The Essex Association of Boys' Clubs



ANNUAL REPORT 1968

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

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ANNUAL REPORT

Another year is behind us, and the E.A.B.C. can look back, with a reasonable degree of confidence, to a survey of what has been achieved during that period and, with some optimism, to the months ahead.

A year ago I was reporting the recent arrival of Peter Warner as our new Organising Secretary and of some powerful replacements for old friends who had left the Executive Committee. All those recruits have now become old soldiers and, to mix the metaphor, to put wind in our sails. Peter Warner has been able to affiliate five new Clubs at Canvey Island (3), Great Dunmow and Halstead. With the last two and prospects of a "breakin" in the Colchester area, we can claim to have made a fair start to our declared policy of developing new Clubs in the rural or less heavily urbanised parts of the County. All told, the number of affiliated Clubs has risen from 21 to 25.

All this sounds fine, or at least very satisfactory, but we must not allow ourselves to forget the extent to which we are indebted to the Hoffmann Manufacturing Company Ltd., and in particular to our Vice-Chairman, Dr. Paul Garton, Managing Director of that Company, and to his father, Mr. J. W. Garton, their Chairman. Our present operational viability is due to a very large degree to Hoffmann's generous and practical hospitality for which we are sincerely grateful.

But although it is comfortable, comforting and encouraging to be cossetted and coddled by such good friends, we must not allow ourselves to be lulled into failing to recognise in this situation an indication of our financial vulnerability. Even with this timely and friendly help, we still are in no position to employ the help we need to enable us to tackle all the work in sight. Times are difficult and money is hard to come by, but we badly need somehow to increase the income of the Association. This task should have very high priority in our activities for 1969.

I am particularly glad to report an increase from 10 to 13, in the numbers of Clubs that took an active part in the recent Club Week, the National Festival for Boys' Clubs. The resulting financial intake was not, however, as great as in some previous years, but that is only one aspect of the story. As in the Olympic Games participation itself is of prime value, giving a public demonstration of self help and solidarity throughout the country.

Mr. Brian Lynch, a member of our Committee, accompanied by his wife, had the good fortune to be invited to spend a month in America studying the work of the Boys' Clubs of America, under an exchange scheme generously sponsored by the W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Foundation and hosted by Boys' Clubs of America. Like most other things on that side of the Atlantic, the American movement is run on lines that are BIG compared to ours, but there is always much to be gained from contacts and co-operation of this sort.

The most significant event amongst our many activities has been the establishment of a "school" for mountaineering in our midst—in Great Dunmow (for heavens sake!). You will see more about this splendid new outlet, organised and launched by Major R. G. Maslem-Jones, and of the gift of a sailing dinghy, which also opens up new horizons, in the Secretary's report.

Lastly, we remain, as always deeply grateful for the support given us by our President, Sir John Ruggles-Brise; by our Vice-Presidents and by the many people who give us regular financial and moral support for the work we try to do.

> A. P. C. CROSSLEY, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I think the Accounts for the year show a satisfactory result but we must not be complacent. It is now absolutely essential that the Organising Secretary should have some part time clerical assistance and if we are able to service the increased activities it is vital that our income by way of subscriptions and donations should be increased.

ORGANISING SECRETARY'S REPORT

The enthusiasm shown by Clubs has been most encouraging, and the report of the year's activities as seen from the following headings and the Awards and results 1968 indicate that some success has been achieved. since Members have been made conscious of, and interested in the varied activities offered. Leaders and Members of Management Committees have reacted sympathetically and well towards a unified body, and no longer feel in isolation. One cannot record the many occasions on which advice has been sought, or the meetings attended at which general and domestic matters have been discussed. The feeling generated is that the Association, in other words, the Boys' Clubs in Essex, now has a real purpose and a desire to widen its scope in many ways. The weak links that exist must be eradicated so that the Association can be equipped and prepared to meet the challenging future. The strength of the Association can only be determined by an all-round effort of Club Members, Leaders and Members of Management Committees alike, with courage, enthusiasm and the will to succeed.

Mr. Alf Mitchell has unfortunately been totally incapacitated since his severe motor accident a year ago, but it is hoped that before long he will

be able to resume some part-time work with the Association.

