



The official News Sheet of the Leander Sea Scout Troop incorporating lines from the laughs and learnings of lots of lazy loafing Leander layabouts.  
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SPECIAL KING-SIZE EDITION

### SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

How busy we have been since our last edition can be gathered from the fact that we have again had to run two months together. Life has not been made any easier by the discourteous and thoughtlessness of people who cannot be bothered to reply simply by striking out a line on a form and signing it. So much so that the night before one camp it was necessary to phone one scout to find out what his intentions were.

This period has been noted for the wettest weekend camp even I can remember, and for one of the happiest I can remember, both at the same time. We made the columns of the Surrey Advertiser as being the most suitably dressed for the Chief Scout's visit to Walton Firs. Dress of course was oilskin, sou'wester, and gumboots.

May I say a word now about subscriptions. The troop now assembles at 6.55p.m. on Tuesday for this purpose. Unfortunately we have a considerable number of scouts whose arrears amount to six weeks contributions or more. Will parents please co-operate in reducing these please.

My congratulations to Keith Maund on gaining his Gold Award, and my best wishes for his jamboree trip. Congratulations to Daisy and Peter on gaining their Queens Scout, to Brian Leyshon for all the effort he put into selling Fete programmes, to Archie and Nutty on gaining their Scout Cord, and to F.L.C. on gaining his Seaman's Badge. Finally my sympathy to Nick Roberts breaking his arm on the last day of term. Hope you will soon be amongst us again Nick.

P.S. A welcome home to Andy Smith from boarding school.

### PATROL LEADER'S NEWS

BEAVERS To begin with I must congratulate the Patrol on winning the Patrol Competition this month. Lets keep it up.

By now I should think that everyone has heard of the County Commissioners Award. Well the troop decided that we should enter it. So far we have done quite well in the sections where tests come in - we are behind but we should pull through. We hope to finish all sections by September 30th, so there is sufficient time.

I hope you all enjoyed the expedition in the rigs to Sunbury (this expedition counts as part of the County Commissioners Award). For those of you who didn't go you can read about it later in this edition.

ARCHIE

STORKS Well here I am once more trying to think of something to write for the Lash-Up. I hope that everyone in the Storks who did not go to the Group Camp at Buckmore Park enjoyed it as much as I did. Chris Bell mind you got fixed up with the Subs double quick, the same goes for the rest of you who haven't already done so. If you cannot come to a meeting please ring me at KIN 1732.

GRAHAM

SEAGULLS Boat handling has improved. Congratulations to all of the Patrol who went on the expedition. We travelled 89 miles in all!! Test passing is still too slow. If you are not going to be present at meeting will you please ring Bob 5145 and let me know. If you have any suggestions as to what we could do as a Patrol at Summer Camp, please let me have them in writing.

EL RICARDO

HERONS As you know we came second in the Patrol Competition this was a great improvement on last month this was due to some test passing and good attendance and also Alan passing his first aid badge. After our trip up river we had finished one section of the County Commissioners Award. We the first to do this????? I hope everyone enjoyed their share of the...

PATROL EXPEDITIONS

SEAGULLS

(squawk)

Nutty decided that instead of rowing up river we should have a bike ride. Some bike ride! 70 miles to Horsham and back! Steve and Clive couldn't come (lucky blighters) so the remnants of the Seagulls left Leander at 9a.m. Half way to Horsham, Fag said he felt a few drops of rain. We all put our capes on - the sun came out! Eddie decided to take his cape off - half way down a hill a cloud burst! Poor Eddie was drenched !!(Ha!Ha!). Somewhere between Horsham Guildford Nutty reckoned that it was 80 and not 70 miles (silent curses from saddlesore victims!) We reached home at 7p.m. miraculously intact.

BRIAN L.

HERONS, STORKS, BEAVERS

At 9a.m. we all left Headquarters on our Patrol Expedition up river. Beavers and Herons went up in gigs and the Storks went up in Coypus. It took us 2/4 of an hour to reach Molesey Lock. When we got to Sunbury we all had a swim. Then we went through Sunbury Lock and came back over the rollers, and headed home. On the way back we went up the River Mole. We arrived back at H.Q. at 8p.m.

JOHN E.

HOLD YOUR POCKET'S

Hallo it's me, Andy, back at last from my new school at Farnham. I have got two months to loaf about in, it is very nice to be back, but I will be going back next term. I will be going to camp with the troop, and I am looking forward to seeing my Patrol Leader and the rest of the troop. We have had some nice weather and a lot of rain.

