



THE WATER RAT

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SKIPPER'S SCRAWL

Summer Camp over, we now move into a new Scout Year and I extend a warm welcome to the new Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who join us this month. Hopefully you will have many happy years with Leander.

However, since our last Water Rat was June, we must not forget to thank those who put in so much effort with such events as the National Regatta, Ham Fayre and Sunday Teas, etc. Particularly, thanks to Di Parnell and her team for catering over the Regatta Weekend for 400+ competitors and

Christine Chapman and team for their efforts at the Ham Fayre.

I am sure that Section Leaders will report on camps etc., and will also expand on programmes planned for the winter months. The main dates for Group Events are published in this newsletter.

Last weekend saw Scouts, Ventures, Sea Rangers and Guild competing in the Great River Race from Richmond to Greenwich. This is one event of the year I look forward to since it gives me a chance to get my feet wet and be rowed by the P.L.'s!! As we go to print, results are not to hand. However, the Scouts managed to complete the 24 mile row in 4 hours 20 minutes - about 1 hour less than last year! I am not sure of the Venture's time, but regretablely they did not win the under 18 class (or perhaps thankfully for me since I had wagered a case of Beer with them if they won!!).

Thanks to Chips and John Clarke for helping me get the gigs back after the race (we eventually arrived at H.Q. at 03.00hrs) and thanks also to Steadfast who towed the fibre glass gigs for us.

Donations from the Police (£200) and Kingston Rotary Club (£165) following use of our premises and boats have enabled us, at last, to purchase a new set of oars for our second fibreglass gig. This now means that all our boats are operational again - perhaps the next target should be for new Lifejackets. I do, therefore, hope everyone will support our fund raising events - starting with the Race Night being held at H.Q. on September 28th. Prior to the Races, the Scouts will be displaying photos etc. of Summer Camp and other activities so parents can see what the boys get up to!!

I also hope that during the winter months we can get on with working parties at the H.Q. again and perhaps even finish the plasterboarding! Please watch the notice board for working party details.

KEITH MAUND - G.S.L.

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CUB SCOUT REPORT

As we look forward to another year of activities, memories of our successful end of term activities are still very vivid.

Despite the weather, the Cubaree at the Hook Arena was a great success with the cubs joining with other cubs throughout the area to sample activities from obstacle courses to archery. The highlight of the afternoon being a display of dog handling and motorcycle acrobatics.

With the help of a London Double Decker Bus for transport, the cubs together with some of their families, enjoyed their visit to London Zoo and are now contemplating adopting an animal.

For the third year in succession the cubs were again successful in competing against other local packs in the Cubs Sports Day at Old Malden. This achievement was even more creditable as the pack was represented by only 9 boys. These boys were later all awarded their Sportman's Badge for their endeavours.

We would like to thank Hathie for all his help with the pack during the time he was with us.

Dates for Your Diary:

- 14.09.91. - 5-a-Side Football, Mount School
- 12.10.91. - 75th Funday, Ployapes
- 2.11.91. - District Swimming Gala
- 30.11.91. - District Handicraft
- 16.12.91. - 75th Promise Renewal
- 18.12.91. - Cub's Christmas Party and close for Christmas holiday

DATES FOR THE SCOUT SECTION

- 18th September - Cubs to Come Up to Scouts
- 24th September - Cubs invested into Scouts
- 29th September - Middlesex Canoe Race 11.00 to 17.00hrs
More details for those who enter at a later date
- 6th October - County Boat Handling Competition 11.00 to 17.00hrs
- 12th & 13th October - District Night Hike
Boys to be taken to Polyapes for 18.00hrs and collected by 10.30am on Sunday by parents
- 2nd November - District Swimming Gala at New Malden baths
- 3rd, 10th & 24th- November - Basic Air Course
Details to follow
- 9th November - Firework Party at H,Q.
- 1st December - Air Experience at Redhill - details to follow
- 15th December - Incident Hike
- 17th December - Christmas Party for Scouts

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* 28th SEPTEMBER - RACE NIGHT AT H.Q.
* Arrive by 19.30 - First Race 20.00hrs
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* PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS. ENTRY FEE TO THE PADDOCK
* IS £2.00, THIS INCLUDES ONE GLASS OF WINE ON ARRIVAL, A SEAT
* FOR COMFORT, THE USE OF A TABLE TO WRITE YOUR BETS OUT AND
* FOR PLACING YOUR GLASS OF WINE ON!!
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* IT WILL BE A GOOD NIGHT SO PLEASE COME,
* SHOULD FINISH BY 23.00HRS
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SUPPORTERS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Di Parnell deserves a big vote of thanks for her efforts in organising Sunday Teas throughout the season. I think she found some difficulty finding volunteers in August, which is a pity given the fine weather recently. When Jean and I did the teas in June, it rained the entire afternoon and we had only one customer!

Events for the next couple of months:

Race Night on 28th September - see Scout Section

These have been most enjoyable occasions - all the excitement of the Race Track with selected races shown on the screen and Mick Chinnock's inimitable style in calling for bets!!

Jumble Sale 20th October Thanks to Steve Leader for organising this. Jumble can be left at H.Q. on Saturday 19th October. Steve will need help to sort the jumble on Sunday Morning (20th October) and to run the stalls from 2.30 in the afternoon. (Please telephone Steve on 391-0081 if you can help).

Firework Party 9th November This will replace the Halloween Party we have had in previous years. It is an evening for all the family. Please put it in your diaries - it will start at 7pm.

Christmas Bazaar There have been no volunteers to organise this. We agreed at the last AGM that the less help there was for fundraising, the more we would have to rely on Subscriptions to finance the group. If someone is willing to take responsibility for the Bazaar, or would like to know what is involved, please have a word with Keith Maund (081-399 5846) or me (081-546 2989).

VIVIAN BROWN

* ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER *
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** 12TH JANUARY 1992 **

AT H.Q.

* All enquiries for this popular annual event to Marion Duffin 549-2317 *
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OTHER DATES: Thursday 14th November - Leaders Meeting
Monday 18th November - Executive Meeting

