

1st HAMPTON HILL SEA SCOUT GROUP

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FORWARD

The Group magazine is produced annually at this time of year and it is hoped that it achieves two basic objectives.

The first is that it will be of interest to the parents and give them some indication of the events in which the Group has participated over the past year.

Secondly, it aims to give parents of the new boys a better understanding of the various sections in the Group and the functions which each carries out. I recall that more years ago than I care to remember, when my sons first joined the Cubs, Akela and his Assistants were the only part of the Group for which I had any appreciation. I realised that there was a Scout Troop but that was about all. Nowadays there is also a Venture Group.

If, to this organisation, one adds the administrative and fund raising committees, one can appreciate that there is quite an organisation - each unit dependent, to some extent, on the others.

I hope that this magazine will be informative and of interest.

MICK J WARD
Group Treasurer

Once again it is my pleasure to congratulate the 1st Hampton Hill Sea Scout Group on its continuing success, which does not come without a lot of hard work by the Leaders and Instructors, ably backed-up by an active Group Supporters Association.

Four years ago the Group received the supreme accolade of Admiralty Recognition, it is an honour which local people should be rightly proud.

I offer my sincere thanks to the Leaders, Instructors, Parents, and all concerned for your unstinting efforts so freely given in making our Sea Scout Group the success we know it to be; long may it continue.

I wish you all a Very Happy 1983.

BY THE WAY

Looking across the Thames from the Hampton side of the river to Hurst Park Estate opposite, how many of you have memories of the days of horse racing at Hurst Park which finished in October 1962, when on that October day we heard the raucous voices of the Bookmakers, the thunder of hooves, and the cheers and groans of the Punters for the last time.

The Race Card announced on its first page that this was the second and final day of the October meeting, and the auction of racecourse equipment would take place on 6th/7th November. Two of the runners on that day called "Lastime" and "Final Bloom" were not placed and at the end of the meeting Mr. N. Watts announced the company would put up 800 houses and flats on fifty-four of the one-hundred and twenty-one acres of the course.

Twenty acres of the turf would be lifted and sent to Ascot for its new jumping course; the rest lifted and sold elsewhere. By the end of the year bulldozers had moved in and it quickly became a building site.

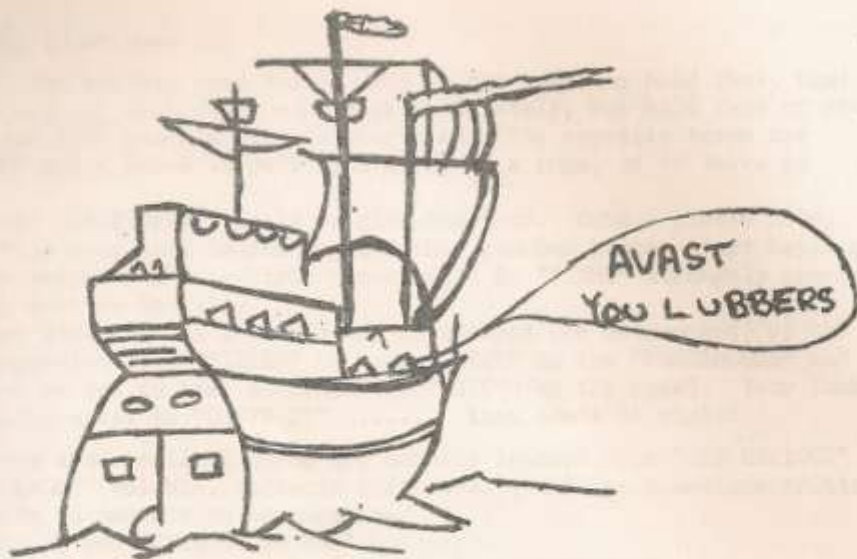
Molesey Hurst had continuous sporting connections dating back to the 18th Century, and was at that time the scene of many sporting events - prize fighting, cricket, old time football, and cock fighting. For many years "Appy Ampton" races took place twice a year on the open Hurst, but after 1887 the Jockey Club stopped the fixtures. The Hurst Park syndicate was formed. In 1888 the course was laid out and came into use two years later.

Hurst Park was the last racecourse in the area to cease racing on the outbreak of the 1939 War, and the first to re-open afterwards at Easter 1946. It remained one of the less popular tracks with the London racegoer; its badly sited stands were a feature imposed by the shape of the site which could not be altered.

Never again shall we see the Ferryman, Ernie or Dolly and Joe skilfully rowing their boats laden with passengers across the Thames, or pause halfway across while the hat was passed round ... "Don't forget the Boatman".

Some two-thousand people now live on the Estate enjoying their new homes, few of them giving much thought to the fact that this was for more than 50 years a home of the Sport of Kings.

CLLR. GEORGE KENTON
Group President



"WHAT'S IN A NAME"

YES - this is a Sea Scout Group you might well say.

What strange names they have on the doors!

Through the door marked "GALLEY" and you find yourself in the kitchen, for goodness sake!

What on earth is the "WARDROOM" for? Well, that is the place where the Instructors (Officers) hold their chin-wags.

No loos in this place, they have "HEADS" instead.

Strange to think that these terms were all used on the "MARY ROSE" yet are still in widespread use today at sea.

Many of these names were coined by the seafarers under sail well before the days of coal-fired ships and the modern Royal Navy ships which were household names in the action off the Falkland Islands.

Let us have a look at some directional terms used in sailing boats and seagoing ships.

When you face the sharp end, the "FORE" end, you will be looking along the "FORE AND AFT line" which runs parallel with the keel. Right at the sharp end you will find "HAWSE PIPES" through which the anchor chains pass. This area has a quaint old name "THE EYES OF HER".

If you happen to be on the Upper Deck in this area you will be standing on the "FORECASTLE" or "FO'CASTLE".

