

The official news sheet of the Leander scout Troop incorporating lines from the laughs and learnings of lots of last Leander layabouts.

SCOUTMASTERS SCRIBBLE

This month, first a bouquet. Last month's Church Parade attendance was the best for some considerable time. Which, of course, only shows that it can be done. Next month as you will see in the Forthcoming Attractions we shall not be having our usual monthly Church Parade but will be attending the District St. Georges Day Parade. May I take this opportunity of inviting all parents to join us at the service at All Saints Church Kingston at 3pm.

Spring having now sprung officially we are looking forward to a busy and interesting Summer. I hope parents will co-operate with us over weekend camps, dates which have to be fitted in with our other commitments. These too are listed in Forthcoming Attractions.

Two points now for the troop. First Bob-a-Job Week, which, now Kingston has been derestricted, should prove an even larger source of income for the Group. Do please get the jobs organised before the week starts, so that you don't spend most of your time tramping round looking for them. Do remember your fifth Scout Law and don't forget the Job Done labels.

Secondly St. Georges Day. We have the reputation of being the smartest Troop in Kingston, lets make sure this is so, both with uniform (see last month) and bearing on parade. Don't forget that for a great number of people this occasion is the only time that they see us, and we shall be very much on show especially as we shall be carrying the St. Georges Day Flag by virtue of winning the Camping Comp.

I know that I can depend on you to give of your very best at these two events.

PATROL LEADER'S NEWS

HERONS

There has been no report from this P.L. so we will use this space to have a few words. If you know you are going to be absent at a meeting tell us in advance so that the Scouters and your Patrol can make plans accordingly. Failure to do so will incur the wrath of all.

OTTERS

"Good Day!" This article was written on Saturday 25th March 1961. This is for certain parents who I am sure do not get this news sheet till at least a week later. I hope this will assist you to keep up to date. I am afraid there are two fairly unpleasant incidents. Colin Edwards (Ted) through unavoidable reasons has left. Our devoted third, Lorry, has had an accident involving his foot, but looking on the light side, it has given him time for doing tests for a change. However last month we won the Patrol Shield which was most encouraging for the Patrol.

NOGGIN

SEAGULLS As the last month has passed the Patrol have at last got down to using a bit of elbow grease (in other words 'hard type work'). Firstly before I ramble on, the Patrol has welcomed a cub into it's lair, namely Richard Young. Yes, it's another Richard, to settle this mix-up between my honoured unpaid etc. second and our new cub. The latter should be called amongst other names, Rikk., and ~~Smut~~ should be called Smut. (????? - Ed).

DAISY

STORKS Although Archie has passed his firelighting, and Scrubs his knots and lashings, the Storks test passing is in a shocking state. I hope this will be greatly improved within the next month, with some of the rest of the Patrol passing tests. Test passing will be easier now with weekend camps and longer nights. The first camp is April 8th. Don't forget!

CHRIS

BEAVERS

What's up Pip! - - - Forgotten how to write?

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTSGUIDE KNOTTING

Once a month the Scouters and P.L.s descend on the 3rd Kingston Guides and teach them knots. The following is the Guides view of us.

The return of the Sea Scouts was looked forward to by many Guides (fools!). Those not present before were soon told who were the nicest and which one their leader likes (no names supplied). One Guide, Brenda, nearly died of fright during a ride on the Shear Legs which the Scoutshad erected. The trouble came when they tried teaching us knots, some Guides wouldn't pay attention (they thought the Scouts more interesting than the knots!). The evening went well and the Guides all enjoyed themselves especially when outside being shown how to throw the lifeline. Thanks for coming.

ROSEMARY.

P.L. 3rd Kingston Guide Company.

THE JUMBLE SALE

All the latest crazes were to be found at the Jumble Sale. For instance, a practically complete, as new, bent railway: complete with an assortment of miscellaneous bent rails; crushed or otherwise deformed carriages and the latest accessories.

You are making dresses for Guides, you say? Then it must have been you that bought the tailor's dummies. You are well equipped for when you change your Guide, of course! The set was complete for all shapes of guides: big and fat, small and thin, etc.

