

ILLUSTRATED LASH-UP Vol 10.

✦ 'LEANDER' (KINGSTON) SEA SCOUT GROUP ✦

In the beginning.....

During the Summer of 1960 two sheets of ink - splodged, foolscap paper, stapled together, were handed to every member of the Leander Sea Scout Troop. Under this category came two very new Wolf Cubs who clutched these epistles in their sticky little paws and took them home to their mums.

It is now the Summer of 1970 and the 10th. birthday of the Lash-U. so we, the co-Eds., would like to pay a special tribute to this anniversary as it is also our tenth year in Scouting. We would also like to congratulate the following on their tenth anniversaries :

- 1) Traffic Wardens.
- 2) The M.O.T. Test.
- 3) Castro landing in Cuba.
- 4) The wedding of the Jones' (Armstrong type).

That lot certainly helped to label 1960 as a busy year. The Prime Minister was Harold (Macmillan), Ernie Marples was transport minister, teddy boys were on the rampage and at the Leander H.Q. an idea bore fruit to have a chatty type of News sheet with up to date info' to offset the more austere, twice yearly publication, the Water Rat - R.I.P. Edited by Mac Dow (now D.I.O.) and published by Ron Leyshon the first edition was a success and by the time the fourth was due Leander had bought its own duplicator and having said 'ta, thanks very much' to Ron, Mac proceeded to prepare and print the Lash-Up, as it was called, every three months or so for a very long time.

In 10 years the Lash-Up has had many different hands at numerous typewriters but now it seems to have settled, for the time being at any rate, in the hands of LASH-UP INC. NATIONAL NETWORK PRODUCTIONS and as such we would like to get you to sing along with us :

Happy Birthday to you.
Happy Birthday to you.
Happy Birthday dear Lash-Up.
Happy Birthday to you.

Brian S. Leyshon.

Andy Hunter.



GROUPSCOUTLEADERS SCRIBBLE

Once again it's time to survey the scene, look back, and I hope forward on the affairs of the Group. This publication has I think done a great job in the last ten years. It has had a sometimes fitful existence, needing the "kiss of life" on several occasions, but there has been some kind soul who wouldn't let it die. Not the least of these are the two present editors who have had something to do with it from the beginning. Some, as yet unknown, Cub Scout will I hope do the same thing 10 years from now.

The Mirror Project is at last completed thanks to the efforts of Mr. Wileman who was the first to go afloat in her on our Open Day. As yet unnamed any suggestions would be welcome. All those who attended the Open Day seemed to have had a good time, not the least the Scout Troop, who on this scorching afternoon spent almost as much time in the water as on it. The Cub Scout part of it was restricted by the low attendance which severely curtailed their activities.

Our efforts in the Sedan Chair Rally did not bring the success of last year, but all who went on the coach party had a really smashing day out. One of my regrets has been the fact that there has not been time in the programme to do as much capping this year as I would like. We really must ensure that we do more next year.

My thanks to each and all who helped in any way with the Feté, which was the biggest money raising effort we have ever had. The magnificent total of £ 450 will enable us to do several things which have been curtailed by lack of funds. We must not forget that it takes £1000 a year to run the group without any capital expenditure.

Three weeks time brings us to the Troop Summer Camp. This year is a departure from our usual sites which are nearly always on a river estuary, for the delights of the Lake District. I am sure this will prove a most enjoyable two week weeks for all who take part.

The Venture Scouts, after their expedition last year, are not having a Unit Expedition this year because of individual commitments, but the diversity of things which are being done is amazing. My best wishes to them all.

I have already received the advance information of the National Sea Scout Regatta in October, when, as defending champions, we journey once more to Sutton Coldfield to show everyone just what boating can be. Can we do a "Brazil" in the under sixteens and win for a fourth consecutive time? Can we retain the Venture Scout Trophy? One thing only I will say, anyone who beats us will know they've been in a race.



BRUNO

as we have not received an article from the, at present absent, scout leader we suggest you read the last issue as his articles are usually the same. e.g.....

Since the last time I put pen to paper.....I think..
..... the most important thing from my point of view....
... during the past months..... once again it's good to
see..... I hope he does well..... first things
first..... one final thought.

Mitt.

BEAVERS

Beavers for Whitsun camp went to Polyapes. At Polyapes we had a feud with 1st. Kingston Hill. In the events of which took

place 1st. K.H. received many gallons of water. 1st. K.H. retaliated by lighting our wood-pile before we got up, so when we moved it onto our altar fire and cooked our breakfast on it.