Remember the "FORE AND AFT line" and look to your left, you will be looking to "PORT" (or to "LARBOARD"), look to your right and you will be looking to "STARBOARD". At night at sea a bright red navigation light will show on the "PORT" side, and a green one on the "STARBOARD" side.

So now let us walk down to the blunt (AFT) end of the vessel and the upper deck at this blunt end is the "QUARTERDECK".

The areas to the right and left of the "FORE AND AFT line" are "ATHWARTSHIP", "ABEAM", or "ON THE BEAM".

At sea positions in front of the sharp end will be "AHEAD", and those at the blunt end, "ASTERN".

"WHAT'S IN A NAME" (continued ..)

"AVAST" is a real old sailing term and is used in the sense to hold fast, thus "AVAST HEAVING" does not mean stop being sick immediately, but hold fast or stop heaving on the rope that you may have in your hand. The opposite terms are "BOWSE" or "BOUSE" which means to pull with gusto on a rope, or to leave go immediately.

The quaint old term "MAKE WATER" could be misunderstood. Cubs - please note, at sea it means that your boat is leaking and that you had better start heeling out the unwelcome water. A watertight vessel will be "TIGHT" strangely enough (not steered by a Venture Scout!!)

The path that your vessel takes in the water is steered (or determined) by the rudder which is operated by a "TILLER" or by a "WHEEL" in the "WHEELHOUSE" and you might be asked at sea to take a "SPELL" or "TRICK" at the wheel. Your luck is in, you are being asked to "IRIVE IT" that can't be right!

These and countless other sailing terms are usually learned from "OLD SEADOGS" or "OLD SAILING HANDS" (vulgar, esoteric initiates!), and are sometimes written down in an appendix to manuals on seamanship.

So, start swotting up you "SEADOGS TO BE!"

E. V. WHITEHEAD
Group Chairman

STOP PRESS::::: R.N. INSPECTION

A WRITTEN REPORT HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED confirming that our Admiralty Recognition has been renewed for a further period.

Extract reads:-

"It was a well organised and conducted inspection excellently attended. At the formal inspection the Scouts were very smartly dressed, and of good bearing and appearance, with drill and ceremonial well performed. Activities included many facets of pure Scouting and nautical training with the Scouts alert and showing good knowledge of their subjects. Badgework is making good progress in all sections, with RYA and BCU certificates being gained. The age of the Venture Unit has come down, but they are progressing and active; and they are being encouraged to go on and gain further awards.

Adult Leaders/Instructors are first-class and encourage a good and varied training programme. The Scouts are well motivated with high morale throughout.

Finance and administration are capably dealt with by a dedicated Executive Committee with good parental support.

This Group is one of the best in the Royal Navy Recognition Scheme. "

Well done everyone.

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* We are sorry to learn of the recent illness of *  
* Lt.Cdr.David Uden (our Inspecting Officer) and *  
* wish him a very speedy recovery - and look *  
* forward to his visiting us in the not too *  
* distant future. *  
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GROUP SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT

Once again the time has come to put pen to paper and try and recall all the events of the past year

I suppose the first important event was the ROYAL NAVAL INSPECTION held indoors in the Scout B.Q. on Wednesday 3rd March. This was the last one by Lt.Cdr.David Uden before his retirement. The Inspection went very well indeed, supported by a very large contingent of parents. We have been told verbally that it was a very good inspection, however, to date the written report is not yet at hand.

Ian Shortman ran an extremely successful LAND SKILLS CAMP at Polyapes at Easter, attended by some 20 Scouts.

Then, in one weekend we had the GROUP'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, and the next day ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE. Both were well attended, but at the next Annual General Meeting we hope to do even better on parental attendance.

Pat Cook, the Scout Leader, has now completed his Basic Training, and Miss Susanne Cudde has taken out a Cub Scout Instructor permit and is wearing uniform.

This year, very appropriately in Scouting's 75th Year we celebrated TWICKEREE in Marble Hill Park. It was an extremely successful affair marred only by very wet muddy ground on our site by the river; the aftermath of a lot of rain before the weekend.

I must congratulate Pat Cook on running a very successful TROOP SUMMER CAMP at Thames Young Mariners in July. This was reflected in a very good report received from the host District Commissioner.

Once again David Russell allowed Scouts to go aboard his yacht 'Olivia Ann III' and a very good sail was enjoyed by all. I also took some Scouts sailing on 'Barbery' in August.

For the first time in years the Cub Pack went away for a proper weeks SUMMER CAMP at Polyapes. My congratulations to Paul Adams, his leaders and helpers for a very good camp, and I hear, some new camp fire leaders.

Again we did well in the MIDDLESEX CANOE RACE in September; Paul Ferguson and Mark Pointer have done extremely well in winning their class at the ARUN and the SIDCUP CANOE RACES.

Congratulations to David Gibson, Paul Ferguson, Mark Pointer, on attaining their CHIEF SCOUT AWARDS, and to David who has been selected to go to the WORLD JAMBOREE IN CANADA in 1983.

The highlight of the year must be the WEDDING of Denise French and Ian Shortman on 30th October. 12 Cubs and Scouts provided a Guard of Honour with crossed canoe paddles as they came out of the Church on a beautiful sunny day. We wish them both every happiness for the future. The following week, on 30th October, an ex-member of the Group was also married, namely Mr. Paul Williams. We also wish Paul and his bride every happiness for the future.

Again, I must appeal to you all in the strongest possible terms for someone to come forward and help Dennis 'Tesco' with the Venture Scout Unit. This is still the one area where we need more adult help. Please, please, if any of you feel you can help Dennis in any way, please contact either Dennis or myself on what I am certain will be a very rewarding pastime.

