

### SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

Once again this month I feel I must write about the casual attitude of some members of the Troop to membership, even though the traditional season of goodwill to all men is upon us. In a recent conversation with one young gentleman, he remarked, "Of course you don't have to come on Tuesdays, and in any case, you can always plead extra homework: everyone does." And the other member who said, "It's not really necessary for me to come on Saturdays, is it?" This during a period when Scouts from Chessington, Toddington, Hampton Hill, and West Molesey were managing to come here on Tuesdays and cope with homework.

Still we have a brighter side - Blondy has finished his First Class, which is more than others can say, and no less than eight First Aid badges were gained last week. Not so successful however were our football team, whose exploits are related elsewhere. Still I understand that some of the opposition were old enough to shave daily.

As I write this two of our fishier types are being tested for their Anglers badge next door having carried in rods etc., though how one is tested indoors I fail to understand.

Christmas greetings to all readers.

B.

### PATROL LEADERS' REPORTS

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What-oh folks and the others. Well done to Andy, David, Jonathan, Noddy for being in the Beaver Patrol. I'm glad that most of you are doing well. Apart from Jim, who decided to retire a couple of weeks ago, most of us are still here. Only coming third in the monthly competition wasn't very good. All of us turned up for Church Parade except for David (shame). Anyhow dib dib dib and dob dob dob for now,

GAF.

HERONS

I am very disappointed in the attendance and scruffiness of my Patrol. Some people don't have knives (Chalkie), some come down as if they had crawled through a hedge backwards (Kim). You want to take an active interest in the Patrol and stop showing off. We are going to win the Patrol shield next time or some people are going to have a rough time. Troop meetings are on Tuesday and Saturday and you have to attend both. I hope Proff will be able to take his First Aid badge soon. Alan wants to hurry up and finish his Second Class. Kim the layabout wants to get his Second Class book out and learn something if he can read. Chalkie is the same and I want to see all of you with your Second Class Badge by Summer.

I am planning a hike when you have half-term (or a Saturday), you will not have to wear uniform but it will probably be near Box Hill.

I hope you will have a Happy Christmas

EDWARD

SEAGULLS

Greetings of the month brethren. I will start December's epistle off by saying:

Soon after the last Lash-Up Seagulls won the October Patrol Competition. Then, just before this edition we found we had won the November edition HALLELUJAH!

Also since the last edition Seagulls have: firstly, enlarged their badge quota by three, Gordon with his First Aid and myself with my firefighter and First Aid badge; secondly, given four members to the football team, which has played two games, drawing the first 5-5 and losing the second 12-1 !!!

Before my pen runs out I would like to say two things. Firstly, do not forget the party on the 18th at 4 p.m. and the fact that the Seagulls are bringing enough sandwiches for two people and any spare decorations. Secondly, the Patrol wish luck to Gordon Graham who will take his Angler's Badge on the 18th and bring (we hope) our proficiency badge total up to 97!!!

With the ink running out I wish my Patrol and the A.S.M.'s and the S.M. and the G.S.M. a Happy Christmas.

Goodbye,

BUG.

### STORKS

Dear Readers,

Congratulations to myself by gaining my First Class and again along with Kipper on passing our First Aid badge. I was quite glad to see that we have done much better in the Patrol Competition, 2nd, and I hope we will keep up this good standard.

I was hoping that the patrol would come forward and ask me if they could do a project, but now I see I will have to bring it up before them. Oh! I've remembered. Will all the Patrol start to think where we could go for Saturday (not our party Saturday) but when the Cubs are having their Christmas party.

Please if you are unable to be at a single Troop meeting please will you try and inform me. As you all know or should know Christmas is coming and it would be a nice gesture if you were to send Christmas cards to the Patrol, Scouters, and any other people in the Troop you like. Please don't send them by post because you can bring them down to the Troop meeting nearest Christmas (Tuesday)

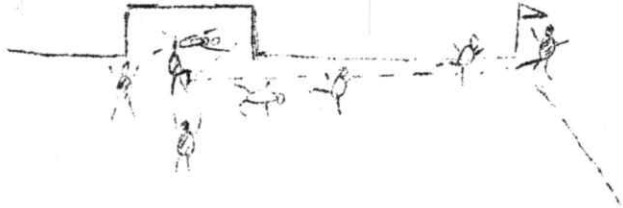
Well that's all for now and will you please bring down anything for the Patrol board and tell me any suggestions what you would like the Patrol to do.