Tribute must be paid to the officers of the National Association of Boys' Clubs for their willingness to assist at all times, and to the officers of the County Youth Service, in addition to the members of kindred organisations and sporting bodies without whose help and advice the Association would find it difficult to operate.

COMPETITIONS AND ACTIVITIES

With Clubs scattered over such a wide area, difficulties arise in providing a full county programme, but wherever possible the Association has supported the numerous N.A.B.C. Championships, in addition to holding county cricket, cross country, football and table tennis. Direct nomination

was a means of encouraging boxing chess and trampoline.

Through the enthusiasm of Major R. G. Maslem-Jones, a group of boys from the Dunmow Youth Centre were introduced to adventurous activities, and after careful preparation started on a programme which resulted in regular visits to Snowdonia. Mountaineering, rough walking and camping were undertaken with great determination and enthusiasm, and there is now available a nucleus of junior "leaders" prepared, and trained to help other Clubs. The advent of a sailing dinghy now housed by the Lifstan Club in Southend, means that yet another activity can be introduced, once careful preparation has been completed.

ARTS FESTIVAL

In conjunction with the London Federation, the Arts Festival was held in May. Support came only from three Clubs, but they are to be congratulated on the high standard of their exhibits.

The 1969 Arts Festival will be held in Chelmsford towards the end of

April.

NATIONAL BOYS' CLUB

During the year, Michael Rockenbach of St. Edwards, Romford, was elected to the National Boys' Club. We offer our congratulations to him on achieving this the highest recognition awarded by the Boys' Club Movement.

SENIOR MEMBER TRAINING

Three Lifstan boys attended a weekend Course for Senior Members at Burwell House, Cambridgeshire, organised by Mr. George Woods, N.A.B.C. Field Officer. It is hoped that this will become a regular part in the year's programme, especially if arrangements can be made to hold the Course in Essex.

ANNUAL DINNER

It was most encouraging that just under 100 attended the Annual Dinner which followed the A.G.M., and that so many Clubs were represented to hear the President, Sir John Ruggles-Brise and Mr. Bill Owen, Chairman, N.A.B.C. Drama Panel, speak.

NEWS LETTER

A regular monthly News Letter has been issued, and while the Editor feels that some pleas occasionally fall by the wayside, Clubs have indicated that they now feel less isolated, and are grateful to hear what is happening elsewhere, or what is going to happen, even if they do not wish to subscribe to all the activities and facilities offered.

MEMBERSHIP

In February 1968, there were 21 Clubs in membership, and three others being serviced in conjunction with the London Federation of Boys' Clubs. These Clubs are no longer associated, and one other Club did not renew its membership. During the year, we were pleased to welcome the following Clubs:-

Concord Rangers Boys' Club, Canvey, Dunmow Youth Centre. Halstead Boys' Club. Mornington Boys' Club, Canvey. Newlands and Kings Sports Boys' Club, Canvey.

CLUB WEEK SIXTY-EIGHT

Outstanding were the efforts of the Hornchurch Drum and Trumpet Corps who raised over £470, and once again the Redbridge Jewish Youth Club (formerly Ilford Jewish) on their remarkable achievement in raising

£1,541—£400 more than their 1967 figure.

In recognition of their efforts in 1967, Ilford Jewish and Ingatestone were invited by the Association to nominate boys to take a message on behalf of the Association to the Patron of the N.A.B.C. at the Opening Ceremony at the Royal Festival Hall. David Posner (Ilford Jewish) and Peter Ricketts (Ingatestone Boys' Own) took messages from the Mayor of the London Borough of Redbridge and the Chairman of the Chelmsford Rural District Council, respectively.

Lifstan and Southend Clubs took part in a Station Collection

organised by the Association in Southend.

