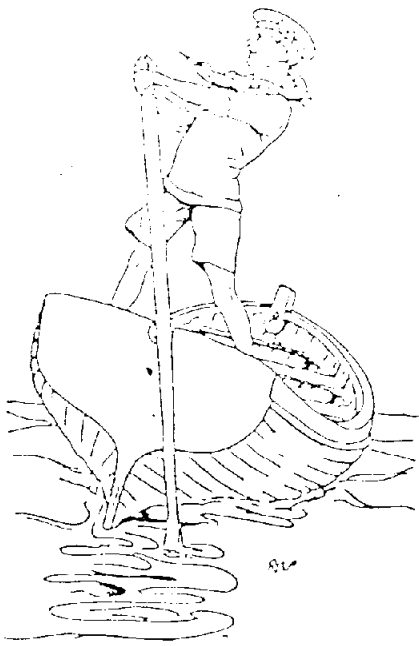


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FROM THE G.S.L.

As the Summer holidays approach, we can look back over the last two months and be proud of some of our achievements. Certainly, we've had a busy time and the Scouters deserve a holiday! (That's in addition to the Summer Camp yet to come)

Congratulations to all sections - Beavers on their swimming badges - Cubs on gaining 1st place in the District Gala and Sports Day. - Scouts on winning the camping competition and night hike - and Ventures entering a District event, the first for many years, and coming a creditable 2nd! It

would appear we need a volunteer from the parents to finish off the Trophy cupboard in the maindeck!

Now, a special vote of thanks to all who helped at the Regatta. Without everyones help, it could not have taken place. This year with 9 groups taking part, it was a marvel we got through the programme - 61 heats, 14 semi finals, and 10 finals (Not to mention the Venture Scout girls special gig race event which was added at the eleventh hour (actually it was about 15.00hrs on the day!) Unfortunately, we had problems with the P.A. system and the C.B. sets were playing up - possibly due to humidity, nevertheless, after a little juggling we still finished almost on time. Well done Lymington on their overall win - so, come on Leanders, next year we must do better!

Most of you will have seen the safety boat has now arrived, and it must have clocked up at least 10 hours 'running in' time on the engine. Camping equipment is also now on order and subject to the draw resulting in sufficient profit, we shall be ordering a Mess tent for the Cubs next.

Thanks to Viv and all the fundraisers for their efforts at Ham Fayre, Sunday teas, Regatta etc, etc. Also a special thank you to my mother who raised £170.00 by organising two coffee mornings.

With the hot weather still with us (that's tempting providence!), the Sweatshirts were switched to T-shirts - still embroidered with the Leander logo and somewhat less expensive at £3.75p each. At present we only have sizes S.M.L and XL in stock, but supplies of 26"-32" chest should be available very shortly at £3.50p. Some sweatshirts will be available in the next 2 weeks, but the bulk will now arrive in September. Both T shirts and sweaters can be ordered by parents and supporters. If you wish to place an order, please telephone Mary on 949.4195.

Leander were honoured to be asked to provide on Monday, 10th July, a side party to pipe aboard the Scout Commonwealth Commissioner and Lord Sharp onto the Cable & Wireless new cable laying ship, Sir Eric Sharp. At the time of writing I don't know whether or not it made T.V. news, but at any rate, I hope an account of the event will appear in this edition by one of the P.L.'s who went. (Due to lack of time, the account of this event, will in fact appear in September edition of the Water Rat. Ed.)

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FROM THE G.S.L.(continued)

I would like to wish you all a good Summer break, cheers for now.

Keith Maund. G.S.L.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday.17th July: Group Executive Meeting. H.Q. at 20.00hrs
- 9/10th Sept.Junior Seamans Badge Course at H.Q.(not for Leanders this one is for the Agricultural Scouts!)
- 23rd Sept.Great River Race - Richmond to Greenwich. 2 gigs entered.
- 24th Sept.Going up ceremony/Open Day and Bar B Q at HQ. at 14.30hrs onwards.