LONG LOST ANDY

FROM OUR ROVING REPORTERS

Group Camp - Buckmore Park

This was the first Group Camp for a long time. It was attended by Cubs, Scouts and Seniors. We left H.Q. about 6p.m. on Friday night by coach for Buckmore Park, near Chatham.

When we arrived there we found that OXO (the Rover's van) had beaten us there. After unloading kit, the Cubs went off to their huts and us lot went off to put up the tents and go to bed.

On Saturday morning the rest of the campsite was organised while the cubs went for a walk and played football. Afternoon quickly came with the scouts going on a trip round Buckmore the hard way. First we had to get over a live transmission wire (parents may be relieved to know that this was only a rope, quite unconnected with the National Grid) then get Keith out of a tree, although many people thought he could stay there. Then we got a radio active barrel out of a tree, and finished by climbing a rope and swinging across another rope between two trees.

Saturday night the Scout and Guide Club was opened to those over 15, and the rest went swimming. Sunday afternoon soon came and it was time to pack-up. We had tea in the Cub huts and left for Kingston at about 6p.m. This ended a most enjoyable camp.

DAVID

Operation Touchdown

Saturday 6th July. This is when Touchdown started as far as the Scouts were concerned. In the afternoon we all piled into OXO and Mr

Stott's van and set off for Walton Firs which we reached at 2.30. We waited till 3.30 when we practiced the greeting for the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean. At 6.15 Sir Charles arrived by car as the weather had been too bad for his helicopter to take off. From the Rostrum he gave us a short speech, after which he tried, I presume, to see how many hands he could crush with his dynamic handshake! He then visited some of the campsites. At 8.15 he came back to the Rostrum and after a short speech he had to leave to inspect some more scouts at Reigate, and so we all went home.

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**Sunday 7th July.** The events started with the lining up of about 50 boats stretching from the Power Station to the upstream end of the Island. Meanwhile at Queens Promenade the Chief Scout was inspecting a guard of Honour, which included Bruno, Mitten and Archie. The Chief also spoke to Skipper. He then boarded a motor launch and was taken down river past the line of boats, and also past scouts lining the river at Lower Ham Rd. He was piped ashore at the Half Mile Tree by our Senior Troop, and before leaving by car he spoke to the Sea Rangers who had been at H.Q. repairing and ironing uniforms during the day. Teas were served at H.Q. all day.

J.L.C.

Longridge Camp The weather was very much the same as Operation Touchdown - wet windy and chilly. Despite this our cheerful looking mob left H.Q. at about 9a.m. and made our way to Longridge in parents cars and vans. We pitched camp while it was still pouring with rain and had a late dinner. There were only three Patrols and David had the honour of being the only Patrol Leader present.

During the afternoon the outlook brightened and some went boating, whilst the lazier bods crawled into their sleeping bags and spent the afternoon at leisure. In the evening after tea most of us went boating once again. Sunday began with a sunny outlook and boating and swimming saw most of the morning away. In the afternoon, and whilst dinner was in progress, it began pouring with rain and didn't stop till after we had left the camp.

Having packed, we made our way home through flooded roads and finally we reached Kingston where the sun welcomed us. When the tents had been hung up we went home.

GRMS

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MESSAGES FROM THE GROUP COMMITTEE

Summer Fete

The success of most things depends on publicity and we aim to achieve this from the sale of programmes. This task falls on the scouts of the troop principally, and although sales were down this year, you all did a good job in the time available. One enthusiastic scout created a record by selling 201 programmes, now this represents about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of our total sale of programmes and we must say a big Thank You to him.

A profit of £130-1-0 was realised from the Fete, which is a record sum from any single Leander effort and the committee thank all who helped in any way, to make the Fete such a success.

Catering

Dear Parents,

There was a very good response to our request for cakes for Operation Touchdown and for Kingston Regatta.

Our prices for the Scouts were reduced considerably as a comparison between the two events will show.

At Operation Touchdown, 20 loaves were used for sandwiches and a profit of £11.1.4 was made, whilst at Kingston Regatta, 10 loaves were used for sandwiches and a profit of £11.4.1 was made.

The following is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Davidson, Assistant County Commissioner for Sea Scouts.

