

NEWS FROM THE CUB SCOUT PACK

Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who have passed the Proficiency Badge indicated:-

- M. FINCHAM }
  - J. LONGMAN } SWIMMER BADGE, Stage 3
  - R. LOTTNER }
    - S. O'RIOGAN }
      - J. CARVER }
        - C. COCKMAN } SWIMMER BADGE, Stage 2.
        - M. GALE }
          - J. SPENCER } CYCLIST BADGE.

UP IN THE CLOUDS

On 18 January A.S.L. Derek Barker visited the Pack and gave a talk about clouds and the way they are formed.

FOOTBALL

In the District Cub Scout Football League our Pack, at 16th January was in eleventh place having played 9 games of which they won 3, lost 4 and drew 2.

We would like to commend the 1st Old Woking Pack who have played 9 games and lost them all with a total of 5 goals against 55, but they still plug merrily on.

FOOTNOTE FOR PARENTS

Cub Scouts and Scouts have a habit of forgetting things so would you please remind them that the next Family Service and Group Church Parade is on 21st February. Please remind him also again on the day. It's always a Sunday.

If fire and its occasional annals are to be kept by a fire show the working principles of various types of extinguisher.

When the carbon dioxide smoke had cleared enough for the screen to become visible, Mr. Thompson showed a film produced for training rail crews in the function and use of fire fighting systems installed in modern trains.

To close the evening, Patrol Leader NIGEL WILKIN proved that the Group's own fire extinguisher was in good working order and showed how to put out a blazing pile of rubbish while simultaneously soaking his trouser legs to prevent the fire spreading to other areas.

Mr. Thompson, who is District Information Officer, is an old friend of the Group. His two sons (now married with children of their own) were in the Group and tales are still told of their doings even before they reached the dizzy heights of Patrol Leaders.

SWIMMING

Up until Christmas a weekly event in the Cub Scout Pack was the visit on Tuesday evenings to Walton Baths. It is hoped to restart this BUT unless it is possible to arrange transport for the Cub Scouts, the scheme will not get off the ground.

In the past a faithful few Scouters, parents and friends turned up regularly with cars to take the Cub Scouts, but one cannot expect these few to turn out week after week and there have been occasions when, if disappointed Cub Scouts were not to be left behind, cars had to carry rather more than they should.

If we had a rota of parents prepared to do this job the load could be spread in such a way as to make it necessary to call on an individual only once a month or, if the response is good, at even longer intervals.

The trip to Walton Baths is not only fun for the boys, but is an important part of their training. Every Cub Scout should



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WOKING SCOUT GROUP

No. 16

February, 1971

UP THE WORKERS!

Our thanks to the working parties of Scouts who gave up two Saturday mornings recently to help tidy the Group H.Q.

Setting a cracking pace and with great concentration on the job in hand Assistant Patrol Leaders IAN BROWN, KEVIN BULMER and MILES KING with Scouts PAUL COCKMAN, SEAN CROWIN, JOHN SHORTER and CLIFFORD WILLIAMS usefully bundled up a vast load of salvage newspapers for easier transportation to where it is sold. The coffee produced by the last two had to be drunk to be believed.

The following week an equally hard-working team did some internal improvement work. JEREMY REYNOLDS, KEVIN BULMER and STEVEN FIELD performed a minor miracle in the main hall and back room, while CLIFFORD WILLIAMS and JOHN SHORTER, with great devotion to duty and against overwhelming odds, tackled the kitchen area.

Well done, all of you. Not the pleasantist or most interesting of work, but you did it cheerfully and efficiently.

Our next objective is the ground around the Headquarters ready for the Spring.

FIRE AT GROUP H.Q.

Our thanks also to Mr. D. R. THOMPSON for his highly entertaining yet instructive session with the Troop on fire precautions and fire fighting. The Scouts and about 15 Cub Scouts who joined them for the evening were reminded by Mr. Thompson (Chief Fire Inspector - British Rail) about the dangers

of fire and its occasional annals. He not only showed them how to save his own life but being ready and trained to save other lives in the future.

