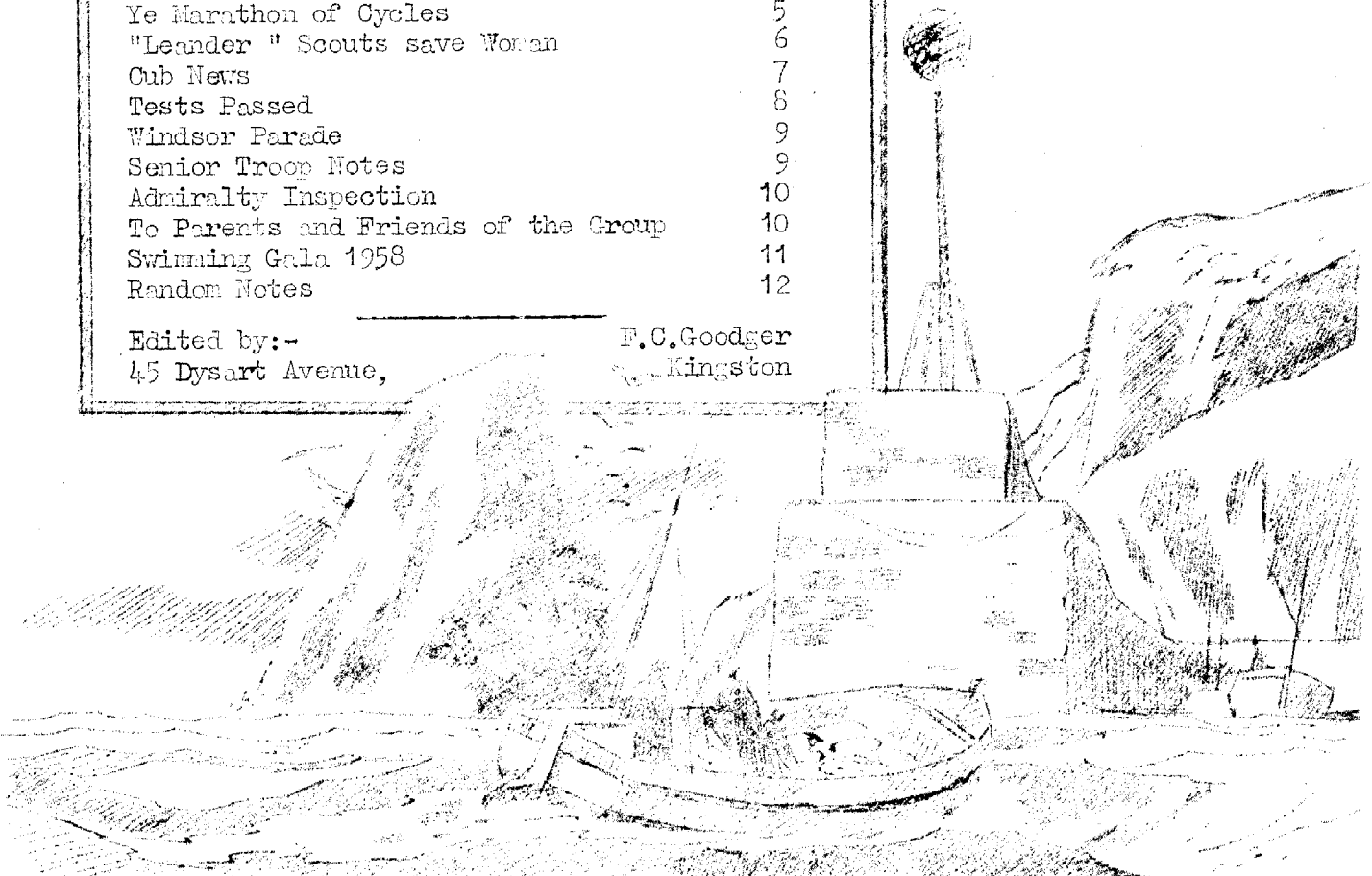


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SKIPPER'S SCRAWL.

During the past few weeks "Leanders" have provided 'headlines' in the Local or National Press on three occasions. These happenings and other activities recorded elsewhere in this issue show that the Group is maintaining its traditional standards. Congratulations are due to the Scouts and Senior Scouts and the Scouters of both Troops, on the zest with which they have tackled various recent competitions and for the very satisfactory results achieved.