Beavers have passed too few tests lately. During the summer holidays I hope the members of my patrol get cracking on passing tests and make up for their slacking.

Peter W.

SEALS

Since the last time I was asked to write for the Lash Up we have been to camp at Walton Firs over Spring Bank Holiday for three days. The weather was hot, I

only hope Summer will be like that. Three from my Patrol went, and one from the Herons, because their patrol leader was too lazy to organise anything (alan 1).

Once more I have some moaning to do about certain people.

Alan B. you may live in Hook but please do try to arrive in time, you managed for about a month so why can't you now.



R.I.P.

We seem to see less and less of Neil F. if this does not improve we may assume that you do not wish to belong to the Group any more, the same thing goes for Michael B.

Mud guts (Michael M.) your attendance is good, keep it up, just pass some tests now.

Herby.

SEAGULLS

First of all well done to all Seagulls on passing tests - it paid off when we claimed the Patrol Board again.

Our new member Jonathan Sutton seems to be settling down with us but I wish Steven Anscombe would give us more time and support instead of the Lagoon.

Whitsun Camp was quite good - the weather being ideal but it's a pity we could not have gone as a patrol instead of only four.

I have just been looking through the Patrol Book & find that Seagulls have not passed any tests for a month - don't slacken off now - come and see me if you need help on your tests & let's see how many you can all pass before Summer Camp.

Nick W.

HERONS

haven't been up to much lately as most of the patrol never seem to be down. I think if we pulled our socks up and turned up more often we'd get a few more points to our credit. Take note T. Weldon, I Brookes, J. Bacchus & P. Wickens

Alan L.

M.E.A.T. - a Mobile Emergency Aid Team which is to be set up and working by 1971. A team will consist of 8 Venture Scouts, each with different skills (driving, first-aid etc.) and all will be trained by the police in rescue and traffic control. Each team will be mobile and able to get to an 'emergency' as soon as possible to render immediate assistance. Had such teams been in existence organised help could have been given in the Molesey flood, the search for Mrs McKay etc. Already in existence in South London-we hope there will be no need for such teams.

AKELAS RUSHES.

Since the Cubs Scouts last had a mention in the Lashup, they have been noisily and steadily progressing through their Arrow Tests and gaining Proficiency Badges. Promotion has given extra duties within the last few weeks to sixer M. Jarvis and his seconder J. Harris of Greys, C. Bevis sixer and P. Woodhouse seconder for Reds, M. Dee sixer and G. Athendriou seconder for Tawny, P. Riches sixer and seconder C. Turner for White.

J. Harris and M. Partridge have been awarded their Bronze Arrows, M. Dee and P. Riches their Silver Arrows. P. Riches is also catching up fast to C. Bevis who is leading the Pack in the Gold Arrow. Stage three swimmers are now held by M. Partridge, A. Dobson, P. Riches, M. Dee, C. Bevis, J. Harris and M. Jarvis who are hunding for a chap called Mole. P. Riches gained stage one athlete and also made a marvelous effort for his troupador which I'm sure he'll soon pass.


J. Hobkins started his photography badge and after spending rather a confusing Sunday morning with Akela learning the science of photography and the art of picture composing, could quite possibly change his mind.


A great time was had at the District Cubs Camp, which left Steven and Anita (Chil) exhausted. The open day was poorly attended by Cubs, and Akela soon became bored until Mole and Bruno talked him into a long brown ship called K.1. After receiving instructions from Stefan he sallied forth and found himself examining the bottom of the river!


AKELA - SKIP.


TWITTERINGS


by big ears on his tenth birthday


 You might have camped at WORTEN FURES, H..by, but nobody else did.


 How did Sk.t (Sk.p?) lose his flies outside H.Q. last Thursday.


 Is being a teacher cramping your writing M..t?


 Are the new window bars to stop people getting in or Scouts getting out?


 Having seen the Police Dogs at the Fete B.g is going to postpone his life of crime for a couple of years.


 The V.S.U. can't become extinct during World Wildlife Preservation Year - or can it?

 See Mr. Wilson before practising your vices in the workshop.

 Has S..on got to move to Esher?

 Where's Akela rushing to?

 Is there anywhere you go without your radio-K1.?

