

The official News Sheet of the Leander Sea Scout Troop incorporating lines from the laughs and learnings of lots of lazy loafing Leander layouts.

SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

Once again the Admiralty Inspection is upon us on Friday March 19th to be exact. After last year's glowing report we have a terrific job to maintain a similar standard this time. The programme and it's execution is the Scouter's and P.L.'s responsibility but turnout and smartness is the responsibility of each individual member. See that yours is as good as you can make it. A word to Mums. Please see that all those niggling holes in jerseys are darned up, stripes are white, garter tabs are replaced, and the whole lot gets dumped in the washing machine. Black scarves are very useful - they do not show the dirt, but when they get to the shiny stage! And if your sons cap looks as though he has rolled a steam roller over it could I please ask you to replace it. Get your little Willie to do his bit by seeing that his shoes look like an advert for Cherry Blossom and his plimsolls are clean. Thank you, I know you will.

Immediately after the Inspection John Evans, Michael Lush, Christopher Bell, and Michael Frith will be joining the Seniors to give them the extra scope that a fifty per cent increase in numbers will mean. For far too long a manpower shortage has curtailed their activities and as they plan an adventurous trip to the Isle of Arran this Summer there will be a lot of training needed.

I am pleased to be able to report that two parts of last month's stir have now been achieved. Both H. Rickard and John Lomas-Clarke have now qualified for their D of E Silver Award. My friend Beef seems likely to finish his Queen's Scout before the Admiralty Inspection. Should I say Congratulations or phew what a struggle! Congratulations to John Richardson on being invested as a scout, the first step in what I hope will be a long and successful Scout career.

One or two conversations recently have led me to write this next part. I quote "Your blokes seem to have lost the ability to rise to the occasion which was one of your biggest assets". "Nobody wanted to take the lead" "If I can't do it first time I seem to lose interest in trying to do it" "If I had really run I would have got my legs muddy" I leave these with you without comment.

My thanks for all the birthday gifts and greetings, especially for the cake which was greatly appreciated by all the family.

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PATROL LEADERS' NEWS

BEAVERS

What oh! This is the last piece of my own particular brand of culture I will contribute to the Troop. In other words the lucky Seniors are due for a 'UP LIFT'.

I must say I have enjoyed my years in the Troop and would like to thank my Patrol for backing me up! except! Andy, Fag, Jim, David, and Peaped, and to thank the Scoutmaster and Scouters for all they have done.

We should have won last month's competition. It would help if some people were here more often and came with clean shoes, hats, lanyards, sharp knives, etc. On this point I would like to compliment Andy and David for their good turnout at Scouts and smart uniforms etc. I hope the rest of you will follow their example, especially at Admiralty Inspection.

I hope Jim cools down and gets on with his second class and Peaped to get invested before I go up. Fag, Andy, David to get on with their First Class. (Start on the morse as soon as pos.)

I wish and I think too, that the rest of the Patrol and I would like to go to camp, or a row up river for the weekend.

I hope that the standard of teas will go up and the Beavers' tea will be back to the standard that Andy set up.

That's all

Johne.

HERONS

As you all know there is the Admiralty Inspection on March 19th and so everybody will be there immaculately dressed with a white lanyard, a white cap, etc., and no holes in your jumpers! We must all be thankful that Seagulls did not drop the tea over the galley floor again and so we had our reasonably filling meal. Only one person owes a great amount of subs, isn't there Mike? But I hope these will be paid up soon. Well I think that is all I have to write in my last few weeks as P.L. so farewell till we meet in greener pastures. Mike.

SEAGULLS

HELLO FOLKS (AND GOODBYE).

The sad day has come, yes, we are departing from this shambles and going into the Seniors on 21st March. Firstly to my new P.L. The first thing I would like you to do is arrange a few gig trips. Because of bad weather, here, here, I have been unable to do this, but if I had stayed I would have. The dreaded ADMIRALTY INSPECTION is drawing near, and I must ask Seagulls to forget their knowledge of mapping as I have to instruct you in this art.

I must congratulate the seconds who have put on some very good programmes. The standard meeting has improved because of more instruction and more boating and Wide Games. No doubt the rest of the Patrol will join me in saying how much we enjoyed the Wide Game on Ham Common. May I make one more suggestion to my successor, arrange a day camp, solely to put up and take down a tent several times. By doing this Robert and Mike might benefit in future camps. Also the Patrol did not do very well in the Patrol Competition, so lets see an improvement.

One more event to go - two Saturdays ago Hugh and Mitt arranged an emergency course on Rescue from a smoky room. Hugh made the room thick with smoke and made himself the "unfortunate person" who had to be rescued. After Seagulls (that's us) had dragged Hugh into a wet puddle we were severely criticised but after three more tries we proved to be the BEST patrol at it. Back to the Patrol in further Scouting, and Cheerio.

Chris

STONES

I was very pleased when the Patrol won the Patrol Competition. Well lets keep it up and make sure that the rest do not overtake us again. The achievements of the Patrol were:

John - to pass his tenderfoot and to be enrolled. Well done John, keep it up.