The "Leander" Branch of the B.P.Guild of Old Scouts goes from strength to strength. I find the monthly News Letter both informative and entertaining, and quite one of the best of its kind. The Swimming Gala was a great credit to its organisers, and made me feel very proud of the Group. It is a fine thing that so many of our former members continue to show their interest by participating in the Guild's activities. I would strongly recommend any who have not yet joined the Branch, to do so without delay.

At the commencement of the new Scout Year on April 1st, it was found possible to increase the Scout Troop from 4 to 6 Patrols. This will provide increased opportunities for boys to gain experience in leadership which, after all, is one of the principal functions of the Scout Movement. Incidentally, this involves increasing the number of tents and other items of camping equipment.

Apart from the normal programme of Cubbing and Scouting, there is much 'back room' work going on in connection with the maintenance of our "fleet". All the dinghies are now over 12 years old, and it is intended to sheath these in Fibreglass to avoid the deterioration which would otherwise be inevitable. In addition to much hard work, the materials cost about £12 per boat (£70 - £80 in all). It is hoped to have two boats completed and on show at the GARDEN FETE on Saturday 28th June, so come along, with all your friends, and help us in raising funds towards these Boat Repairs, and the extra Camping Gear needed.

WE WANT YOUR SUPPORT ! DON'T FORGET THE DATE - 28th JUNE !

Since Christmas we have had several newcomers to the Troop - G.Hockham,R.Wells, B. Martin, P. Howes and S. Bourne. As the existing Patrols were already full, two new Patrols have been formed, the Storks and the Otters. S. Webb took charge of the former and J. Fielder the latter, while C. Young became P/L of the Herons. We have also welcomed R.Garnish and P. Duffin as additional A/S/Ms. Bob Dodge has run a course of lectures on First Aid, and as a result of his sound training all those who entered for the hadge were successful. The postponed Fireman's Badge Course has now begun at the Fire Station and we all hope to pass. As Cubs were using H.Q. on 22nd March, two Patrols went to see "Cutty Sark" (now in dry dock at Greenwich), then to the National Maritime Museum. The other two Patrols spent a cold day on the river.

The Troop was very pleased to see Major John Malcolm (a former A/S/M) again when he dropped in one Saturday evening. He offered to let the Scouters and P/Ls stay aboard his boat at Littlehampton over Easter. The idea was accepted, and "Splun" and "Pluto" cycled down, while the rest of us went in the Scouters' cars, (we were very glad to find that S/M Burton had passed his driving test after much practising). It was part of the arrangement that we should paint the boat, but as the weather was so bad, we were not able to do this. We stayed aboard until Friday evening when "Splun" went to see a friend in Worthing and the rest of us looked round Littlehampton, but found little doing. "Splun" seemed to have something against us, because first he tried to poison us with early morning tea, and then he nearly set fire to the boat with his efforts at frying bread. On Saturday the boat water supply failed, and we had to get water ashore. In the afternoon we went to the pictures and when we returned we found the boat flooded - a tap had been left on and someone ashore had turned the main on. We had wet kit and 20,000 gallons(?) of water to get rid of! The rest of our stay was uneventful, on Sunday we went to Evensong, and Monday was spent clearing up. After a cold, but thoroughly enjoyable week-end, we arrived at H.Q. by 17.00 hours.

Two trial camps were organized on the 16th and 30th March, at Polyapes. Although the weather was rather cold, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

The Storks, Seals and Seagulls, spent a week-end at Camp on 12th-13th April and found it cold. The remainder of the Troop went the next week-end, and this proved to be the best week-end so far this year.

J. FIELDER

EASTER CAMP 1958 - SENIOR TROOP.

Two o'clock on Good Friday morning found the Seniors setting out from H.Q. on a down river cruise to Greenhithe. Barry Carr and "Crasher" went in a 12 ft. dinghy, and the rest of us in "Hermes". Fortunately for us, the weather wasn't too bad, and after some rowing, we soon warmed up. Working in half hour shifts Hammersmith was reached just as it began to get light. At this point a delightful smell of hot cross buns spurred us on our way. Our first stop was at the Guardship of the 35th Westminster Group moored near Lambeth Bridge, where we arrived at about 6.00. We went aboard, had breakfast, and then turned in.

