



The Water Rat

Newsletter of Leander Sea Scouts

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The Inspecting Officer arrives by gig



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Busy Beavers

We're already half way through the Summer term and have been incredibly busy Beavers. It's been a time of change in leadership; we have said goodbye to Amy but hello to Simon and Chris. We have seen three Beavers move on to Cubs and one move away, so have taken on four new Beavers.



St George's Day is one of the key dates in the Scouting calendar; we had an impressive 13 Beavers at the parade, and they all had a chance to carry the flag. A big thank you to everyone who donated something for the 'Gifts for Peace' appeal; a total of 158 boxes were collected by the District which have been sent to orphanages in Russia and Belaruse.

We were very lucky to have police officer Vicky Washington visit the

Colony for an evening. We learned about the skills needed to do the job, had a chance to try on hats and handcuffs and then played a game of Blink Murder!

Every six weeks we go to Teddington Pool and either work towards the staged swimming badge or play in the learner pool. Charlie (7) says: "It is great swimming. Last time I went I finished my swimming badge which made me really happy. I really like playing underwater soldiers with Archie. It is fun because it is nearly bedtime when we swim so we get to stay up late."

At the beginning of May Toby (6) went on a District Scientific Afternoon to find out what happens; this is what he had to say: "We cleaned some pennies, just by putting them in some lemon juice and then we made some film pots explode. I liked the penguin biscuit best!"



There were lots of science bases and hopefully next year Leander will have their own and be able to invite all of the rest of the Beavers along.

As part of the Royal Kingston District we took part in the Centenary Camp at Polyapes and enjoyed our visit on Sunday 27th May, despite the wet weather.

Karen



Cubs enjoy the Rain!

The cubs have participated in the district five-a-side football competition and got through to the quarter finals. They were in very good spirits despite torrential rain.

We had fun orienteering to and around Isabella Plantation in Richmond Park; I'm not sure what the deer made of 25 cubs on a quiet Spring evening!! The same goes for tracking and then a quick march, practically in darkness, back to Ham Gate.



The Cubs that went on the Centenary Camp enjoyed it, once again despite the inclement weather, it's all character building!

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Cubs show their skills at the Inspection