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2<sup>ND.</sup>  
SIGHT!

## THE 2nd ORPINGTON SCOUT GROUP NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM GROUP SCOUT LEADER

It is with particular pleasure that I write a foreword for this, the first Group News sheet. I am hopeful that in it, we shall be able to record our successes over the years, look back to our past and forward to our future. Without doubt, the successes we have achieved are due to the spirit of co-operation and camaraderie that exists in the Group. It is with pride and pleasure that I can say we have within the Group the most loyal and hardworking Scouters, and a support organisation of parents and friends which I believe cannot be bettered. All strength to our arms - and remember, Scouting is more than an activity for boys - it is a way of life!

W. K. T.  
Group Scout Leader

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## MESSAGES FROM THE EDITORS

### INAUGURATION OF '2nd SIGHT'

At long last, after many months of gassing about a Group information news-sheet, we have now actually launched this long awaited and, we hope, useful contribution to the Group welfare.

'2nd Sight', as it will henceforth be recognised, is purely to keep Scouters, together with Helpers and Parents, in touch with the comings and goings of the Group.

It is hoped that '2nd Sight' will be received favourably by everyone and, in time, will encourage the Editors to feel that their efforts will not be in vain — after all, they are doing it for your benefit.

It is also hoped that all readers will in the future be able to contribute snippets of information which they may think pertinent to the well-being of the Group.

Your views too — praise or criticism — as a result of this first issue, will be tolerated, but completely ignored!

At the moment, it is proposed to circulate '2nd Sight' FREE and once a quarter.

At least it's a start.

Sincerely,

L. P. T. Editor

### BY THE GROUP CHAIRMAN:-

It gives me very great pleasure to welcome this new venture and to wish it every success in the future.

There is a very great need in a large and active Group to keep everyone, Scouts, Scouters, and parents "in the picture" so that we all know what is going on, what has been done, and what is going to be done. In this way we shall all be tied closer together as members of an efficient Scouting unit, the Group.

Its success will depend upon the contributions of individual members of the Group — Cubs writing a report on their camp, Patrol Leaders writing accounts of their patrol activities, parents giving their views, and so on.

I hope that everyone will take home their copy, read it and then pass it on to others who might be interested so that it has a wide circulation and its appearance becomes a regular event.

C.P.M.

## SCOUT ACTIVITIES — CAMPS

### TROOP WEEKEND CAMP — 9th/11th JANUARY 1970

#### OPERATION 'FIR TREE'

This camp took place at Broadstone Warren in the Ashdown Forest where we had booked the Training Hut, a large, well equipped building. The attendance was not as good as at the camp in November, when we had 29 Scouts, but this was probably due, in part, to the weather forecast.

We eventually left H. Q. on the Friday night in pouring rain, with 19 Scouts and two Scouters, Bosun and Buzz. Skip joined us later the following day.

Saturday dawned grey and wet but, being incurable optimists, we thought that the rain was a little lighter than the day before! Consequently, we breakfasted quickly and, after a quick clean up and inspection, we began briefing for Operation "Fir Tree". The general idea was that the Patrol Leaders and Scouters would act as "Enemy", whilst the 4 patrols under the Assistant P.L.'s were dropped at scattered points about ten miles from Broadstone. There was a background story that the Scouts were saboteurs, parachuted into the area to blow up a heavy water plant at Broadstone. During the morning they had to find their way by map and compass to a rendezvous with "local partisans" who would feed them and give them the "explosives" to carry out their mission. The patrols would then attempt to break into the Broadstone camp during the afternoon, evading the guards and sentries, to carry out their dirty deed!

In the event, three of the four patrols arrived at the lunchtime rendezvous, some of them rather wet and bedraggled, and were duly fed with hot soup, etc. At this stage it was still raining fairly hard, and a light mist was beginning to form on the high ground, so we decided to call the operation off. The three patrols were therefore transported back to camp to change and dry off, whilst the "partisans" waited for the fourth patrol who eventually turned up at 5.0 p.m., 1½ hours late.

Saturday evening was spent in the training hut surrounded by clothes spread out to dry under the gas heaters, and a certain amount of test work followed by various forms of organised horse-play took place.