That cruel taskmaster, the tide, had us up again by 12.30 p.m. and having restowed our gear and put the mast the right way round (what idiot put it up wrong?) we pressed on downstream. When we got to Greenwich, the wind started to freshen a bit and we began to think of sailing. The sight of three motor launches checked our rigging activities and we were lucky enough to pick up a tow which took us right down to Greenhithe. This towing was a precarious business as our tow rope was a bit thin, and every time we hit a wash there was a horrible creaking sound as the rope stretched a few inches. However we survived and arrived at Greenhithe about 17.00 hours. Having reported to the Captain of the "Worcester" we unloaded the boats and set up camp in the grounds of the "Worcester" and quickly went to bed.

When I awoke at about 10.30 am. I was informed that it had snowed earlier. However none of us were in a position for it to have an effect. During our stay at Greenhithe most of us went for two swims in the very cold swimming pool and we also reduced our stock of eggs by about half before we even thought of cooking them. When we did get round to cooking we had some trouble with our primuses, but engineer Bob Dodge saved the situation with some bent nails and a penny. Having struck camp during Sunday afternoon we left Greenhithe at about 20.00 hours just before low tide.

The Thames Estuary at night is quite an experience, especially when yours is a very small boat. However, we managed to pick out all the navigation lights and got up to Tower Bridge without a lot of difficulty. Just before that Barry and "Crasher" started to worry about their dark pasts when a police launch pulled

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YE MARATHON OF CYCLES

This is the record of us, Master Ian Dow and Master Peter Thompson, chosen representatives of Kingston district in the Marathon held for Senior Scouts over devious paths in Surrey. Mounting our trusty steeds, we came at length to the bridge of Wey, where we espied an antiquated barouche containing a Scouter who gave into our hands a missive. Proceeding in accordance with the writing contained therein, we arrived at Silverlands, finding there another Scouter standing amid a heap of metal. He assured us this was once a cycle pump, and bade us make it one again. And gadzooks we did!

The next incident was not to be, as partaking of refreshment and meeting contrary winds on the way, we arrived late at the rendezvous. The shades of night were falling fast as, mounting the hill of Leith, we came upon two other teams. Lacking the wherewithal to illuminate our map, we chanced upon a lighted portico under which we studied the document. One of our number presenting his muddled countenance to the light did cause much consternation among the inhabitants therein. Following the directions of an elderly denizen of those parts we sped, light of wheel, down half a league, but, cor'blimey, anchors on, we came upon an auto stable. Forsooth, we were lost! Eventually another Scouter seated upon his mechanical velocipede, descended upon us and with guiding hand, led us to the encampment. For vittuals this goodly soul also gave us sausage. Night hung upon our eyes, our bones we rested upon the dewy grass; we had but laboured to attain this hour.

Awakened by the crowing of the cock, we broke our fast, and pausing but to imbibe the morning air, we sped forth with youthful vigour, in the direction of Reigate Hill. Meeting a jolly Scouter thereupon, he directed us to put a spoke in his wheel, but alack, upon his toe we did let it drop! Whereupon staying not upon the order of our going, we scarpered! Thus we progressed. Feeling the need of strong liquid, we purchased a firkin of Tizer. But we were destined not to drink of it, as insecurely packed, it fell to the ground in a thousand pieces, while a voluminous foam arose and enveloped us. At another incident we came upon a Scouter deftly casting off many nuts. At his invitation, we then proudly cast them on again.

"I say, Chaps, superb performance, a no mean (contd.on page 8)

LEANDER SEA SCOUTS SAVE WOMAN
(Extracts from the "Surrey Comet")

Four Dr. Barnardo's boys at the Dalziel of Wooler Home, Kingston Hill, who saved an 80 years-old woman from the Thames on Tuesday evening, are having their action brought to the attention of the County Commissioner for Scouts. The boys, members of "Leander" Sea Scouts, were walking along the towpath at Canbury Gardens after a Scout meeting at the Group's riverside Headquarters in Lower Ham Road when they heard moaning and saw a woman in the water clinging to a boat. The boys were Alan Palmer and Gerald Phillips, aged 12, and Fred Taylor and Peter Hepworth, aged 13. Peter and Alan pulled the woman, Miss Ethel Jackson, who had been living at 169, King's Road, Kingston, out of the water, and laid her on the bank, first laying their coats on the ground for her to lie on. Other coats were used to cover her. While the boys applied artificial respiration, another boy, Michael Raymond, 152 King's Road, returned to the Scout Headquarters and came back with Messrs. Fred Maund (District Scoutmaster), Ray Taylor and Paul Duffin (Assistant Scoutmasters), who carried on with artificial respiration. Meanwhile an ambulance had been called, and Miss Jackson was taken to Kingston Hospital, where she was detained.

