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## VENTURE SCOUT NEWS

The Venture Section is now active. Two teams took part in the GLSW County Night, and came 5th and 12th out of 54 teams entered. The Ventures also helped out at the Halloween party, decorating the hall and organising games. They also helped set up and man the stalls at the Jumble Sale on the 21st October.

The highlight of the period was when the Unit hosted the District Executive Training weekend at Leander on the 3rd/4th November. In addition to the 4 Leander Venture Scouts taking part, a surprise night hike and gig row back from Hampton Court in the

early hours of Sunday morning was organised by the Unit. The participants were then dragged out of bed again at 8am for another session of canoeing and sailing before breakfast. The amazing thing is that they all enjoyed it!

The next item on the agenda is a powerboat charge certificate testing day to be held at Raven's Ait on 11th November at 2.30pm to qualify those Venture Scouts competent enough to use the Group powerboats. Once the test has been passed, clear rules will be strictly enforced and the old arguments about Venture Scouts using powerboats will be settled. Four Venture Scout Awards were assessed and presented during the period to Dave Mullard, Andrew Bennett, Alex Taylor and Nick White for their efforts over their time at Leander, and work is now progressing, as part of the Venture programme, towards awards for the remainder of the Unit.

Rod Leigh - VSL

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BOAT MAINTENANCE

So far I have repaired 3 canoes, and the fourth one is well on its way. From January 1991 the boys involved on Duty Patrol will be learning how to maintain the boats themselves, and will also learn about boatkeeping. During these sessions they will need to bring 'old clothes' as they will get pretty dirty!

CHIPS

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NOTE FROM EDITOR

Many apologies to the readers of The Water Rat for this month's 'sparse' edition, but despite stating clearly in the September edition that all copies should be received between 1st-7th November (and in fact I waited until 12th November, before publishing) I have only received the above copies, so presume that the Section Leaders do not have any information or section news to impart until the next edition in January 1991 !

Mary - Ed

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