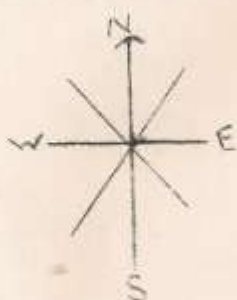
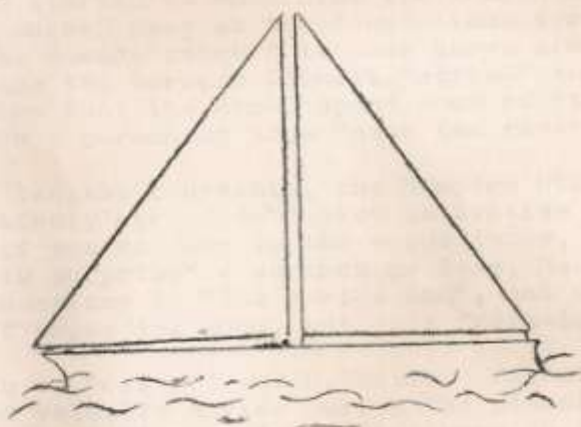
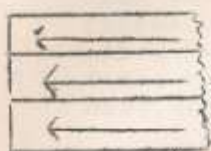


DECEMBER '75

ACHILLES SEA SCOUT GROUP



1st.

HAMPDEN HILL

"NINE YEARS HARD LABOUR - NO REMISSION FOR GOOD CONDUCT"

Back in 1966 when I first fell in with this lot, one could count Cubs and Scouts on ones fingers - even then the proportion (1:3) of Scouters and boys was high. "Money Bags" Madge Jones nursed the Group along on £256.

Nine years later after extensive harrings by a fierce G.S.A., some 20 jumblings, 8 fetes and many other "womblings" - Mick Rowland in our JUBILEE YEAR finds himself "keeping warm" a magnificent £8500 nest egg.

Termites started to undermine the Town Hall, and quietly munched away at the foundations for eight years until the damage started to show above ground. At this stage the Borough Council "agreed" that it was about time that the Group spent some of its mounting assets on a permanent home "near the river".

After a lengthy courtship, the Hampton District Girl Guides kindly agreed to "joint activities in Beveree" - so, "if you go down to the woods today, you're in for a big surprise" - workmen no less, hastening from our foundations to "The Worlds End", not with any sense of impending doom, but to a froth-topped glass.

Thankyou D. "Caster" and D. "Pollux" for all the expert help and valuable advice during the planning stage, and in expectation of four beady eyes on the building as it goes up, and who could wish for a better bunch of Scouters to set about making men of your boys in their new home.

E.V. WHITEHEAD
Chairman -
Group Council

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

1975 will certainly be a year to remember for the 1st Hampton Hill Sea Scout Group.

OUR GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR, and so much progress in so many ways.

All three sections are thriving with over 80 boys and 10 uniformed Leaders; new boats and, most pleasing of all, at last we have a site and a new Headquarters rising in Station Road. Our warmest admiration and thanks must go to Ted Whitehead for the persistence and stamina he has displayed in bringing together all the factors required to achieve this. Our thanks go also to Mick Jard, and all the parents and friends who have worked so hard to raise the money to make it possible.

I am tremendously pleased to have now such a strong team of Leaders for the training of the boys, and the Section Leaders reports give some idea of their achievements. They have all worked hard, as a team, but I would particularly like to welcome Linda Balcan - our new Akela, and Joan Carr - her mother. We are very fortunate to have such a capable and well trained pair of Leaders for the Cub Pack. We look forward to many happy, and successful, scouting years ahead with them.

Many of you will have attended our Open Day which was the first of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

This was held at Sunbury Court on the 3rd October with a total attendance approaching 300, with Don Young (the Deputy County Commissioner) our Guest of Honour. Many old members of the Group came, including Skipper Percy Balden who lives in Fembrokeshire now and was G.S.M. for 21 years.

A 'golden cup' for the oldest ex Cub or Scout member of the Group was presented to Mr. Leslie Benjamin who was a Cub in 1926 when the Cub Pack started.