The Superintendent of the Home (Mr. V. C. Paul) told the "Surrey Comet", "We are very proud of our boys who showed intelligence and initiative. Credit goes to the Scout Troop in which they are taught First Aid, and to their training".

Yesterday morning Mr. Paul received a letter from Mr. R. G. Busbridge (Kingston Scout Commissioner) congratulating the boys and saying that he was reporting the matter to the County Commissioner.

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Four Dr. Barnardo's boys from the Dalziel of Wooler Home, Kingston Hill, who recently saved an 80 years old woman from the Thames, were the guests of the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr. D. Heathcoat Amory) at a tea party in the House of Commons on Tuesday. The boys are Alan Palmer and Gerald Phillips, aged 12, and Fred Taylor and Peter Hepworth, aged 13. With them went another boy who helped, Michael Raymond, of 152, King's Road, Kingston. The Matron at the Home said the Chancellor had contacted the Scout Movement at Kingston, and the Home Authorities had been asked to send the boys

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CUB NEWS.

Since the last issue, there have been several changes in the Pack. Firstly Brian Martin, David Hopkins and Graham Hockham have become members of the Troop, so, Stephen Bourne took over as Senior Sixer. We are very pleased to welcome some new faces in the Pack, - Anthony Topham, Graham Steel, Colin White, Brian Creasey, and Richard Young, and they have settled down happily and quickly. A very kind parent presented us with a new Six Corner for the lucky Grey Six, so competition runs high amongst the Sixes for the best decorated and most useful Corner.

Another "Sausage Hike" was enjoyed by all. On Easter Saturday we ventured to Polyapes in the midst of a snow storm, and the Cubs helped to clear a snowed-up camp site, cleaned dixies and generally made themselves useful, as well as enjoyed a few snowball fights. We ate lunch in the Warden's Den, and arrived in Kingston at 6.30 p.m. after a most enjoyable day.

Badges gained recently - 4 First Aiders, 3 Artists, 2 Cyclists, 2 Homecraft, 3 House Orderly, 1 Teamplayer, and 1 Toymaker.

During Bob-a-Job Week everyone worked very hard, and as a result, a total of £23.2.11 was earned by the Pack.

Our last football match was lost to Surbiton Methodist Pack, but we had a good turn-out, afterwards the Surbiton boys coming to tea at H.Q., beautifully prepared by the non-playing members, - baked beans, sausage rolls, bread, butter and jam, and sandwiches by the score, followed by cocoa and cakes. AKELA.

EASTER CAMP 1958 - SENIOR TROOP (contd. from page 4).

alongside them. They were relieved to find it was only a social call to see how they were getting on. At Tower Bridge we picked up another tow which took us to Chiswick, so we were able to complete our voyage on one tide. We were rather tired when we eventually got back to H.Q. at 5.30 p.m., after a trip which although possibly not a classic one was quite enjoyable, and at least the weather kept fine for us!

M.WEBB

TESTS PASSED.

PILOT - B.Carr; VENTUREER - I.Dow; FIREMAN - I.Dow, M.Webb; CAMPER - R.Day, A.Dow, J.Fielder, C.Godsave, S.Webb; FIRST AID - C.Carr, I.Coghlan, A.Dow, J.Fielder, C.Godsave, D.Huckson, C.Steel, S.Webb; FIREFIGHTER - C.Carr, J.Fielder, C.Godsave, S.Webb; OARSMAN - R.Bevan, R.Lenthall; WEATHERMAN- J.Fielder, C. oung.

ALL ROUND CORDS - J.Fielder, C.Young.