We were very sorry during the year to lose the services of our Treasurer, Mick Ireland, due to business commitments. Mick very quietly and without any fuss has kept our accounts in order, very successfully, for some 12 years. Thankyou Mick for all you have done for the Group and we sincerely hope it will not be too long before you're back in the fold again. In his place we have secured the services of another stalwart in Mick Ward, who I am sure you will all appreciate is no stranger to financial matters. Mick of course also knows the workings of the Group extremely well.

Finally, thankyou all for a most successful year, and I look forward to an even more successful 1983.

A very HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR to you all.

RONALD J SPARKS

CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS

There is nothing new!

'Our youth now love luxury. They have bad manners. Contempt for authority. They contradict their parents, gobble up their food and tyrannize their teachers'

Plato (427 - 347 BC)

Looking back over the year the one activity that kept occurring, I am glad to say, is that basic Scouting skill - camping. I am pleased to report that in this the 15th Year of Scouting all but 5 Cubs went camping; some spent eight nights under canvas.

We had three camps in 1982 and all were different. There was a camp for 'first-timers' and boys who wished to do their Campers badge; there was a District camp where the Group camped on one site for the first time in many years; and of course the big one, the Cub summer camp, this year a whole week away.

As well as camps we had a varied programme of parties and visits and attended the District events, like the Swimming Gala, Cub sports, football, challenge competition and so on.

We also had some people visit us and give the Cubs talks, an activity I would like to extend in 1983.

Talking of 1983 what will it offer?

At least 3 camps ... Probably 3 parties ... A nature walk ... Hopefully, 2 day trips ... A FLIGHT IN A GLIDER ... and lots, lots more.

PAUL ADAMS
Cub Scout Leader

HOW READ ON

At this time of the year we can reflect on the past year.

With this in mind, next year I would like to try and involve parents a bit more. But before you all start thinking ... "I haven't got the time"; "I don't know anything about Scouting"; or, "He doesn't mean me!!" I would like to explain how you can help.

- a) Tell the Cubs about your job.
- b) Tell the Cubs about your hobby.
- c) Suggest an idea for a visit, trip or programme.

OR, something a bit more adventurous -

- d) Spend some time at camp.
- e) Spend an evening at Cubs.
- f) Help with badge work instruction.
- g) Help with a trip or visit.

There are many parents who do already help with the Cubs, so why not join them?
Together we can make CUBS the place to be in '83 !!

PAUL ADAMS
Cub Scout Leader

TRIP TO LEATHERHEAD SWIMMING POOL:

On Thursday, 25th August, we all went to Leatherhead Swimming Pool for the afternoon. The water was quite warm and very deep at the end. Water came from special sprays in the roof. There were two slides - one in the diving Pool and one in the baby Pool. Leatherhead was crowded and the water did not taste nice.

DARREN WORRAL, JAMIE THOMAS, DANIEL VERNON

CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS

SUNBURY COURT CAMP:

In May we went to Sunbury Court. When we arrived we put up all the tents and then put our things in the tents. Then we played some games, had hot dogs to eat, and then went to bed.

Saturday was sunny. We had breakfast, then made gadgets and then played football. After lunch we watched the F.A. Cup on television in the Leaders tent, then did some Arrow work and tests. At night it rained so we played Bingo and then searchlights. We had a midnight feast.

On Sunday it rained. We had Cubs Own and sang "All Things Bright and Beautiful" in the rain and got wet. We did some more work and then took the tents down and went home.

STEPHEN ISAAC, FERGUS HALLY, NEIL IRWIN,
RICHARD SKINNER

SUMMER CAMP - POLYAPES (21-28th August):

Due to the great success of last year's camp at Polyapes we decided on a return visit and instead of the usual long weekend we booked for a week.

Feeling a bit dubious on the Saturday morning and wondering if we had done the right thing, I set off to prepare the first-aid and cook tents before the lads arrived.

Around 3 pm the first Cubs and parents arrived - the Cubs excited about one weeks holiday and the parents excited about one weeks peace and quiet. We waited and waited, no sign of the van bringing the equipment, so the Cubs went off to explore the site and shortly after they had disappeared (you guessed it) the van arrived; fortunately some parents had stayed behind to give a hand in pitching the tents etc.

Soon the tents were put up and the boys kit sorted out, with time for a game of football before tea. As always, the first day at camp is noisy and exhausting for the Leaders but the Cubs just don't seem to get tired. It must have been around 3 am before the last of the boys stopped talking and fell asleep - this only gave the Leaders around 2½ hours sleep because the Cubs were all awake at 5.30 Sunday morning.

After breakfast we gave the boys talks on health and safety at camp and then a tour of the site, outlining the areas 'out of bounds.'

Our theme for this year's camp was Cowboys and Indians, so after lunch we made head-dresses and costumes in which to dress up and put warpaint on the Cubs so they could have their picture taken and then they played Cowboys and Indians. That night they fell asleep a little earlier but were still up at the crack of dawn on Monday.

First we had a cleanliness check just to make sure they had washed their make-up off from the day before. Low and behold over half the boys still had war paint on, so Andrew and Paul took them to the wash-rooms. During the morning the Cubs made post-cards to send home by using potato prints of wigwams (there was more paint on themselves than on the postcards), and in the afternoon the Leaders organised a game of Balloon Rugby (balloons filled with water).

Tuesday morning the boys did not wake until 7 am which gave the Leaders a lay in. As the weather was dull and raining it was decided each tent should write a diary about camp, and as part of their Campers badge cook their dinner in the Cook tent (under supervision). Mrs. Hunter kindly read them some stories ... this was the first time the Cubs had all been quiet!!!

