

The Water Rat



Newsletter of Leander Sea Scouts

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Leander Fellowship

Leander over the past twelve months has gone from strength to strength. At the start of this year, not all of our sections had strong numbers. I am pleased to announce that has now changed. We currently have 24 Beavers, 31 Cubs, 32 Scouts and 14 Explorers and still growing. But each section would not be growing and going so well without its small team of section leaders and occasional section helpers.

For Leander to continue to offer the best Scouting experience for its young people, we do need more leaders to run a productive, fun and educational programme.

Over the past term alone, twenty moving on and new members have been invested across all sections, as well as a new leader for the Explorer Scout Unit.

As Leander moves on and into its 101st year, I would like to introduce something new. I would like to introduce the adult's only section (Leander Fellowship). This section will allow parents and leaders to take part in activities. An activity will run each term for adults only. If you would be interested to join or to help to co-ordinate this section, please fill in and return the slip which you will find below, or email your reply to: webmaster@leanderseascouts.co.uk

This will also give you an opportunity to join the Leander Mutineers or Leanderettes (Leander Great River Race Crews) for weekly row-outs.

We have now received confirmation from the Royal Navy that the next RN Inspection is to take place on Tuesday 2nd March 2010. Because the Scout Troop has grown and the Unit will be in attendance, the Group will only be able to invite six of the Cubs to represent the Pack on the night.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2010 will be starting again in February, so, if you shop in Sainsbury's, please could I ask you to collect and donate your vouchers to Leander, so we can obtain plenty of new and nice things for our section.

Finally, I would like to send out a BIG THANK YOU to all that have supported and helped Leander over the last year and may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Karen Loizou

Awards

Long Time Service



45 Years – Nigel Duffin (Leander Chairman & Water Rat Editor)

15 Years – Robin Burr (Scout Leader)

Chief Scout Gold Award



Chris Granger, Harry Pope

Congratulations

Thomas Dugdale for receiving a Highly Commended Certificate from Ed Davey as a result of entering the Christmas Card Competition.

Section Vacancies

Beavers – Beaver Scout Leader,
two Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders

Cubs – Assistant Cub Scout Leader

Scouts – two Assistant Scout Leaders

Appointments

Asst Explorer Scout Leader

Karen Loizou

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Diary Dates 2010



Saturday January 9 – District Beaver & Cub Pantomime

Sunday January 17 – District Scout Patrol Leader Training at Polyapes

Thursday January 28 – Explorer Scout Quiz Night at 1st Hook HQ

February 5/7 – RN Swimming Gala at Plymouth

Saturday February 6 – District Cub Scout Arts & Craft Comp

Sunday February 7 – County Scout Cooking Competition

February 27/28 – District Scout & Explorer Air Rifle Course

Tuesday March 2 – LEANDER RN INSPECTION

Saturday March 6 – District Beaver Scientific Afternoon

March 13/14 – County Scout Night Hike

March 20/21 – District Scout & Explorer Air Rifle Comp

Sunday March 21 – District Beaver Exploring Afternoon

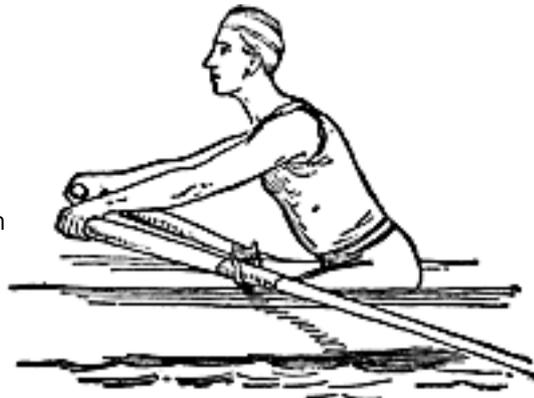
Sunday April 18 – ST GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

May 7/9 – ESU Wardening at Polyapes

July 3/4 – National Regatta

July 24/31 – Scouts & Explorer Summer Camp (venue to be confirmed)

October 1/3 – RN Football at Portsmouth



50 years ago

In 1959 ...

The total collected by the Group during Bob-a-Job week was £71 15s 1d, an average of just over 18s per head, the highest in the Kingston District.

For Eastercamp, the PLs and Seconds of the Troop went to Frylands Wood, while the Seniors went down river to Greenhithe.

At Whitsun, the Troop and Seniors were at the Sea Scout Meet at Chatham, attended by over 1000 Sea Scouts from London, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey. A crew of Seniors made the return voyage of 70 miles in 'Hermes'.

Two Senior Scouts, Peter Thompson and Clive Steel, joined the 3rd Amsterdam Sea Scout Group for their Summer cruise in their ketch 'De Lichtstraal'. They visited ports round the IJsselmeer and the Wadden Islands and had good weather. After the cruise, they stayed for some days in the homes of two Dutch Scouts.

Thanks to the hard work of Ted Boddy and Paul Duffin, two of the 12ft dinghies were sheathed in fibreglass and given a new lease of life.

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wish to become a member of the Leander Fellowship.

Please tick the activities list you would be interested to take part in:

Climbing

Wine Tasting

Camping Skills Day

Race / Quiz / Bingo Nights

Boating

Great River Race

Other