

No. 8 July 1972

The 2nd Orpington Scout Group News :



PROGRESS

OPENING OF ANOTHER CUB PACK — THE PANTHERS !

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The third Cub Pack of the Group was started on the 10th April, meeting on Mondays before the Scout Troop. It consists of 12 boys, all new to Scouting, run by Mrs. Christine Wheeler, assisted by her son, Venture Scout Philip, and Mitzi Patrick, sister of Brian who is in the Troop. Mitzi will be remembered in her bikini at our last Fete selling raffle tickets and she is an ex-Orpington Carnival Queen. On leaving school Mitzi hopes to train as an infants teacher and we hope she enjoys her time with the Pack and finds the experience useful in her future career.

In 6 weeks the boys have been transformed into a disciplined Pack, learning the meaning of unfamiliar things such as the *Grand Howl*, *Flag Break* and *Pack! Pack! Pack!*, as well as the most important aspect of Scouting, their Law and Promise.

On Monday 15th May, they said their Law & Promise on Investiture before Akela, the Group Scout Leader, who presented their Group scarves and woggles; the Assistant District Commissioner for Cub Scouts, who presented the boys with their District and County Badges, and the District Commissioner who presented the Cub Scout Certificates.

We have a new Pack Board, much admired by all, a new Pack Box and games equipment and a Log and Interest book where visitors are requested to sign their names. We have a "scribe" Clive Traverse, who records items of interest and outings as they occur, the first one being that Laurence Dawes had broken his arm 3 weeks after joining the Pack. Nevertheless he has not missed a meeting and has gamefully practised his salute and Scout sign with the rest of the Pack.

Our first outing was the visit to the 9th Orpington Cub Headquarters for the European Pack Meeting when 8 boys attended in spite of the Cup Final.

As a new Pack we attended our first Church Parade in uniform on Whit-Sunday and all the Pack expect to attend the District Cub Adventure Day at Downe on the 17th June, and the Cub Open Day at Gilwell Park on the 1st July. Two of the three boys old enough to go to Boulogne on the 3rd June joined Akela and her family, with the Lions and Leopards, for the day — more news of this in later issues.

We look forward to frequent visits from 'Chips' from the Troop, our new Liaison Scouter, and hope to visit the Lions Den on a Thursday soon to see a large established Pack in action.

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CHAIRMAN "MAU" MARCHANT'S PARTY REPORT

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I'm sure most of you know that for our annual fete this year the Group is combining with the District to hold a mammoth event in Godington Park on Saturday 15th July. We are going to have sixteen stalls on which we hope to make a great deal of money.

Your sons have been asked to sell programmes - I hope you will encourage them in this as the Group has had to pay for them in advance. I would be very appreciative if you could supply one or more of the following to be used on stalls and as prizes:-

<i>A Bottle of Anything</i>	<i>Champagne, Aspirin or Cooking Oil</i>
<i>A Tin of Anything</i>	<i>Beans or Caviar</i>
<i>A Packet of Anything</i>	<i>Cornplasters or Tea</i>

The stalls have all been planned but we do need help on the day, names to me please (*Telephone : Orpington 29826*). We shall also need help with transport, starting 06.30 on the day of the fete, again names to me please.

The Group Committee organised a Spring Cleaning weekend for the Headquarters in early June. We planned to clean up and paint the inside of the Headquarters and tidy up the outside. I'm afraid the response was most disappointing and the result was that the few parents who did come had to work solidly through the whole weekend in order to paint the inside of the hall. If every Dad had given just half a day, it would have been easy for us all. I'm proposing to arrange another session very soon and will inform you all, so please do try and give half a day.

On 17th June all the Cubs in the Orpington District congregated at Downe for the Venture Day, a new idea to replace the Sports Day. Our D.C. and his wife (*Kieth & Mary*) worked very hard to arrange it and the result was a first rate day to the Cubs - the helpers enjoyed it too. **Many thanks Kieth and Mary**

The Cubs who went on the day trip to Boulogne had a memorable day too; again, many thanks, Kieth & Mary.

Lastly, a question - *who drove the bus into a concrete fence post at the HQ?* All answers to this question should be sent, in writing to Deputy G.S.L.

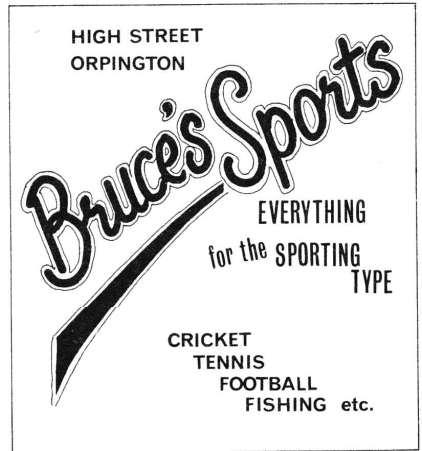
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A WORD FROM THE D.C.

