



# The Water Rat

Newsletter of Leander Sea Scouts

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## Celebrating 100 years of Sea Scouting

Over the past few months, Leander has been very visible and busy fundraising, from the Ham Fair to the Royal Kingston District Summer Sparks.

Many thanks to all families that donated sweets and bottles for the Ham Fair, and I and extremely grateful to all that helped Liz and myself man the stall. I am happy to inform you that we raised about £300, so once again thanks to you all.

Well done to the Cub Pack on making it to the Semi Finals in the District 5-a-side Football Tournament back in May. But sadly they were not able find a team for the District Cub Sports Day held at Imber Court.

At the beginning of July the Scout Troop and Explorer Scout Unit took part in the National Sea Scout Regatta at Thames Ditton. Sadly, both Troop and Unit did not do as well as in the past, but it was good to see all of the other competing teams able to take a trophy or two home.

Regatta overall result  
under 12½ – Second  
under 14 – Third  
under 18 – First

Thank you to *Cooper Thames Ditton* for donating items to Leander so I could run a small tombola at the Kingston River Festival on the 11th

and 12th July and a huge THANK YOU to Chris Howden on being the only Scout coming out to help.

In June, Royal Kingston held an event called Summer Sparks. The event was held up at Polyapes Scout Campsite where Beaver, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer, Leaders and a few parents from Leander attended and had a go at many different activities.

On 1st August, eleven Scouts, eleven Explorers and eight Leaders are attending 'Sea Scout 100' at Holme Pierrepont in Nottingham. Sea Scout 100 is the Sea Scout Jamboree, celebrating 100 years of Sea Scouting, and there will be 2500 attending this major camping event.

We welcome back Alex Newman to Leander. Alex left the group some time ago after the old Venture Scout Unit fizzled out. He has come back in to help out as our kayaking instructor whilst John Burr has had an operation to his knee. Alex is a very highly qualified boating instructor and works at The Lensbury Club base near Teddington Lock.

Finally, Leander has said a goodbye to the Harrison family this term. This is because Mr Harrison has a new posting in York. So we wish Ellie May and James all the best at their new Scout Group and to be sure to keep in touch.

*Karen*



*Members of the winning under-18 team are presented with the trophy*

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## Beavers in Pictures



Beavers enjoyed an evening with the Petersham and Ham Colony on their meadow and also a picnic in our own 'back garden'.

The 'Summer Sparks' event at Polyapes had plenty of activities, including archery, trying out army

equipment for size and an exciting traverse of a rope bridge. But did no-one explain to our Beavers that 'twists', lovingly cooked – or smoked – over a camp fire, are one of the secret delicacies of Scouting? Heston Blumenthal has nothing to compare!!





## YOU London



Project YOU – *Youth Organisations Uniform* – is a partnership of London Wide uniformed youth organisations, Air Training Corps, Army Cadets, Sea Cadets, Volunteer Police Cadets, Girl Guides, Scouts, Boys' Brigade, St John Ambulance, and are supported by the Met Police, Princes Trust and the Lord Lieutenancy of London. It aims to promote the wide range of opportunities for weekly activities and volunteering that are available for children, young people and adults in Uniformed Youth Organisations in Greater London. The project was initiated by the Met Police in Croydon, as a means of finding positive activities for young people.

Andy Chappell, Dominic Jackson, Gemma Morrissey and Joe Ward went to a reception at Buckingham Palace earlier in July.

*Dominic writes:*

On Thursday 19th July I was lucky enough to go to Buckingham Palace with the Scouts for the launch of You London. The best bit of the whole day was doing the Hokey Cokey with Boris Johnson. He didn't seem as pleased as I was to be doing it, and wouldn't turn around. I also got to eat the best afternoon tea ever; there were scrumptious chocolate cakes, and coffee éclairs. The chocolate cakes

had a chocolate button on them which had a scout symbol on it! It was a great day, and I had a lot of fun making friends with other Scouts and Explorers from our District. We had a go on the Scout climbing tree, and I dressed in a Sumo suit for a Sumo fight.



<http://www.met.police.uk/you/>



*The under-18 gig crew at the Regatta*

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## Coxswain's Corner

Our big event at this time of the year is the National Sea Scout Regatta, held up at Kingston Grammar School's splendid boat house just below Hampton Court Bridge. Although we don't host the Regatta now, there seems to be just as much work to do, as our boats are all matched, so three gigs, four Coypus and two Coypups were taken up to Warspite's moorings on the night before the Regatta. That just left an early morning trip with all the scouts in the 'Ebbage' up to the course.

As usual, our crews had put in plenty of practice, but this year, so had everybody else. The standard of pulling was much higher and much more competitive, which is good for the competition overall. The weather held and we won a few events. With plenty of assistance from parents on our return to Leander HQ, it didn't take long to get all the kit out of the boats and everything stowed away.

Now all we have to do is check through all our camp kit and look forward to the National Sea Scout Centenary Regatta at Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham. With over 2000 Sea Scouts expected, it should be a great event.

*Happy hols everyone.*  
Coxswain



*Harry Pope – winner of under-14 sculling over the stern*



*under-14 coxed pair – Fred Sassi Baeta, Chris Granger, Fiona Kitchen*



*under-12 coxed pair - Chris Howden, Joseph Rean, Will Green*



*Will Green, Chris Howden, Joseph Rean and Dominic Jackson, coxed by Aidan Hazard*



*Rhys Steele – under-18 single dinghy*



## Cubs – outdoors, fitness and adventure



This term, the Cubs have been focusing on the Outdoors – fitness, the environment, adventure – working on the Physical Recreation and Athletics badges.

In June, they learned about camouflage and played wide games in Richmond Park. They also had a session with a fitness instructor and put this into practice on a climbing wall in Chessington.

In July, they did raft building and kayaking at Thames Young Mariners and finished for the Summer with a barbecue at HQ. It looks as though a barbecued banana with chocolate is also quite good camouflage!



***LEANDER (KINGSTON) SEA SCOUTS***  
***1909 – 2009***

***Leander Boating & BBQ 100***



Ever thought "Will I remember how to row a Home Counties Gig or Coypu?"  
Now you have a chance to find out!

Leander would like to invite ALL current Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Guild,  
Ex-Members and families to the Leander Boating & BBQ 100.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
**14.30 to 19.00**

Boating will start from 15.00, the BBQ will be running from 16.00.

A great opportunity for all those who were our Centenary celebrations on the 4<sup>th</sup> April,  
to meet again and for everyone, young and old, to get out on the water.

Please fill in and return the attached form, by 12<sup>th</sup> September, to

**Karen Loizou**  
**51 Roebuck Road**  
**Chessington**  
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(BBQ £5.00 per person)  
(Cheques made payable to "Leander Sea Scouts")

# LEANDER (KINGSTON) SEA SCOUTS

## "BB 100"

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Dear Leander,

The following will be attending "BB 100"

(Please tick)

Name	Boating	BBQ	Vegetarian
1) _____	_____	_____	_____
2) _____	_____	_____	_____
3) _____	_____	_____	_____
4) _____	_____	_____	_____
5) _____	_____	_____	_____
6) _____	_____	_____	_____

Please find enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ (£5.00 per person) for the BBQ.  
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Many thanks

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