Note from Scout Leader:-

Due to Mick being extremely busy with preparations for the Summer Camp in Holland next week, such as searching the shops for a scout repellent (sorry,I think that should read,insect repellent!),stocking up on his First Aid box with such items as, Phyllosan,tranquillisers and the odd bottle or two of 'knock out drops' (not for him - for the lads!),he has been excused from writing up his normal detailed account of the past month's activities. Plus the fact that he is having terrible difficulty trying to track down in the shops, a pair of multi-coloured floral Bermuda shorts which he says is an essential part of his wardrobe for Summer Camp, so if anyone knows where these can be obtained, would you please let him know as soon as possible. Thank you.

He would like to add a Well Done to all the boys for all their successes in the events they have participated in over the past month, and to keep up the good work. Wishes every one a good Summer holiday and reminds all the boys that the 1st meeting after the holidays will be on Tuesday, 5th September

p.p. Chief. Mick Chinnock

CUB LEADER'S REPORT

We had a very enjoyable weeks camp in Devon. This was the first week camp we have done with Leander - and it will not be the last. All 13 boys who came had a great time, and the weather was on our side. The field centre was very comfortable with a log burning fire, which we used twice in the evenings. The Cubs also joined up with 1st Sid Vale Cub Pack with a compass trail round part of Sidmouth. We had a visit to River Dart Country Park for the adventure play area and the raft on the childrens lake. We had 1st Sid Vale to us for a farewell Bar B Q on the Friday evening. The Cubs mixed very well and our Cubs have learnt a new song. We had a good day at Exmouth on the beach for sandcastles, and I must say Akela and Lee made a good effort with the new buckets and spades they bought for themselves! The Cubs were all very good and carried out the housework jobs very well.

During the week the Leaders worked hard and we would like to thank Baloo, as most of you know she broke her arm on the Friday morning, as we were going on the Saturday morning. She worked very hard and we know that she was in a lot of pain, but still enjoyed the week. Lee also worked hard and is very good at washing up. We presented Peter Dyke with a trophy for being the most helpful Cub at Camp. Well done, Peter.

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CUB LEADER'S REPORT (Continued)

We are now looking forward to our long weekend Camp at Broadstone Warren, set in 400 acres of woodland in the Ashdown Forest, on the August Bank Holiday weekend. This Camp is open to all Cubs now in the pack. Forms will be sent out soon.

Sports Day

Congratulations to the 14 Cubs who came on that Saturday, and won the sports. All the Cubs really did very well. It would have been nice if some of the other Cubs had come along for a lovely afternoon of fun. Also thanks to Mrs.(David Bailey) Tindel for taking pictures of the Cubs.

We would like to welcome our new Cubs, Evin Fahy and Daniel Lorrenzini, and hope they enjoy their time with us.

Diary Dates

Last Evening: 26th July 1989
Open.....23rd August 1989
Leander Cub Camp:..25th - 28th August 1989.

AKELA & RIKKI

PARENTS AND SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION

I hope all parents will book themselves to come to Leander on Sunday afternoon 24th September. There will be a going up ceremony for a number of boys moving up from one troop to another. After that, each of the troops will be putting on a demonstration of what all the boys have been learning. You will see what your boy is doing, and what he is likely to be doing throughout his time with Leander. We will organise a Bar B Q and other food, and try to make it a real day out for all the family. Could I also mention the Grand Draw tickets? All of your boys should have brought a number of books home. Do help him to sell them to family, friends and neighbours. We would like the books that have been sold, back by the end of this month.= The draw takes place next month. The 1st Prize is a Weekend for Two in Paris, and there are many other prizes.

The Sunday teas are continuing to go well. Do encourage your friends to have a Sunday walk along the river, and stop for tea and cakes.

We had a bumper session for the Regatta on Sunday 9th July. Many thanks to those Mums whose boys were in the races and who came down with cakes, and to make sandwiches. We made a profit of £155, so many thanks to all who helped.

Vivian Brown

Wishing everyone a lovely Summer holiday, especially to the Scouts for a successful Summer Camp in Holland. Please may we have reports from all the Section Leaders by September 8th for the next edition of the Water Rat. Thank you.

Ed.

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