



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 SCHIBBLE

Thanks to Mae's assistance we have been able to produce a Lash-Up at last, when I expect most people had thought there would not be another. The biggest snag has been someone to type the stencils so if there are any volunteers amongst the readers I shall be pleased to here from them. I am hoping that when Mac comes down from University things will be easier.

I do not intend to cover the whole period since we last had an issue, otherwise Mac might never get back to Southampton. We have just welcomed three cubs from our own pack, David Laurence, Stephen Davis and Robert Beaupre, and have said goodbye to Richard Drews, who has joined the Seniors after serving the troop faithfully and well. I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my own thanks to him for all his help and example while he has been both a second, and a P/I.

My thanks also to Mitt, Peter and Daisy for their help on Friday evenings. This has resulted in 100 Second Class tests being passed this last winter.

Our next "occasion" is the St. Georges Day Parade on April 26th. when I hope to a good turn-out our 31 members. We are honoured by carrying the St. Georges Flag and providing the escort. All parents will be welcome at the service. Here's hoping it's not too long to the next issue.

B.

(The last two thirds of this article were typed by our guest typist Mr. Stuart Brown whilst our resident typist fortified himself with cips - readers can rest assured that their will be no more misdake)

PATROL LEADER'S NEWS

HERONS

Hello folks one and all, and the others. Congratulations to Geoffrey on gaining his tenderfoot, and also well done to the majority of the Patrol for passing a lot more tests although there is still much more room for improvement. The sun seems to have brought most of you out of hibernation and our private army is in swing again. Keep up the good work and improve on the bad.

Yours in scouting, happy hunting, dib, dib, dib,
Uncle Thick.

Seagulls

I will start my bit by congratulating Brian on obtaining his Second Class. Hurry up with you Carriers and First Class. Also welcome to Robert who has just come up into the troop. I hope you get your tenderfoot soon. Due to some unforeseen circumstances we have come last in the Patrol Competition, we must do better than this. The attendance has been a bit slack and I have not seen much of Richard. If for some reason or other you cannot come to troop meeting please let me know. My phone number is KIN 2220. Yours, Twinkle Toes (??)

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Firstly I would like to welcome several new members to the Patrol, namely Michael Dornan, Jason Brenard, and Stefan Davis.

I would like to congratulate Steve on obtaining his Second Class Badge, and Swimmers Badge. We are having our first camp of the year on 17th and 18th April. I would also like some of you to phone me if you can't attend a troop meeting. My number is RIC 4438. ????????

BEAVERS

We are sorry to see Archie go up into the Seniors but these things must happen. Thanks Arch for all you've done. This last weekend we went to camp. It was very wet but we had a good time. We have not won the Patrol Competition for some time, it's about time we did so how about it this month? David Lawrence has joined us from the Cubs and has already passed his tenderfoot! Well done David. Well Done also Brian on finishing your Second Class and getting your Swimmers Badge. Keep it up.. JOHN

DEVIZES - WESTMINSTER CANOE RACE - EASTER 1964

Sticky and I left for Devizes in OXO on Thursday night with the canoe lashed on top of the van. We started at 8a.m. on Good Friday (having had 4 hours sleep the night before!) along the canal and were followed up by Muff and Stuart in the Bug. The first 35 miles (to Newbury) were hard going since there was no current in the canal and we were going up hill. Also in one place the canal was dried up for 600 yards so we had to carry our canoe and gear for that stretch (the canoe weighed 80 lbs). At every lock, approximately 70 in all, we had to carry the canoe round. We reached Reading at 11p.m. and stopped here an hour for a cooked meal (53½ miles from Devizes) and then joined the Thames. Muff and Stuart waved to us at every lock on the Thames - they had waited on bridges on the canal. By 5a.m. we reached Maidenhead and we were almost falling asleep in the canoe, we decided to go to sleep, so we "kipped" on the side of the lock - it was c.o.l.d..... At 7.30a.m. we started off again after heating up some coffee, and were now followed down by Whisky since Muff and Stuart had gone home. Just above Windsor at Temple Lock we made a 4 inch hole in the bow of our fibreglass canoe. We managed to repair it with some P.V.C. adhesive tape which was rather awkward as it would not stick to fibreglass - only to itself. After a few more hours we went through Teddington Lock where we met lots of Leander layabouts and some of our friends (take that how you like it!). From then it was a straight paddle to Westminster.

In all the journey took us 34½ hours, but it was well worth the effort and the aching seats and backs we had by the next day (after about 24 hours in bed). Who's going to try and beat our time next year?

