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Lines from the laughs and learnings of lots of lazy loafing Leander layabouts.

SCOUTLASTER'S SCRIBBLE.

to the colour party at St. Bouquets first this nonth: Georges Day, and to everyone who attended , for their turnout and To Bug , on getting his Scout Cord, and to Andy on marching. getting his First Class. And to Kin, on his magnificent total for Bob-a-job.

Now that the epic cycle tour to the Isle of Wight is over and the Mun who had all the doubts and fears for their offspring have had a chance to settle down , may I say that I think it has taught some very useful lessons on both sides as well as providing solething different and interesting for those who took part.

To those who preferred this to the trip from Wallingford over Easter may I say you missed a very good week-end, which ended in a great sense of acheivement in coming from Longridge to Kingston in one day on Easter Monday.

This leads ne to talk about camping in general. There appears to be some misconceptions about this from both newly joined Scouts, and parents. It is troop policy to try to get at least three weekcarps before Sumer Carp to do two things: One to instruct end newly joined scouts in the general routine of scout camping, and two, to get each patrol working as a tean in camp, so that when they go to Summer Camp , the routine tasks can be completed quickly and efficiently leaving more time for other activities. The other doubt in some parents' minds concerns the running of weekend camps by P.L.s. To these I should like to say that these are always held at campsites where adult help is available IF REQUIRED , and I stress this because as far as possible we are training be able to stand on their own two feet, plus the fact that they are visited at least once by one of the scouters.

I know some Hums & Dads will say, "I know this already, "but because of the many boys we have taken in this year, it needed to be said again.

Finally to come full circle back to St. George's day, the number of people who had specific children in mind when listening to the address was indeed many, and I hope it gave all parent's who heard it, as it did ne, a lot of food for thought, & Ihope it did to allScouts who listened.

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STORKS.

Dear all,

today is to orrow you worried about yesterday! Well if you don't know what that was please send a post-card to me and youwill find out absolutely free.

Know business: The patrol has lapsed a bit lately, especially KIPPPER and RABIT who are always late. But Peapod has improved tremendously, keep it up Peapod, well Done. As most people know, we went to camp on the 6th of May . The patrol hasn't been very active this nonth. I would like to see much more test work donefrom all the patrol & if anyone wants to learn anthing they only have to ask ne. KIPPPPER nucks about too nuch, does not do enough test-work, & has not accepted his responsibility as a secondyet. Stefan has improved but has not done any tests since he got his second class. is tidier but hasn't done enough tests. Peapod

Tabit still mucks about too much but is improving, but like the

others has not done enound tests. Oxo: I an a bit disappointed with him because after starting off like a rocket he hasn't passed any tests for a long time.

On the whole, the patrolare quite neat (editor's note: LIES) Any questions or worries please will you contact ... or Kipper.

John is notin the patrol now but he is still in the troop until he gets his first class when he will join the senior troop. The swinning gala is now near & any in Storks who want to be in the relay tean p please tell me. The 3d. per week competition will be starting soon.(?)

BLONDIE.

BEAVERS. (the hidden truth)

Bonjour, you lucky reader-beaver. Once again this nonthly task of writing about the Beavers has hit ne. What can I write about a fantastic patrol, which hasn't already been said. Well No.1 I have just Been told that we have got another pest pest, yes J.West's brother. Although I have not net him,

strong muscular ,right-hand man,debonair.(Ha:Ha;) Meanwhile J.West has gone to Herons as second(sob,sob.) I spose one good pest deserves another. Alan Graham becomes second,& I hope he comes up to the high standard all lickle beavers are trained tobe(arf arf).

None of us are doing nuch test passing except for Andy, so lets get down to some. On Sat. 14 th.Hay we are all going to Polyapes, So get your kit-bags ready. Then on the following Saturday we will all be swinning at the gala, let's see if we can win the patrol relay as we did last year. Swinning trunks will be worn. P.S. Welcome to S.Green(alias Gilbert,) and Derek Fouracre to the patrol.

