

THE LASH UP

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

SCOUTMASTER'S SCRIBBLE

Once again we have had a very busy month, and there is more to come, namely the ADMIRALTY INSPECTION and the GARDEN FETE. I am very pleased to see the outstanding Second Class badges being finished off. Two now remain, Peter Crump and Eddie Stott, but I am confident that these will be finished very shortly. Then it will be on to the Oarsman Badge and real Sea Scouting with sailing. Talking of real Sea Scouting reminds me that one of the articles in this issue is about a day trip on Sandling, for which our thanks to Nye. These Sandling trips must be earned with keenness, attendance and achievement.

Just a few words to parents about the Admiralty Inspection. Will you please check uniforms for holes, and if you have thought that "Little Willie's" cap looks a bit scruffy, be devils and get him a new one. The old one will still come in useful for camp etc. Encourage him to press his trousers and scarf and make sure he really looks smart. In the Inspecting Officer's report last year, was a note about dirty plimsolls- don't let us have it this year.

Finally, can we have your help with the Garden Fete, by actually helping on the day or by sending something along for sale. Our annual turnover is approximately £800. Your boys' annual subscriptions total £1.6.--. Some difference, isn't there!

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HERONS.

Hello folks, me again. Things are going fairly well now, though what I don't quite know. The Surrey Sea Scout Regatta went very well to our advantage. I think I can safely say that everybody enjoyed it.

The test situation could be better, couldn't it? My men form a mighty mutinous mob when they all turn up at once. Example set by me. Jeffrey, I am glad to say, has now been to camp. Please obtain list of kit from P.L. That's all for now, folks.

Uncle Thick.

STORKS.

Unfortunately, for the last few weeks, I have not been able to attend Tuesday Troop Meetings due to one thing and another, but unless you have a definite reason for not attending, please come to the meetings, or as I have so often asked you before - 'phone me, you must know my number by now so try dialing it if you can't come. Test passing is fading away too, without, unfortunately any exceptions, so as S/M P. Burton would say, pull your finger out! That's all for this month.

John.

BEAVERS.

Hallo, Chappies - First I would like to congratulate Mike and Andy for gaining their Second Class. I am sorry that we could not have a full patrol at the last camp (Longridge). I hope you enjoyed yourselves. Jimmy, David and myself must get cracking with a few more tests. The Scoutmaster's view of us is that he thinks we are a shambles, so we must pull our fingers out. Nothing much has happened of late.

John.

SEAGULLS.

Hooray!!! Chris. has got his second class (faint). Well, now I have recovered from the shock I will continue. The patrol went to Longridge I hear, and I hope they had an enjoyable time. Robert, please make an effort to obtain your tenderfoot before the Admiralty Inspection which is on the 30th of this month. All must turn up smart and clean. On the whole, our patrol seems most efficient, way above the other patrols. Keep it up. (last sentence just to keep up morale)

STEVE.

A DAY TRIP ON SANDLING

At 6.30 a.m. Brian and John Evans, Richard Young, the 'Duke' and myself, piled into Nye's 'Cresta' and proceeded down to Hornet Naval Yacht Centre. We had a go at putting the sails up and bringing them down again. At 9.30 a.m. 'Sandling' motored out of berth 31 and proceeded to Wooten Creek where we anchored, then met the Harbour Master. We then wished we hadn't because he told us to move. We re-anchored then we all placed ourselves in the tender and proceeded to the shore. On the way we passed the Harbour Master who informed us we had an overloaded boat. The Duke replied that we knew, but one bright spark shouted that it took a seaman to notice a thing like that. We explored Fishbourne for 30 minutes then we weighed anchor, but re-anchored for a swim. Three blokes braved the sea but only stayed in for about five minutes. The wind sprang up, but so did a squall. Nevertheless the sails were hoisted and we braved the storm. Being amateurs, an angle of 30 degrees was hell. We sailed, through rain, back to Portsmouth, and after having a look round, Sandling was moored, and generally squared off. At 7 p.m. we left for Portsmouth Station where Nye entrusted us to the tender care of British Railways, and then went back to Sandling. It was pouring with rain when we reached Kingston.

Earl of Studland.

A TRIP TO HOLLAND

(or why four members of the Troop weren't at Whitsun Camp)

On Saturday, 16th May, forty three school children, including four scouts from our own group, namely S. Davies, J. Hyde, R. Beaupre and myself, from Latchmere School, caught a train to Clapham Junction to start a week's holiday at Valkenburg in South East Holland.

In a week's stay, we saw many interesting things, including the American Cemetery where a thousand men are buried. We also saw the "Lagi Il Gilleppe" Dam which is in Belgium. On the same trip we saw and drank "Spa" water, which Pate our driver said smelt horrible, tastes horrible, but does you good. The water contains iron and if kept in a plastic bottle, turns brown.

On the Wednesday, we went on a forty five minute trip round the Valkenburg Katakombe. On Friday we bought souvenirs, and packed our clothes. On Saturday we started back through Belgium to Ostend. We arrived at Kingston at 9.30 p.m. I am sure we all enjoyed our day, but were all glad to be home again.

David Lawrence.

SURREY SEA SCOUT MEET - LONGRIDGE 1964.

