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GROUP SCOUT LEADERS GRIBBLE(see last issue).

After one of the peaks of the year the N.S.S.R. and this year as always its triumphs and disappointments, and the transplants of Cub Scout to Troop, and Scout to Venture Unit, we are now settling down to the years work and play; I hope these will in due course bear fruit.

For a group as richly endowed with facilities as ours; I feel these should show more in knowledge gained, tests passed, and the resulting badges displayed. This has not been so, and it was brought home to me when filling in the forms for Admiralty recognition.

I should also like to see more involvement of parents in the affairs(?) of the group. The load which only a few parents carry in raising money, and helping in other ways would be so much lighter if shared among all. Some of those who are most actively involved have sons who are Scouts, and even have passed from the group. So how about it, all those whose boys we are helping now?

One other point which concerns me is the poor attendance at our monthly Scouts Owns'. For the benefit of those who do not know a Scouts Own is a non-denominational service run by Scouts for Scouts.

When a boy becomes a Scout the first part of the promise he makes is to do his duty to God. In an open front such as ours, this is the only method of corporate worship; we should be failing in our duty as Scouters if we did not encourage all members toward this.

Parents will you please ensure that your boy is able to attend at 10 a.m. on the second Sunday in every month?

My best Christmas wishes to all who read this.
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SEAGULLS. On November 9th. Michael, Dominic and I helped to distribute and sell Poppies for which Mrs. Dunmore was most grateful for our help. Now back to the patrol-Welcome to Andrew Neil(Nelly); hope you are going to be happy in Seagulls. I am glad to see that a lot more tests have been passed especially Michael who has only one more test to do in his Oarsmans badge. We all like Stevens new hat, let's hope he keeps it as clean as it is now. Thanks Patrick your doing a great job as a seconder keeping or should I say helping to keep this 'lot' under control with ME.

signing out now NICK.

“???? I have once again been asked to write about the Perfect patrol. We Well have only a Perhaps almost perfect, we have some faults after all; we owe a few pennies in subs, and we didn't come first in the Patrol competition. We will win the next one though. But now to criticise the Patrol: Can I have hardly seen anything of

you, if you cant come(ed:to troop meetings?) ring 9469299 this goes for the rest of the patrol. Alan keep up your rate of passing boatman badge tests, but start on a few Adv. Sct. Std. tests(never satisfied, is he?). Herby should do a few tests, and the same goes for the rest of the patrol.

We are going for a hike in a fortnight; I will expect to see you all there. The troop are going ice skating at Richmond soon and I hope you will all die there too.

Your obedient servant Simon.

P.S. I will give 6d (wow!) to the first person to punch Mole in the teeth hard enough to make his lips swell out.

The patrol article from Peter Kelly was so illiterate that it was sent back, and he has been too lazy to write another 1.

Did you know your Dentist's car registration; that Ark lives on a burial ground (these you have known!) or that they've moved the Coronation Stone - the fools! - well nor did Haiti, she does now: we've been studying "Know your local History and Geography." GREAT STUFF, try our museum for an expedition & afterwards go through to the Gallery up the stairs & see Kingston in Ye Olde Roman Times-really worth it. (Forsythe Saga's got nothing on this!

SCOUTLEADERS SCRIBBLE (Ch.2.)

This month the Lash-Up is expanding to become the news-sheet of the whole Group, as opposed to the troop. The Water Rat (due out shortly) continues as the 'prestige' publication of the group for circulation to Chief Scouts, Bank Managers, etc., while the Lash-Up is where everyone complains about everyone else, and also where the unexpurgated versions of all the group activities appear. It is being produced under the dynamic new editorship of bruvver Andy, and will doubtless appear only every two months. The Lash-Up is not the only "thing" under new management- after Christmas I am going abroad for a few months, so Mitt will be taking over until he goes back to Cambridge after Easter (and the best of British.....)

This time of year is not exactly ideal for Sea Scouting, although the keener members of the troop do tend to press on regardless, so there is more emphasis on other activities: two P.L's have been gliding, most of the troop have been hiking (one patrol in pouring rain, one in fog, & two in a temperature of -6.C.). Various other strange happenings have also occurred.

However the progress made in badge work is minimal as far as most are concerned; as a reminder, you should get your Scout Standard on your twelfth birthday and this should be followed almost immediately by the Boatman Badge, (and every 11 year old should pass his swimmers badge,).

It is also probably worth reminding you that it is also Patrol Leaders, not the Scouters, who should test you on Scout Standard tests.