Nobody could be more pleased than I am about the growth of scouting in Orpington, and in particular with the starting of a third cub scout pack in the 2nd Orpington Scout Group. This means that the Group must now look further into the future and consider the need to begin another scout troop within the Group; such a need creates a greater demand for support from all those connected with the Group, and an increasing strain on its scouters.

I know that the 2nd Orpington have already appealed for help with their cub packs, perhaps not quite as successfully as they have been with different requests for support; I do ask every adult, particularly those with scouting experience, to give a thought and then take some positive action, toward the provision of scouters, assistance and financial backing needed by this expanding Group.

W. K. T.



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LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

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A 'Sea Activities Committee' for Orpington District has been formed with the following as officers :-

Chairman : Mr. K. Thomas, 18 Eynsford Close, Petts Wood. Tel. 32236
 Boat & Charge Certificate Examiner : Mr. P. A. Williams, 5 Broxbourne Road, Orpington Tel. 25550
 Secretary : Mr. M. L. Hobbs, 26 Eldred Drive, Orpington Tel. 29702

APPLICATIONS FOR BOAT INSPECTIONS AND CHARGE CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE ADDRESSED INITIALLY TO MR. P. A. WILLIAMS.

INSURANCE

Any Group or section contemplating water activities is advised to note P.O.R. 254 relating to marine and boating risks. The Greater London S. E. Sea Activities Committee has interpreted further, viz.

'Boating activities are covered by 'Personal Accidents and Medical Benefits' and 'Scouters Indemnity Policy', but **THIRD PARTY LIABILITY** in respect of boats and canoes is not covered under the 'Scouters Indemnity Policy'. All Groups are required to obtain adequate third party cover (Obtainable through H.Q.)'

GROUPS INTENDING TO LAUNCH INTO WATER ACTIVITIES SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMITTEE WELL IN ADVANCE. THE COMMITTEE EXISTS TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND TO ENCOURAGE SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL WATER ACTIVITIES. PLEASE MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES WE CAN OFFER AND DON'T REGARD US MERELY AS AQUATIC TRAFFIC WARDENS !

M. L. H. 6th April 1972

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NATIONAL PATROL COMPETITION

We are extremely pleased to report that on 10th/11th June at the preliminaries to the National Competition, under the guidance of P.L. David Jordan, the HAWK PATROL managed to come in second and secure a place in the final at Gilwell Park. We give them our congratulations, wish them well in the finals, and in view of their prize (2 crates of pure German fruit juice) trust that they will be moderate in their 'drinking' before the finals.

CUB DAY TRIP TO BOULOGNE

Cubs over 9½ years of age will be recalling the highlights of their trip with others in the district by special train and boat to Boulogne on 3rd June. It is hoped that the next issue will include photographs, reports by the Cubs and those that also helped Akela's to keep order. It is intended to show slides of this event during the Autumn.

HEADQUARTERS (1)

Considerable concern has been expressed about the unnecessary way in which the building has been damaged and the kit, equipment and mess generally which has been left about the H.Q. All cubs, scouts and venture scouts, who should be fully conversant with their law, should not need reminders such as this to keep the place tidy and clean. It is assumed that, by the time this is published, the scouts responsible for certain brush work will have seen that it has been properly eliminated. If this has been done no further action will be taken.

HEADQUARTERS (2)

Where were all the parents that were needed for working parties on 10th/11th June - Out of 120 boys only just about a half-dozen parents, when the leaders spend MANY DAYS A WEEK of their spare time helping your sons - **WHAT HAPPENED?**

TELEPHONE:
65 HIGH ST. ORPINGTON

Mike SUMMERS



Shoe repairs & ALL Fishing equipment !

SCOUT REPORT

During the year the troop has engaged in a variety of activities.

The summer camp was held during the last week in July, at Corpusty, in Norfolk. Buzz and five of the boys went down a week prior to the camp to clear the site of nettles, and make it possible to pitch tents there.

The campers met at headquarters at 4.45 a.m. and left at an incredible 5 o'clock for Norfolk. This was the least popular part of the week long adventure. Some disappointment was expressed by the boys on viewing the scrubby, grassless site, but they changed their minds about the suitability by the end of the camp.

During the week, the boys enjoyed trips to Norwich, Sheringham and Cromer. They also built a 50 ft. high aerial runway. The G.S.L. visited and inspected the site.

After cleaning the site, the 18 scouts, one venture scout, two guides and two scouters returned to Orpington only two hours late.

During the last two weeks in August, the troop will join with scouts from the 1st Poverest group in Jersey. This long camp should prove very successful.