 We've heard that you've been chosen to canoe for England in Spain, J...than, but you know what these rumours are like, care to look in H.Q. sometime and confirm?

the troop go aWEY for the weekend

The skiffs started out at 1000hrs. on the Saturday morning. The party was Herby, David & Alan B., Peter L., Steve D., Jason B., me and also Kim (a last minute substitute) and Alan Knapp from 3rd. Kingston who I'm sure you've seen down here lately giving the Scimitar a well needed wash in the river.

The first stage up to Hampton Court was easy the only event here was some fool in a all metal barge who went down the middle of the river at a speed of some twenty knots? Kim was swamped and the other boats clashed.

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AWAY for the weekend cont'd.

We got our own back though because we reported him at molesey lock.

The next part we rowed up to Shepperton and then got a lift from of all things a police boat all the way up to Weybridge. I joined the party again here where I found Alan B. with a duck which fell over the weir. He had massive feet so he was called footsie and he spent the rest of the day in Alan's boat, (wouldn't go in any one elses). Going up the Wey David's blisters started coming up bad so he didn't do much rowing. At the locks we went in Herby operated the front gates and once there was so much detergent in the lock the boats were flooded in a bubbly bath. We stopped for the night at Newark Gates where we gave Footsie to an R.S.P.C.A. chappy and had a famous meatball stew and a bailing out session then settled down to a cold night. In the morning we started early and came to a lock where a murder had been committed but Kim was in the boat all the time so we were let through. We stopped for some refreshment on a bank at about 130 hrs. where we found a long legged moorhen who we called M..t and kept him in my boat. (I let him go further up). We stopped for dinner at an unnamed lock where we had another meatball stew and then continued up.

Even so just before St. Catherines Lock I ran onto a woodeh stake and put a minute hole in the boat but I started sinking anyway after about another mile so I bailed out every two miles or so.

Funnily enough we finished and hung our boats on the same yellow buoys had our wounds treated ate a slop-up meal of beans etc. and arrived back at H.Q. with nothing but our kit, and a few memories of an extremely eventful trip.

Alan L.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR..... c/o the wardroom.

Sir,

I heard with delight the news of the return of the Lash-Up.

But on reading this incarnation what disappointment! What dismay! This so called 'Lash-Up' should not even appear under the title 'Shadow of Son of Lash-Up'.

Where were the inky thumb prints on each page? Why were all the pages stapled the same way up? Why was every word readable? Indeed some words were of more than two syllables! This is preposterous!!!

Twitterings from the Undergrowth were a mere shadow of their former selves. No lives willbe lost, no sons excommunicated, no Scouters hung, drawn and quartered from these shallow disclosures.

And as for the statement on page 2 of the April issue: 'All articles are typed exactly as received.' What madness is this? In the old days we used to add more mistakes and make them completely unintelligible!

Yours in disgust,

A.S.L. I.C.Dow and Bar (Mrs).

Founder of the Lash-Up.

Sir,

Parents, whether actual mothers or fathers or supporters of sea scout groups, have a very important function in life - to supply the money!

Your parents and Supporters Association are feeling very smug at the moment, having just contributed £450 to Group funds - an amount which would take a scout 173 years
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letters to the editor cont'd.

of 1/- weekly subs to equal. Please don't check the calculation, it's probably wrong, and anyway, not even one of the V.S.U. is that far behind!

Encouraged by the success of the Summer Fete, your Supporters' Association is planning for the next big bumper fun occasions - the Grand Firework Party on November 5th and the Christmas Mini Market on November 27th - to pay for those scout activities at which, according to the Lash-Up, you all work so very hard and win so many awards.

Please start saving up for the fairs right now. Enjoy working a stand, and help to ease the pennies out of the other guys. Remember, your brothers, sisters and school friends have pocket money too. Persuade them to come along and spend it with Leander. They might enjoy the experience.

M.J. Whelan, Publicity Manager,
Leander (Kingston) Sea Scouts Supporters Association.

Parents of Leander C/O the Lash-Up,

Now that the Fete is over and having done so well we (the parents) have to think about the Christmas Mini Market. These occasions always fall to the very few willing workers so what about supporting your boy and his leaders to have a great show this year? If any lady can knit or sew please try to make a few things, it all helps.

Although the making of cakes is very much appreciated the other stalls have to be manned so come on parents lets all make a great effort - you know our boys get an awful lot for a shilling a week apart from the hours given up by the leaders, and really, were it not for them and the time they give - might even be looking for our boys on Saturday nights around coffee bars etc. instead of which we can say with thankfulness oh, he s down at Leander - so please let us see you all at the next meeting - the boys work hard as well for us but once again no praise is too high for the work and hours put in by the officers.