Wednesday was Camp Fire day so their was a lot of preparing to do. The programme to be organised and the Cubs getting ready for their stunts. As this was our first Camp Fire without Ron Sparks talents and experience we were very surprised at how well everything went and how many people enjoyed it. After the Camp Fire parents and friends were invited back to the camp for a hot drink. That night the boys could be heard singing the songs they had learnt at the Camp Fire.

Thursday morning we had to wake some of the Cubs, and some of the Cubs had to wake Paul and Andrew. This they managed by gathering around the tent and shouting C U B S at the top of their voices. Again the weather was dull so after lunch we went to the Leatherhead Leisure Centre for swimming, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. In the evening another Pack camping nearby invited us to join their Camp Fire in which we participated; as we were finishing hot soup there was a large flash of lightning and a crash of thunder so we ran across the field to our own camp site, and it was the first time we have ever had Cubs washed, teeth cleaned and into bed within half-an-hour, and to my amazement not one of the Cubs were scared.

CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS

SUMMER CAMP - POLYAPES (continued)

Friday morning proved harder to get the boys up as by now they were becoming worn out. After the storm the night before the sun was shining and the morning's activities were finishing off items for the Campers badges, but they still found time to lie Andrew on the ground, and this resulted in him chasing the Cubs around the camp site. After lunch it was full kit inspection just to try and sort out who had somebody else's socks etc. As it rained on and off all evening we sat round the Camp Fire circle and sang and learnt new songs. The lads were restless on this evening maybe because they were going home, or because they had not let off enough steam that evening.

Saturday we rose early. Some of the Cubs helped with cleaning the cookhouse equipment, some dismantled gadgets, whilst others cleared rubbish. Then came the harrowing task of packing the Cubs clothing etc. Cubs just can't seem to pack all their kit like Mum. Parents arrived and helped the Cubs and Leaders strike camp and soon we were on our way home.

Unfortunately, once we leave the camp site the Leaders have the rotten job of unloading the van of equipment and not until this job is over can the Leaders start to unwind and relax. Evenso, I enjoyed our first week camp and I'm sure many of the boys did too.

DENISE SHORTMAN
Assistant Cub Scout Leader

OPERATION PORTSMOUTH:

At 0700 hours on Saturday, 30th October, 26 Cubs, 2 helpers and yours truly departed from the H.Q. for Twickenham Station to meet up with 540 other Cubs from the District for a days trip to Portsmouth. The train had been specially hired from British Rail for the day, and once everyone was packed into the carriages we set off. Throughout the journey 1st Hampton Hill Cubs contrived to make their presence felt by singing songs which at times tended to be directed at other Packs.

On arrival at Portsmouth we all marched off in a procession for Portsmouth Harbour and HMS Victory where en masse we were to "pose" for a photograph, and this caused quite a problem.

The Packs were then split into three groups, 'X', 'Y' and 'Z'. Our group then marched to the Ferry which took us to Gosport, and then another short boat trip to H.M. Submarine Base, where the Cubs were shown round a Submarine museum, given a film show and then actually taken around the Submarine 'Alliance'.

After a packed lunch (although Cubs seem to eat non-stop) we reboarded the Ferry, passing another Group en route, and at this point the 1stH Cubs had increased from 26 to 28, much to my amazement (they actually belonged to 16th Twickenham). We boarded the 'Solent Enterprise' and had an hour long trip around the harbour where we saw many of the ships that had been in the Falklands; i.e. Invincible, Hermes, Broadsword, Blue Rover, Tartar. All of which made an awesome and impressive spectacle. The 'bar' was besieged with Cubs and by the end of the trip had sold some 192 bars of Mars and countless lollipops; one Cub asked for a Martini and Lemonade but only got a lollipop. Back on dry land, the remainder of the afternoon was spent touring two Naval Museums (one representing Nelson and the other the History of the Navy). The highlight of the day for the Cubs was to clamber over 'HMS Victory' the pride of the 19th Century Fleet and home of the Admiral C in C Home Fleet.

Then the Cubs had the opportunity to see the 'Mary Rose' recently lifted from the seabed. This seemed very small but was due to the overbearing presence of the cradle supporting her.

With darkness beginning to fall we made our way back to Portsmouth Station and met up with the other groups. On the journey home the Cubs seemed noisier than ever, no doubt excited by the day's events.

No Cubs were lost and overall there were only 12 Cub caps and one woggle missing (not, I would add, from our Group).

On behalf of the Cubs I would like to pay tribute to Gerry Day (ADC Cubs) for his tireless efforts in organising this mammoth day out, and to thank my helpers, Carol Reef and David Gibson, for all their help.

ANDREW SAINSBURY-BROWN
Assistant Cub Scout Leader

CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS .. CUBS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A CUB IS INVESTED?

We have to go to Cubs for six weeks before we are invested, to learn about Cubs and what they do.

Akela calls out your name and you have to stand in front of him. He asks if you want to become a Cub and we say "Yes." Then

- Akela : Do you know your law?
Us : Yes
- Akela : Say your law together
Us : A Cub Scout always does his best
Thinks of others before himself
And does a good turn everyday.
- Akela : Are you ready to make your promise?
Us : Yes
- Akela : Cubs, make the Cub sign
Repeat after me

When we have repeated our promise we get our cap and scarf and woggle, and lots of badges. We then stand in the middle of the circle and all the Cubs shout - CUBS - at us very loud and then we are Cubs.

LEE IRWIN, CRISPIAN BOULTING, ALLEN NORMAN

HALLOWE'N PARTY:

Most of the Cubs arrived at 2.30 pm and everyone was in fancy dress, including the leaders, ranging from Evil Edna to Ghosts and Monsters. They played lots of games from apple dipping to who could make the spookiest noise. There were hot pies and sausage rolls to eat and soup to drink. Jelly baby cake and coconut ice went down well too, and to finish off some lemonade. The Hall was decorated with witches, ghosts, bats and spiders, and things hanging from the ceiling and walls.