Three winter camps were held in the huts at Broadstone Warren, with the new younger members of the troop enjoying their first camping experience.

JUST TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, MAURICE STAGG (Skip) HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEPUTY G.S.L., JOHN DAWES (Bones) AND JONATHAN REID (Boots) JOINED SCOUT LEADER ROY JORDAN (Buzz), AND DON HELICAR (Chips) as A.S.L.'s.

Just before Christmas, 40 senior citizens from Orpington were royally entertained in the group headquarters. A delicious three course meal, with minestrone soup, roast chicken and all the trimmings, trifle, fruit and cream, topped off with coffee and cheese and biscuits. After lunch the guests participated in a sing-song, played bingo, and enjoyed tea and cakes before going home, each with a small Christmas gift from the boys.

There are now 18 new members of the troop, sixteen scouts having come up from cubs, and two scouts have been transferred here from other troops. Allan and Peter Lammas have left the troop. There were three new Second Orpington Venture Scouts, Phillip Wheeler, Duncan Hellicar and Tim Tickner who entered the unit having left the troop this year.

A camp was held at Downe over Whit-weekend. Also, an ambitious plan to build six fibre glass canoes, in 10 days is now underway under the inexpert but enthusiastic leadership of Bones.

OVERHEARD

Brownie to cub *brownies are better than cubs.*
Cub to brownie *Don't be silly, cubs are all boys, brownies are only girls.*

(So much for the equality of the sexes !)



ENTERTAINING THE SENIOR CITIZENS

JUMP ABOUT

A LEAP YEAR 'JUMP ABOUT' was held recently at the 'Five Bells' in Chelsfield, and was attended by more than 30 scouters, parents and friends.

Sponsored by the Second Orpington Scout Group Committee, the evening was a great success, and plans are being made to sponsor a 'disco' in the Scout Hall in the near future.

During the evening, several competitions took place. A limerick competition was ably judged by Keith Tickner, and while the standard of entries was not of the highest, it was most unusual to hear so many verses with so virgin a content!

A highly competitive darts match was won by Mr. & Mrs. Dawson. Several of the men were heard to complain that they were vastly handicapped in their partners - all female. However, as the beer flowed more freely, it was noted that the wives seemed to become less of a handicap.

Mary Tickner won the competition for the fullest match-box, with 106 separate items in one small box. Incidentally, the record for this competition, held by a cub, is over 300 objects. When this point was announced someone was heard to wonder why, in that case, cubs seemed to have so much trouble packing a dozen things into a large kit-bag.

Charles Marchant was host for the evening, and congratulations are due to him on a fine evening, with some excellent food, drink and company



A CHALLENGE TO GUIDES AND SCOUTS

INITIATIVE and endurance of teams of Ranger Guides and Venture Scouts from Orpington, West Wickham and Mottingham were put to the test in a challenging series of stunts over a 12-mile route last Saturday night.

The teams were entered in one of three categories, for Venture Scouts and Ranger Guides, and for mixed teams. Winners were: 2nd Orpington VS unit (Simon Evans, Graham Maunders, Roger Bruce, Alan Thurbon); Ranger Guides, South Bromley Ranger unit (Deryn Cook, Gillian Evered, Gail McKinnon, Jane Munday); mixed teams, Crofton Oak VS and 1st Crofton RG (Lindsey Squirell, Stacey Barnes, Geoffrey Kempton and Leonard Fawcett)

VENTURE UNIT REPORT

PUBLICITY AGAIN - WE HAVE GOT OUR NAMES IN THE LOCAL PAPER.

Two teams were entered for the District Venture/Ranger Challenge which took place on 29th/30th April. The Challenge was an exercise in initiative and endurance over a 12 mile course, containing many varied 'stunts' and necessitating good navigation, as it all happened between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Needless to say our all male team of old faithfuls were overall winners and the mixed team did very well to come in 9th out of 26 teams that participated.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL CONCERNED.

The time for holidays is now upon us and on the 25th May the Unit left for a much needed rest on the Norfolk Broads where we hired a seven berth cruiser and I hope we 'drove' and 'parked' the old tub a little better than when we were there 3 years ago.

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SCOUTS TODAY

May 1972

In the United Kingdom today there are over half-a-million Scouts and more than 11,300 Scout Groups.

They are catered for in three main training sections; Cub Scouts for boys aged 8 - 11 years; Scouts (age 11 - 16; Venture Scouts 16 - 20).

The range of activities open to Scouts is an ever increasing one. As well as 'traditional' pursuits such as camping, hiking and first-aid, Scouts now take part in such interests as rock-climbing, gliding, caving, ski-ing, amateur radio, movie making and even parachuting. Community service and the "good turn" are still an important part of the Scout way of life.