Foretop and Mizzen watches shared the trophy for the Scout competitions, and Green Six won the Cub competition.

Gerry Pratley (secretary of the Group Council) won the father's race, and Diana McLead (wife of the Group's Publicity Officer) won the ladies race.

In spite of the cold weather everybody seemed to enjoy the afternoon, which was completed with a presentation of prizes and a Colour to the Venture Unit; followed by refreshments and a Camp Fire.

During the year we have been fortunate to acquire two second-hand boats. The Hounslow Sea Scouts have let us have, for a nominal sum, a second-hand Gig which allows a crew of five to pull together. It requires some, but not an inordinate amount of work. We have also been given an Enterprise sailing dinghy by the 2nd Whitton Scout Group. This boat is in excellent condition. Together with the two dingies and two canoes we have been given, or built in the previous two years, we now have an excellent collection of boats.

A further event to mark our Golden Jubilee Year will be a Service of Commemoration, Thanksgiving, and Re-Dedication at St. James' Church, Hampton Hill, on Sunday, 7th December at 3 p.m. This will be a short service especially for our Group, and we hope that as many parents and friends as possible will attend.

GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT (continued..)

With all the excellent progress we have made you may wonder whether we have reached a peak. I certainly hope not. There is indeed a need for even greater effort all round. Some important further objectives to meet are:-

1. In scouting the next great goal for us is Royal Naval recognition. An inspection to this end will almost certainly be made in 1976, and we would hope for a place among the 100 recognised Groups in the next year or so.
We also aim to train our Patrol Leaders so that they gain certificates to take charge of boats on tidal waters.
We should also be setting our sights on the County and National Sea Scout Regattas.
2. For the Cubs we have to consider how we are to play our part in bringing Cub Scouting to more boys in Hampton, once we have a permanent Headquarters.
3. For the Group as a whole to complete the Headquarters and furnish and equip it suitably for the needs of a flourishing Group.

SKIPPER HARBORNE

STOP PRESS

A C H I L L E S S E A S C O U T S

WE HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY SCOUT HEADQUARTERS THAT OUR REQUEST TO ADOPT THE NAME OF "ACHILLES" HAS BEEN GRANTED.

This request was considered by the Royal Navy as well as by Scout Headquarters, and means two things.

First - we shall in future be known as "Achilles" Sea Scouts, we shall of course, retain our title of 1st Hampton Hill, but we shall carry the new name as well on our shoulder flashes, and in due course, on our Colours.

Second - we shall be able to establish a link with H.M.S. Achilles, shared only with two Sea Cadet Units. This will lead to visits to the ship from time to time.

H.M.S. Achilles is a Leander Class Frigate, and is described as a versatile general purpose anti-submarine escort vessel; it is similar to some of the warships seen at the Royal Navy Open Day at Chatham earlier this year.

She was recently involved in an unfortunate accident in the English Channel, but appears to be bloody but un-bowed.

The name "Achilles" is a famous one.

The original Greek hero was the bravest, handsomest, and swiftest of Agamemnon's army that besieged Troy. He was only defeated through his proverbial heel, presumably when his back was turned.

Many famous Royal Navy ships have been named after "Achilles". H.M.S. Achilles was a ship of the line in the Seven Year War, and later fought at Trafalgar. Perhaps the most famous ship to bear the name was a cruiser of the Royal New Zealand Navy

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which fought so bravely with the cruisers H.M.S. Ajax and Exeter to defeat the German Battleship at the battle of the River Plate.

We should be proud to carry the name of "Achilles", and it will serve to inspire us to seek the highest levels of training, turn-out, and service.

SKIPPER HARBORNE

CUB PACK

I am pleased to have the opportunity of reporting on the activities of our Cubs.

On 11th October we gained 13 proficiency badges at the District Badge examination at Teddington Baptist Church. Unfortunately we will need to gain more 'arrows' before we can get many more badges as Headquarters rules state that only two proficiency badges may be gained before the 'Bronze Arrow', and an extra two for each 'Arrow' gained. In addition, the Swimmers and Cyclists badges may be gained at any time.