SUSANNE CUNDIE
Cub Instructor

TWICKEREE '82:

We went to Marble Hill Park for Twickeree 1982. Our campsite was at the bottom of the field near the river. We had to take some clothes to dress up in for the pageant. We did the Royal National Lifeboat Institute and had to wear lifejackets and anoraks.

It was a good camp, but very muddy, but it did not rain all the time we were there. We camped on one site with the Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders which was a good idea because we were all together in one camp because it was the Year of the Scout. We also had a soap box derby, but we didn't win.

The next Twickeree is in 1985 when we will all be Scouts.

NEIL IRWIN, RICHARD SKINNER,
KENNETH DALLAS, JULIAN STEGGLES

DENISE AND IAN'S WEDDING:

We arrived at the Church at 10.45 am. We were told to hide behind the Church to form a Guard of Honour, but unfortunately when Denise arrived she drove past us in a Jaguar. There were 5 Scouts and 6 Cubs. We heard everyone singing in Church, and when they were signing the register we peeped through the keyhole. When they came out of Church they walked under an arch of paddles. There were lots of photographs taken and then we threw confetti over them.

SIMON CUNDIE, TOBY HAMILTON

SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT:

What did we do in 82?

Well, the following few lines will help to answer that question.

JANUARY:

Slow recovery from Christmas

FEBRUARY:

Ian Shortman took a small party of the younger Scouts on a six-mile hike. Stephen Yell organised a successful Patrol Leader's camp at Walton Firs, and had a good report from the Camp Warden.

I attended the first half of a Scout Leaders Basic Course at Haslemere, including camping in snow.

MARCH:

The first of our two Jumble Sales this year, and the Troops main function was to distribute as many leaflets as possible in local roads; then collecting jumble with parents and helpers.

Our annual Royal Naval Inspection, a very important event in our Scout year, which involves all sections plus many helpers. Well done the whole Group.

APRIL:

Easter Camp organised by Ian Shortman who has reported that the objective of the camp was to give the Scouts experience of land scouting, cooking over open fires, pioneering and several other activities. The camp was run as a competition with the Scouters acting as judges.

To judge the meals Scouters ate with alternative patrols, which is a little like being invited to a chimps tea party! Cooking over open fires is not easy, you can't just turn the heat up or down. When it is damp and cold lighting a fire is not easy, consequently the first mornings breakfast was a little cold. Luckily for the leaders John Roaf's wife had packed a tuck-box full of eggs, bacon and sausages! The big moment of the camp was to have been the firing of the Patrol Leaders cannon - The Troop was assembled, the cannon loaded, aimed, and fired, and in front of us all the cannon fell apart.

There were many other competitions ranging from volley ball, tug-of-war, to a mystery trail with a prize of fire lighters at the end.

End of camp and its endless washing-up for the Scouts, the pots and pans get very dirty and sooty and it all has to be scrubbed off. So, after cleaning up we returned dirty, smelly, and very tired to Hampton.

St. Georges Day Parade, attended by the whole District. An excellent turn out from the Group.

MAY:

Paul Ferguson organised and ran a week-end patrol camp at Walton Firs which proved to be of a good standard - Well done Paul.

I completed the second half of my Scout Leaders Basic Course, and gained a certificate.

JUNE:

The Summer Pete where every patrol runs its own stall. This years takings were an improvement on last years - well done lads.

JULY:

Annual summer camp at Thames Young Mariners. Well done to the Coxains Mate Crew on completing a round trip of 25 miles with an overnight bivouac at Shepperton Lock :-

Jonathan Gale, Paul Gray, Marcus Makariou, Stewart Mitcheson,
Johnathan Sanders, Neil Woolhouse, Stepehn Yell

Well done the Boatman Badge team :-

Scott Ancell, Justin de Wilde, Paul Goldsmidt, Andrew Miles,
Darran Pointer, Robin Mark Smith, Russell Young

Well done the Elementary Helmsman lads who gained their badge training under R.Y.A. Instructors :-

David Gibson and Simon Owen

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SCOUT LEADER'S REPORT (continued..)

JULY (continued ..)

Well done the Elementary Canoeists trained to the B.C.U. one-star standard by Ian Shartman, Andrew Sainsbury-Brown, Roy Copestake and Keith Ferguson:-
Scott Ancell, Paul Goldsmidt, Andrew Lewis, Marcus Makariou,
Andrew Miles, Darran Pointer, Robin Mark Smith, Jason Wing

My thanks to David Gibson and Andy Kikidas for helping me with the gruelling task of powering the two dinghies to 1st Molesey H.Q. and back again, picking up one straggler en-route who had lost his bearing in thick fog beneath Kingston Bridge. Whilst at 1st Molesey H.Q. we competed in Archery competitions organised by our own Instructor and "sign designer extraordinaire", Barry Skinner many thanks Barry; and an Air Rifle competition organised by John Roep many thanks John.

Well done Mark Pointer and Paul Ferguson on completing a 35 mile round trip in record time in a K2.

Mary Mums and Dads visited the camp, many to spend a day helping our full-time ladies in the Galley (never seen lettuce rinsed like that before!)

District Sports Day on the 17th proved to be a surprise for us as only a small team entered:- Andrew Lewis won the U/12 cricket ball throwing
Russell Hamilton took first place in U/12 100 metres
Neil Woolhouse showed a fine pair of heels in his event
and gained his Athletes Badge.
Overall we took 2nd place in the U/12s.

AUGUST:

A well deserved vacation.

SEPTEMBER:

A small entry in the annual Middlesex Canoe Race, but with a good result.

OCTOBER:

As in March, the Troop played an important part in the Jumble Sale, delivering and collecting.