The party would leave the Group Headquarters at 6.30 pm and would be back again by 8.30 pm.

Please let Akela know when you can help. Her telephone number is Woking 26949 or send a note with your son to the next Pack Meeting.

LEADER TRAINING

Congratulations to our Assistant Scout Leader Mr Derek Barker who has successfully completed a course in Advanced Leader Training.

The Scout Association does not issue Leader Warrants to any adult unless he or she has completed a Basic Training Course. Mr Barker has, in the interest of training the boys in the Troop, given his time to take this additional training for which we are most grateful.

Five of the seven Scouters in the Group have received Advanced Training and it is rumoured that it will not be long before the other two will join them.

The Advanced Leader Training Award is denoted by a Wolf Badge - two wooden beads on a leather bootlace - worn round the neck or a green cable-knit worn over the right pocket.

A NOTE TO PARENTS OF SCOUTS

There is a book which every Scout should have. It is THE SCOUT HANDBOOK and costs 42p (formerly 8/6d). It makes an excellent birthday present and can be obtained at the Woking Scout Shop in the Youth Centre, Walton Road Woking. Open 7-9pm Mondays, 8-10pm Wednesdays and 10-12 Saturdays.

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No. 17

April 1971

## NEWS FROM THE CUB SCOUT PACK

The football season being now over the Scouters of the Pack and also the Cub Scouts would like to thank Mr Cane, Mr Swash and Mr Jones for the support and very real encouragement they gave.

### BADGES

Congratulations to those who have passed the following

LINK BADGE	Tomothy Warham Richard Lowther
GOLD ARROW	Christopher Cockman
HANDYMAN BADGE	Jeffrey Carter Christopher Cockman Gilroy Swash Timothy Warham
MAP READER	Jonathan Montgomery

### SWIMMING

We are most grateful Mrs Butler, Mr Baker, Mr Mansell, Mr Pearson and Mr Swash who responded to our appeal in the February issue of "Forthrite" for assistance in transporting Cub Scouts on the weekly swimming expedition.

The expeditions will start again after Easter and will probably be to Staines since it has been found that Guildford Swimming Baths cost twice as much.

### STOP PRESS

Congratulations to our Group Scout Leader, Mr Peter Cooke, who is also Commonwealth Secretary at Scout Headquarters, who has been awarded the Silver Wolf by his Chief Scout in his Saint George's Day list of awards.

The Silver Wolf is the highest award which can be given for services to the Scout Movement.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1971/72

When deciding on the subscription to be paid by members the Group Council bases this on the cost of running the Group Headquarters i.e. rent, rates, lighting, heating, maintenance and other running expenses. The cost of other equipment, tents etc is usually raised by the Parents and Supporters Association but, incidentally, the amount raised for this purpose last year did not meet the cost of equipment needed.

During the past three years the cost of heating, lighting etc has risen but subscriptions have remained the same. It is therefore with regret that the Group Council has decided that the subscription must be raised to £4 per annum which, incidentally, is only an increase of six and two thirds percent - not too bad when the cost of living has risen some fifteen percent.

It has been decided that each boy should be issued with a card on which his annual subscription is stated and this amount can be paid annually or half yearly direct to the Group Treasurer\* or at other shorter intervals to the leader of his section i.e. Cub Scout Leader or Scout Leader. The card will be presented with any payment being made and the amount will be entered on the card. The boy and, incidentally, his parents will thus know at any time the balance to be paid before the end of the financial year.

There are certain times in the year when there are no meetings e.g. Christmas, Easter, the month of August etc and it is therefore not possible to divide the annual subscription into 52 neat instalments. It is therefore suggested that it should be divided into 40 payments of 10p or even 20 payments of 20p or indeed any other permutation so long as the result is the annual subscription paid before the end of the financial year.

\* the Hon. Group Treasurer is Mr W.B. Clinton Woodbridge, Horsell Rise, Woking.