The District Swimming Gala was held at Richmond Baths on 24th October, and a good effort by the boys gained us 8 points which put us approximately half-way in the placings.

The Green Six have been selected to represent the Pack at the District Challenge Competition at Collis School, Teddington, on Saturday, 25th November. (We hope they did well).

Football is now with us again, and our very keen team (under the watchful eyes of Mr. Cook, Mr. Dart, and Mr. Anderson) are producing some good results. Well done lads (and Dads). Carry on the good work!!

I have purchased tickets for the pantomime at Richmond Theatre on 9th January 1976 - could I please have the 75p. from those Cubs who have booked to go. I would also appreciate names of parents willing to help with transport on the day for either single, or both, journeys.

The next Badge examination will be at the Baptist Church, Church Road, Teddington, on Saturday 6th December, at 2 p.m.

The Carol Service will be held at Carlisle School on Thursday, 10th December, from 7.30 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. This Service will be conducted by Mr. Leslie Booth who is a Reader at St. Mary's Church, Hampton. I hope that all Scouts, Ventures, Scouters, and parents, friends, and relatives, will join with us on this very enjoyable occasion.

KKLA

SEA SCOUT TROOP

We have enjoyed an extremely full year of activities in 1975, with still more to come. I feel great credit should be given to the Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders for the drive and enthusiasm they have shown in training the Scouts in their Patrols and in their own personal standard of training and achievement.

The following are to be congratulated on gaining the Chief Scouts Aware (the premier in the Scout Section):-

DAVID WARD	CLEM FISHER	BRIAN COPESTAKE
IAN SHORTMAN	ALAN DRAPER	MARK PRATLEY
ROY COPESTAKE	MARK WARD	
KEVIN SPARKS	MALCOLM ANTHONY	

Our congratulations are also due to the following who gained the Boatman Badge:-

ALAN DRAPER	PHILIP SHORTMAN	PAUL BACON
BRIAN COPESTAKE	ANTHONY SPARKS	RICHARD BEASLEY
MARK WARD	STUART CLARKE	ANDREW SAINSBURY-
MALCOLM ANTHONY	MARK DAVIES	BROWN
		MARK PRATLEY

We must now look forward to the award of some Coxswains Mate Badges in the forthcoming year.

All our Patrol Leaders have successfully completed a Patrol Leaders Training Course during the year. They are:-

MARK PRATLEY	BRIAN COPESTAKE
MARK WARD	MALCOLM ANTHONY

Congratulations to ALAN DRAPER on being appointed Senior Patrol Leader, and to MARK DAVIES for achieving the Bronze Award in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Four Venture Scouts and two Scouts have taken part in the London Sailing Project which entailed a full weeks off-shore sailing. The Scouts who took part were ALAN DRAPER and MARK PRATLEY.

PHILIP SHORTMAN and STUART CLARKE are both doing their three months service for the Chief Scouts Aware with the Cub Pack, and MELBA tells me that they are doing extremely well. Well done lads, keep it up!! When they have finished we've two more in the pipeline for you MELBA!!

In the midst of all this activity we have held a number of successful camps.

Winter Camp was held at the National Scout Camping Site at Ferry Wood, 1st - 6th April. Those who attended are not likely to forget it, the weather was not exactly kind; snow, fog, rain, mud, etc., and quite cold which resulted in an extremely hard camp, enjoyed by all, at which a lot of lessons were learnt. We must thank Mr. and Mrs. JACK YERRAL (the wardens) for all their kindness and help. We concentrated on pioneering and the excellent turn-out of parents were able to see some of their sons work.

On the 14/15/16th March six Scouts attended a weekend course for the Boatman Badge on H.M.S. Discovery. Again successful, as the Boatman Badge list indicates.