NOVEMBER:

A party of Scouts and Leaders spent a weekend at the County Mountain Centre in Bethesda (near Snowdon) and although a hectic weekend, very enjoyable.

DECEMBER:

Scout party with tea, orange, and buns .. and silly games.

BACK TO JUNE:

Foretop patrol headed by Mark Pointer had a patrol camp at Walton Firs, well run, no complaints.
Twickeree proved to be an excellent Scouting exercise.

I would like to extend my good wishes to those who, for various reasons, have left the Troop this year:-

Paul Berrisford : David Gibson (to the Venture Unit) :
Stephen Guyett : Stephen Huddleston : Jonathan Naess :

A welcome to the Troop to:-

Ben Renton : Ian Mitchell : Stephen Rumsey :

And to those from our Cubs:

Ben Hedgland : Robert Hunter : Adam Kelly :
Harry Llufric : Greame Yell :

SCOUTS .. SCOUTS .. SCOUTS .. SCOUTS

12 SCOUT CANOEING:

We started Cubs together and became the best of mates; through Cubs and Scouts we did most things together .. sailing, camping. Most of all canoeing which became our main joy.

We started racing for the Scouts and over the past few years between us in single canoes we have taken fourteen places in races and most of them firsts. We have taken our one and two star canoe certificates, and hope to take the three star next year.

At summer camp we did a 30 mile canoe camp for one of our badges. We enjoyed it - we completed half one day, stayed overnight, and put on our cold wet gear the next morning and peddled home - to be told off by Bosun for getting back too early. All it did was to decide us that we would like to race as a double team; we train two nights a week with one of our Dads coaching us, and were lucky in winning the Sidcup Marathon race in October '82.

We have had lots of help from both our Dads and the fact they are both keen on canoeing has helped us a lot and through them we have been able to join a Canoe Club.

MARK POINTER and PAUL FERGUSON

LEWIS SAILING PROJECT:

On Saturday, 31st July, at 1030 hours (an hour later than planned) I left the "Toby Jug" in a minibus in search of the open seas. I found it in the form of a town called Gosport and a 48½' ketch called "Gunna". Myself and eight other noble sailors were shown around the boat by the skipper and two mates.

After lunch we went for a short trip around Portsmouth Harbour to see the British Fleet after which we set sail for Cowes, but there was just one small problem, we had a beautiful sailing vessel, an experienced captain and a full crew, but there was no wind - it was calm.

After a night in Cowes we motored to Poole, then to Lulworth Cove, and then on again using the "iron-sail" (engine) to Weymouth. Half the weeks cruise had passed and we had had too much sun, drink and food, and not much sailing. We hoped for more wind on the return journey.

The wind did improve slightly and so we were woken early on the Wednesday in order to set sail for Poole. We spent the night there after stopping for lunch at Lulworth Cove.

Thursday the wind again improved so we had a fair wind to sail through the Needles and on to Yarmouth.

Friday morning we were woken early to sail back to Gosport, and after weaving through the "Cowes Week Fleet" we reached the moorings at Gosport by 1200 hours. After cleaning "Gunna" we set off home in search of comfort.

DAVID GIBSON

VENTURES .. VENTURES .. VENTURES .. VENTURES

UNIT CHAIRMAN:

It is with pleasure that I write this report on the Venture progress over the past year, but firstly to thank our past Chairman, Philip Shortman, for his tireless efforts. This year has seen the loss of three good Ventures (due to age); Andy Clarke, Gordon Cross and Phil Shortman, all of whom we hope will remain with the Group (as Rovers). Welcome to David Gibson (from Scouts), who has been elected to represent the Group at the 1983 World Jamboree in Canada.

Over the past twelve months the Unit have had a 'mixed bag' of activities, to mention some .. foreign cooking evenings, canoeing instruction to the Boys Brigade, attending a debate of Nuclear War, Swimming Gala (2nd place), Nightowl, However, the Venture Unit is a small one and is short of members. We would welcome new members between 16-20 years of age: also, we need an Assistant Venture Scout Leader - we would welcome the help and assistance of a "wise and level headed lad" to help us expand our programme of activities.

ANDREW SAINSBURY-BROWN

TREASURER:

In October the job of Treasurer was handed over to me from Andrew 'Tesco' Sainsbury-Brown.

At present the funds stand at £66.42p. This mainly comes from the subs paid by each Venture member and is currently 50p per month. The funds are used to purchase items needed by the Unit and past purchases have included basket ball nets, badges, and award books. The money is also used to pay entry fees for various competitions, and re-imburse part-petrol money for transport. The whole Unit wish to thank 'Tesco' for the invaluable job he has done over the past two years as Treasurer.

CLIVE OWEN

BOYS BRIGADE:

One Sunday in July the Unit invited the Boys Brigade for a day of basic boating skills and canoeing instruction. The Ventures were responsible for the instruction and safety of these lads.

All the Unit were involved and the morning went off quite well, apart from a few words when the Sailing Club members persisted in trying to run-down the canoeists.

The boys learnt about rowing, skulling and basic dinghy work, heaving a line, and one-star canoeing.

An enjoyable day.

KEITH GALE

SWIMMING GALA:

On 29th October the Venture Unit (Clive, Tesco, David, John-Jacques and myself) met at Richmond Swimming Baths for the Scout Swimming Gala. There were a number of other units participating and although we did very well only managed to be placed second. It was an enjoyable swim and we hope to come first next year!!

JOHN-MARC FRANCE

CRYSTAL VENTURE '82:

Crystal Venture is an event held for the Scout organisation on all types of sport. On 10th January a few Ventures met at Hampton Station, but due to snow no trains were

getting through so we went to Teddington station and caught a train to Clapham Junction and then a 'bus to Crystal Palace.