We left for Longridge at 6.30 p.m. on Friday 13th June. We arrived at 8 p.m. after a long bumpy journey and all put on our oilys. We then erected the tents and had supper. While we were doing this a fierce thunderstorm arose which lasted all night.

On Saturday morning the troop went boating and Keith got chucked in fully clothed. In the afternoon there was five aside football and a raft building competition. Peter Crump then tried his hand in a canoe and overturned it. In the evening we had a game of water polo

which we won 1 - 0 The goal being scored by Geoffrey Newnarch. We got into the finals of the five a side football but P & H beat us 5 - 0 After the water polo there was a very exciting 'wide game' in which we all went for a swim. After that we were all so tired that we went to bed.

On Saturday evening Bruno said that there should be a Leander B gig crew, and so on Sunday morning Jethroe, the Earl of Studland, Chip and myself got up at 6.30 a.m. and had to practise until 7.45 a.m. Bruno then decided to call it an 'under 12 gig crew'. After breakfast in tru Longridge fashion, it started to rain so the Regatta did not start until 9.45 a.m. The results were as follows:-

Dinghy Pulling.	Under 15	1st.	John Evans.
	Senior	1st.	Petar Hunter
	Rover	1st.	Shrimp
	Under 15	2nd	Michael Lush
Canoeing	Senior	2nd	Petar Hunter.
	Rover	1st.	Keith Maund.
Gig Pulling	Senior	1st.	
	Rover	2nd	

Unfortunately due to an almost dead calm, all sailing had to be cancelled. However, these successes enable us to obtain a total of 71 points and win the regatta. After lunch, a Scouts' Own was held in the camp fire circle, and included a talk by Mr. Dennis Bezant. Following this, the closing ceremony took place, at which Mitt received his DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD and Nye and Keith their Ramblers' Badges, which they gained whilst taking Sandling from Kingston to Portsmouth. These were presented by the County Commissioner, F.V. Cowie.

After this Ceremony, we had tea packed up and loaded the lorry for the trip home. On the journey, we went along the M.4 and passed London (Heathrow) Airport. We arrived home at 7.30 p.m. after a jolly good weekend.

Andy.

CANOEIST BADGE COURSE.

At 6.30 p.m. on Friday, 5th June, John and Brian Evans, Brian Leyshon and myself in Bruno's car, headed for Longridge (Bruno was driving) After putting up a tent and having a cup of tea, we went looking for the canoes (thanks to the owners for letting us borrow them) After some canoeing, we went back to the tent and had some supper and so to bed; remember, it has not rained yet!

After breakfast the following morning, which we cooked on calor gas, the people who were to take the Course met on the river front at 10.a.m. We were split into three groups and each person in turn had to prove they could swim 50 yards. After this we were shown how to get in and out of a canoe and things like that. At 2.30 p.m. we had lunch and after this went down to the river for further canoeing. Intervals of rain had appeared by now. That evening we were shown films on different rivers, and also how to make your own canoe.

Next morning we went to a 'Scouts' Own' and in the afternoon we were paddling up river. I was in J. Evans 'dug-out' paddling against the wind and stream, and guess what else? - rain! We went through Marlow and Temple Lock. On the way back we even had lightening. Treading on land again was a relief. The tent was quickly packed as it was a Senior tent and Bruno had arrived to take us back again. John and I could not find our scarves for our uniform I then took my kit and unpacked it, as did John and Brian Evans. "Well, I haven't got them" said Brian Leyshon, but at the bottom of his kit were two scarves! So, if you lose your scarf, ask Brian Leyshon if he has got it. The canoes were loaded on to Mr. Andrew's van and we set off for Kingston.

Stephen Lenthall.

SENIOR SUPPLEMENT

For a change, I have been lumbered with the tiresome job of writing about the Senior Troop's activities. These in fact, don't

amount to much. The only thing that has happened lately was the Surrey Sea Scout Meet at Langridge. Everyone seemd to enjoy themselves despite the rain, which was a good thing.

Peter was the hero of the day, for he never seemed to stop racing, although he did get a bit worn out I suppose. The senior gig crew did very well with the help of Alan from the Troop. About two weeks ago the Seniors held a coypu race, where surprisingly enough Beefy won after sailing five times round a couple of buoys a hundred yards apart. Last week-end several seniors went down to Sandling with Shrimp after spending Friday night at the Revers' coffee evening.
GRAHAM.

ROVER BOATMEETING EVENING.

Thanks to all those who supported us. The sum was £23 raised and just about sufficient to buy the new jib for Sandling - so "Happy Sailing"

Rover Crew

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS.

- June 30th ADMIRALTY INSPECTION
- July 4th GARDEN FETE
- PLUTO'S WEDDING
- MAC'S GRADUATION
- INDEPENDENCE DAY

- July 8th PETER JOHNSON'S BIRTHDAY.
(everything happens at once doesn't it)
ANDY HUNTER'S BIRTHDAY.

TWITTERINGS FROM THE UNDERGROWTH - BY BIG EARS.

Shrimp, seen any good buoys lately?
Is it true that the Seniors queue up for the combined meetings?
No, Stuart, you can't go to Denmark for the day.
The Group is not going to the next Surrey Sea Scout Meet, they are just sending Peter Hunter?
Is it true that the Duke is now working full time at Headquarters?