### ANNUAL GROUP "AT HOME"

This will be held at the Group Headquarters at 7.45pm on Friday 21st May. The evening will start with films of the Pack and Troop Camps last year and another showing odd occasions in the Group's activities last year.

PLEASE BOOK THE DATE NOW.

### IT IS DANGEROUS TO SNEEZE

That is what someone was heard to remark in regard to the "wooden end" of the Group Headquarters. It was, perhaps, a slight exaggeration but there was a certain amount of truth in the remark for this part of our Group Headquarters must be rebuilt very soon. Quite apart from the decrepit state of this part of the building it also contains what is euphemistically called "the usual offices" and these are becoming sufficiently ancient to be called "unusual offices".

This rebuilding will cost money and so the Group Council has already started planning for a Summer Fete towards the end of June this year. It is hoped that all parents and friends will help in this project. If every one does a little the result will be quite a lot.

### TABLE TENNIS

A former member of the Group gave a very generous donation to buy sports equipment for the Troop. The major part has been spent on the purchase of a kit for making a table tennis table and this has now been constructed and is in use. Many thanks MR J.R.....

### NEWS TO THE TROOP

Having gained their Link Badge and passed the simple tests for the Scout Badge the following were invested as Scouts on Friday 2nd April.

RICHARD LOWTHER

TIMOTHY WARHAM

CONGRATULATIONS to the following members of the Swift Patrol who have passed the SCOUT STANDARD

SHAUN CROWIN

GEORGE SQUIRES

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I am in the habit of taking frequent walks on Horsell Common and on one Saturday afternoon last month I was in the vicinity of the sand-pits when I observed a number of boys accompanied by an adult indulging in an activity which I later discovered was in connection with compass bearings. This in itself is not unusual were it not for the fact there was a blizzard blowing at the time. God bless it does my heart good to realise that the youth of today are not the pampered, long haired ninjas we are led to believe.

Again on the evening of Friday 26th March I happened to be on Horseshelf Common (no sir, I had not been into the nearby hotel!) when I heard a commotion in the undergrowth and was nearly knocked down by two boys who were rushing through the darkness bearing what appeared to be a large tin trunk. Later I nearly fell over another one not to mention a number of boys lurking in the undergrowth and talking of losing their life and getting another one. I was given to understand that all this was linked up with, to quote my informant "the 4th Woking having a wide game". Perhaps someone could elucidate.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) J.L. BUSHAW  
Major, Rtd.

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They also "obliged" with "Grandpa".

The Troop presented three short sketches, "The Memory Man", "The Sharpshooter", and a cross-talk act. The audience appeared to enjoy them as much as the performers.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP COUNCIL

SUMMER FETE 1971

Book the date - SATURDAY 26TH JUNE.

Some parents have offered to look after stalls and side-shows but we still need more help. Please telephone me at WORKING 62949 and let me know what help you can give.

If you are unable to help on the day you can always help beforehand by bringing to the Headquarters any of the following:-

1. Tinned goods for the "Tin Mine".
2. Bottled goods for the Bottle "tall".
3. Bric-a-brac and odds and ends (in good condition please) for the White Elephant Stall.
4. Cakes, large and small, to be delivered to the Headquarters on Friday evening and Saturday morning 25/26th June.

I feel sure you all want to make this event a huge success and by all of us doing a little bit I am sure we can - The Scouters and boys deserve our support.

You will remember that the purpose of the fete is to raise money to complete the rebuilding of our Group Headquarters and, incidentally, improve the somewhat antiquated toilet facilities.

INFLUENTIAL REWARDS

Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who have passed the necessary tests to qualify for the badges indicated.

CYCLIST	Geoffrey Carter.
SWIMMER (1st stage)	Michael Burns Trevor Greenwood David Walker
SCIENTIST	Greene Barker Christopher Cockman Julian Spencer Terry Woods
SPORTSMAN	Geoffrey Carter Christopher Cockman Gilroy Swash

FROM THE SCOUT TROOP

Congratulations to the following who have been promoted to Assistant Patrol Leader.