Once there we changed - firstly tried weight training, without much success, canoeed, and then tried our hand at Bat Polo.

After drying-off we set off home, skipping over snow and ice; but nonetheless a good day out.

PAUL DART

TALL SHIPS RACE:

The Tall Ships Race began on 25th July from Falmouth. On arrival I was shocked to see so many boats all gathered together for one race; there were boats from Poland, America, Denmark, Sweden, and many more.

"PENTAGRAM" the ship I was to sail on had just completed her maiden voyage from the River Hamble to Falmouth which was where I joined her.

Our morning started at six o'clock even though our race did not commence until 1130 - we were one of the first boats to start with all the sails up we could muster. As night drew nearer the wind picked up so we reduced sail to have a comfortable nights sleep. We had to have Watches of two/three hours at a time. By the second day out of Falmouth we had lost the rest of the fleet, either in front or behind us.

The trip from Falmouth to Lisbon took five days with many incidents .. like sails tearing, no wind, fog, gales, and very bad storms. But on arrival at Lisbon early in the morning the sun shone, the sea was calm, and the beer ran freely even though we had not won.

We spent several days in Lisbon going to parties and discos before I had to leave the ship's company, and although I was sad at leaving I was looking forward to coming home.

On arrival at Heathrow I was met by my parents and friends, and although I won't mention names, I would like to thank all those who made it possible for me to participate in this Race.

BRUCE ROAF

"AN ANGLER'S TAIL"

I have been watching under that tree for the past week, and every day a couple of big Pike have shown up. Right ... to-day's the day, one of them ends up in my net, but how?

First things first. Where am I going to sit? I could sit in the correct swim, thing is I can easily be seen and when I strike the fish will automatically dive deeper. Can I get nearer to hide in the undergrowth? Bank is a bit steep, I don't like the look of those nettles; still in a good cause.

Right - back to the car for the gear. What do I need?

My 11 ft whopper stopper, 12lb line, trebler landing net, scaler, weighing bag, forceps, and mackerel tuck.

Right then, here I come - quiet.

"Oh, hello, when did you start fishing?"

"Ten minutes ago"

"Thought I didn't see you as I was looking around. Come the other way did you?"

Oh, that explains it."

"Where can I fish"

Next Day: Right, I'm back again. Good, nobody here.

Funny sort of bloke yesterday. Wouldn't listen to my advice about the fish going wild at the other end of the lake! I was only trying to be helpful.

Into position side-ways and sit back. I'll be able to lower my bait into the branches.

Bank steeper than I thought - ouch, remove the nettles first, thats it.

Here goes - ah, wonder if there that hungry to leap three-feet out of the water?

Thats better - just right.

Hello - no I haven't - yes I know I'm not sitting in the right spot.

Cos I like sitting in nettles.

Its time I had a smoke, oval fags, different!

I'll put them in my front pocket.

Aye, Aye, what's that old toothy under the tree.

Lower the bait a bit more, nearer, nearer, thats it.

No, your a Pike not a Seal, don't sulk, come over here, thats it; Yes.. Yes.. Got you.

Now, get up and find my net - damn my legs asleep.

Fish good .. net ready .. come on, come to Gordon .. right, up we come.

Hook out, into the weigh bag, 16 lb 2 oz. Back you go .. stop that splashing
Quarter past five, three hours left. What a life!!

GORDON CROSS

VENTURES .. VENTURES .. VENTURES .. VENTURES

BOWLING:

On Friday, 19th November, four members of the Unit ... David Gibson, Ian Browne, Mark Huddleston, and myself, met at Tolworth Bowling Alley to play a match against 3rd Hampton Venture Unit, comprising 10 Ventures and 1 Leader. It was a most enjoyable evening, especially when at five minutes past midnight we were declared the winners. So now in the New Year we will be defending our title - do hope we can have some moral support.

ANDREW SAINSBURY-BROWN

NIGHTOWL:

One Saturday night in February last, four brave young men set off from a hut in Gomshall in freezing temperatures, after a long briefing. The four of us John Jacques France, John Marc France, Ian Browne and myself made for the only place open at that time of night. Once there we did the crossword and decided that we were very undecided about where to go next; so we went on down the road stopping at appropriate places. The first check point involved hitting a ball around a patch of long grass. The intervening journeys between check points became more haphazard due to tiredness I'm sure. By six in the morning we had completed seven check-ins, giving us fifth position out of the thirteen which suggests that some teams had a bigger crossword, or could see the map!

STEPHEN COOK

A TALE OF TWO BRIDGES:

Taggs Island have at last had a new bridge built. When the work started it needed a crane with a 20 foot lift. The crane had to go on a pontoon and when the crane driver started moving it, the crane overbalanced and went into the river. Fortunately the driver got out in time; so another crane came to put up the bridge, but this crane did not have the height to lift the bridge up and onto the pier, so a stage was made out in the river to put the crane on. Then the crane and stage had to be used for the crane that had to be salvaged from the river which came out in pieces and was in a real mess. While dredging up parts of the crane up came a 50 cc bike which was also in a mess. The bridge was finally opened in September.

IAN BROWNE

VENTURE SCOUT LEADER:

1982 - A year when Venture Scouts everywhere in the country are having to pay more attention to their jobs and studies, and our lads are all very conscious of their good fortune in all being employed, or at college. However, they still manage to take part in a great many District and Group activities and carry out quite a few "good deeds" which are not reported in this newsletter.

Three of our stalwarts reached the ripe old age of twenty and have left the Unit, although as you will read elsewhere we sincerely hope they will continue to be associated with the Group.

We look forward to 1983 and hope that any of the lads who are due to come up from Scouts, or join us from other Troops, will get as much enjoyment as we do in being members of our Unit.

Our next Executive are working very hard at producing a varied and interesting programme whilst continuing to work for Venture and Queen's awards. Keep up the good work.