Stephan - none that I know of.

Chris - none that I know of.

Brian - to pass his shear legs, try for his Bo'sun's Mate badge which unfortunately he failed but is still trying. Well done.

Mo - passed estimation.

As you know the Admiralty Inspection takes place on 19th March. For the Patrol Instruction I am going to teach you buoys and how to mark a channel. For the rest you will be told what's what soon. But I want you to make yourselves smarter - so spruce yourselves up.

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FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTThe Boatswain's Mate Course

This course started in about November 1964 while a Signallers Badge Course and a first class course were also in progress. The Boatswain's Mate is a very important badge for Sea Scouts and I think that every member of the troop should try to get it. There are a great variety of bends and hitches to learn, also eye and short splices. These last two things, once learnt, need a lot of practice to get perfect but the bends and hitches are comparatively easy. One of the most important parts of this badge is the learning and the practice of the various calls that have to be learnt on the Boatswain's Call. Most members of the troop should know some of these calls as they are used during troop meetings, but only sometimes. The badge also entails the scout taking a prominent part in making a boat seaworthy. This means re-varnishing and/or re-painting, fitting out with painters, fenders, cars, crutches, etc.

When taking the badge the examiner will look for neatness and technique above all. Speed counts also as you have to do everything I have mentioned (except the boat refitting) in about 2 hours, so if you are not quick with splices etc. you will not finish in time.

Andy

P.S. I am writing this on the day I take the badge, so wish me luck!

Leander Social Evening

Hello once again. Well as most of you know there was a Social evening last Friday. It was supposed to start at 7.30 but most of the people started rolling in about 8 o'clock. Of course Jimmy was the first to start eating. They had hired a Group. Dancing went on and then there was a game of Bonga, and at the same time there was refreshments.

Then there was dancing again and nearly everyone joined in the "knees up Mother Brown". Then the Group said that they would give the first man and woman a prize to who could get or tell or do something first. One of these was to tell him two dates on any one coin. Then dancing came around once more and it was time at last to end the evening with one last dance. Sadly it ended at 11 o'clock and so that's all folks.

Brian E.

Kingstonian versus Finchley

While all the good scouts were at the troop meeting last Saturday three bad boys went to the Amateur Cup Quarter Final, and so that the goodies don't feel too hard done by here's a report of the match from one of the baddies!

Fag, Alan Butler (a friend), and I queued for about five minutes, arriving late for the "kick-off". At first the K's had most of the play and Finchley's first goal 15 minutes from half time was against the run of play. Their centrehalf crossed to the inside left, who, beating a back cut into the penalty area. Brian Wakefield, the goalkeeper, came out and instead of shooting the inside forward sent a low ball across the goalmouth for Finchley's left winger to flick it into the open goal.



There was jubilation amongst Finchley's supporters (of which there were many) but disappointment amongst the K's crowd. Play continued but not so skillfully. Seconds later Slade dribbled past two men and shot at a most acute angle beating the goalkeeper - the ball just swerved outside the far post. This was the nearest K's got to scoring for the rest of the match.

So Kingstonian kicked off 1-0 down in the second half. They rounded the Finchley defence but their shots either flew over the cross bar, or narrowly missed the corner flag. Their play really lacked punch and Finchley topped it off with another goal in the 74th minute. The right winger of Finchley sent a high centre from a corner. It was cleared to Vince but he was dispossessed and the ball was passed to the centre forward who sent a low shot into a confused Kingstonian defence. Wakefield was unrighted and had no chance to save the ball which was not stopped by the defenders. (2-0) Kingstonian's next chance led to disaster when Johnny McCormack ran onto a through ball and collided with the Finchley goalkeeper. Johnny was carried off with a suspected fractured leg. Now with only ten men and two goals down Kingstonian were really up against it and their play did not justify then a goal which never came. The final whistle went and Finchley, the better side, qualified for the semi-final.

Kipper

The Lifeboat Service

Unfortunately Prof was too lazy to write this article. Perhaps if others follow his example the next Lash-Up will consist of four blank sides of paper - that is if one of us isn't too lazy to staple them together.

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONSMarch

- 26th M.Frith's Birthday.
 27th JUMBLE SALE St.Luke's Hall Elm Rd Jumble to H.Q.
 29th M.Dornan's Birthday.

April

- 1st M.Lash's Birthday.
 3rd County Scout A.G.M. at Riverhead School. Seniors and Rovers.
 4th J.Lomas-Clarke's Birthday.
 10th-11th Master Helmsmans Course - Longridge.
 15th-19th Easter Camp for P.L.s, Seconds, holders of the Oarsmans Badge.
 25th St.George's Day Parade. Meet 2.15 at 82a Eden Street.

and you won't forget the Admiralty Inspection on Friday, will you Skippers?

THREE MORE ROVERS

On Tuesday 9th March after the troop meeting the Rover Crew were very pleased to welcome three more fully fledged Rovers, namely, Daisy, Peter Hunter, and Paul L-C. They have been on probation for some months now as Rover Squires. Five Rovers and Bruce attended the short ceremony which was conducted by Skipper.