So Dyb dyb dyb & dob dob dob, Good Hunting,

SEAGULLS.

What's up Bug, forgotten how to write: ?

HERONS. I have now taken over from Eddy, and I an happy to have Jonathan as my second. I hope he will have his Oarsman Badge soon. Also I hope we are going to win the patrol competition this month, and we can if you all put a bit of effort into it. Next week we are going to camp. During our next holidays I hope to organise a few outings e.g. canceing and cycling. I have heard that there are not many of my patrol coming to Summer Camp _- they will be missing a great opportunity.

GORDON.

FAG.

Bug has now arrived (only $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours latex) and his pearls of wisdom will be on a later page.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE AT WINDSOR.

fron our special correspondent.

The St.George's Day Parade started for the colour party about six weeks prior to the actual day. This period of time was spent practicing arching, for every detail had to be perfect. Our last practice wass on the 23rd. April at Windsor Castle, where we were walked around the route. From approx. 4-30 to 7-30 on Saturday we were practicing different manoeuvres within the route.

At Approximately 8.00 we were introduced to seven people who would be our hosts over Saturday night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those seven families for entertaining the members of the colour party.

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On the Sunday morning we all assembled at the Royal Mews at 9.30 where once again we rehearsed every menoevre until 12.30, when we had lunch at a restaurant. After lunch we made our way back to the Royal Mews where we changed into our No. 1 uniforms, ready for the off at 2.00.

Promtly at 2.00 we began marching, behind the band of the Colstream Guards, and through the High Street into the main entrance to Windsor Castle where we halted until H.M. the Queen was ready for the march past. As the message came so we marched into the quadrangle, which was crowded by spectators around the perimeter. The Queer, Prince Philip, Sir Charles Maclean and the guard of honour being at the top end. As we passed the Queen the band started playing "Riding along the Crest of the Wave," which, being Sea Scouts, gave us a boost, and also brought tears of joy into my eyes and many other people's.

From the quadrangle we proceeded to St. George's Chapel where we had an hour long service. After which all the Queen's Scouts assembled to salute the St. George's flag, carried honorably by Richard Garnish (Sticky), and to hear the Chief Scout's speech, during which three cheers were given for the Queen and the Dean of Windsor.

Once again we were behind the Colstream Guards marching back to the Royal Mews. The weekend was almost over, to round it off Princess Ann was there to greet us. We had many congratulations from Scouters who said that we were the best colour

party they have had (I was told that while marching around the quadrangle the Queen did not take her eyes off us), Once again I would like to take this opportunity in congratulating Sticky who was in command of the colour party.

RICHARD ANDREVS

BUG

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

9th May	Peter West's Birthday	18th June	Feta
21st May	Group Swimming Gala	24th June	Admiralty Inspection
28th-30th	May Whitsun Meet at Chatham	2nd July	District Camping Competition

SEAGULLS

Hallo readers,

Sorry about the last edition - I agree with the Ed. The Patrol has done splendidly since the last edition. Firstly: The patrol shield has been won twice in succession (March and April) thanks to their efforts. Secondly: Much appreciation to all those who enabled the Seagulls to obtain a pretty good standard of smartness. Thifdly: Last weekend we camped at Polyapes in the boiling heat with the idea of teaching the igerant how to camp. It was a very successful camp, strenghened by the fact that all members took advantage of the surroundings and practiced for some tests In fact Nicholas Wileman made a start in his tenderfoot and Trog completed two more tests towards his Second Class.

I hope the next period between Lash-ups will be just as good.

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by Big-Ears K.m was so ashamed of his cap on St. George's Day that he rolled it up and put it in his pocket. Is there any truth in the rumour that N.e wants to buy a tank? F.g thought the Rovers made a poor job of showing him how to sink a gig, so he had another go at it. The pay-roll tax on Scouters would cost the group over £700 per year. Does purple go better with navy blue than with khaki? Did the seniors forget that the Crouch is_tidal? Keith on the P.C.C.? - I don't believe you! N.dd. had an elegant haircut at Maison B..t.n.

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