I would like to thank Mrs. Blackmore for making the splendid cake that was raffled at the parents meeting last week; nearly ten pounds were raised altogether. And finally (ed:at last!) congratulations to Michael Mowbray & Glenn Campbell on joining the troop.

PETE

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS:

- Dec 25: CHRISTMAS DAY
- Dec 27: Venture Scouts "Dynamo Four."
- Jan 1: Stefans birthday.
- Feb 2: Full moon.
- Feb 18: Shrove tuesday (Pancake Day.)
- March 16: Mothers Day.
- March 23: Passion (?) Sunday.
- April 5-7: Easter weekend:
 - Devises to Westminster canoe race.
 - P.L's expedition
 - V.S.U. in Westerly?
- May 24-26: Whitsun weekend.
- June 15: Fathers Day.
- Sept. 1: Summer bank holiday.
- Nov. 9: Remembrance day.

The editor asks all contributors to make every article submitted for publication legible and in a suitable language (preferably English).

MORE FORTHGOING ATTRACTIONS

- Dec 24: Group tent taking down competition 19.30 All Saints Church.
- Jan 12: Rock climbing (P.L's.)
- Feb 23: District Patrol Leaders course.
- March 16: District Orienteering competition.
- July 4: ADMIRALTY INSPECTION.
- July 26-AUG 8: Summer Camp. (possible date)

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The Venture Scout Leader was requested to submit an article for this edition of the Lash-Up. This is it:

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Miles from London:

6, 34, 76, 125, 5, 321.

The Lash-up now publishes ~~exlax~~ extracts from the report of the Admiralty Inspection carried out by lieutenant Commander A.Ginn R.N. The full report will be printed in the next Water-Rat.

Leander (Kingston) Sea Scouts.

I inspected this group at their Headquarters, Lower Ham Road Kingston and afloat on the Thames at 1930 on the 27th September 1968.

The group were assembled in four patrols with a substantial Venture Scout Unit to the rear, the overall impression in common with other 'taut' groups was simplicity in dress, black except for the cap and lanyard, the Venture Unit crisp and smart in the new rig.

A few caps need renewal and some badges need re-positioning.

In the Wardroom the venture Scouts tackled the Navigational problems which I had set them. The P.L's instructing their teams knew their subject and used good instructional aids.

I presented one D of E Gold and one Silver Award.

Kingston have almost completely aligned with the new design for scouting, they are slightly lower in numbers since the last inspection.

An example to good scouting I strongly recommend continuance of Royal Naval Recognition.

Lieutenant Commander A.Ginn R.N.
(Inspecting Officer for
Admiral Commanding Reserves)

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from the undergrowth by BIG EARS.

I see that because of the squeeze B_no had to wash his car.

B_g might be collecting papers for Westerly 'White Dove' but most of the group are collecting paper to help pay for our recent acquisition-'Greylag of Meon'. (See March '68 Lash-UP.)

From the ed's dictionary: UNIT- a single thing or person; the least whole number; therefore, in theory no one should complain when only one member of the V.S.U. turns up to a Scouts Own.

Is J-nat-an going to start commuting to Weybridge? How can you arrange to go out with a girl two weeks before you know her?

Has D--sy started up a business in gold teeth? or is it just an investment?

Does B--b-ra charge sixpence a cup for coffee after her parties too? _itt-is the _ate_ at extinct or just hibernating?

After only two months as Sc--tl---er , P--er has been sent to Abu Dhabi by his doctor for a complete rest.

Can anyone explain why a pair of jeans belonging to J-n-th-n were found at H.Q. after a recent V.S.U. party.

Quotation of the month: 'I won't go out in the K.1. in case I turn over'. (P-t-r W-st)

A good feature of the rig of a Westerly Windrush is that it does not have a gaff. (M--e and N-c- please note.)

Jean's what?

VENTURESCOUTFUNDRAISINGVENTURESCOUTFUNDRAISINGVENTURESCOUTFUNDRAISING

The venture scout executive committee (Andy, John and Brian.) has recently aquired a number of packets of Basildon Bond Notepaper and envelopes. To raise money we are selling these at a price lower than the shop price. Any parents or friends wishing to place an order should contact John Roberts at 65 Albany Park Road, or ring him at 546.0065.

The Venture scout unit are also collecting old newspapers, these should be tied in bundles (magazines separately) and left at the headquarters. Collection can be arranged by ringing the above telephone number or asking any venture scout.

The Unit is also available for any light femovals, tree felling or other jobs carried out in view of a donation to the V.S.U. funds.

Any other ideas for fund raising for the unit should be sent to the above address.