

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

### SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

Once again its Lash-Up time and as the tempo mounts with the temperature its difficult to know quite where to start. Easter Camp will be reported elsewhere, but from all of us I am sure, a very hearty expression of goodwill to Jo on his new job and thanks for all his co-operation and friendliness.

My congratulations to all of you on the smashing of our Bob-a-Job target of £1 by a margin of 3.3 shillings per head, with a total of £36 2s 3d. Quite a lot of work was done at H.Q. during the Easter holidays. We now also have a chartroom door that shuts.

Finally a few words about St. Georges Day. I have heard several remarks on the troop's smartness on parade, and on the St. Georges flag colour party both outside and particularly inside the church. So all the marching practice was worth while!

Must close now as my supply of bouquets is running out. The brickbats will probably come next month.

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### PATROL LEADER'S NEWS

HERONS Sires, and the rest, but for the keen signaller (D.G.) not much has been done in the way of tests. It is also time that someone learnt that it is not best to go up to ones P.L. when everyone else is "fell in" and say "Cy! What about testing my First Aid?"

Attendance is not up to it's usual standard, nor the "factory chimneys act", but improvements next month would mean a rise in the competition. In this case, as in so many others, the spirit is willing though the flesh is weak.

KEITH

OTTERS How are things with you? I forgot to mention in my last article that we have two new members in our patrol. One of these (no names mentioned) larks about a bit too much. They are Barry Hutchings and Andrew Smith. (brother to the Mr. Smith in the Seagulls). Last week we lost the Patrol Shield for this month but I hope we can soon win it back. I must congratulate Brian on only having two more tests in his First Class to do, but I am afraid that it will be a long time before L.L.R. gets to this stage. But on the whole the Patrol is improving I am proud to say.

Yours sincerely, G. HOCKHAM

SEAGULLS The first event on the month was the Patrol being presented with the Patrol Shield.

The second event was the weekend camp, 7th-9th. Everyone arrived softly (I wonder how much they paid Mr. Andrews and Mr. Washbourne?) However the camp went fairly well and I think that everyone enjoyed themselves.

On the 15th at H.Q. Richard fell and hurt his ankle badly, but I'm glad to say its nearly better now.

The St. Georges Day Parade turn-out in the Seagulls was good but Bloggs please get some garter tabs soon!

Bye for now, DAISY

STORKS After our first weekend camp I am sure you are looking forward to the next. A few more tests have been passed although the Storks are still falling in the competition. Lets have some more tests! The next camp is May 6th. Do not forget. I was glad to see most of the Patrol there although as usual at the St. Georges Day Parade some were noticed by their absence.

CHRIS

BEAVERS The first thing I would like to say is "Thank you John for the gift of two Sheath Knives for the use of the Patrol at camp". It was unfortunate that he was not at the camp to use them.

Another point I would like to mention about the first weekend camp is that it was very successful except for one mishap which I will not talk about. I was very disappointed when the Patrol came last in the monthly competition, so next time BEAVERS pull your socks up - including the P.L.

P.L. PIP

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTSST. GEORGES DAY CHURCH PARADE

The turnout was a good one -- there being about 26 boys. Everyone was smart and punctual except .... the Scoutmaster who I suppose is priveleged! (He was smart though). The marching was good (as the D.S.M. Mr. Ted Boddy predicted), but after each piece of marking time the Troop took off like a Rocket for the Moon! (As Sticky predicted).

For some unknown reason -- (probably because the Troop saw everybody else do it) everyone remembered to take off their caps before entering the church. The behaviour inside the church was good even when Mitten read the Law. As we went past the Mayor only two people did the 'eyes left' and no-one swung their arms!!

The A.D.C., Mr. Maund, blundered badly at the end of the Parade because we were told by him to dismiss. So that when Mac and Muff arrived they found their precious Boy Scouts pounding after the Guides. However they got us back to Eden Street, even if we did mow down an old lady standing by the entrance, or I wouldn't be telling the story now -- would I?

NUTTY

(H.W. RICKARD)

EASTER CAMP

Soon after 8.00am. on Good Friday morning, the Scouters and most of the P.L's and Seconds left H.Q. in Mr. Andrews' van, (and Bruno's car) after waking the members of the Sailing Club who were staying at H.Q. over Easter.