Sunday dawned a little brighter, but still raining, and after the usual preliminaries of breakfast, inspection and flag break, we held a short Scouts Own Service. This was followed by a mock court in which one of the Patrol Leaders was accused of sheep stealing. The Judge, in the form of Skip, sat on his Bench, bewigged and armed with a felling axe, ready to behead the prisoner if found guilty. Fortunately he was found not-guilty by the rather boisterous jury, due to an excellent defence and rather unco-ordinated evidence from the prosecution.

After lunch a somewhat shortened version of the second stage of Operation 'Fir Tree' took place, when the patrols started at the perimeter fence of the camp, and tried to "blow up" the heavy water plant (alias the Tree House) with small fireworks. The Swifts were first home after eluding the guards and planting their explosives effectively, quickly followed by the other patrols, but not before some of them had been caught by the defenders.

Soon after this we broke camp, cleared up, and motored home, arriving at H.Q. about 4.30 p.m. tired but happy!

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## VENTURE CAMP

### HELPING HANDS ?

On Friday 23rd January, the Venture unit left H.Q. under the command of Bus Driver Pete Southey, in pouring rain and in complete darkness, again bound for Broadstone Warren on an errand of mercy — well, what do you think?

The errand of mercy was to assist the B.W. Camp Warden to erect an anti-rabbit fence around a new plantation.

The journey down was quite uneventful, which was surprising considering that Pete had his specs on back to front. However, they arrived quite safely and lost no time in bedding down — always sound policy.

Saturday morning, after a hearty breakfast, everyone toddled off into the woods (Pete called it the forest - that's Pete!) — picked up their weapons and promptly dug a trench around the plantation — wait for it ... 6" x 4" ! Big Deal!

By evening, the trench was only half complete and the rabbit fence was, apart from a few posts and one rather drunken looking wire, just a dejected "figment of the imagination".

After the day's labours, needless to say, the ensuing "grub stakes" were very welcome, and sleep, to many, released the human "automations" into blissful oblivion!

Sunday morning it RAINED - and RAINED! The "blistered hands and aching backs" were absolved from further torture, and after a somewhat damp LEP — set sight for home. "Errand of Mercy"? — or a merciful relief for the warden at Broadstone? **WHAT DO YOU THINK ?**

*(We are only kidding really, the warden was most grateful for all the help.)*

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## **PERSONALITIES!**

MR. SHAW ..... EVERYONE WILL BE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THE GROUP TREASURER, MR. SHAW, IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS AND IS NOW HOME. HE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO SEE AS MANY VISITORS AS POSSIBLE, SO DO PLEASE SPARE HALF AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME TO LOOK HIM UP.

## PLEASE READ

### FUTURE EVENTS

March 8	Midfield School - Conference of County Scout Leaders
March 13/14/15	Petts Wood - Patrol Leaders' Training Course
March 15	All Saints - Church Parade - <i>A good attendance please</i>
March 17	District Scouters Council
March 28	H.Q. Scout Job Week discussion :- <i>All "Job" bookings to be made at Bruce's Sports Shop in the High Street.</i>
April 11/12	H.Q. Cub Scout Leaders Training Course
April 18	H.Q. Jumble Sale ( <i>Volunteers wanted for "Collections", Monday, April 13th, 7.30 p.m. at H.Q.</i> )
April 19	All Saints - Church Parade
April 26	St. George's Day Parade
May 2	9th Orp. H.Q. - Culverston Flag Competition
May 16/17	Broadstone Warren - Cub/Scout Camp
Early May	H.Q. Cub "Going-up" Ceremony ( <i>date not yet fixed</i> )
June 6	Cub Scout Sports Day
June 20	Swanley Baths - Cub Scout Swimming Gala
June 21	All Saints Church Parade
July 4	H.Q. Annual Fete "Davy Jones' Locker"

**FUTURE EVENTS :** It is time to start thinking about our major fund raising event for  
**THE ANNUAL FETE** 1970, the Fete. It has been decided to hold it on 4th July, this  
year, and the theme is to be "Davy Jones' Locker". The H.Q.  
will have to be transformed into the ocean bed complete with the mermaids, mermen and  
presumably mer-cubs and mer-scouts. The Group Committee will be looking anxiously for  
helpers and bright ideas. Soon there will be a call for helpers to decorate and man stalls  
and sideshows. **FURTHER DETAILS IN THE NEXT EDITION.**