Becoming a Rover is not easy and certainly not automatic on leaving the Senior Troop, and I'm sure that all the Group would like to congratulate Leander's three newest Rovers.

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG EARS

We've thought for some time that B.f. needed a nurse.

Someone should tell P..l.. that high diving, especially feet first, is not yet accepted as part of the Venturer Badge.

Any more of those type of hand signals S...rt and the van may be without the driver's door.

F..f was rather worried to find a report of him attending a football match in the Lash-Up. Can you explain why Mrs.L...ll?

A sad loss to the troop, but a happy gain to the Seniors.....
.....or vice versa...

Seen at the Social -- J.E..n. dancing with Ak..a A bit older than his usual line in birds.

J..L..C's Birthday is actually on the 5th. We allowed for a leap year. (That's our story and we're sticking to it).

P..P..S. to the P.S. on page 2. He passed.

Four teams of Rovers have entered the Barker Cup Hike. Has Keith yet broken the news that they can't take the van?

RIKKI'S COFFEE EVENING

If all you Mums obey the Scoutmaster's instructions for preparing your son for the Admiralty Inspection next Friday then you'll NEED to go to

33 NORBITON HALL, LONDON RD.,

at 7.30

and rest with a nice cup of coffee, and lots of other Mums in the same state. Don't forget to take along your husband and some goods for the Bring and Buy sale which will be going on during the evening.

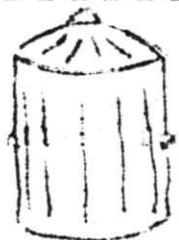
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(In case you hope/are worried that it's one of "THOSE" parties, it's not your husband we want for the Bring and Buy Sale !)

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Recent Senior Activities have not been particularly adventurous, but with programmes (still enjoyable) including: canoeing trips to the weir, pioneering on the islands, sailing, and boat maintenance.

Attendance at the Leander Social were marked by the absence (without excuse) of: Phillip, Archie, Alan, and Steven; and absentees at the K.N.L.I. Service were: Phillip and Archie. These instances do not, however, reflect the general trend, as attendance, on the whole, has been quite reasonable.

Another patrol reshuffle has been accomplished, so from now on (till when, I don't know) they will stand thus:

Scott	Watkin
Hugh	Beefy
John	Archie
Philip	Alan
	Steven

and Abe as Troop Leader.

Preparations for Summer Camp have been going ahead to such an extent that the camp itself might almost end up as an anti-climax; although I doubt it. The dates are 8th - 22nd August, at the Isle of Arran, Scotland, where walking, rock-climbing, sailing, and canoeing are all possible.

I will leave tomorrow to carry on with your Cross-Country training (hint, hint, plug, etc.) for, of course, 20th March (Saturday).

Another attraction (forthcoming also) is our trip to Box Hill with Mr Bob Hughes, and a concert at the Royal Festival Hall, arranged by Mark. Both are on 4th April (Sunday).

John L-C

A BADGE EXAMINER'S VIEWPOINT

After reading the last Lash Up, Mr Hughes, who recently examined the Seniors for the Venturer Badge, asked if he could make a contribution to this edition. We are pleased to include the following article from him.

In the Senior Scout Supplement of the last issue mention was made of the "complete failure of three members of the Senior Troop" to pass a Venturer incident test, and this was followed by an exciting account of the various activities pursued during subsequent weeks to "get everyone up to the required standard of fitness". Such an account gives away much more than the writer either intended or imagined.

The requirements of the Scout Proficiency Tests are not examination questions but guides to the standard expected in a particular subject. It is easy to set an applicant a test and then to pass or fail him at the end; but this way does not help the Scout very much. It is far better for the examiner to put various tasks in the way of the candidate so that he might measure himself against them and decide for himself whether he is of the standard required to receive the proficiency award. If he is of a satisfactory standard this is the time for the examiner to teach him some other aspect of the subject - a finer point perhaps - for he is then at the peak of his ability so far in that subject.

If however the Scout is not of the required standard it is best that he should decide this for himself and resolve to make good his failings as quickly as possible. This is just what happened in the recent Venturer test.

But the most important outcome of that evening's episode has been the stimulus it has provided to the Seniors to improve their physical and technical ability in one particular subject. The report in the last issue describes the repeated attempts at the simplest of pioneering projects - simplest maybe but still apparently not mastered judging by the phrases "down the rope, which was unfortunately too slack", "luckily he surfaced", and "up to his waist in water", and "with ear-splitting incantations he plunged 15ft". Now had the Scouters of any Troop suggested that his Scouts could not crawl across a rope or construct a simple runway he would have been met with a cry of indignation. Yet we have seen that the Leander Seniors have decided to "spend their time" on the most fundamental of Scout activities and had much enjoyment doing it.

Surely this deserves some reflections by Scouts and Scouters alike - here is hidden the key to useful - enjoyable and more successful Scouting.