



THE OFFICIAL NEWS SHEET OF THE LEANDER SEA SCOUT TROOP, INCORPORATING
LINES & LAUGHS FROM LOTS OF LASHY LEAFING LEANDER LAYOUTS.

WHERE IS THE SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE?

Owing to many pressing engagements and unforeseen tactics of the troop the Scoutmaster has been driven completely insane. When interviewed by the Editor, he was in no fit state to write an article. However, by Sunday morning he had recovered enough of his wits to submit a belated article, which will be found further down this news-sheet.

SEAGULLS

Once again we have been press-ganged into writing for this magazine which is always on time!! All I have to say is that now the patrol is under a great patrol leader an improvement must come quickly!!

Firstly Chris hurry up and get your oarsmans and drop the title of 'Acting' P.L. Michael, hurry up and get your 2nd Class. Robert, please be punctual in future and if you can't come please phone me, this goes for the rest of the patrol. My phone number is ELM 0774. Goodbye and Happy New Year, etc.

CHRIS

HERONS

Well pendants I think its about time some of us paid our subs, right Jerry? I also think its about time Crispin and Jerry get their 2nd Class. I reckon Michael can get his Swimmers Badge so he had better pull his finger out.

Now that the winter is drawing near I think everybody will miss a few meetings but let's not make it too regular. Well I suppose that's all until I write my bit in next month...

SLUSHY

BEAVERS

I would first like to welcome Yank into the troop and praise David and Yank for getting on with their test work. I was thinking of taking the patrol on a row, hike and cycle ride in the Christmas Holidays.

Nothing much has happened this month. I would like the patrol to have a good turn out at church parade and troop meetings and keep it up.

JOHN

STORKS

Nothing much has happened this month, with a bit more effort we could do better. Attendance has been poor so lets see an improvement next month. The scouts Christmas Party is on the twelfth of December. No doubt everyone will turn up and let's hope Peter, who has the flu will be better by then.

KIPPER

Many thanks to Kipper for writing this at a moments notice due to the indisposition of Peter Crump. Get well soon Peter.

ED.

THE WIDE GAME

We left for the woods just before 1900 hours the van leaving five minutes before Bruno's car. Since 1800 it had become continually more foggy, and by the time we arrived (the van first) it was quite thick, in fact we could not see over the pond. A bit later the first of the Second Hobs. arrived on whom we charged, and dispersed. Meanwhile note of the "enemy" arrived. Then there was a "Court of Honour" and it was decided that the original plan would be dropped, owing to the fogginess. So Leander went into woods on the East side of the pond, the object being to touch the water's edge. We charged and easily accomplished this, but we still, after that, had a punch up. Then it was the same game but visa-versa.

LORD BRAINY, OR SOFTY

BAZAAR

Work started in St. Peter's Hall on Saturday, November 14th at about 8.45 a.m. by putting up the stalls and decorating them. In the mid-morning Nutty decided that the stage should have some lights for the 'Leander Sea Scouts Choral Item'. This ended up in him and I 'playing' with the lights for about an hour. After this Nutty had a choir practice (the first time the choir had all sung together). The Bazaar was not opened by anyone special this year, but the highlights of the afternoon were the cub stunts and the troop choral item. Both of these were successes. There were about six different raffles for an assortment of prizes. The evening was closed very successfully with a profit of approximately £108.

ANDY

UP RIVER WEEKEND

During the night before the up river weekend good old Nutty's bike had konked out so he stayed at H.Q. and got the gear out for us. Us consisted of Jim Dornan, Andy Hunter, Blondie, Nut and me. The only things we learnt going up to Walton were, to watch "Jim's steering" and swans, and Walton's H.Q. is jolly hard to find if you don't know exactly where it is (We were up at Shepperton Lock before we realised we had gone too far).

We had tea and found that I need more catering experience. Bruno came after tea and reluctantly we cleared up after Walton's Jumble Sale. After breakfast and clearing up we loaded the boat and trundled off home.

The only things that happened on the way back were Nutty lost a sixpenny bet and we invaded a Hampton Court restaurant where Jim found that when you shake a Pepsi bottle it overflows. We got back to Leander and vaguely cleared up.

BUG

THE SENIOR SCOUT COMPLEMENT

The Seniors lately have been doing really quite a lot and seeing as I was called upon to write this at short notice I shall just run through the general run of events.

A whole lot of new promotions and appointments have occurred since the last Lash-up but the Senior Troop will eventually settle down no doubt.

On Sunday the 22nd the Seniors went to Harrison's Rocks at Tunbridge Wells. Everyone enjoyed themselves and of course the Seniors showed their usual ape-like prowesses and did fairly well although using some rather unorthodox methods.

SENICRS (Continued)

Jack caused some fun one weekend by tape-recording a debate and a troop council held during a Senior Troop Meeting. The notion was that this house believes that Scouting meets most of the needs of the present day boy. The motion was carried. A lot of people have also learnt a great deal from listening to the recording of the troop Council.

NUTTY

SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

If the gaps between issues of the last up seem to be getting longer and longer it is probably the same disease which the troop is suffering from generally. If the troop meeting starts at 1030 or 1430 why worry about getting there on time? If there is going to be a uniform inspection why worry about having a look at your caps, lanyards and shoes? If you put your name down for a course don't bother to get there on time or do the things which you are given to do at home, and as for obeying orders!! Or even acting with a little common sense!!

Having got that off my chest perhaps it would be best if I now give some information. Next year's Summer Camp will be held at Chidham, near Chichester, Sussex, from August 14th to August 28th inclusive. If parents can co-operate by arranging holidays to leave scouts free to attend it would really help.

To all the parents who helped in any way with the Christmas Bazaar my grateful thanks, but there were all too few of them. It is a question of the same old faces at everything we run.

My congratulations to Ruth and Sticky on the birth of a son and heir. His name is already down for the Cub Pack. Let us hope he really makes his "Mark".

If the start of this scribble sounds bitter and twisted IT IS, but if it makes some people stop and think it will be worth while.

E.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas this year will fall on December 25th and will be closely followed by Boxing Day on December 26th. So don't forget!!

TWITTERING FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG EARS

But Beefy, I always thought Greenhythe was Down River.

Why has nobody ever seen the Beavers cook the tea? Because when it is their turn there always seems to be so much smoke around.

I hear Leander are to run their own garage, it's just as well for a car has now become part of a Rover's standard equipment.

Nutty, what happens when you have 73 circuits instead of 6.

The Troop would like to take this opportunity of wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.