### **CUB SCOUTS PROGRESS !**

During the past two years the Cubs have worked very well and many awards have been gained  
through sheer hard work and initiative. They deserve an honourable mention in despatches!  
Their names are listed below :

#### **A PACK - ARROWS**

##### GOLD

Nil

##### SILVER

Stephen Dent  
Mark Nicholas

##### BRONZE

Christopher Andrews : Roger Baker : Adrian Duce  
Steven Hedges : David Jones : Stephen Lilley :  
Simon Marchant : Andrew Merritt : David Miles  
Terry Monahan : Paul Reynolds : David Style :  
Steven Wickenden : Richard Wilson

**BADGES :- 8 SWIMMER, 5 HANDYMAN, 3 FIRST AID and 1 SCIENTIST**

#### **B PACK - ARROWS**

##### GOLD

Stephen Wheeler

##### SILVER

Bevil Edwards  
Brian Patrick

##### BRONZE

Martin Austen : David Currie : Paul Francis :  
Simon Green : Robert Harris : Iain Hemington :  
Jonathan Hobbs : Trevor Ludlow : Rory Manchee  
Guy Morris : Phillip Norman : Richard Northam  
Paul Rene : Matthew Stagg

**BADGES :- 9 SWIMMER, 1 BOOK READER, 1 HANDYMAN and 1 SCIENTIST**

## GROUP ACTIVITIES

### “SOOPERMARKET”

#### SUCCESS (1)

As a final fling just before Christmas, the Group had the good fortune to have the use of the old TESCO Supermarket premises in the High Street for a week.

Almost everything was sold over the counter, from bits of card to old bedsteads. The week's work realised just over £260 net, which was a very worthwhile result for some rather hectic last minute planning.

It was also decided that the Ramsden and District Guides should also benefit from the profits, and so the “Soopermarket” was operated on a joint basis.

Thanks to all who assisted in the preparation of and in the general melee which followed.

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### “OLYMPICS”

#### SUCCESS (2)

1970 started off well for the Group's good name. For the first time ever, a Cheese and Wine Party for the District was held at H.Q. It was held specially for the District Scouters, Badge Examiners, their ladies and friends, on Saturday, 10th January.

The theme for the evening was on the lines of the Olympic Games in which the various Groups participated competitively, and at the same time indulged in the less strenuous occupation of sampling the Cheeses and Wines at their disposal.

The response was magnificent, particularly in the field of National Costume, which were colourful and varied. The various Groups represented were Germany, Japan, Mexico, the U.S.A., USSR and Great Britain. As “Host Nation”, 2nd Orpington represented Mexico.

Among the events were such items as Tossing the Caber, Relay, Throwing the Discus, 80 metres Hurdles, marathon and Olympic Regatta. Points were awarded to the teams in descending order from 6 to 1.

To be ‘Olympic Champions’ for 1970 was the proud lot of the 1st Poverest Group and others representing Japan, who at the death clinched the title by 4 points from the USSR and Mexico who finished equal second.

Festivities began at 7.30 and continued on a very hilarious note throughout the evening until well after 11.30. About 60 guests turned up to enjoy the entertainment and were unanimous in their praise for a “Jolly Good Effort” and, believe it or not, would like the Group to do it again.

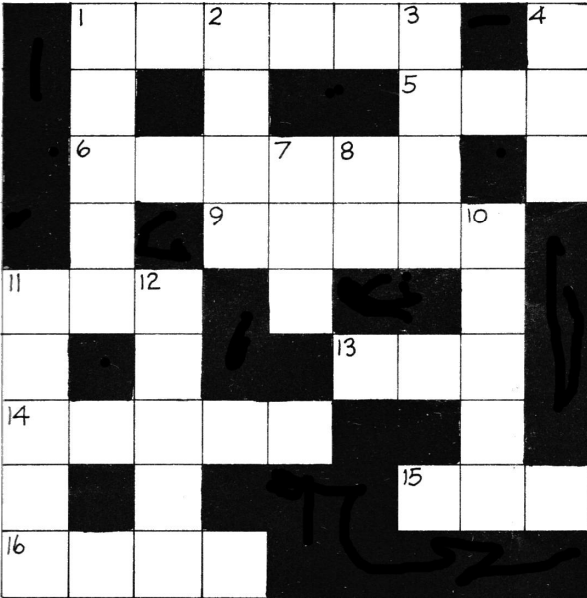
All thanks to GSL, Messrs. Girling, Robinson and Thomas who prepared the decor for the occasion in their customary manner. Thanks too to the Ladies who so nobly prepared the laden and attractive Cheese Tables.

