

The Official News Sheet of the Leander Sea Scout Troop incorporating lines from the laughs and learnings of lots of lazy loafing Leander layabouts.

### SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

I think the most amazing thing that has happened to me for a long time occurred three weeks ago. It started out as a normal Saturday, work from 8 - 12, home to lunch, and off to HQ in time to start the meeting at 2.30. About 2.20 I was chatting to Pluto and Alan Martin when a gentleman came in and asked who was in charge. Thinking he was the father of a prospective scout I replied that I was. He then asked "In charge of the whole thing?" to which I replied no, merely in charge of one section. He then said "Could you give me the name and address of the person who is?" which I duly did. It transpired that he represented F.W. Bateman, estate agents, who were acting for Messrs. Wimpey, and that they desired to move the H.Q. some 75 yards up the road towards the lock as they wished to build a block of luxury flats on the present site of H.Q. "I'll show you where it is" he said, and did. Since then Skipper has been busily collecting ideas and drawing up plans for the new H.Q. There has been quite a lot of discussions, proposals, rejections, alterations and concessions by the various sections and it is now ready for architectural perusal. Sometimes I pinch myself to make sure I'm still awake - - A chance of a lifetime isn't in it.

By the time this edition is distributed we shall have welcomed Mark Stevens and Michael Frith from the Cub Pack. May I wish them many years of happy scouting.

Don't forget that we want a really big effort in Bob-a-Job this year, what with Coypus and new gear for the new H.Q.

Lastly my congratulations to Andy Smith on gaining his Second Class badge. He does not qualify for a FIRST year star till June!

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### PATROL LEADER'S NEWS

#### BEAVERS

Between now and Summer Camp. We that is the Beaver Patrol are going to enter, A scheme, which is being organised for scouts in Surrey, if you ALL pass enough tests. Those who have not got their Second Class must. Get it those who have Second Class. Must pass six First Class tests and do various things like. A patrol Competition - - - we get a pennant two monthw ago. We won the Patrol Competition last month we were last. So get CRACKING.

Congratulations Beefy. Who got his Carsman Badge? At last, but, as usual. Not a single scout in the Beavers passed a test except Andy. We are going to camp on May 5th - 6th so start getting your gear ready.

PETER

(Unfortunately this contribution was written so faintly on a grubby piece of paper that this was the best we could do)

#### HERONS

Things are moving at last (testwise). We are entering for a competition. This competition is for a pennant which is to be presented by the County ( ) Commissioner. The conditions for this test are as follows - all new members must obtain their tenderfoot, tenderfoots (tenderfeet?) are to get their Second Class, and Second Class scouts must get their First Class. All this must be done before September 30th. So get Cracking. The life-boat Service - - - do try and clean your shoes and lanyards occasionally, Please. The Patrol is going on a weekend camp on 15th April.

LORI

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APRIL 7th

SEAGULLS

First and foremost is the Lifeboat Service. The attendance of the Seagulls was not very good, in fact attendance at troop meetings isn't very good. If you're not coming to a Church Parade or Troop Meeting I would be pleased if you told someone who could tell me or even rang me up at KIN 9095.

There has been quite a good response from the lower part of the Patrol to the plea in the last Lash-Up for more tests to be passed. Richard has at last done his hike but Clive and Bloggs should pull their fingers out and get a move on. It's not very long to Summer Camp and I expect to see a First Class and a few Second Class Badges.

Ah well that's my lot,

DAISY

STORKS

A short time after my last article, the Patrol Competition results were made known. We were third, which may have been an improvement on last time, but it is still not good enough.

This year, again, the County Commissioner is offering pennants to patrols which make a certain amount of progress in their activities. I intend that we should enter for one of these. This is what is required: progress in test work, a patrol hike, and good turn, and patrol camp.

The camping season will soon be upon us, so collect together your gear, your anti-food poisoning tablets, and get your bicycle into running order.

A LAST PLEA: come to EVERY troop meeting ON TIME, and if it is impossible, let me or someone else know.

Will those of you who are on Mac's Second Class list pull your socks up.

MITTEN

As I begin to type this article the writer, Mr. N. Duffin has just started his 11th page so goodness knows what is coming but here goes!

Our Row to Lambeth

(This month's condensed book)

You will no doubt have noticed, if you were at Troop meeting on Saturday 24th, that there was much running about and general chaos amongst the Patrol Leaders. This was due to the fact that we, and some of the Seniors, were going on a row to Lambeth for our Coxwains Badge. If you do not know where Lambeth is, it is 21 miles down river from Kingston.

We set out at 6p.m. and throughout the trip we coxed for half an hour and rowed for two hours. We went through Teddington Lock, which took about 15 minutes, and the Seniors boat pulled away ahead of us and we saw very little of them for the rest of the trip.