DENNIS SAINSBURY-BROWN

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G S A stands for GROUP SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION, but it could mean GREAT SCOUTING ACTIVITIES or GRAND SOCIAL ASSEMBLIES. But, whatever G S A stands for the meaning is very clear at 1st Hampton Hill we are fortunate to have a very hardworking Supporters Association who last year raised a record sum for the Group, and that means a lot of time and effort. To all the parents and friends who regularly help us - our very sincere thanks for your support; to the Leaders our thanks for your co-operation and support; and to the committee my own personal thanks for your continued dedication and "high spirits."

SHIRLEY SAINSBURY-BROWN (Chairman)

A resume of some fund raising activities and some where we gave a 'helping hand' have been reported on by the committee

ROYAL NAVAL INSPECTION : 3rd March

As usual up to an extremely high standard with boys very smartly dressed making us, as parents, feel very proud of them. Our thanks for this must go to parents and to the hardworking Leaders; not forgetting the ladies for their usual marvellous support on the catering.

JEAN COOK (Vice-Chairman)

JUMBLE SALES : 27th March/2nd October

Our first jumble sale of the year raised the magnificent sum of £308.71p; the weather was kind and we were able to "display" our hardware outside which attracted much attention from passers-by.

BRIAN BRIGNALL

On 2nd October we held, for the first time, an "all-day" jumble sale, this being a departure from our usual practice of afternoons only. We were open from 10am - 12 noon and again from 2 pm - 4 pm. It was awful weather and rained all day long. Maybe this brought in more people as we seemed to be quite busy raising a net total of £368.

Our grateful thanks to all who helped and all those who donated the very many items.

PAULINE NAESS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : 24th April

The A.G.M. was well attended - perhaps due to the Wine and Cheese which followed. The reports presented by the various Sections showed the continuing success of the Group. Fund raising continued at a high level and a cheque for £3,400 was handed over to the Group Scout Leader from the G.S.A.

GERRY FRATLEY (Treasurer)

TWICKEREE : 26/27th June

We arrived at Marble Hill Park on Saturday morning, driving through thick mud with a car full of food to our camp site. Unloading the food into the Galley what did we find - yes, more mud. Never mind it was time to prepare lunch .. pork pie, salad, sweet pickle, plenty of bread-and-butter, and afterwards fresh fruit and a bag of crisps.

I must admit though, the meal I remember most vividly was dinner. The cooking of 60 pork chops with potatoes and peas was quite hilarious. Trying to get the chops cooked on time and contending with squealing mud was bad enough, but the uninvited guests were more than I could stand - worms!! They popped their horrible heads up through the mud; but still we struggled on.

Believe me, when we served the dinner to the queue of Cubs, Scouts and Ventures holding out their plates like a lot of Oliver Twists, then we knew it was all worth while.

PAT DART

SUMMER FETE : 12th June

Summer Fete this year started with stall-holders moving their "goodies" under cover away from the summer showers!! After all, who wants soggy cakes with their delicious cups of tea? But, despite the occasional cloud burst we had a good Fete and thanks to everyones hardwork our profit was close on a thousand pounds.

IRENE FRANCE

SUMMER CAMP : 24-31st July

A number of homes in the area were noticeably quieter in the first week of the school holidays - could it have been because 24 Sea Scouts plus Scout Leaders were at summer camp at Thames Young Mariners, Ham?

There was a happy, busy atmosphere, plenty of good food and 32 awards were worked for, and gained, by the boys. Of course, the main activity was boating in its various forms .. canoeing, sailing, gig-pulling, polo, etc., and the boys spent so much time on (and sometimes in) the water I'm surprised they didn't come back with webbed feet!

Although it was a very enjoyable and satisfying time, the Leaders and Helpers have my gratitude and admiration.

IRIS MITCHESON

BOOK MARKET : 16th October

Our first Book Market and it rained again I'm sad to say, but never mind we took £27.30p and another £10 on hardware remaining from the jumble sale, making a net total of £37.30p for a couple of hours work.

CAROL ROAF

CHRISTMAS MARKET : 20th November

Once again we had a wide variety of stalls - we hope you enjoyed it and had lots of fun and found plenty of bargains. We raised £430.

We try our best, and enjoy our challenge, so if you have any new ideas for a game, or a stall, we would like to hear from you .. so please put on your "thinking caps"

SHIRLEY WHITEHEAD

OPEN EVENING : 5th December 1981

The Opening Evening for boys and parents was extremely well supported. Films and slides of the various events held during the year were shown, and Wine and Cheese was served afterwards. Nearly £40 was raised from the raffle, the prizes having been donated by the committee members.

SUSAN OWEN

WEBB IVORY CHRISTMAS CARDS

At the present time our profit amounts to £525 plus bonus. At this time last year we were £1000 up on the gross sales and it would seem that this reduction in sales is due to the recession and other organisations participating in Webb Ivory. Our thanks must go to Vincent Whitehead for being at the "helm" and for his tireless efforts.

A TRIBUTE TO DERRICK STEVENS extracted from The Twickenham District Scout Council News (November edition)

"To everyone who knew him Derrick was the Chief Scout of Twickenham. From the time he first became a Wolf Cub through his Scout days, as a Rover, a Leader and latterly as District Commissioner, Derrick showed so much enthusiasm and energy for his Scouting he left us all breathless.

Scouting was not his only interest in life, as a football referee he was hard but fair. The Aim of the Scout Movement, the Law and Promise were Derrick's way of life. When he passed on to join that great Scout Troop in the sky their newest recruit will apply the same enthusiasm and energy as he did over the many years with us. Derrick will be sadly missed but always affectionately remembered.

John R. Donaldson
District Commissioner "

Thankyou John.

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