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THE FIRST LETTER of each ANSWER  
will give you  
SOMETHING  
YOU DO AT CUBS

# For the Young'uns

1. Six Kings of England have had this name
2. What animal pulls Santa's sleigh?
3. Which country has stars and stripes in its flag?
4. In which direction does a compass needle point?
5. Which English port is nearest to France?
6. Which tree do you get conkers from?
7. What do tankers carry?
8. Name a television doctor
9. What is a young sheep called?



CLUES ACROSS:-

1. & 6. Did Eros fire them?
5. The boat will not get far without it.
9. Some people have knobby ones
11. Much ..... About Nothing.
13. Initially, Mr. Tickner is this.
14. She will show you the way.
15. A needle has it.
16. This knot is often made of coral.

CLUES DOWN:-

1. A soldier and a railwayman.
2. You should be up with this bird to make an early start.
3. A prominent Feature.
4. A baby often does this.
7. A single unit.
8. .... All Live in a Yellow Submarine.
10. This Aunt has coconuts thrown at her.
11. Rage
12. Popeye's girlfriend's Christian name

*(Solutions will be posted up in the H.Q. in two weeks' time)*

FUTURE EDITIONS WILL INCLUDE A QUIZ FOR ALL AGE GROUPS AND A COMPETITION FOR CUBS AND SCOUTERS.

## PRESENTATION OF NEW STANDARDS

### HISTORY MADE

The last day of February went out with a real flourish at H.O. and, in Gimlet's own words "Another page in Scouting history has been added ..... tonight is a very unique occasion ..... I am proud to be associated with the 2nd Orpington Group ....."

Those who couldn't make the Presentations on that evening really DID miss something - all parents would have been delighted to be there and would have discovered that their own boys make up a fantastic Scout Group.

### STANDARDS (COLOURS)

Four new Standards were presented to the Group by All Saints Church. The presentations were made by the Vicar, the Rev. 'Dick' Third, who said "Let these Standards be symbolic of the rallying flags of the Lords of England on the field of battle - look up to them with pride, ever remembering that to this day, THE LORD is still the leading light in every heart". The new Standards are for the Venture Unit Scout Troop and the A & B Packs Cub Scouts.

### WOOD BADGES

The D.C. (Gimlet) then presented Wood Badges to Bosun Gordon Mole and Akelas Mary Tickner and Deirdre Willatt marking the completion of another long step in Scout training - Bob Whybrow, Skip, received his Warrant after many years of loyal service. G.S.L. said that the Group has been built up around Skip - a tower of strength in the Group.

### MAJOR AWARD

Tim Janes received from the hands of Gimlet the Chief Scout's Award, the highest honour bestowed to a scout. Tim is a Patrol Leader and the first in the Group to obtain such a high honour - well done indeed - we're proud of you.

During the evening, the Cub Packs and Scout Troop had displays showing their prowess at various aspects of their curriculum - first aid, cooking, 'Crane lift', camping etc.

We were honoured on this grand occasion by the support of the A.D.C. Cub Scouts, 'Tiny' Gebhard; the A.D.C. Scouts, 'Sandy' Leonard; the District Secretary, Tom Bruce; All Saints Church Warden, John Lawes, and Peter Bradshaw.

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## **TAILPIECE :-**

### **COOKING HINTS !!**

- 1) HOT WATER FOR TEA ..... PLACE REQUISITE AMOUNT OF WATER INTO A DIXIE OR KETTLE, PLACE ON A STOVE OR OPEN FIRE UNTIL BOILING - IT IS THEN READY FOR USE !
- 2) FIRE LIGHTING ..... STRIKE A MATCH !

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## **IN THE NEXT ISSUE !**

**"GET TO KNOW YOUR GROUP"**

**"WHO'S WHO", AND WHY THE GROUP TICKS**

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