We soon arrived at Longridge, which is near Marlow. Two of the tents were very full:--the store tent, which appeared to contain hundreds of tin and our tent, where for the first few minutes every night, the air was alive with, "Move over, Get off my kit!" "Move your big fat ---- off me!"

On Saturday we rowed to Henley, nearly 10 miles each way (although it seemed much more). The inhabitants of Henley must have been quite surprised to see a motley band of wet plimsolled Sea Scouts meandering around the town in search of a Cafe. Keith went into a TV shop to ask who won the Boat Race!

At about 10.30pm. on Sunday night we all got into Doug's Dormobile (Doug is the A.S.M. of a certain local unmentionable Sea Scout Troop) we blindfolded ourselves, and were driven to the middle of nowhere. We walked back without getting lost, although we had to disturb a couple in a car, who told us where to go, (but not in the way you are thinking) and we got back about 2.30am.

Naturally enough, we got up abit late on Monday morning. We, with almost everybody else at Longridge, had to help some poor fools get a massive lump of concrete out of the river. It never moved an inch, because whenever we pulled a rope broke. Once when this happened about 50 scouts fell backwards into the mud. (Daisy now has a blue and brown Duffle Coat). We managed to escape drowning in the galley, which was a sea of mud, and left Longridge in the middle of the afternoon.

PETERVISIT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLBOYS

On St. George's day we had another visit from the Public Schoolboys' Course from Gilwell Park. Skipper, Mrs Ebbage, Ian, Mac, Crasher and the other Coxwains went down to Hampton Court Palace to meet Lady B. P. and the boys. We understand that the cox'n's long whips were much in evidence and all were rowing well when they reached Kingston for lunch. Ian looked very fine in the stern of the Sea Rangers' Skiff, what a pity we could not find him a big Easter Bonnet to complete the picture. The Sea Rangers nobly coped in the galley. Nye, Whisky and the other Seniors made the most of the wind to give everyone a taste of sailing in the fibre-glass gigs. The Rovers and Seniors guiding the kayak paddlers gave a very fine demonstration of how to propel them from outside as well as from inside. Skipper gave a talk on Sea Scouting and what Sea Scouts do before they all settled down to watch Television on the main deck. ('B' never lets us have it.)

RON.

GILWELL CONFERENCE

Your Patrol Leaders, Noggin, Chris, Keith and Daisy (Pip unfortunately wasn't able to go) went to an all Surrey Patrol Leader's Conference at Gilwell on the 29/30th April.

We all, except Keith who was Troop Leader of the Richmond and Barnes Troop, met at Albany Park Road at 11.00am and under the supervision of the Driver and Mr. Ted Boddy, the B.S.M., we loaded it up. After saying "Sheerio" to Mr. Maund, A.D.S., we set off.

After a very long journey we arrived at Gilwell at 1.10. Unfortunately the lorry couldn't get very far up the drive(?) so we had to carry our kit for about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. We were shown our campsite then Noggin and another boy went into the Troop next door. After about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours we had the campsite set up.

At 3.30 the conference was opened by T.A. Sage, Queens Scout, Duke of Edinburgh Gold Medal, then Keith proposed the vote of thanks.

After this the 18 troops went back to their sites and discussed the first motion that "P.L.s don't use their Seconds properly". In the Storm Hut where the troop Leaders told everyone what their Troops had decided, the motion was defeated by 17 votes to 1.

In the evening at 7.30 we had another discussion on Patrol Leaders running the Troop activities. This was unanimously carried. We then had a very interesting and humorous talk on Australian scouts by an Australian Scouter, Lindsay Colquhoun. After this the Camp Chief, John Thurman, gave a talk on his travels abroad to see foreign scouts. This was followed by a camp fire and a film show about the new Chief Scout Sir Charles Maclean.

In the morning at 9.45 we had inspection then games in the troop sites. At 10.45 each troop had to start to do some projects that we were given. These were to construct a gateway, a rope ladder, toggle, ropes and a raft. With the finished rafts a pontoon bridge was made across the bomb hole. After many unsuccessful attempts, where some got wet, the bridge was crossed.

After dinner the sites were cleared and we had a talk on being a good Patrol Leader by Francis V. Cowie M.B.E., the C.C. Mr. White the A.C.C. then summed up the camp. After this we had a Scouts Own.