FIRST CLASS - R.Bevan (4) R.Brave (3) C.Carr (3) D.Huckson (1) R.Lenthall (1)
G.Phillips (1) M.Kaymond (1)

SECOND CLASS - D.Ashwell (2) P.Bevan (1) B.Cole (2) *D.Dove, M.Grigg (2) G.Hockham(1)
D.Hopkins (1) K.Maund (4) B.Martin (1) F.Taylor (5)

TENDERFOOT - S.Bourne (1) * G.Hockham, * D.Hopkins, P.Howes (4) * B.Martin,*R.Wells.

* signifies all tests for Badge passed.

THE MARATHON OF CYCLES (contd. from page 5.)

feat" saith he, "fly, fly, my lads, there is no tarrying here, back to the bridge of Wey with haste you go". Opening there the sealed scroll he had given us we learned we had been trusted to finish the course and were bidden to betake ourselves home. Whereupon we departed each to his own abode later to learn we had not received the crown of laurels for this arduous adventure. Nevertheless, we had enjoyed ourselves.

MIC AND THE GHOSTS OF SHAKESPEARE.

LEANDER SEA SCOUTS SAVE WOMAN (contd. from page 6)

to London. They went on their own by train and had had a thoroughly enjoyable time. At the Commons the boys met the Chancellor, who chatted to them and shook hands with each. When he left they were entertained to tea, afterwards being taken round the House of Lords. Later they went into the Commons gallery and saw the Chancellor taking part in a debate.

SENIOR TROOP NOTES (contd. from page 9) We gained 1st place in the district First Aid Competition in March. We were unable to accept our Dutch Sea Scout friends of "De Litchstraal" invitation to join their camp as this is early in July. As part of a District Pioneer Badge Course we have been giving instruction to other Senior Scouts in Raft building.

WINDSOR PARADE - 27th APRIL, 1958.

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It was a bright but chilly day when about a thousand Queen's Scouts visited Windsor for the annual St. George's Day Church Parade held in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. There was a large contingent of Commonwealth Scouts, many of them looking a trifle cold in the wind as they waited to be presented to Prince Phillip (who took the Salute in place of the Queen, who was indisposed). He shook hands and had a word with each one, which I am sure must have warmed them quite considerably. They all wore uniforms peculiar to their country of origin and even if one could not see all the uniform, the hats at least were varied and unusual especially one which looked like part of a Davy Crockett outfit, a welcome change from berets and hats of the U.K. Scouts.

The main party of Scouts assembled in the Royal Mews. As the Sea Scout contingent, we had the privilege of leading the parade, the colour party being provided by the Essex group. The Surrey contingent formed the rear rank. The band of the Welsh Guards led the parade through the streets of Windsor and to the entrance of the quadrangle outside which we halted while the Prince was introduced to all the officials. We then marched round the quadrangle and past the Prince, who took the salute at one end. The orders "eyes right", "eyes left" were not, I fear shouted loudly enough or else the band was playing too loudly, for when to turn one's head was a matter of guesswork. We then proceeded into the Chapel, a very fine and historical building. The Dean of Windsor conducted the familiar St. George's Day Service for Scouts, and gave a short address. When this service ended, all Scouts passed from the Nave under the beautifully carved screen into the Chancel, hung with the banners of the Knights of the Garter. We then formed up again outside the Chapel in the Cloisters, and after the Chief Scout had spoken to us, we marched back through the crowded streets of Windsor.

I. HUNT.

SENIOR TROOP NOTES.

Barry Carr left the Troop at the end of April when he joined the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. We have since had a letter from him, and from this he seems to be enjoying the new routine and finding his Scout training useful. Congratulations to Keith Sutherland who has also gained a Naval Cadetship, and will be joining Barry in September.

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ADMIRALTY INSPECTION

On May 20th, we had the honour of being the first Sea Scout Group to be inspected by the newly appointed Admiral Commanding Reserves (Vice Admiral W.K.Edden, C.B. O.B.E.). The Rover Crew provided a motor cycle escort for his car to the Half Mile Tree, where he embarked in a gig and was pulled to the H.Q. He was piped ashore and then met the official visitors, Mrs. Picton (President of the L.A.), the Rev. Donne Davis (Vicar of St. Peter's, Norbiton), Mr. E.G. Neate (the County Commissioner) and Mr. R. Busbridge (District Commissioner). Thereafter he inspected the Group and saw a wide variety of the normal activities including instruction on rule of the road at sea, hitches and bends, chartworks, ships lights, P.T., swimming, boat maintenance, rowing and sailing. A demonstration of rescue from drowning was given, and through the co-operation of the St. John Ambulance Brigade a real ambulance was provided to take the rescued one away. After the inspection the Admiral spoke to the Scouts, and said how impressed he had been with what he had seen.

TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE GROUP

On behalf of the Supporters' Association, I would like to thank the many parents and friends of the Group, who have supported us at the monthly tombola drives. We are happy with the results and the Group has benefitted financially. We feel, however, that there are perhaps some Mums and Dads who have not realised the financial commitments of a Sea Scout Group equipped and housed as ours is, and it is to these I am addressing my observations. If those parents who offer a little time once or twice a month would get in touch with the Skipper or one of the Scouters, or me, we can let you know ways in which you can help the Group in general and in the long run help your own boy to enjoy his life with "Leander"; in this way you can do something to keep the Group going at its present standard.

The recent Swimming Gala was a great success, and it was nice to see a large number of people there. On Saturday, 28th June, we are having a grand Garden Fete at H.Q. and we hope every Mum, Dad, Sister, Brother, Aunt and Uncle will be there. While we hope to raise funds for the Group, it is also intended as an opportunity for parents and friends of the Group to meet one another. So please come and show your appreciation of what the Group is doing for the present Scouts (YOUR BOYS) and what it has done for those of past generations.

GORDON BIDEN. Chairman of "Leander" Supporters Association.

SWIMMING GALA - 1958.

A traditional "Leander" event was revived on Saturday 17th May, when, after a lapse of many years, the Group held its own Swimming Gala at the Kingston Baths. Organised by the Old Scouts Branch, a full programme of events was carried through with commendable speed. First the Cubs showed what they could do, and then there were straight races and a diving competition for the Scouts. All events were keenly contested, and generally there was a noticeable improvement in the standard. To add variety, obstacle, cork and plate races were included all of which provoked a good deal of laughter. A display of canoe-rolling with commentary, given in the interval by the well-known canoeists Leonard and Pat Leach, was most interesting. The second part of the programme was mainly for the older members of the Group, and contained events for competitors from other Scout Groups. The Rovers displayed great energy in the number of events in which they competed. Some of them admitted they were somewhat exhausted by so much exercise, but all survived. A popular race was the Mixed Relay in which four teams each consisting of a Scout, a Senior Scout, a Rover, and a Guildsman, competed. It was won by the team led by the Vice-Chairman of the Guild.

To end a well-balanced programme, the bath lights were dimmed, and members of the Guild gave a display of underwater swimming, during the course of which they picked up small coins thrown into the bath, in aid of the Kingston Spastic Society. During the course of the evening, the programme was interrupted from time to time by the activities of two gentlemen, who would insist in falling into the bath fully clothed, and then gave their version of canoe-rolling.

The Trophies and Certificates were presented by the Mayor of Kingston, who with the Mayoress and the President of the Local Association was among the spectators. The Group is greatly indebted to the Old Scouts for all the work they put into what proved to be a very successful Gala. We only hope this may once more become an annual event in the "Leander" calendar.

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RANDOM JOTTINGS.

This year the total earned by the Group during "Bob-a-Job" Week was £77.19.5d. After paying the quota due to Headquarters, there is almost £56 available for the Group. The amount earned works out at 18/6d per head, which is the highest we have achieved and is well above the National average.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Kingston-upon-Thames Local Association, held on 28th April, Messrs. D. Dow and R. Rainsley, "Leander" parents, were elected Lay Members of the Executive Committee, and Messrs. P. Burton and R. Dodge to represent the Troop Scouters and Senior Troop Scouters respectively. With so much "Leander" experience at its disposal there is no telling to what heights the "L.A." may aspire.

It had been hoped to complete "Sandling's" annual refit by Easter. Unfortunately considerably more work than was anticipated has proved necessary and this, coupled with the freak weather this Spring, has caused over 2 months delay. It had been intended this year to seek fresh cruising grounds on the South Coast, but it is now likely that this will prove impracticable.

COME TO ⁴⁶LEANDERS⁵³ GARDEN FETE

AT HEADQUARTERS,

(CARS TO ALBANY PARK ROAD ENTRANCE, PLEASE! PEDESTRIANS USE EITHER ENTRANCE.)

SATURDAY 28th JUNE

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commencing at 2.30 p.m.