Perhaps one of the highlights of the year was a visit to Belgium for INTERCAMP 1975 - 16/19th May. It was held at

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DE KLUIS some twenty miles outside BRUSSELS, which is the Belgian VVKS National Scout Camp Site. A beautiful spot, and the weather was perfect except for the outward crossing which one member of the party will probably remember! Skipper Harborne, Henry Shortman, Den Tesco and Bosun took their cars with one Venture Scout and fifteen Scouts aboard. We took part in a variety of activities including pioneering and orienteering, and some excellent camp fires. The evening Scouters get togethers were not bad either!

Longridge Regatta, 5/6th July, was its usual mad self at which the Group did extremely well. I will leave the detail report to ALAN (FINGERSOFF) WILLIAMS, V.S.L., who organised the show.

Summer Camp this year was held at the Hertfordshire Young Mariners Base, Cheshunt, 19/26th July. The first half of the week we concentrated on the Boatman Badge and five Scouts were successful. In the second half we devoted our time to Dinghy Sailing culminating in a Mini Regatta at which everyone completed the course unaided.

The Venture Scouts helped us with canoeing amongst a variety of other tasks.

We followed the Mini Regatta with an excellent Camp Fire and both events were well supported by parents. With a heated swimming pool next door to the camp site we were able to do a lot of swimming, and several Swimmers badges were obtained. We also completed a lot of Athletes badges thanks to Den Tesco's Crystal Palace type arena.

On Sunday, 26th May, we visited the Royal Naval Dockyards at Chatham as a Group. Again a most successful day, concluding with some enthusiastic though not particularly tuneful singing on the way home.

We celebrated our GOLDEN JUBILEE 1925-1975 this year with a camp and open day at Sunbury Court, 3/4/5th October. I will not steal Skip's thunder by reporting here, but again, a most successful camp and open day.

The Middlesex Canoe Race took place on Sunday, 28th September, at which we entered fifteen members of the Group, in fourteen canoes. I am sure that ALAN WILLIAMS will provide all the details in his section of the newsletter.

On 7/8/9th November a party of nine Scouts went to Bethesda in North Wales as part of twenty-seven Scouts from the County we took part in a Greater London South West Expedition to Snowdonia. A separate report is included elsewhere in the newsletter.

Patrol Camps were held as follows:

- Quarterdeck (MARK WARD) - at Dalton Pirs.
- Forecastle (MARK PRATLEY) - at Papercourt Lock.
- Foretop (BRIAN COPESTAKE) - at Dalton Pirs.

All the Patrol Camps were of a high standard, and the Patrol Leaders are to be congratulated.

The following Scouts have gone up into the Venture Unit during the year, and we wish them every success and a big thankyou for all the sterling work they did with the Troop:-

- DAVID WARD
- IAN SHORTMAN
- CLEM FISHER
- ROY COPESTAKE

SE. SCOUT TROOP: (continued..)

The following Cubs have passed their Link badge and have been invested as members of the Troop:-

MARIO VOLPI	WILLIAM WILDER	GARY SMITH
KEITH GALE	TIMOTHY WILLIAMS	PAUL FRANK
GERARD WRIGHT	CHRISTOPHER BRISFORD	

New Scouts invested during the year are as follows:-

MICHAEL HUGHES	DUNCAN McLEOD	PETER BIRCH
JEAN JACQUE FRANCE	STEPHEN CLARKE	ROBERT BRIMANS
SIMON VAUGHAN-SPRUCE	ROBIN VAUGHAN-SPRUCE	

Before outlining the future programme my thanks must go to ... ALAN WILLIAMS and ALL the Venture Scouts for the tremendous amount of help they have given the Troop over the past year.

To - DEN TESCO and HENRY SHORTMAN without whose help the camps etc. would just not have been possible.

To- DEN BACON and RON CLARKE for the use of their transport to get all the equipment to and from the various camps.

In particular's to TED LAWRENCE who never misses a Monday Troop night and runs the Troop account - Thankyou TED.

To - All the loyal parents who always help to provide transport for all the camps and activities.

Last, and by no means least, to all the Scouters wives who never seem to object when their husbands always seem to be away on this "scouting lark."

A HEARTFELT THANKYOU TO YOU ALL.

RON SPEARS (BOSUN)

* NOTE: Future programme dates given on last page of this newsletter.

