
END OF THE PARTY	by	BESS B. GOING
CHEATING AT SUMS	by	IVAN ANSWERBOOK
SEARCH FOR GOOD HEALTH	by	C. A. DOCTOR

Just in case you are looking for the answers to the DROODLES, they are at the bottom of the DROODLES page.

* - Note the unusual spelling

KEEP LONDON

TIDY - EAT

A PIGEON

RED ARROWS

#FLYING-DISPLAY

- if - wet, in town hall.

LATEST SCORE:
CHRISTIANS 0
LIONS 16

I've half a mind to
join ventures

- That's - all - you need!!

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

- BUY HER A TRIFFID

APATHY RUL

Leicester Are Magic

- watch them disappear
- from Division 1

NAT. (KING) COLEY

Woz ere



BLOW YOUR MIND!
- smoke dynamite!