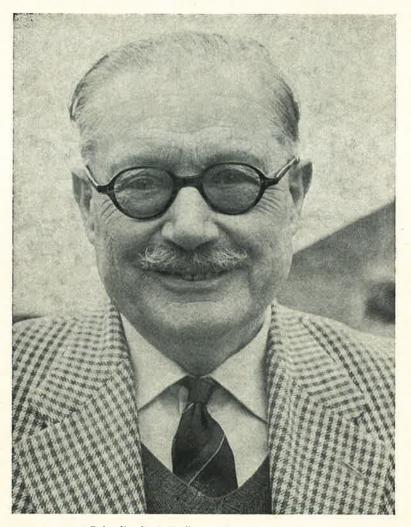
Although three more Clubs participated in Club Week this year, than in 1967, it should be the aim of every Club to ensure that there is a 100 per cent effort—nothing less can get across the real significance of a united County Club Week.

ASSOCIATION AWARDS AND EVENTS, 1968

Courtauld Shield for best effort in Club Week Redbridge Jewish					
Larkin Trophy for the Outstanding Boxer, 1968/69No award					
Football, 1968/69. Senior Cup Competition					
Cricket. Sheffield Cup. Senior Cup Competition Frenford Kirnew Shield. Junior Cup Competition Fryerns					
Cross Country. Junior team					
N.A.B.C. Inter-County Football Championships 1968/69 Hertfordshire 5, E.A.B.C. 1.					
Table Tennis. Senior Individual					
E.A.B.C. 116 (J. Keen, Frenford 60).					
Home Counties Cross Country. E.A.B.C. Junior team placed 6th out of 8.					
N.A.B.C. Cross Country. E.A.B.C. Junior team placed 22nd out of 27. Representatives in following N.A.B.C. events:— Chess. S. Docherty (Lifstan). Boxing. J. Bass, M. Brown, M. Fisher, A. Fisk, G. Lockwood and M. Moore (Chadwell and Tilbury), and P. Cotter (Stifford Clays).					
Table Tennis. G. Sweeney (Frenford) and A. Tideswell (Lifstan). Trampoline. S. McLean and R. Nidroum (Frenford).					
N.A.B.C. Arts Festival. Ingatestone, Lifstan and Trueloves between them were awarded 8 silver, 49 bronze certificates and 118 commendations.					
During 1968, the following 18 Clubs participated in one or more of the Associations' activities—those in bold type in Club Week:—					

Basildon; Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps; Berry; Beverley; Canvey; Chadwell and Tilbury; Chelmsford; Frenford; Fryerns; Hornchurch Drum and Trumpet Corps; Ingatestone; Lifstan; Markhall; Redbridge Jewish (Ilford Jewish); St. Edward's; Southend Stifford Clays and

Trueloves.



Brigadier E. J. Todhunter, T.D., D.L., J.P., Member of Executive Committee 1958 to 1968; Chairman 1961 to 1964.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

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Add: Excess of Income over			Cash in hand of Secretary
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Hayward's, 54, New Street, CHELMSFORD. 17 h February, 1969.

TOY, CAMPBELL & BARLOW, Chartered Accountants.



Peter Ricketts, Ingatestone Boys' Own presenting message from W. H. Orr, Esq., J.P., Chairman of the Rural District Council of Chelmsford, on behalf of the Association to H.R.H. The Duchess of Gloucester, Club Week Opening Ceremony, Royal Festival Hall, October 1968.



Fryerns Boys' Club team representing the Association in N.A.B.C. Inter-County Football Championships 1968/69, against Hertfordshire in November,

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Names and Addresses of Correspondents.

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Basildon Drum and Trumpet Corps.—Mrs. M. D. Hars, 7 Marney Drive, Basildon.

Berry-P. Reynolds, 1 Shakespeare Avenue, Langdon Hills, Laindon.

Beverley (Dagenham)—F. B. Cole, c/o 5 Ballards Close, Ballards Road, Dagenham.

Canvey Boys' and A.B.C.—J. W. Trevillion, 11 Thameside Crescent, Canvey Island.

Chadwell and Tilbury Boys' and A.B.C.—P. E. Wilson, 2 Sleepers Farm Road, Chadwell St. Mary, Grays.

Chelmsford—The Club Leader, Chelmsford Boys' Club, Harway House, Rectory Lane, Chelmsford.

Concord Rangers (Canvey)—W. B. Potton, 44 Holbeck Road, Canvey Island.

Dunmow Youth Centre-Capt. L. J. Lawrence, 8 Star Lane, Dunmow.