JEREMY BYRNES to OWL PATROL  
DAVID SPENCER to PEEWIT PATROL

Congratulations to those both and every success in the very responsible task they have undertaken

Congratulations also to the following who have taken another step towards the Chief Scouts Award by gaining the SCOUT STANDING BADGE.

STEPHEN FIELD	Owl Patrol
CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS	Owl Patrol
CLIFFORD WILLIAMS	Peevit Patrol



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WORKING SCOUT GROUP

No. 18 MAY 1971

ANNUAL GROUP "HOT WOMEN" - A REMINDER

The date is FRIDAY 21ST MAY.  
The place - THE GROUP HEADQUARTERS  
The time - 7.30 p.m. or 19.30hrs

The meeting will start with films and end with a barbecue. Come and see the films which will include those taken at the Pack and Troop camps.

FROM THE CUB SCOUT PLCK

The Pack is planning a BANQUET on the afternoon of SATURDAY 22ND MAY. Gather at the Group Headquarters at 2 p.m. (1400hrs) with packed tea. Back at the group Headquarters at 6 p.m. (1800hrs).

FOOTBALL

Although the Pack did not cover itself with glory in the District football league they managed to reach the semi-final in the six-a-side competition.

SPECIAL PACK MEETING

On 5th April the Pack met at Chorwater School and spent the evening learning something about Nature.

CUB SCOUT CAMP

This will be held at WILTON FIRS, COEHAM on 11th to 13th June for boys over 9½ years of age.

PATROL COMPETITION

The Owl Patrol repeated their success of March by winning the April Competition also. It is assumed that the other Patrols are going to do their best to prevent them doing the hat-trick.

SUMMER CAMP

The dates of Summer Camp this year are from Saturday 7th August to Saturday 14th August.

An important discussion is in progress at the moment in regard to the relative merits of two sites. A decision will be reached shortly and the glad news promulgated without delay.

An investigation was carried out recently by the four Patrols to ascertain the speed of flow of the stream which flows past the Group Headquarters. Some extremely scientific methods were used ("We guessed the distance. The time? We guessed that too!") and the interesting thing is that the patrols came up with an almost identical answer - Half a mile per hour.

So now we know.

THE GROUP HELPS TO MEMORATE

On Saturday evening 24th April the Group joined other organisations in Christ Church parish in an entertainment in Christ Church Hall.

The Pack gave a most spirited rendering of "Food", the song from the musical "Oliver" and it was clear that they were in complete rapport with the subject!

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### CHANGES IN GROUP LEADERSHIP

Mr Peter Cooke, who has held a warrant in the 4th Woking for more than 37 years, is retiring as Group Scout Leader and handing over to the Scout Leader Mr Peter Branchflower. Mr Derek Barker, at present the Assistant Scout Leader, will become Scout Leader.

Mr Cooke will not be retiring from the Group completely as his is to become Secretary of the Group Council and Group Information Officer.

### COMMUNICATIONS

The Group Council and Scouters were very disappointed at the number of parents who attended the meeting held on 7th December to discuss the rebuilding of the end of the Group Headquarters especially as the rebuilding will be of benefit to their sons. We are most grateful to those who did attend and for their advice and offers of cooperation.

One item which was discussed was that of getting information to parents. The system of sending notes to parents by their child is sometimes failed due to the forgetfulness of their offspring but, at present postal rates, the use of mails is prohibitive.

It was therefore decided that each member of the Group Council would undertake to keep in touch with a number of parents, particularly those in their own neighbourhood, and ensure that communications reached parents without delay.

This plan has now been implemented and each family in the Group will shortly be receiving a visit from what, for a better name, we are calling "Neighbourhood Leaders". They will give their telephone number and will be glad to answer queries about Group events such as Parties, Rummage Sales, Pates etc. etc.

On matters connected with Cub or Scout training enquiries should be made to the Scout Leader or the Cub Scout Leader.