BLONDY (the greatest)

### FOOTBALL

At great expense a special report on the key match on the footballing calendar - Leander Casuals versus Norbiton United, by your roving reporter David (Kipper Herring) Coleman.

At the kick-off our gallant band consisted of a whole seven men, note Chalkie and co. Our ranks were so thin that we were given a Norbiton player. Still, Leander to the last were willing to fight to the bitter end. Indeed, the end did not seem far away for we conceded two goals in twenty-five minutes. Unperturbed by our precarious position, our dogged team battled on to score from a corner: Fag took the kick, the ball sped through umpteen pairs of legs to our man from Norbiton who pushed it into the net 1-2.



After this achievement, Steve scored a great goal from outside the goal area 2-2. This was the score at half-time, it was indeed an achievement for we were attacking uphill into a fierce wind! By now our numbers had increased by five and we were able to return our Norbiton hero.

Unfortunately we did not take advantage of the wind and the slope of the pitch, both in our favour. Instead Norbiton went two goals up, and deservedly so. Still our band of heroes refused to submit and Fag got two more goals to equalize. Now we were all over them and fighting for "the winner", but to our dismay Norbiton broke away from defence to hammer in a break-away goal. Time was getting short, and if we were to uphold the great Leander footballing record we realized that we must strike quickly. We did; it was another goal from Lenthall that secured a draw 5-5. The final whistle went and we walked to the dressing room after a first-class match.

KIPPER

(To prevent the football team becoming too big-headed, we ought to mention that they lost their last match, against I.K.H., and I think the referee must have lost count!)

### THE BAZAAR

The Bazaar was held on the 20th November, at the Tudor Hall. It was dull, and it rained lightly for most of the day. At about 2.30 the Scouts formed a guard of honour, and we waited in the rain until Mr G.F. Davidson, Assistant County Commissioner for Sea Scouts came.

Inside the gaily decorated hall he gave a short opening speech, and soon the stalls were busy. Business was quite good, and the moneys gained totalled £80 (I think), thanks to the efforts of the committee and helpers.

JOHN

A PROTEST!

As a temporary postman over Christmas, I feel very strongly about people who send Christmas cards, and even more so about people who actually sell them. I hear that Mac and some of the Rovers have peddled literally thousands of these infernal things to Leander parents and supporters. What's more he has been making money out of it!..... about £30 is being added to the profits of the bazaar, and about £14 to the Rovers' fund for the replacement of "Sandling". I think it is appalling that people can make financial gain out of such persecution of the poor postmen!

MITT

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

December 18th...Blondy's birthday

28th...Normal Troop meeting (if such a thing exists!)

30th...District P.L.'s gathertogther at Leander. 2 p.m.

January 1st....Stefan's birthday

8th.....Patrol outings.            Cub party at H.Q.

28th....Gordon's birthday.

31st....Noddy's birthday.

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG BASS

I hear Noddy has started work with a boat repairer.

Eag seems to have had a bad attack of "Tuesday-amnesia" recently.

Bug, will you confine your new game to rolled newspapers, and not use the Troop colour?

Daisy has been love-sick recently; still, she's back in the garden now.

You prefer eight people to four, do you, P.??

The next Lash-Up will be written with Senior ball-point pens, all 60 copies of it! (By order - the Admiral)

THE SENIORS' WORDS OF WISDOM - -Supplement

Our boatswain's course has now finished, after about eight weeks, and we would all like to thank Mr Hughes and his assistants i.e. Peter, Daisy, Abo, Keith, for their help. We are starting a slightly new type of programme now, hoping to bring in boatswain's work, as well as other activities.

The Senior Scouts' Own held last Sunday proved very successful, and it meant that we could do more by ourselves for ourselves.

Funds are being raised now, by bargain-beating ball-points, fantastic value for money at only 9d each or 3 for 2/-. These wonderful writing instruments are boldly inscribed:

"LEANDER" (KINGSTON)  
SEA SCOUTS

In glorious gold paint; so buy now while stocks and prices last.

The Summer Camp '66 will be in Western France, on the coast, near La Rochelle, probably on the Isle of Oleron. For this adventurous project our finances need to be in a good state for the necessary extra gear, so everybody buy, buy, buy, or sell, sell, sell.

Sorry, no more pearls of wisdom.

Senior Scribe, JOHN.

P.S. If typists' errors are incurred, so will be my wrath.

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING ALL OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR.