



THE WATER RAT

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SKIPPER'S SCRAWL

Summer Camp over, we now launch into a new year and change is everywhere. We come back to a maindeck with pastered ceiling and the "galley store" is due to be fitted out within the next week. Thanks to those who helped in the frantic finishing off of the plasterboarding - the last piece going up just before the plasterers were due to arrive!

We are thankful to Kingston Rotary Club for a donation of £300 which is to be used for concreting from the back gates to the ramp into the building. This will greatly improve access to the building

during the coming winter months - volunteers please for mixing and levelling!

As you are aware - Chief, Mick Chinnock, - will be giving up as Scout Leader after the Admiralty inspection. However, I am pleased to advise you that Mick has agreed to take on the job of Assistant Group Scout Leader, so will be retaining his peaked cap and still be very much involved with the running of the Group.

Michael Baker will be taking over as Scout Leader and I am sure everyone will join me in welcoming him to his new role and give him their full support whilst finding his sea legs. Michael will, of course, still have the help of the present Assistant Leaders and Instructors and I know the troop will be in good hands.

Sadly, no one has yet come forward as Beaver Leader. We are thankful to Louise for her continued support at Beaver Meetings and in the short term (Maximum 3 weeks) I will look after Beaver Meetings on Monday nights. However, the section cannot continue without someone (male or female over 20 years old) who is prepared to take on the job of Leader and it will be a shame if it is forced to close down.

Just to make matters worse, regrettably for Leander, Mick and Wendy Glyn (Akela & Ricky) are moving north at the beginning of October when Mick takes on a new job. I am sure Cub parents will join me in thanking them for their work with the Cubs over the last six months and wish them both all the best in their new jobs.

As you will gather, our present Leaders will be hard pushed to provide cover for meetings until a new Cub Leader is found so I must stress to all parents and supporters the need to find new leaders for both Cubs and Beavers is vital for the continuance of these sections. I am therefore appending with this Water Rat a separate sheet asking how you can help support the group and would ask you to return this to me as soon as possible.

Finally - a word of congratulations to the six Scouts who completed the Great River Race from Richmond to Greenwich in just 4 hours 3 minutes. A superb effort enjoyed, I hope, by them as much as I enjoyed the event.

KEITH MAUND - G.S.L.

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR DINNER - SATURDAY 16TH JANUARY 1993

Marion Duffin in again organising a three course Christmas Dinner at H.Q. for Parents/Supporters/Leaders. COST WILL BE £8.00 per head. This is a popular evening and regret bly space restricts us to a maximum of 50. Tickers will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis. So to ensure your tickets - BOOK EARLY by phoning Marion ASAP on 081- 549 2317.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Saturday 3rd October - District Swimming Gala (Cubs and Scouts)

Saturday 31st october - Halloween Evening/
Firework Party

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Summper Camp '92 for Leander and Sealion was the Dutch Sea Scout National Water Camp (NAWAKA), held just outside Roermond, Southern Holland. I was fortunate enough to go out with the advance party on Sunday 26th July, which meant a very early start. The boys met at 7.30pm at Leander and were transported via a red London Bus to Dover. There they caught the 01.15 ferry to Ostend. They arrived at the camp site around 10.30 very tired due to lack of sleep. As they arrived it promptly started to rain. what a good start to camp! The tents were soon pitched and peace reigned by late afternoon as gentle snores and contented grunts could be heard from the patrol tents. The opening ceremony started at about 10.30 pm with a special musical lazer show. The show lasted about an hour, then the boys came back to camp and to bed with a mug of cocoa and a piece of cake (a tradition that continued throughout camp).

ON Tuesday everyone descended upon Roermond town center - all 5,000 of us. There were activities to do in return for a free MacDonaldis.

Wednesday was an activity day for the scouts. The activities included a wide game called Flagrob, Electronics, a large obstacle course, a radio course, kite making, swimming, wind surfing, sailing, canadian canoeing, rowing and many others.

Thursday was the sub camp Sailing Regatta which turned into a complete disaster. The wind dropped at the start of the race. Leo and his party were so far ahead that they did not see the markers cancelling the race. They completed the course in 5 hours. The race judge admitted that they came first but regrettably there was nothing they could do as the Regatta was cancelled.

Friday was another Activity Day.

Saturday was a boat trip to Marsbruck via the largest lock in Europe and then on to Thorn a medieval village. Saturday evening was the scout party with a disco and live band. Because of the disco there was a fair amount of mickey-taking as a few of the boys managed to find themselves girlfriends and a lot of begging to stay out late. Needless to say an extension of half hour was given.