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We hope that when our new Headquarters is finished we will be able to run a really first-class Jumble Sale.
PLEASE!! START COLLECTING NOW

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WEEK-END TRIP TO BETHESDA, NORTH WALLS
(or MOUNTAINEERING MEMORIES)

The mini-bus driven by Bosun (Ron Sparks) picked up 1st Hampton Hill, i.e. Brian Copestake, Mark Ward, Malcolm Anthony, Mark Fratley, Stuart Clark, Tony Sparks, Richard Beasley and Paul Bacon, at 5.30 p.m. Friday, 8th November. Everyone was rammed in and then driven to Hampton Court to pick up a few other Scouts, and to re-arrange and re-ran people back in. Luckily for me, and my long legs, I sat in the front whilst the others groaned in the back. The journey was only interrupted by stops for petrol, and to mend a leaky fuel pipe which had leaked into someone's kitbag and which still smelt of petrol in the mountains next day.

We arrived at Bethesda (7.5 miles north of Snowdon) in the early hours of the morning, and guess where - yes, straight to bed. I was rudely tipped out at 6.30 a.m. by Bosun, and we all prepared for the days mountain walk - rucksac containing map, compass, whistle, overtrousers etc.

We were on the mountains by 8 a.m. (in groups according to size) The Group to which I was attached were going up Foel-Goch, 2,700'. Each person had a go at leading, but unfortunately for them I was the first to lead up Foel-Goch. At the top was a magnificent view of the other mountains, and the valleys leading to Llanberis and Bethesda. We then went south along a wide ridge and then up to Y-Garn 3,035'. It was very windy along the ridge, and misty on Y-Garn. From there we took a map bearing to Llyn Gwn (a lake) where we had lunch of raisins, chocolate, cheese, and biscuits. We then continued down to the Devils Kitchen, which is a massive cleft in a cliff from which a Prince was meant to have jumped to commit suicide; then down and round Llyn Idwal and back to the Mountain Rescue Post where we had started.

It was a most enjoyable days walk over about 7 miles of grassy and rocky mountains, finishing around 4 p.m. so as not to be on the mountains in the dark.

The next day was only a mornings walk as we had to return to Hampton before midnight.

We started from the same place and walked up to Glyder Fach via Llyn Bochlwyd - but not quite to the summit as it was too windy. We came down via Llyn Idwal, as before. The Leader of our party - who is a mountaineer, told us of the stupid people who go up mountains in bad weather just before it gets dark without equipment, whistles, etc., and with an umbrella (useless in the winds), and sandals, and who refuse help - but three hours later have to be searched for.

BRIAN COPESTAKE
Patrol Leader
Foretop Watch.

THE VENTURE UNIT

(Otherwise known as - "The Magnificent Seven", "The Vultures", or "Alan's Private Army").

The Unit strength stands at 7, with 1 member on leave of absence until the New Year, and although a further member is now living out of the District he usually manages to attend the regular fortnightly meetings and other activities. All the young men concerned, and I believe, the Group as a whole, are extremely pleased with the way the Unit has developed and although it may sound old-fashioned, the esprit de corps runs very high. During the past 6 months assistance has been forthcoming from the Unit to the Troop, at Easter and Summer camps and during boating sessions, and from time to time the Scouters have found the additional muscle-power of great help. The Unit took complete responsibility for the "Welly Flinging" and "China Stalls", as well as completely organising the Canoe Exhibition at the 1975 Summer Fete. They also formed part of the Friday night "Guard", at the same time CELEBRATING the First Anniversary of their unofficial foundation.

Four lads took part in the London Sailing Project (Roy Copestake, Clem Fisher, Ian Shortman and David Ward); and two, David and Clem, have received the coveted "Amory Award" and also been short-listed for selection as Watch Leaders for 1976. In addition, by the time you receive this report, Clem will have attended a week-end selection course for participation in the well known "Tall Ships Race", and we all hope he will be successful.