In distress! Can anybody suggest a use for a shapely wooden leg, about 10 ins. high, which opens up on hinges, forming two symmetrical halves opened flat? The nett profit was £49 and I am told this is good as Jumble Sales go.

MITTEN

WELCOME

On March 4th we had a "Going Up Ceremony" and welcomed three Cubs, Richard Young, Andrew Smith, and Colin White into the Troop. The pack spent the afternoon in Richmond Park, returning to have tea with the Troop before going home.

LORRY

THE ROYAL VISIT

All P.L.s, Seconds, Thirds met at 13-45hrs outside the Steadfast Headquarters on Friday 24th March.

We were met there by Mr Maund the A.D.C. We were put into five files and marched to the war memorial. After half an hour or so we marched to the Market Place, where we lined the route at the alert. When the Queen came past the Scouters gave a smart salute. Her Majesty was met at the Guildhall by the Deputy Mayor of Kingston. Five Queen's Scouts were there lining the entrance. Chris Young, one of our Senior Scouts, was one of them.

While the Queen was in the Guildhall we crossed over to the other side of the Market, where we lined Thames Street while Her Majesty came past.

The rest of the troop met at the Cattle Market at 14-30hrs. They were lined up along Fairfield North in front of the crowd. As the Queen came past they stood at the alert. After leaving Kingston the Queen went to Windsor for the weekend.

BLOGG

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

I think that we, (meaning the troop), are Sea Scouts we should be 'Hard Men!' If everyone agrees with me on that point why do many people go, by car or get their kit taken for them when they go to camp? Are they just lazy good for nothing layabouts? Scouts, if they haven't got bikes, should go by train and take their kit with them!

DAISY

!!!! MY PATROL LEADER !!!!

The winning entry of last month's Competition:-

He describes himself as Handsome, Kind, Polite and Reserved.

Kind as according to the 6th scout law (Animals not including other members of the patrol). Handsome at parties; at other times he may be compared with "un gamin". Generous when giving jobs; "ad infinitum" when we are Duty Patrol. Polite when taking Subs; the politeness increases in direct proportion to the amount of subs one is paying. Reserved when writing down subs; he loves solitude at this crucial point to his personal income.

Apart from this, of course, he is a good chap.

(The Editor is threatened with violence if any names except Mr. X are mentioned in connection with this article, which is patents pending!)

MITTEN

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

It seems from the number of entries that were received that the competition is not appreciated. This month's competition will be to put forward suggestions for future competitions.

We hope you will support this but if there is no response we shall not have any more competitions. It's up to YOU!

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONSMARCH

1st Camp at Longridge for P.L.s and Seconds.

APRIL

5th J.Lomas-Clarke's Birthday

8th Seagulls and Storcks at camp.

8th Rover Dance at 1st Kingston Hill. (All welcome - 2/6d)

15th C.Hunt's Birthday

15th Herons, Otters and Beavers at camp.

23rd St. Georges Day Curch Parade. The Troop will meet at the rear of 82 Eden Street at 1400hrs.

19th First meeting of the Kingston Scout and Guide Club at Headquarters at 20 00hrs. Over 14½ only.

29/30th Surreypride Conference. (Report in next month's issue).

MAY

6/7th Weekend Camp at Polyapes for the whole Troop.

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG EARS

Really K..T.! You should take your 1st Class mapping again if you think the quickest way from H.Q. to 38 Chestnut Rd. is via the Towpath and Canbury Gardens. I hear it took you an hour. (Ri..y - please investigate).

I hear Lorry intends to take up acting. He is trying to get a part as Chester in Gun Law.

Br..n D.n..n is an expert on slaps --- receiving them that is!

I heard a remark at camp, "I have never seen N..ty cooking". This is because when he is cooking he is the centre of a dense smoke screen rising from the burnt offering.

Where's your sense of adventure Ri..y and D..id? I see at Polyapes you stayed nailed down to your campsite.

THREAT TO THE STEEL INDUSTRY! The Beaver Patrol have found a process where a material as hard as steel can be made from luncheon meat. See P.t.r for full details of this amazing process. He tells me there is also an underdone version for soling shoes.

Please accept our apologies for the typographic errors. Our normal typist was unavailable at the crucial moment. We extend our Best Wishes to all readers for an Eggy Easter.