Sunday was a day to ourselves and the re-scheduled Sailing Regatta. The boys unfortunately did not get placed this time. They then went swimming. Rod Leigh arrived and stayed until Tuesday night. We also went for a bath in the River Marrs as there were a distinct lack of showers!

Monday was the Rowing Regatta and Triathlon. Again this was a disaster! Firstly the instructions had not been translated into English, secondly we had to use the dutch boats called Lilly Flates (these boats are about 3/4 the size of our gigs, made of iron and weigh about two tons) and thirdly, the wind got up and started to blow a Force 7, so they just cancelled it and told us to get back as best we could. We eventually got a tow after rowing about a mile .

We spent the Tuesday in Roermond playing a game called Fox Hunt. This involved Leaders dressing up in rather unusual costumes and the boys having to find them. Roger had to dress as a pirate and Chips as a red indian with a grey beard and RayBan sunglasses - oh boy! what a sight! Roger and I had to change up some money in a bank and the clerk could not help laughing at the sight of Roger. As he later explained she thought that pirates robbed banks and not paid for their services!, but we did cause quite a stir.

Wednesday was the Naval Review. This was our chance to show off our gig to it's true colours. The reviewing officers, I was later told, were very impressed. The boys also took down their tents and slept in the marque.

The next day the work began as we had to drop camp, clear the site and have everything packed so that the advance party could be ready to leave by 10.30. It only then remained to say sad farewells to all the new friends that we had made.

In all it was a good camp but I did not realise how much hard work it would be, but I am sure that a good time was had by all.

Now it is a new term and we look forward to many changes. Firstly we had the Great River Race on Saturday 5th September. I am told that the boys came second in their class and now we are waiting for the Admiralty Inspection on Monday 21st September. The only thing I would say about this is that uniforms need some attention and that scruff kits do not include long, bright coloured Bermuda Shorts.

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RANGERS REPORT

As with the Scouts, there are about to be many changes within S.R.S. Guardian. Firstly, Mrs Sangster (Skipper) is to retire at the Crew Party on 7th November and I am to take over.

Secondly, I am intending to split the Crew and by this I mean that we will still be meeting on a Friday night but at different times. (Further details will follow later).

Despite all the changes we have been very busy - we spent a week at Rose Cottage and also took part in the Great River Race. We had the satisfaction of overtaking the Fulwell Management Team. We would like to thank Mrs Corner-Halligan for her help in preparing us for the race and in coxing for us. We are now currently working towards the new training programme for the winter. The cadets are also going to have a full programme.

We are also looking for new Leaders who are prepared to take out a Warrant because it is becoming increasingly difficult to run both Rangers and Cadets with only two leaders. ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME.

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GREAT RIVER RACE SPONSORSHIP

As you are no doubt aware, the Great River Race was held on Saturday 5th September (sorry about the incorrect date of original appeal). All of the crews entered by Guardian and Leander equipped themselves extremely well. I will leave the specific details to the respective officers and their reports, but suffice to say we should all be proud of these crews.

It follows that the crews have done their bit. What is now required, if the Topper fleet is to be formed, is that the rest of us members, parents and supporters, match their efforts in our response to the sponsorship.

It would be appreciated if the monies raised by the sponsorship could be handed-in by the end of September. This will allow for some winter-time bargain hunting and hopefully allow an early start to next year's sailing season, in the Toppers. Retrospective sponsorship is actively encouraged if you failed to receive or subsequently lost your original form. The monies should be handed to the nearest officer or myself, whichever is the most convenient.

If you require any more information or need a security escort to bring in the money!, I can be contacted via Leander HQ or my home phone number. Hopefully in the next Water Rat I will be able to report a final total raised by this activity. Until then I thank you in anticipation for your response.

JOHN CONNOLLY - 081-546 8173

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WINGSTON) SEA SCOUT GROUP. STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 5th. APRIL 1992.

Subscriptions.