KEITH

NOTE In the Senior Section in which Keith and Sticky competed there were 41 finishers out of 96 starters. Keith and Stick completed the course in 34hrs 35mins, the winning time being 22hrs. Out of the 15 entries from this area they were one of the only three to finish, and I'm sure we all want to congratulate them on a very fine achievement.

VENTURERS PADDLE

There were 8 of us who started the Paddle on the 11th April at about midnight. We arrived, somewhere on the banks of the River Mole where we were given a briefing on what would happen by Mr. R.C. Hughes.

The course itself started with us building two rafts, each one to carry two people. We had to carry these rafts as well as two canoes for about 200 yds through a field to our starting point. Two people got in the canoes to lead the way for the rafts, and two other boys in the water guiding the rafts with ropes. We travelled for about 20 yards where we met our first incident: Anchor the raft in midstream and get someone off it by use of a Boatswains chair. We continued over rapids and through whirl pools (most times not in the rafts or canoes).

After another 20yds we came across the next incident which was climbing over a scrambling net, after which we continued on our water venture. The next incident entailed getting a bike out of the river. So we paddled around looking for it - found it - and dragged it out.

Now all of us were soaking up to the waist, except for John Evans who, at the first incident, ran down the bank, plunged in, and disappeared for a couple of seconds. We continued down the Mole to the next incident.

This involved getting everybody across the river, from one bank to another by sliding down and up a rope. Most of us got across drenching our backs in the process.

Now nearing the end we continued to the last incident which was First Aid, which Mitten, Abo, and David dealt with, while Alan went for a swim.

At approximately 1.30 we had packed up and left. We arrived at H.C. around 2.00 and had something to eat and dried ourselves before we went to bed. I am sure everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did, if they didn't there must have been something wrong with them.

ARCHIE

BOB-A-JOB

The troop's results in Bob-a-Job this year were deplorable. They are the lowest for over 10 years. Our two dozen Cubs collected over £30, whilst 51 Scouts managed only £28. Up till now only about 3 or 4 Scouts have earned under £1 - this year even HALF brought in under £1. In fact SIX earned 10/- or under. Out of each boys' contribution we have to pass on 10/- to Headquarters and the County, therefore we have only broken even, or LOST on amounts such as these.

Bob-a-Job is virtually the only chance in the year that the Scouts themselves earn some money for the Group and if they don't accept this challenge then who can think much of them! The extortionate Subs of 68p per week, combine d with the Subs of Rovers, Seniors, and Cubs, doesn't even pay the Gas or Electricity bills. Last year the parents earned nearly £400 - against the miserable total of £28 from the Scouts what conclusions can we draw? Next year Scouts - pull your socks up - get out and earn some money and perhaps your parents will feel it is also worth working hard to help you.

MUFF & MAC

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

APRIL

- 24th Social & A.C.M. at Tudor Hall, Tudor Drive.
ALL WELCOME at 8pm.
- 26th St. George's Day Church Parade - Meet 82 Eden St.
net Interthan 2.15.
- 27th Kingston Association A.C.M.

MAY

- 2nd-3rd Herrons & Seagulls Pat. Camp at Palyapas.
- 16th-18th Whitsun Camp Buckmore Park.

JUNE

- 13th-14th Surrey Sea Scouts Meet - Longridge.

SENIOR SCOUT SUPPLEMENT

It has been very peaceful this last month because Nutty has been camping in the Mediterranean (or near the Med). In spite of this unaccustomed silence we managed to get a dig to Greenhithe and back. A fortnight ago there was a Venturer Badge incident hike - David was last seen (& heard) wading down the Male at midnight.

Archie is now in the Seniors (& the best of British). This month's hint to prospective canoeists: take something to mend holes with, and do not use canoes which have six consecutive broken ribs.
STOP PRESS: Two Rovers have been seen at New Base working on Sandling!

THAT WAS THE SENIOR SCOUT SUPPLEMENT THAT WAS

THE TRINITY FROM THE UNDERGROUND by BUN BARS

The last-UP will follow the lead of the Water rat and will reprint articles from the "Times".
Bram says his car engine is too small for the body - which body?
I hear there is to be a duel on the back lawn - swords - or small coys?
Having studied the Group accounts I now believe that 2 plus 2 makes 5.
Keith and Sticker - why on earth did you wait over 24 hours after Skipper saw you before clocking in at Testunster?
The next last-UP will be extended to 6 pages to accommodate the Senior scout Supplement.....