In May of this year, Ian Shortman was appointed to the "State Duties Reserve" of the Scout County of Greater London South West and has assisted at a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, a County Chief Scout's Award Presentation, and most recently, at the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph. Members of this small, select body serve for 1 year only and we hope that other members of the Unit will put their names forward for consideration in future years.

Various members of the Unit have participated in all manner of activities during the past 6 months, including mountain walking, climbing, canoe surfing and conservation work for the National Trust. Towards the end of October, Roy Copestake and Ian Shortman, went on a 3 day canoe camp, and although subject to the odd "error and omission", they covered a distance of some 50 miles from Caversham to Hampton, in approximately 18 hours paddling time. Over the night 15/16th November, four of the lads participated in a Twickenham District Venture Scout "activity week-end", comprising a night hike with a number of incidents staged en route. All good fun but also a good method of finding out how lads cope with various situations when sprung in the "wee small hours", when they may be feeling rather weary. The weather was most foul, and of the 10 teams participating 3 retired, but I am pleased to report that our team, comprising Roy Copestake, Ian Shortman, David Ward and Paul Williams, were awarded 2nd place, based on time taken for the hike plus points awarded at the various incidents. All being well, the "foot sloggers" will be on the move over the period 21/23rd December, when Clem Fisher, David Ward and Paul Williams will be working up a good Christmas appetite (and

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thirst!) and at the same time will endeavour to walk the 80 miles South Downs Way in 48 hours. If they succeed this will be no mean achievement, as apart from anything else they will walk more hours in darkness than daylight.

Apart from all the activities mentioned, most of which are basically for the lads' own pleasure, the Unit is building up a first-class reputation for Community Service, in keeping with the true principles of Scouting. The Unit has also presented a Trophy for competitive canoeing within the Troop accepting responsibility for the complete organisation of the races. The Award is held for 1 year and this year's winner was Brian Copestake.

The "Paddles" and "Boats" Exhibitions staged at the Golden Jubilee Celebration camp at Sunbury Court were very well presented, and were, we hope, of interest to all visitors. This occasion will be particularly memorable for the Venture Unit as it was at this time that the Unit Colours were presented by the Deputy County Commissioner, Don Young. Five members of the Unit formed the Colour Party and the colours were received by Paul Adams, as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Although not entirely Venture Unit matters, it has fallen to me to report on two boating activities which have now become high-spots in the Group's calendar. The first of these, is the annual Longridge Regatta, and as usual, we had an excellent turn-out, and a first class week-end of competition was enjoyed by all - Scouts, Venture Scouts, and Scouters. Scout crews did very well to work their way up into 2 semi-finals and 2 finals, and the Venture Unit also appeared in 2 semi-finals and 2 finals, recording a 1st and two 2nd places in finals, to give them the runners-up position for the Venture Scout Trophy. A further honour was obtained by the Venture Unit, plus Tony Sparks on detachment from the Troop, in winning the Venture Scout "Five-a-Side" football competition, knocking out teams from as far afield as Holland. Bearing in mind that the average age of the lads in the Unit at the time was under 17, this performance was a very creditable one. So far as the "slightly old and bold" were concerned, much courage was shown in entering for the "Five-a-Side" football; although losing 2 - nil, they did not disgrace themselves. Remember, a Veteran at Longridge Regatta is anyone over 20 years of age! No further comment! We did have one finalist in the "Veteran" dinghy pulling event but the best he could manage was a "disqualified 3rd". Again, no comment!

Finally, on 28th September we had the Middlesex Canoe Race, which is now probably the premier long distance event for canoeists in the Scout and Guide Associations. The course from Walton Bridge to 3rd Pie Island, Twickenham, is 10 miles for the under 18s and 12 miles for the over 18s. We had an excellent entry of 15 paddlers and 14 canoes and the results were very gratifying indeed resulting in the award of the "Hampton Plaque" for the Group with the second highest points based on the first 6 placed in each class. We dominated the Junior Singles Class with Clem Fisher, Brian Copestake, Mark Ward, Malcolm Anthony, and Paul Williams filling 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th places respectively. Roy Copestake and Ian

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THE VENTURE UNIT (continued..)