Beavers.	315.75	Capitation.	£ 785.70
Cub Scouts.	876.73	Boats.	
Scouts.	1771.50	Insurance.	505.00
Venture Scouts		Moorings.	4.00
	£ 2963.98	Repairs etc.	120.57
Equipment levy.	290.00	Licences.	139.44
<u>Supporters.</u>		Cars.	<u>352.48</u>
Teas.	141.00		1121.49
Regatta.	293.09	<u>Headquarters.</u>	
Jumble Sale	78.42	Insurance.	846.24
Ham Fair.	227.48	Gas/ Electricity	828.29
Race Night.	<u>58.83</u>	Rates.	561.15
	798.82	Water Rate.	262.90
Building fund.	120.00	Phone.	378.83
<u>Donations.</u>		Equipment.	<u>35.54</u>
Exors E.L.Ebbage	1108.66		2912.95
Guild.	249.41	<u>Trailer.</u>	
River race.	379.50	Insurance	41.00
Various.	<u>267.62</u>	Trailer & Spares	<u>1541.89</u>
	2005.19		1582.89
Bank interest	14.18	Postage & printing	155.16
Phone use.	52.90	Building costs	24.16
Sponsored walks etc.	615.52	Bank charges.	10.00
Sale of T Shirts	56.50	Lottery licence	17.50
<u>Refunds.</u>		Firework Party.	12.10
Tax.	496.39	Camps & Gear.	273.76
Insurance	26.53	Badges.	391.59
Rates.	231.17	Scarves.	257.80
Water rate.	<u>34.14</u>	Activity expenses.	392.37
	788.23	Competitions.	84.00
Sale of boats.	700.00	Training.	132.00
Use of premises.	725.50	Excess income over expenditure	3740.52
Water Rat	75.00		
Training Grants.	52.50		
Cash in hand 5/4/91	2635.67		
	<u>11893.99</u>		<u>11893.99</u>

Cash in hand Beavers.	7.45
.. .. Cub Scouts
.. .. Scout Troop.	293.15
.. .. Venture Unit	16.09
Group Treasurer. Cash	1247.91
Bank	372.09
Deposit	1803.83
	<u>3740.52.</u>

We have audited these accounts and find them to be in accordance with the documents produced.

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LEANDER SEA SCOUT GROUP SECTION ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

5th. APRIL 1992.

Beavers.

Subscriptions.	£ 315.75	To Group.	£ 176.81
		Meeting Expenses	97.19
		Scarves.	27.00
		Badges.	7.30
			<hr/> 308.30
		Excess income over	
		Expenditure.	<hr/> 7.45
			<hr/> 315.75

Cub Scouts.

By carried forward.	£ 50.00	To Group	£ 382.90
Subscriptions.	876.73	Camps etc.	71.92
Outings.	5.20	Outings.	30.17
Donations.	20.00	Badges. etc.	227.68
		Meeting Expenses.	155.70
		Stationary. Phone etc.	55.56
		Scarves.	18.00
		Bank Charges.	10.00
	<hr/> 951.93		<hr/> 951.93

Scout Troop.

By carried forward,	£ 170.32	To Group.	£ 1062.00
Subscriptions	1771.50	Badges etc.	130.10
		Training.	54.00
		Competitions.	84.00
		Meetings Expenses.	75.23
		Camps & Gear.	207.04
		Scarves & uniforms	36.30
			<hr/> 1648.67
		Excess income over	
		Expenditure.	<hr/> 293.15
	<hr/> 1941.82		<hr/> 1941.82

Venture Scout Unit.

By carried forward.	£ 116.09	To Group.	£ 100.00
		Excess income over	
		Expenditure	<hr/> 16.09
			<hr/> £ 116.09

HELP INFORMATION SHEET

The Group needs help in many ways and we depend on our parents and friends to give whatever support they can. We would like to update our records and would ask you to indicate below the areas you can assist in and return the form as soon as possible to Keith Maund, 16 The Crest, Surbiton, Surrey KT5 8JZ. Should you require further details on how you can help, phone: 081-399 5846.

PARENT/SUPPORTER'S NAME: MR _____ OCCUPATION: _____

MRS _____ OCCUPATION: _____

HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

I can help with the following:

LEADER/ASSISTANT LEADER	- Beavers (Age 6 - 8	- Mondays)
	Cubs (Age 8-10½	- Wednesdays)
	Scouts (Age 10½-15½	- Tuesdays and Saturday p.m.)
	Ventures (Age 15½ - 20	- Thursday and Sunday p.m.)

SECTION HELPER - BEAVERS/CUBS

INSTRUCTOR : SUBJECTS:

BADGE EXAMINER : SUBJECTS:

BUILDING MAINTENANCE/DIY/BOAT MAINTENANCE

TRANSPORT FOR OUTINGS ETC.

TOWING TRAILERS (BOATS - CAMPS).

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION

FUND RAISING - CATERING/REFRESHMENTS

OTHERS - Please Specify:

Please indicate below any areas other than the above where you think you might be able to assist the Group - e.g. supply of consumables/ building materials etc./specialist services/fundraising ideas, etc.