International friendship is kept alive by the many thousands of Scouts who go abroad from this country and foreign Scouts who come here. Well over 10,000 British Scouts and Venture Scouts visit scores of different countries every year.

The Scout Association now has three national activity centres; Wherside Manor near Dent in West Yorkshire, where the first youth caving centre has been established, Lasham near Alton, Hants, for air activities including gliding and Longridge at Marlow, Bucks, for boating and canoeing. A fourth is in preparation for mountain activities.

Ultimate goal for every Scout is the coveted Queens Scout Award with its emphasis on service to the community and physical and mental fitness. The Queen's Scout Award, with its halfway stage the Venture Award, forms the basis of the training programme in the Venture Scout section. Britain's Scouts also take part in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

ENQUIRY FORM

Please complete this tear off slip and mail it to :

N. J. Humby, Esq.,

39 Mayfield Avenue, Orpington, Kent.

To the Young Person:

If you are keen to become a

CUB SCOUT
(8 - 11 years)

SCOUT
(11 - 16 years)

VENTURE SCOUT
(16 - 20 years)

To the Adult:

If you are interested in helping the Scout Movement as a

SCOUT LEADER

INSTRUCTOR

ACTIVITY ADVISER

Member of a
SERVICE TEAM

Member of a
SUPPORTER'S ASSOCn.

We will be pleased to put you in touch with the right person

Place an **X** against the appropriate title and write in BLOCK LETTERS

Name

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SITUATIONS VACANT : District :

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES ADVISER –
 Male or Female - 18 to 65 years of age –
 Job Outline, to make contact within and without scouting and with Local Authorities, Youth Service Officers and Youth Council in order to provide information as required by scouting concerning activities available, and co-ordinate such activities in the district. Time involvement depends on enthusiasm but in first two years could easily be 4 'days' out of 7 'days', thereafter expected to be less as contacts established and organisation working (Detailed specification available at D.C.'s interviews with applicants) – Remuneration Nil, Satisfaction at a job well done enormous expenses as incurred met.



DISTRICT SCOUT SHOP ASSISTANTS –
 Male or Female (May be active scout leader)

No maximum age limit, but must be able to read, write and handle forms and cash – Job outline, is to be available without fail approximately once every 4 to 6 weeks to assist in district shop to be run in Orpington, on either Saturday mornings 09.30 to 12.30 or perhaps Wednesday evenings 20.00 to 22.00, give or take a few minutes, and occasional assistance is stocktaking required. Training will be provided. Remuneration Nil, Satisfaction in meeting the public and scouting fraternity wonderful, Opportunity to purchase scout shop items before anyone else. (Details to be agreed at interview with Shop Manager).

DISTRICT STANDING COMMITTEES – Male or Female 18 years to unlimited age needed for various committees. Requirement to be interested in Scouting, the community and modern day youth. Be prepared to meet as a committee member, discuss matters and carry out any action required as approved by the appropriate authority. The committees for which members are required are :-

Badge Committee – Lay persons needed prepared to circulate in the district in order to find specialist badge examiners.

Development & Communications Committee – Persons interested in assisting in the forward planning of scouting development in Orpington District which includes Biggin Hill, Crofton, Downe, Farnborough, Green St. Green, Petts Wood, Poverest and Ramsden.

Finance and Fund Raising – Persons needed (Male or Female) to actively assist in fund raising efforts and in the general financial problems of scouting.

All the positions listed above for the district do not require the applicant to take out a leader warrant for scouting (although it would help in some cases), and the time involved is not as onerous as that of a warranted scouter or assistant, indeed Sub Committee members may easily find that their average time involved is not in excess of 2 days a month and may be considerably less.

ORPINGTON SCOUT DISTRICT - Please complete form below and return to : N. J. Humby, Esq.
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* I am interested in assisting the Scout movement in Orpington. Please contact me with a view to discussing district position(s) of

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the nations richest in cultures of almost every other country in the world, and even a few which aren't. They call it the Land of Opportunity, but surely there are opportunities everywhere. There are more things in life than automatic washers, dryers and deep freezers. Canada is a long way from home, and it's a very different way of life.

AROUND THE WORLD – CANADA

Most people know a few facts about Canada..... it's big, it's cold and it's British. After spending eight years there I can enlarge slightly on these points it's vast, it's unbelievably cold, and its nationality is debatable.

Canada is the largest country in the world, and we saw only a very small part of it. However, distance means very much less there. We thought nothing of driving to Toronto, some 350 miles to the theatre, or to do some shopping – down in the morning, spend the afternoon in the city, and back that evening.