"Dear Chairman and Committee,

On behalf of all Surrey Sea Scouts, thank you all for your untiring efforts last Sunday, without you, as far as Sea Scouting was concerned, it would have been a very poor day. We are all very grateful indeed and only hope one day to repay you in some way for all the co-operation you give us through-out the year.

Yours sincerely,  
 G, DAVIDSON. "

My Committee wish me to thank all those parents who answered our appeal.

D.C. Dow

(Chairman of the Group Committee)

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Readers of the Lash-Up may be horrified to know that there is lots more to come over the page. A short rest is recommended, anything from five minutes to eternity, before continuing with the remaining exciting pages, including our popular feature, "Forthcoming Attractions".

OXO 531

The Rover Crew have been presented with a van, which after about a month of devoted work by Whisky and Shrimp, and a few other amateur mechanics, was transformed into a means of transport for the use of the Group. The Group have paid for the tax and insurance, and several individuals have each donated £5, which has paid for the work done on the van, with a little left in reserve.

One of its first duties was to provide transport for the Garden Fete, when it proved invaluable carrying everything from teaspoons to a garden swing. It was then used extensively during Operation Touchdown, both by the group and the County.

Since then it has been used for camps transporting the Group Camping Gear to such places as Longridge, Gosport and Buckmore Park. Finally if anyone who has not already done so wishes to view this fantastic piece of Leander engineering, It will be found at the back of Headquarters.

STUART

OXO will be travelling to Sumner Camp on the morning of Sunday 18th August and returning that evening. This is visiting day at Camp and any parents wishing to travel to Holbrook in the van, which is tastefully decorated and contains comfortable seats, should contact me within the next week or so.

MACFORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

JULY	28th	J.Griffin's Birthday.
AUGUST	2nd-6th	Trip to Longridge - F/Ls and Seconds.
	10th	Sumner Camp.
	18th	N.Duffin's Birthday.
	21st	G.Bulleid.s Birthday.
	24th	Return from Sumner Camp.
SEPTEMBER	1st	H.Rickard's Birthday.
	7th	Camping Competition - District.

TWITTELINGS FROM THE UNDERGLOWTH by BIG EARS

I hear that J.E.n. heroically dived in to save his sculling oar at Longridge, and then Alan helped him. Did they forget it would float?

Hu.. could well use his newly aquired pyjama cord when he is in swimming.

I don't think the Buckmore piano was used to up and down music after the noises that came out of it.

OXO drivers under 23 cannot have passenger insurance at the moment. It's strange that our only driver over 23 is also the only driver to have hit anything with it . . . . .

Is there any truth in the rumour that Nye has bought a gold plated petrol cap for OXO costing £37.

In future at troop meetings the Scouters will stand along the walls and the scouts will stand across the end.

After St..r.. experience gained during operation Touchdown he is applying for a job outside the Dorchester.

K.i.h Do you know how to make a Grecian urn? Bub Hughes' demonstrations might come in useful.

M..f in Coventry. M.r.o. in Dover. ??????????????????????????????

SENIOR SCOUT SUPPLEMENT

The weekend of the Chief Scout's visit was marred by rain, never-the-less "Mooring Masters" Nye and Daisy drifted around organising moorings for the eighty boats which were expected and trying to start the outboard.

On Sunday we helped Sir Charles Maclean's visit by escorting him downriver from Queens Promenade and piping him ashore at the Half Mile Tree. Those who did not take part in these two activities were presented to him before he departed for home.

On the 15th we held a combined hanger Senior meeting; all agreed that this was a success apart from a relay race during the meeting when a Coypu was turned over (as I am writing this no names will be mentioned). The evening was rounded off by Bob Hughes giving a demonstration and showing a film of mouth to mouth resuscitation.

The Group Camp was attended by most of the Seniors. On Saturday a Venture Badge type course was organised for the troop with a derrick, a first aid incident, a radio active drum in a tree, and getting a bucket between two trees, and finally climbing up a rope and sliding down another rope. We were in attendance at all stages of the course.

In the evening we monopolised the Scout and Guide Club. On Sunday we went swimming or sunbathing. Shrimp and John Griffin bought and replaced the cylinder head gasket on OXO.

Congratulations to Peter and Daisy on obtaining their Queens Scout Badges, and well done Keith on finishing the Gold Award part of the Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

Subs have now risen by 150% to 2/6 for the purpose of buying camping gear to make our life comfortable on trips to the four corners of England. Beware of the Greek girls Keith!

PAUL

F.S. WE regret Hugh's has fisted cutting of this page