Lori would not believe that there was a half-lock at Richmond, and as many people seem not to know, I will explain. There is a bridge from which gates are lowered to block the river at the lower half of the tide to prevent the water level between Richmond and Teddington Lock from getting too low. Under one arch of this bridge is a lock which is used at the lower half of the tide. We used the lock but the Seniors had used the rollers and had got even further ahead.

When in tidal waters, for we were with the tide, we went much faster, but the scenery is terribly monotonous from Richmond to London, and the time seemed to drag by. After a time, when we were getting quite tired, the cox had to beat time on the thwart (poor thwart). Rowing becomes mechanical when you are tired, and the only things that we really noticed were: the old paddle steamer at Battersea Fun Fair, a "Booth's Dry Gin" factory and the other numerous factories, and the landmark that showed us that we were only half a mile from our destination, the "Nine Elms Paint" sign.

The floating pier that we landed on had a fire boat moored to it. The pier was owned by Decca Radar. The local population did not approve of our rejoicing when we arrived at 9.45, and one man told us in no uncertain terms to "Shut up".

The ship we were to sleep on was an ex-M G B owned by 35th Westminster Sea Scouts. It was moored fifty feet from the jetty and we had to row there against the strong tide. The only illumination in the "Daring" is by hurricane lamps, and the first thing I noticed on climbing down the steps was how dark the ship was. The galley is about 10' by 5'. The part in which we slept, the

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foe's'le, is equipped with bunks and even mattresses. Nye and Pluto slept in the more select end of the boat, the Ward Room, which is in the bows.

For supper we had soup, and we went to bed just after midnight (G.M.T. of course). I thought it quite a liberty that they put Big Ben on an hour - "Daring" is quite near it - at about 11p.m. The boat was aground when we boarded, and half way through the night you could feel it rock, and the water in the bilge splash around.

In the morning we prepared the breakfast of sausages, tomatoes, and bacon, and we got washed (note this!). We got into uniform and went for a walk round the town, calling in at a cafe on the way. When we came back to the boat it was leaning at quite a frightening angle and it was quite an effort to go down the stairs from the deck. The mateys using it were having a most enjoyable time pumping out the bilges and generally covering everybody and everything with spray.

We left about 1p.m. and after a rather uneventful and tiring journey, which was not nearly as high-spirited as the journey down, we arrived at Teddington Lock much to our delight. At last we dropped ourselves into H.C. and, after a tiring but enjoyable trip, we crawled home to a hot bath.

(Wheeze, pant, gasp,)(- that goes for me too-Typist )

### MITTEN

A short note of explanation is required before this next article. Hugh originally wrote criticising a member of his Duty Patrol, we didn't think this was fair so told him to criticise everybody including himself - good luck!

### NUTTY'S DUTY PATROL

1st Nutty.

I would first like to point out to myself that the tea tastes a lot weaker if one puts in 1lb. of tea against 1/2-3/4lb. of tea. Also I would like to point out to that disreputable fellow, namely myself, that it is no use putting clean (supposedly) cups on a dirty (definitely) shelf. Also sinks need to be "Brillowed" after a gruelling Duty Patrol.

2nd Chris Bell.

A word of thanks to this trusty helper who came in at roughly 1900 hrs (7p.m. for the ignorant). He then promptly dashed out again on a "he-man" type run without doing a stroke.

3rd & J' (L@/1/8C<sup>2</sup>?)

I would like to compliment J.L.C. !!! on his perfect efficiency except for the simple expedient of being late.

4th (Guess Who?)

Work! Lad! Work!

5th Peter Rainsley

I would first like to say: THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR EFFICIENT HELP, this being even more efficient than J.L.C. But after that I would like to say to him that pink putty is not squashed bean. Also it is not the best idea to have a bean fight with J.L.C.

By the Nautical Nitwit,

NUTTY

### FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

<u>APRIL</u> 4th	Leander Layabouts Club H.Q. 7.30	20th-23rd	P.L.s & Seconds Camp at Longridge
5th	J.L.C.'s Birthday	23rd-28th	BOB-A-JOB WEEK
6th	Help wanted at Group Jumble	29th	St. Georges Day
7th	Sale - Social Centre - Elm Rd		Parade. Meet at 82
14th-15th	W/E Camp-Seagulls, Herons.		Eden St. 2.15p.m.

### TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG EARS

Wasn't that rather a large fire you had for your cooking test N..ty? From the taste of your custard I think you must have some Scottish ancestors.

Judging by the rate A..y's test passing is going he should be a D.C. in the Summer and Chief Scout before he leaves school.

It must have been quite frightening when "Daring" lay over at an angle - - - you really must keep amidships L.r..

You too can be threatened by Daisy - - just try writing Twitterings!

The Leander Billiard Club has decided to start Scout meetings on Tuesdays and Saturdays as a sideline.

**PATROL COMPETITION** 1st Beavers; 2nd Storks; 3rd Seagulls; 4th Herons.