That it is cold is an understatement. In Northern Ontario in the winter, there are between 30 and 60 degrees of frost all the time. In late April when the thermometer begins to read above zero (farenheit) it feels almost warm. However, it's not only the cold, but what has to be done in it getting up two hours before leaving for work at least three times a week just to dig your car out of the drive (most frustrating when, having just finished, the snowplough comes along and deposits a six foot high wall of snow at the end). Mothers with babies are housebound because it is dangerous to take babies out. A hole in your gloves means frostbite within half an hour.

Winter sports are of course a big feature. Every winter, local ski schools are held for youngsters from three years old. Boys learn to skate long before going to school, and join midget ice hockey teams at five. Curling is very popular too, as are sledging and snowshoeing.

Canada is British; at least its a member of the Commonwealth. It's also part of North America, and economically tightly tied to the United States. Although Canada has been a nation for a century, and many of the 'natives' are third or fourth generation Canadians, it is rare to find anyone describing themselves as 'Canadian'. There are Poles, Italians, French, German, Yugoslav and Chinese, English and Scots – but no Canadians! What's more the Italians speak Italian, the French, French and so on. The Scots community speak Gaelic, and run evening courses for the unfortunate Scots who are 'rusty' in their native tongue, as do the Welsh, the Serbo-Croats and anyone else who can find someone to teach them.

This conglomerate has many advantages, for Canada must be one of

2nd ORPINGTON 'LEOPARD' PACK (continued from page 9)

April was job week and the boys worked extremely hard and collected just over £29. The customary prizes were awarded to *Paul Crouch* and *Kevin Magee* who collected the most money for Shoe Shine, runners-up *Peter Sampson* and *Peter Grant*, and to *Clive Martin* and *Nigel Chubb* who were top in the Job Week. Well done, boys.

On Tuesday 25th, *Kevin Magee* received his Scientist III badge. Mr. Hennah informs us that according to his records which only go back to 1968, no other boy in the Orpington District has received this badge.

Saturday, 29th April, we took six boys to Petts Wood for the Culbertson Flag Trophy. They got 47½ points, which made them about 16th out of 20. *R. Minnis, P. Sampson, P. Marchant, P. Magee* and *S. Foster* deserve praise for volunteering even though we had to go and collect two of them a quarter of an hour before we were due to be inspected.

On 6th May, nine of our boys joined Lion Pack to go and visit 9th Orpington for a combined European Pack Meeting, in their excellent grounds. Unfortunately this clashed with the Cup Final and so quite a lot of our boys missed a very good day. We say thank you to *Liam* (9th Orp.) and *Mary* (Lions) for their invitation, and appreciate the effort they put into organising this meeting.

Tuesday, 9th May, *Evelyn Magee* became Akela and the boys were also issued with new badges with the name 'Leopard' so that we are now REALLY LEOPARD PACK. We also welcomed six new boys, *James Maryan, Stephen Thompson, Gareth Spooner, Paul Thatcher, Michael Savill* and *Patrick Stevens*.

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LIONS PACK REPORT

AWARDS :	Bronze Arrow	—	Stephen Green, Nigel Pepperell, Nigel Rawlins
	Silver Arrow	—	Mark Callender, Martin Duce, Andrew Evans, Craig Johnson, Peter Ludlow, Timothy Parker, Robert Payne, Paul Sapwell, Gary Stewart.
	Gold Arrow	—	Mark Callender, Ian Gibbons, Andrew Howat, Steven James, Michael Theobald.
	Link Badge	—	Mark Callender, Ian Gibbons, Andrew Howat, Steven James, Michael Theobald.
PROFICIENCY	Artist	—	Robert Todd
BADGES :	Book Reader	—	Robert Todd
	Explorer	—	Mark Callender, Steven James, Peter Ludlow.
	Handyman	—	Robert Todd
	Naturalist	—	Gary Stewart

In the last magazine I mentioned that we were looking forward to the 11th December when we were due to play football with a Pack (now known as Leopards). A lot of hard effort went into the game which resulted in a 4-4 draw. This made a very nice start to a day which was to end with a Christmas Party for both Packs. The party theme was Arabs, and a fierce assortment of them took over the H.Q. from 3.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Thanks to all those who helped to make the party a success. On the 21st December we again had the pleasure of joining the other Pack for a combined end of the season Pack Meeting. A variety of games were played and enjoyed by all, books were presented to the Sixers and Stephen Green received his Bronze Arrow and Craig Johnson his Silver Arrow. Then as a sample of things to come Mrs. Gwen Kemsley presented the boys with a really beautiful Christmas Cake that she had made for them. Needless to say, by the time the two hungry Cub Packs and a fair number of Cub Scouters had attacked it there was very little left. *Thank you Gwen.*

On the 15th January a number of boys and Scouters joined boys from the 9th Orpington for an outing to Lewisham to see the Pantomime 'Puss in Boots'.