Five Star (Harold Hill)—H. C. Cross, 12 Beauly Way, Rise Park, Harold Hill, Romford.

Frenford (Redridge)—C. J. Carter, 105 Primrose Avenue, Chadwell Heath, Romford.

Fryerns (Basildon)—A. Diver, 2 East Thorpe, Basildon.

Halstead-J. Brooks, 75 Trinity Road, Halstead.

Hornchurch Drum and Trumpet Corps—R. A. Stables, 135 The Avenue, Hornchurch.

Ingatestone Boys' Own—Miss E. V. Pemberton, M.B.E., St. Cedd's, 18 Market Place, Ingatestone.

Lifstan (Southend-on-Sea)—B. E. Craddock, 44 Spencer Gardens, Rochford. Loughton O.B.—G. Stephens, 30 Hurst Close, S. Chingford, E.4.

Markhall (Waltham Forest)—H. Berry, 58 St. Paul's Tower, Beaumont Road, Leyton, E.10.

Mornington (Canvey)—A. R. Smith, 43 Mornington Road, Canvey Island.

Newlands and Kings Sports (Canvey)—B. H. Hills, 22 Dewyk Road,
Canvey Island.

Redbridge Jewish Youth Centre—S. Schaffer, c/o The Club, Ilford Cottage, Mansfield Road, Cranbrook, Ilford.

St. Edward's (Romford)-L. G. Fryer, 30 Repton Gardens, Gidea Park.

Southend-Mrs. P. L. Salter, 149 High Street, Great Wakering.

Stifford Clays Boys' and A.B.C.—T. Chapman, 53 Prince Philip Avenue, Stifford Clays.

Trueloves—Miss E. V. Pemberton, M.B.E., St. Cedd's, 18 Market Place, Ingatestone.

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CLUB WEEK RETURNS, 1968

		Net Amount
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Basildon	142	£81, 8, 3
Berry	50	£33 10. 0
Chadwell and Tilbury	57	£8.15. 6
Frenford		20.15. 0
Fryerns	120	672 17 0
Hornchurch D/T	63	£72.16. 0
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Markhall	16	£33.15. 0
Redbridge Jewish	240	£1541. 0. 0
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THE YOUTH SERVICE IN ESSEX

The Essex Education Committee has the responsibility through the Youth Service to assist Voluntary Organisations, and information about the various ways in which financial assistance and other facilities may be provided can be obtained from the Divisional and Area Youth Officers.

A list of the addresses and names of these Officers is given below

under the areas which they cover.

Chief Education Officer: David Bungay, M.A.

County Youth Officer: David H. Watts.

Assistant County Youth Offiers: Miss K. M. Johnson and Mrs. J. Collins, County Hall, Chelmsford.

District One. Coastal; Colchester; Colne Valley.

District Youth Officer: G. R. Harding, Clacton Careers Office, 42 Old Road, Clacton.

Area Youth Organisers:

Coastal (Vacancy) as above.

Colchester and Colne Valley: B. D. P. Carlton, Colchester Careers Office, Centurion House, St. John's Street, Colchester.

District Two. Chelmsford; Braintree and Witham; Maldon and Burnham. District Youth Officer: R. E. Faith, Market Buildings, Market Road, Chelmsford

Area Youth Organisers:
Chelmsford: Mrs. J. Potts, as above.
Braintree, Witham, Maldon, Burnham: G. Hughes, Braintree Careers Office, 19 Bocking End, Braintree.

Brentwood: J. Pearson, Brentwood Careers Office, The Hermitage. Shenfield Road, Brentwood.

District Three. Harlow, Chigwell, Epping, Ongar and Waltham Abbey, Saffron Walden and Dunmow.

District Youth Officer: K. W. Harvey, Harlow Careers Office, 19 The Rows, Stone Cross, The High, Harlow.

Area Youth Organisers:

Harlow: K. P. Westlake, as above. Chigwell: Miss Z. A. E. Baker, Loughton Careers Office, Hetton

House, Station Road, Loughton.
Saffron Walden: G. D. Booker, Saffron Walden Careers Office, Fairycroft, Audley Road, Saffron Walden.