Thank-you,

Irene Wileman.

Group Open Day.

On Saturday the 27 June Leander held an Open Day.

After rigging a coypu for sailing, with other patrols doing canoeing, everybody gathered around to launch the Mirror dinghy which had been worked on by Nick's father and various members of the troop throughout the winter. It had not yet been given a name as every name suggested had been used for another of the twenty one thousand mirrors.

It was launched and with Mole helming and the master shipwright crewing it went for a trial sail. There were no apparent leaks, breakages, etc. and the two disembarked safely. Then I, Michael W. and one or two others also took her out (ed. sounds like a sea ranger!).

After that various activities carried on gradually breaking into a grand water fight. The boat I was in was reinforced by Mole and Herby who chased after Bug. Mole and Herby boarded Bug's coypu so Bug abruptly boarded the coypu in spite of desperate attempts to repel the invader. Eventually everything was put on an organised basis and so it went on. After an exhausting day everybody went home.

Dominic.

VENTURE SCOUT NEWS



In spite of various difficulties concerning organisation of the unit a small group have remained together trying to overcome the lack of support from and leadership of the other members of the unit.

Success of the unit can be measured by the activities it involves itself in and also the results these achieve. Examples in the last two months can be taken from our attempts at the sedan chair rally, two places gained on the Tall Ships Race, £57 raised from paper collection, preparation of the Group Van for a re-paint, and also assistance at the Fete, Open Day and District Walkover.

It is a pity that these activities could not have had the support of the whole unit - some members having 'better things to do with their time.'

It was a great surprise to find that we had lost out to the canoe club regarding David, this a shame as he and the unit could have made a lot of use of each other.

The unit has a large backlog of work to clear and if maximum effort is applied more enjoyable activities will be able to commence once more.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

:- JULY :

- Sun 17 Jason Boulter's Birthday.
Tues 21 Paul Jarvis' Birthday.
Sat 25 Troop Summer Camp.
Lake District near Keswick for two weeks.

AUGUST :

- Wed 5 Terry Weldon's Birthday.
Sun 20 Venture Scouts sail from Spain to Gosport.

: SEPTEMBER :

- Sun 13 Greater London Regatta, Ham.
Royal C.C. Marathon. K.1. 35 miles.
Marlow to Kingston.

: OCTOBER :

- Sat 3 N.S.S.R. Sutton Coldfield.
Sun 4 N.S.S.R. (finals) presentation by Chief Scout.

: DECEMBER :

- Fri 25 Christmas Day.



Name Paul Wickens.....
Subject Lash-Up Report.....
Position in Scout Movement Scout LEADER.....
Date 27/6/70.....

About the Black and White Minsterals.

They are probably the most popular television and theatre performers. The leader, John Boulter who has two sons, one of whom is a cub and the other a scout, That is why we had them at the Fete. There are about 16 Black and White Minsterals all of whom are great performers and loved by everyone right down to a baby. The Black and White Minsterals perform at the Victoria Palace and often on television with the Television Toppers.

The Fete.

The stalls which made the most money were the bottle stall and the Bingo, one making £67 and the other £17. The Fete organiser was Mr Williamson and on the tram-poline were members of the Barnfield Youth Club. Altogether £450 was made.

Paul Wickens

(The youngest Lash-Up reporter).

the other editor regrets that due to an excess of space the follow-
article has to be published:

Epitaph to an Editor.

Looks like this will be my swan song because the Admiralty in their wisdom? have ordained that I am to be signed on as a helicopter pilot in September. I have a feeling that Dartmouth Naval College Publications will not be quite as packed full as the Lash-Up was with some of the jibberish that Andy & I have had to put up with, type and print. I hope it has made entertaining reading when the T.V. has been broken.

I have an idea it will carry on quite well without me therefore, to quote the song, ' I leave a sigh and so with tear in either eye bid you goodbye.'

Brian L.

STOP PRESS

Last week two young men ? rolled up to H.Q. and actually asked to join the N.S.U. When asked for their reason for coming to Leander Leander they replied ' There no where much else is there !'

STOP PRESS

The continuing story of ex-scout leader Peter Hunter.....
expected back in the first week of August,

no matter how
difficult or
how simple,
every problem
is easier when
it's shared. If
you have a
worry, write to
me. I shall be
happy to help.
c/o the ward-
room.



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