During March and April a session of boys did their fire-lighting and cooking at 113, Lancing Road, and sometimes after they had left for home Akela's refrigerator was considerably emptier!

A rather unusual meeting took place on the 23rd March when the evening's programme was taped to send out to a Cub Pack in Gibraltar. We hope to receive a recording back from Gibraltar in due course. We also made a scrap book for them, and autographed a football as a gift from the 2nd and 9th Orpington Packs who also had recorded a Pack programme. This was a combined effort to make

contact with a Pack abroad during European Friendship Year. We again joined the 9th., together with boys from Leopards and Panthers, on the 6th May for a special European Pack Meeting. An interesting Treasure Trail had been arranged in the Convent Grounds which took the boys through the six Common Market countries! The most amusing game during the afternoon involved teams fighting their way through long... strands of spaghetti with only a spoon to eat it with. A number of slides were shown of travels through other countries. Next came a tea party when an enormous amount of food disappeared in an amazingly short space of time. The afternoon finished with a sing song round the Camp Fire when various prizes were presented. Then before leaving, each boy was presented with a number of books kindly presented by the various Tourist Offices that had been contacted in connection with the event.

A team of six boys entered the Culbertson Flag Competition held on the 29th April at Petts Wood and finished only 5 points behind the winners, in 4th place with 1st Biggin Hill. *Well done Ian Gibbons, Jamie Kimber, Paul Sapwell, Gary Stewart, Michael Theobald and Robert Todd.*

Michael Mackley took us all by surprise when having been set the task of finding out the names and birthdays of the Royal children he wrote to the Queen. In due course he received a reply, signed by the Queen's Lady-in-Waiting, and giving all the information he required. I am sure Michael will be proud to keep that letter in his Royal Scrap Book.

Operation Shoe Shine was an addition to Scout Job Week and a number of boys entered the Competition, and between them cleaned almost 100 pairs of shoes. Altogether the Pack raised over £33 pounds during Job Week,

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Dear Mum....

BY B.CUNNINGTON



Summer Camp is Great and the weather is fine...

and I'm getting lots of fresh air and exercise...

I got my swimming badge today - and then.....

I went out hunting and I caught something.....

but I'll be glad when I get home - I'M STARVING!

2nd ORPINGTON 'LEOPARD' PACK

REPORT :

During the week-end 25th/27th June 1971, our Sixers, D. Styles, R. Minnis, K. Magee, A. Ralph and A. Arnott, attended the District Sixers Camp, which was held at Broadstone Warren. It was the boys' first camp under canvas and they all had a marvellous time.

On the 3rd July, we visited Gilwell for Cub Scout Day and although it was a long and tiring day, it was certainly enjoyable and the activities laid on for the boys were really extraordinary.

On 10th July, it was the Sixers' turn again and they joined with the other Sixers of the Orpington District and spent a day in the grounds of the County Commissioner's home in Westerham. We entered the Volley Ball competition and got as far as the semi-final and also joined in some of the other games, including making a bivouac and carrying out other parts of the Explorer badge, which three of the boys finished later in the year.

On the 17th September we set off for our annual camp at Buckmore Park. The boys were divided into sixes, called *Elephant, Tiger, Giraffe, Zebra and Rhino*. The main activity for the weekend was for each six to build a camp, entertain other sixes, write a "Six" song and parade on Sunday afternoon at their "den" for an inspection. Tiger six won the competition, in which all sixes showed tremendous ingenuity and interest. Other activities included karting, roller skating and swimming, the latter producing some well earned badges.

We were visited by Buzz in September to show us the right way to erect tents and he also gave a very good film and slide display of the Scouts' camp in Norfolk.

In October, Akela (Deirdre Willatt) left the pack to devote her time to preparing for her approaching marriage and setting up house in Tonbridge. We were very sorry that she left but it is a long way from Tonbridge to Orpington!

On the 9th November, we presented a wedding gift to Kaa (Sally) and the G.S.L. presented one on behalf of the Council and Dierdre paid us a visit to present Kaa with a gift from herself and Kim (Malcolm).

On the 16th November, we said our goodbyes to David Styles, Stephen Garrard and Laurence Ralphs who went



'But of course you can join our Troop....'

up to the Scouts, and welcomed Johnathan Hamilton, Mark Horner, Nigel Clubb, Paul Savage and Martin Westerman.

In December we had our Group camp fire, and of course the boys had a good time. Our little item was 'The Comedians', and if the jokes were not very good the T.V. sets were recognisable as 23" Rediffusion 'Blenheim' VHF 405 (at least that's what Peter Minnis said!