On 15th November "Hessie" Cooke visited the Pack and talked to the Cubs about Scouting in other countries of the Commonwealth illustrating his talk with coloured slides. He should know what he is talking about since he is Commonwealth Secretary at Scout Headquarters in London and has visited a number of the places he talked about.

### NEWS FROM THE SCOUT TROOP

Congratulations to the following who have been promoted as indicated.

<b>PATROL LEADER</b>	<b>ASST. PATROL LEADER</b>
Ian Brown	Matthew King
Kevin Bulmer	Chris Roberts
Peter Gunner	John Shorter
David Spencer	George Squires

and to TIMOTHY WARHAM who has gained the COLLECTOR BADGE

### NATIONWIDE GAME

On 29th October the Troop joined with some 600 other Troops throughout the country in playing a "hide game" which is a Scouting term for a game played over a comparatively wide area and usually involves "cops & robbers" or "ambush" or following clues. This game was of the last variety and involved the tracking down of an infernal machine and bringing it back to the Headquarters before it "exploded". The last step in the chain of clues was the telephoning of an unknown person (he could have been in Glasgow!) to learn the location of the "infernal machine" which would explode unless handled very carefully. We are glad to report that the mission was carried out successfully.

To not parents' minds at rest; though the "infernal machine" certainly did look "infernal" with dials and wires all over it, it was simply a box with a liberal layer of bicarbonate of soda on the bottom and a dish full of slightly acidulated water. If the box were to

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### NEWS FROM THE CUB SCOUT PACK

Since September we have welcomed 14 new cubs into the Pack and four Cub Scouts have gained the Link Badge and gone up to the Troop.

Congratulations to the following who have passed the Badges indicated:

LINK BADGE: Chris Cockman, Trevor Greenwood, Terry Woods, Mark Fincher.

GOLD ARROW: Anthony Baker, Terry Woods, Graeme Barker.

BOCK READER: Simon Butler.

MAP READER: Ian Carpenter.

SPORTSMAN: David Walker, Anthony Baker.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Anthony Baker.

ATHLETE: Anthony Baker.

SWIMMER (Stage 1): Andrew Davis.

Sixers John Longman and Julian Spencer attended a Sixers Training Week-end organised by the District at Wanborough last October.

The Pack Football team continues to play most enthusiastically and are most grateful to Mr Swash who looks after the team and also to the other "Dads" who give their help and encouragement.

TROOP SUMMER CAMP DATES 5TH - 12TH AUGUST 1972

to be called the water would spill: result - a fizzing and lots of steam rising from the holes thoughtfully provided in the sides of the box.

### BONFIRE NIGHT

The fifth of November saw some 200 parents and friends of the Group (and, we suspect, one or two who were not invited) assembled for the bonfire and fireworks display. A towering fire had been built - just in time let it be known for the base of the fire which had been built a few days before had been set alight by some very unkind person or persons unknown on the previous afternoon. It was seen by Mrs Squires who, with the help of a couple of local boys Les Sexton and Ian Bird (who are not members of the Group) put it out. The new fire was built and completed only just before people started to arrive. The guy, made by the Barker family, looked very fine perched right on top with a spotlight playing on it and went up in smoke beautifully with the aid of a spot of paraffin.

The fireworks fired and worked most satisfactorily to the accompaniment of the usual "ohs" and "ahs" and there was very little cocoa and certainly not "hot dogs" left when everyone had gone home.

Everybody seemed to have enjoyed themselves and the organisers learned quite a lot which will come in useful next year when the event is repeated as everybody seems to wish it should be.

### GROUP PARK SUNDAY EVENING 20TH JANUARY 1972

Pl. so both the date NOW. It is to be a party, not only for the boys in the Group but for the whole family from babies in arms to grandparents! Games and activities will be laid on for all ages and we promise that nobody will be pressured into doing anything they don't want to. More details later but book the date now. The place? The Youth Centre in Walton Road.

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