Tea was then served in the Storm Hut and then we loaded the lorry which took us back to H.Q. after a very enjoyable weekend.

DAISY

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONSMAY

4th	P. Hunter's and D. Grigg's Birthdays.
6/7th	Troop Camp at Polyapes.
10th	R. Washbourne's Birthday.
13th	Annual General Meeting and Social Evening at Rivermead School at 7pm. We hope to see as many parents as possible.
14th	CHURCH PARADE
16th	P. Bevan's Birthday
19th	D. Owen's Birthday
20/22nd	Whitsun Camp. (See separate leaflet).

THIS MONTH'S COMPETITION

Following last month's article we have had some suggestions and are proposing the following by Peter Hunter for this month:

1. To suggest a practical menu for Saturday Tea.
2. To make an original camp menu.

SO LETS HAVE SOME ENTRIES PLEASE

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re. the Editor's Letters, the Lash-Up, Vol:1, No:3, March 1961.

Dear Editor,

As one of the scouts who travel to Polyapes by car, I would like you to give my compliments to the honourable Patrol Leader of the Seagulls, and tell him that if he would like to ride my bicycle to Polyapes he would be very welcome and I will continue (with the Scoutmaster's permission) to go by car. It is one thing to be a hard Sea Scout, and another to be a foolish one, which I think a scout would be if he cycled to Polyapes on a small cycle with full kit. Methinks he would be a danger, both to the public, and to himself.

Regarding carrying kit to Polyapes, I would like to bring your notice to my last remark, and to conclude by saying, that if anyone would like their kit taken to Polyapes, they have only to ring KIN 3009, and it will be transported free of charge.

DAVID

Dear Editor,

Thank you for giving me the chance to reply to Master Grigg's letter. It would be of the greatest pleasure for me to ride to Polyapes on his bicycle if he will come with me riding my bicycle.

Yours Sincerely, DAISY

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH by BIG EARS

But really, old man, didn't you know that yellow and black stripes in the Highway Code means "You should NOT anchor on any account".

You slipped up N..ty - only getting £3 10s in Bob-a-Job Week. (I hear his method is to go up and down a road all day knocking on each door at least 10 times and then, when they are fed up, inform them that they can have a Job Done Label for a measley 2/6d which will protect them from any further visits).

SCOUTS! Here is your chance! (See Letters to the Ed). We have accepted Mr.Grigg's kind offer on your behalf. The troop will report to 17 Cleve Road, Ham with their kit at 7.30 on Friday evening.

N..g.n - You must tell your brother that it is more usual to get out of a kayak at the bank.

B..sy found out that if you let Bl..g cook the dinner he just puts his foot in it!

Do you think that buckets will ever replace stairs Ri..a,d Y..n.?

The Beaver's latest product is Rubber fried eggs. These have the advantage that if they are dropped they bounce back onto the plate.

I hear Keith Maund is seeing double!

MODERNISATION

The Lash-Up is now being printed on the troop's own duplicator, rescued from a junk shop in East Acton. Up till now Ron Leyshon has duplicated and often typed them for us and we would like to thank him very much for his advice and help in the production of the Lash-Up. THANKS RON!

NOTE Before we get any criticisms of our new heading we would like to point out that it is not bad seamanship to have the crutches and rudder in an empty boat - it is just that the artist cannot draw ours or people.

We apologise for this unsightly space at the bottom but as we have had to run to 4 pages we have run out of material. However if anyone has any suggestions as to what to put here (THAT'S ENOUGH YOUNG MAN) we will do so. It is very difficult to plan in advance and both the Editor and the Typist can have a trying time trying to eliminate blunders such as this. Actually in our opinion it is the fault of Daisy and Peter for writing such a lot but there you are, other people may blame it on other people and who can blame them? The point is that the only extra costs we ~~encure~~ ~~incur~~ ~~incur~~ have is that of the ink which isn't a cost at all so as you can see its all for the better providing it doesn't rain or that the typist doesn't get cramp in his two typing fingers as this can be very painful and can lead to even more mistakes than there are at the moment, which really isn't too bad considering the inexperience of the gentleman concerned (and very concerned he is too). Well as I was saying we apologise for these three inches of blank -- oh -er -e um -- by gad! the space has gone'. GOOD NIGHT.