On to the Christmas Party which was a tremendous success. Nearly all the boys turned up in fancy dress (boys includes Scouters, of course). There was a prize book for each of the four best Arabs, and these were *Andrew Howat, Jonathan Marsh, Kevin Magee and Richard Lightfoot*. It was a difficult task for Ian Wood to make his choice. Thank you Ian, and thank you also for your guitar playing. We also organised a Quiz and Phillip Wheeler laboriously checked all the entries and chose the winners. They were *Paul Crouch, Peter Magee and Kevin Magee*.

We attended a Camp Fire concert at St. John's Knoll Rise for Gimlet's retirement, and witnessed the presentation of a mounted gimlet, and most of the boys had a look at his Silver Wolf award, a rarity indeed, but then Gimlet was a Scout before most of our Dads were born!

On the last Meeting before Christmas, we had a combined pack meeting. Everyone had a great time, but it was not just fun and games. We invested *Nigel Clubb, Jonathan Hamilton and Paul Savage* from 'A' pack and *Paul Smith and Phillip Green* from 'B' pack. A Silver Arrow was presented to *Craig Johnson*, and birthday bumps were given to *Paul Crouch and Michael Mackley*.

In January we welcomed Peter Grant and David Howlet to replace two Cubs who left.

Six boys were invited to the pantomime at Lewisham with 9th Orpington and 'B' pack. Only three boys turned up which was a bit disappointing because as well as having to pay for the coach seats, there were other boys who would have gone had they been given the chance.

We welcomed new boys Mark Garrard, Gary Humphries and Leeroy Manning and Darren Smith who replaced Jonathan Marsh who transferred to 7th Orp.

On the 15th February, Deirdre and Malcolm came along to say their official goodbye. The Pack presented her with a wedding present. She then presented scarves to four newly invested Cubs, and badges to six boys.

Sunday, the 9th March, the boys 'going up' went to Scout camp at Downe, as usual organised by Phillip and Duncan who are now Venture Scouts. *Richard Minnis, Andrew Arnott, Kevin Magee, Steven Tack and Richard Lightfoot* attended, and as usual had a rare old time. It is noticeable that for a change, we have boys showing a tremendous enthusiasm for the Scouts. If they are as good in the Troop as they were in the Pack, they will make very good Scouts.

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SNIPPETS FROM THE BOYS

EXPLORER'S BADGE

On the 18th April I went to Petts Wood to get my Explorer's Badge. I went with Akela and two other boys, Peter and Steven. We made bivouacs out of leaves and twigs. We tied the twigs to a main branch with string. After making our bivouacs we went tracking. I got lost but managed to get back in good time. In the Woods is the Willet Memorial. In the Woods are lots of rhododendron bushes. There is a lot of bracken and twigs lying about. It is looked after by the National Trust. A railway and road run by the side of the wood.

There are no ponds but lots of little streams. We had a packed lunch at H.Q. before we went off. I had to take my first aid kit. In the first aid kit were bandages, cream and scissors. We were asked questions before about the things we would need for a one day trip. They were the money and cost, clothing and food. We enjoyed out day.

MARK CALLENDER. Lions

COOKING OUT OF DOORS

On Friday, the 10th March at half past five I went to Akela with some wood, wellington boots, two sausages, and two pieces of bacon. When I got there I met Mark who was also doing the test Cooking Out of Doors, then shortly afterwards Andrew came. Then we started looking for wood and by six o'clock we had found enough, so we made the fire and Andrew lit it, but as soon as Akela went indoors it went out, so he had another go and it went out again, so Mark had a go and managed to get some twigs alight.

Then Akela came outside and showed us how to roll up pieces of paper so they would burn and help the wood get alight. At 6.45 p.m. the G.S.L. came home and chopped up wood to put on the fire, and at seven o'clock we got the fire going. We cooked lots of bacon, sausages and pieces of bread, and Peter who had finished doing his collection came and cooked things too.

At 7.30 p.m. Mark had to go, then the G.S.L. brought some eggs and we were going to have fried eggs, but the expert egg cracker, Andrew, put his fingers through one egg, then I did, but Mark cracked his properly, so Andrew had another go and squashed it again. Then Mark did the same thing so we decided to have scrambled egg and I beat it up on the fire. When the egg was cooked we had some each and it was lovely. At eight o'clock we wiped up and then had a drink, then we went home at nine.

SIMON GOWER Lions

Note : LETTERS FROM ANDREW SIMMONDS AND MARTIN DUCE WILL APPEAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE

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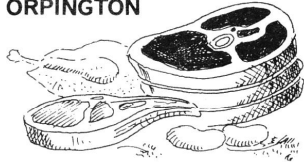
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FLAGS AND OTHER COUNTRIES - HOLLAND

In Holland there are lots of Windmills. This is because Holland is a flat country, and the water needs to be drained. Also wheat is ground. If you draw a straight line from Norfolk on a map to your right you find Holland. It's smaller than England, but just as busy.