Shortman won the Junior I.2. class and we also took 4th place in the Senior Singles. Congratulations must also go to those others who were not in the first 6 places in their classes, but nonetheless completed the course. Have no fear, they'll do better next year!

ALAN (FINGERSOFF) WILLIAMS

OUR NEW HEADQUARTERS

We are pleased to be able to give you more detailed information about our new H.Q. which is being built in Station Road, Hampton.

The building is 80' long x 30' wide - with a side extension measuring 25' x 12' for use as a Boat Store. The Main building will have a Central Hall 54' x 30' : Galley 12' x 12' : Heads (ladies and gents.) : Committee Room 19' x 12' : Security Room 12' x 6'.

The Main building will be 9' to the eaves and 15' to the ridge. The roof is well insulated and the floors will have a thermoplastic tiled finish. Heating is by Gas Radiant heaters mounted at a high level.

The construction is in the very capable hands of R.G. Taylor Limited of Hampton, who has asked us to request that unauthorised persons do not enter the site during building.

We hope that the building will be finished by March/April 1976 when we will need some help from supporters to carry out the internal finishing, and external landscaping - any offers of help will be most welcome.

'THE DEN'S'

GROUP SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

The main object of the Association is to raise funds to help with the building of the new H.Q., and to supply equipment for use by the lads in all sections of the Group. The association also provides an opportunity for parents to 'get together' for social, as well as fund-raising activities.

Being Chairman of such a loyal and hard-working association I stuck my neck out at the last A.G.M. and promised that we would raise £1500 within one year. The details given below certainly prove that we have one of the finest associations possible.

Summer Fete - Beverea - 7th June 1975

Helped by a glorious day there was a great turn out at the Fete. The many sideshows enjoyed excellent trade, together with the produce and cake stalls, the handicrafts and White Elephant. Teas were served at umbrella shaded tables, much appreciated in view of the heat wave. The Kneller Hall Band played most enjoyable selections of popular music. All the hard work was not in vain, as the Fete made a nett profit of £756.

Jumble Sale - Hampton Junior School - 25th October 1975

This is a twice yearly event which, although involving short term hard work, brings in good profits. Parents are asked to help on the Friday evening and Saturday morning sorting the jumble and helping to collect if they have transport, and on Saturday afternoon, selling. This sale produced a profit of £160.

Bring and Buy Sale - 7th November 1975

This was a new event and this year was held at a Committee member's house. Next year it is hoped to be able to use the Headquarters. The idea is to sell handicrafts and other goods with a view to helping with the Christmas present problem. The first sale made a profit of £50.

Christmas Cards

As you all know, we are asked to buy Christmas cards etc., through Webb Ivory. The system is that the Group gets a percentage of the value of the cards sold and after £1,000 additional bonuses. This year we have so far reached around £1,800 and hope therefore to reap a profit of at least £400 plus bonuses.

Wamble

We have been presented with a very attractive Wamble and parents will be asked to buy raffle tickets for a draw to take place at the last Cub meeting before Christmas.

MICK YARD

The outline future programme is as follows:-

1975

- 6/7th December Sea Scout Patrol Leaders Training Course at Shepperton.
- 7th December Service of Commemoration - 3 p.m. St. James' Church, Hampton Hill.
- 18th December Carol Service at Carlisle School. 7.30 p.m. (after Cub meeting)
- 21/23rd December 'Vultures' walk - The South Downs Way.

1976

- 9th January Cubs Pantomime outing to Richmond Theatre
- 20/25th April Easter Camp at Gilwell Park
- Whitsun 1976 Intercamp 1976 in Western Germany (not confirmed)
- Spring Bank Holiday Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders to assist with Cub Camp at Sunbury Court.
- 12th June Summer Fete
- 26/27th June Twickarree
- 3/4th July Longridge Regatta
- 24/31st July Summer Camp at Longridge

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Later on in the year, say August/September, I would like to hold a weekend FATHER AND SON CAMP. These can be tremendous fun for both the young and the older. Perhaps you would like to let me know whether this idea would attract your support.

BOSUN