District Four. South East Essex; Basildon.

District Youth Officer: J. L. Hughes, Brooklands, Hockley Road, Rayleigh.

Area Youth Organisers:

South East Essex: A. F. L. Sutton, as above.

Basildon: W. T. Davies, Basildon Careers Office, Council Offices, Fodderwick, Basildon.

District Five. Thurrock.

District Youth Officer: L. T. Marpole, Grays Hall, Orsett Road, Grays. Area Youth Organiser: C. R. Coates, as above.

NATIONAL BOYS' CLUBS

What is the National Boys' Club?

Membership of the N.B.C. is the highest honour awarded to a Club member by the National Association of Boys' Clubs. It is granted only to senior members who, in the opinion of their Club Leaders are considered to be outstanding club members with a high degree of leadership and sense of service.

The National Boys' Club aims to:

"enable boys of proved personal quality and of special merit to share in a Club of National scope! Thereby to give them wider experience and the opportunity to strive towards higher achievement. more particularly in fields not available to local Clubs, and to enable members to develop their personalities as members of their own local Club, as contributors to the Boys' Club movement, and as citizens". (Extract from Constitution of National Boys' Club).

Thus the N.B.C. endeavours to carry to an even higher degree the ideal inherent in all the work of the N.A.B.C. among its

members for the development of body, mind and spirit.

A list of Members of the N.B.C. at present resident in Essex is given below. These men have all had considerable experience in boys' club work, and will always be glad to help and advise anyone who may be in need of it.

Ray Brooks, 42 Heather Way, Rise Park, Romford. Clive Pennington, 28 Hayburn Way, Hornchurch,

William Marchant, 386 Sutton Road, Southend-on-Sea.

(Now with H.M. Forces).

John B. Aitman, 20 Park View Gardens, Clayhill, Ilford,

Jeffrey Segal, 64 Falmouth Gardens, Redbridge.

Michael Rockenbach, 39 Cricklade Avenue, Harold Hill,

For further particulars regarding membership, please contact the Organising Secretary.



Boys' Clubs Help to Build a Better Britain

SPORT AND ADVENTURE

Games and open-air adventure have always played a predominant part in the programme of most boys' clubs, and the Association is constantly creating new ideas and opportunities for fulfilling the need. National sporting trophies for soccer, crosscountry, boxing and basketball, provide keen competition for county teams, and international soccer and rugger matches are played in Great Britain against boys' club teams from other countries. Duke of Edinburgh Award Training, national adventure weeks in canoeing, climbing, aqua-diving, sailing and many other sports are arranged each summer for members.

THE ARTS

All boys like making things. Some want to build canoes, to go adventuring: others paint pictures, make pots, carve strange figures out of wood: play an instrument or write poems. In clubs boys are encouraged to express this urge in many varied ways. Each spring Arts Festivals are held, at which skilled adjudicators give helpful criticisms and make awards. National annual awards in many fields, including club magazines, music and entertainment are presented to outstanding entries.

ADJUSTMENT TO INDUSTRY

For young men just starting work in shops, offices or factories, these "A to I" courses are immensely useful and have the support of employers, unions and Ministry of Labour.

INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

Comprehensive accident, sickness and legal liability insurance covering boys, leaders and helpers for a claim of up to £25,000 is provided by the N.A.B.C. Insurance Scheme. Other benefits include third party cover, and medical and legal expenses arising from accidents in the club. Full-time leaders can also join a superannuation and life assurance scheme.

NASH COURT

Nash is the delightful period country house which the N.A.B.C. owns and uses for its Camping and Training Centre. Facilities include a swimming pool, many acres of grounds, sports equipment and comfortable accommodation. Nash Court is set deep in the Shropshire countryside, and is ideal for club holidays, D. of E. expeditions and adventure.

These are only a few of the facilities the Association offers to clubs, to help in the training of boys.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF BOYS' CLUBS

is the County Organisation of the National Association of Boys' Clubs, and is also affiliated to the following Organisations:—

Essex County Amateur Boxing Association.

Essex County Youth Football Association.

Essex Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations.

Southern Counties Amateur Athletic Association.