Holland was taken by the Germans in the second World War and there are graves all over Holland. The capital is Amsterdam and water runs all the way through. Rembrandt and Hals are famous artists who lived in Amsterdam. The best football team in Holland is Ajax. The main airport is Schipol. The population is about 10,000,000. Maduram is a model of famous things in Holland. Hilversum is the main radio station and is made like a tower, a bit like the G.P.O.

Holland is famous for regaining land by throwing rubbish into the sea so a mound is seen in the water, then soil is put over. This makes very fertile land to grow crops. Holland is flat so dykes are built to prevent flooding. A dyke is a big wall. Also bulbs and tulips grow in huge quantities. Dairy and cheese products are the main farming.

They have a Queen and Prince and four children.

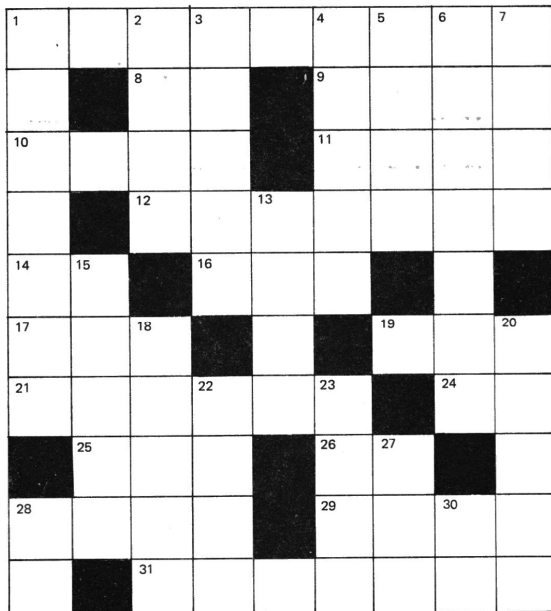
The main transport is bicycles.

MARK CALLENDER Lions

BOYS IN NEW PANTHER PACK

Red Sixer: Graham Young Blue Sixer: Alex Armstrong
 Secondar: Mark Kellers Secondar: Timothy Camm

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| Clive Traverse | Stephen Parkins |
| Laurence Dawes | Robert Elworthy |
| Simon Spearing | Paul Cross |
| Tony Rudkin | David Fleming |



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS :

1. Home, sweet home
8. Indefinite article
9. Dressing gown
10. Diplomacy
11. God of war
12. Nutty centres
14. Preposition
16. Rodent
17. Pensioner
19. Camp Fire remains
21. Scarce item
24. One way to win a fight
25. Not rockers
26. Year of our Lord
28. Woodland grove
29. Knot necessary
31. They head the patrols.

DOWN :

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| 1. Spot for activities | 2. Cub Group |
| 3. Between | |
| 4. Allowance for students | |
| 5. Ripped | 6. Tall Monument |
| 7. Monster loch | 13. Argue |
| 15. Heat source | 18. Amusing |
| 20. Optimisms | 22. Unemployed |
| 23. Back garden | 27. Female deer |
| 28. Keith Tickner | |
| 30. Advertising expert | |

LIONS PACK REPORT (continued)

and three boys earned over £2, *Steven James, Michael Mackley and Michael Theobald*. Well done everyone.

The general standard of Arrow Test work has been showing much improvement — keep this up boys.

This will be obvious to anyone passing Akela's house in future as she is now the proud possessor of a new house number. Thank you Martin Duce.

This year's football season held some very exciting moments, and at one stage we were holding 6th position having worked our way up from bottom place last year. At the time of writing this, the final results have not been issued, but no doubt they will be in the near future. There was certainly great excitement when the 100th goal was reached during the last match. The final total was 101 goals for, and 68 goals against us. Another great achievement. We could not let the season end without a match against the Dads. This took place on Saturday, 20th May, and naturally ended with a win for the boys 4 - 3 (can't think where the Dads got their three from!). Several cameras were there to record the finer (?) moments, so we hope to show these beautiful pictures at a later date.

Earlier in the year Graham Clifton was Invested — welcome into the Group, Graham. Welcome also to the boys who have recently joined us, Neil Emsden, Robert Harborne, Alan Payne, Keiran Pearce, Bryn Smith; a coffee morning was held on the 6th May to welcome the boys' parents also into the Group. We hope you will all enjoy many happy times with us.

On the 8th May a Going-up Ceremony was held for the boys about to enter the Troop. To Mark Callender, Ian Gibbons, Andrew Howat, Steven James and Michael Theobald we wish all the best, and many more happy times in Scouting.

We have recently become the Lions Pack, as most people will have already heard, so look out for the next magazine when there will be more news from the Lions Den!

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