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*Plas-poly*  
*Diocesan House*

PROFICIENCY BADGES

It seems the gaining of Swimmer Badges by KEVIN BULMER, MARK FINCHAM, RICHARD LOWTHER, SHAUN CROMIN, and TIMOTHY WARHAM has encouraged others to work for badges and several members of the Troop are attending the courses for Fireman and Ambulance arranged by the District.

VENTURE SCOUTS VISIT OUR TROOP

On Friday 3rd March Venture Scouts from the 1st Old Woking Unit visited the Troop and spoke to them about some of the activities indulged in by Venture Scouts, such as rock climbing, hill walking, canoeing and sub-aqua diving. So the Scouts have some idea of what they can look forward to when they have reached the ripe old age of 16 and can go into the Venture Scouts.

Another most interesting visitor was Mrs Jean Squires (George's Mum) who is a highly qualified member of the Red Cross. She spoke to the Troop about First Aid in general and gave practical demonstrations of wound situation. It is wonderful how realistic a gash can be made from a little putty, some red dye and trowels!

It is sound training for Scouts to see simulated wounds, starting with a simple cut and working up to more complicated injuries, for in this way they get used to the sight of "blood" and when the time comes, as well it might, when they have to deal with a major injury they will not turn a hair whilst others are fainting away right and left!

STOP PRESS

Many thanks for the Dads who turned out, despite the rain to help with the collection of ransage. If, as we hope, we got a similar response for helpers at the sale itself on 25th March we should raise a record amount to help towards the rebuilding of the end of the Group Headquarters. Thanks again Dads!

*If you can help at the sale, please let me know Tel. 0414 211111*

By the way please serve the lady entering; it is the only person in the unit who is still a Scout.

CONGRATULATIONS...

CLIFFORD BEVIS on gaining the VENTURE SCOUT AWARD. Cliff is with the 1st Old Woking Venture Scout Unit but was formerly with "our lot".

PETER GUNNER Patrol Leader, Owl Patrol and JOHN SHORTER, Asst. P.L. Woodpigeon Patrol on passing their ADVANCED SCOUT STANDARD.

MARK FINCHAM ) on having come up from the Pack  
TERRY WOODS )  
TREVOR GREENWOOD ) and been invested as Scouts.

JOHN LONGMAN on gaining the LINK BADGE and coming up to the Troop at a ceremony after the monthly church parade on Sunday 20 Feb.

CAMPING.

Cub Scouts. Friday 17th to Sunday 21st May at Bentley Copse near Peaslake. Open to Cub Scouts over the age of 9.

Scouts. 6/7th May. Visit to site of Summer Camp by Patrol Leaders and Scouters.

23rd/25th June. "Scoutout" the Surrey County Rally at Stony Castle, Pirbright. A must for all members of the Troop. Loads of interesting activities will be laid on.

5/12th August. Troop Summer Camp in Herioneth, N. Wales at Penrhynisaf, Minfordd which is not far from Portmadoc.

Further information about these camps will be sent shortly by the Cub Scout Leader and Scout Leader. In the meantime what about entering the dates in that diary mentioned in the editorial?



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# FORTHRITE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WOKING SCOUT GROUP

No.20

March 1972

EDITORIAL. Just two points. The first; we keep our newsletter to just four short pages in the hope that you will read it straight away and not put it down "to read later" and then mislay it.

The second; do you have a "family diary"? It is very useful to have one of those large desk diaries in which all members of the family can enter family events such as birthdays, anniversaries, holidays and, dare we suggest, Pack and Troop events such as camps and rallies and even ransage sales, fetes etc at which, of course, par-nts will be helping.

FUND RAISING

Waste Paper. Whilst we have occasional "drives" for waste paper it is most important to carry on with the collection by families. If each member of the Group collects the waste paper from his own home and the houses on either side this would produce about 1 1/2 cwt based on only one newspaper per house each day for one week.

The paper collected may be brought to the Group Headquarters on Monday and Tuesday evenings and should be tied in bundles - newspaper in one and magazines, periodicals etc in another.

Jumble Sale - 25th March at Group H.Q. If any parent has any jumble which they cannot transport themselves a message to the Scout Leader or Cub Scout Leader will result in the solving of the problem.

As many helpers as possible will be needed on the

ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE.

This year the parade and service will take place at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday afternoon 16th April.

Details of arrangements for transport etc will be sent to parents later.

"TOP OF THE FORM" V. PERSONALITY TO VISIT WOKING

Paddy Feeny will conduct a "Top of the Form" contest in Christ Church Hall on Thursday 16th March commencing at 7.30 p.m. There will be teams of Woking Scouts and Guides and Scouts and Guides from Weybridge.

Cub Scout Tony Baker of the 4th Woking will be in one of the teams. Congratulations Tony. Let's hope lots of parents and friends will turn up to give you moral support. It will only cost them 25p for adults and 12p for children and the proceeds will go to the Woking Group of the Friends of Ockenden Venture.

PATROL LEADERS TRAINING

A training Course for Patrol Leaders will be run in Woking on 18th/19th March and the following members of the Troop will be attending.

MATTHEW KING	Asst. Patrol Leader	Peewits
CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS	" "	Owls
JOHN SHORTER	" "	Woodpigeons
GEORGE SQUIRES	" "	Swifts

After the course they will be better able to assist their Patrol Leaders in making their's the best patrol in the Troop.

HELP FOR THE TROOP

We are very glad to welcome Mr G. Roberts who is now helping with the Troop. He has already completed a General I Formation Course and will be applying for a Permit as an Assistant Scout Leader.

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the Clothing Sale on 8th April produced £22 so the Group is better off by some £105 which is a very welcome addition to the rebuilding fund.

Very many thanks indeed to those parents and friends who helped, not only in the collection of the Jumble (it was a nasty wet morning!) but also in the two sales.

**CHAIRMAN OF GROUP COUNCIL RESIGNS**

Owing to increasing business commitments the Chairman of our Group Council, Mr David Cockner, has tendered his resignation to the Group Scout Leader.

The Group owes much to Mr Cockner. Not only was he a Scouter in the Troop for some years and gave very valuable service there but, for the past five years has been a very active Chairman of our Group Council.

We offer him our warmest thanks for all his work for our Group.

**COMING EVENTS IN THE PACK**

**OPEN EVENING.** Monday 24th April - 6.30p.m. to 8.15p.m. All parents are welcome.

**CUB SCOUT CAMP.** Friday 19th to Sunday 21st May at Bentley Copse, near Peaslake.

**DISTRICT FIELD DAY.** Saturday 17th June.

**ANNUAL ST. GEORGE'S DAY SERVICE**

Both the Pack and the Troop will be attending the District St. George's Day Service which will be held in Guildford Cathedral on the afternoon of Sunday 16th April. Parents are asked to do their best to make it possible for their sons to join with more than 1200 other Cub Scouts and Scouts of the Woking District at this annual Service.

FINAL WORD - don't forget to enter the dates in your diary.

**PROFICIENCY BADGES**

Candidates to the following who have recently passed the necessary tests to qualify for badges.

**CUB SCOUT PACK**

Marc Zwilling Mapreader  
 Anthony Baker  
 Greme Barker

Anthony Baker Handyman

Marc Zwilling  
 Greme Barker Swimmer (First Stage)  
 Stephen Bailey

**SCOUT TROOP**

Peter Gunner  
 Matthew King Ambulance  
 John Shorter  
 David Spencer

**PACK EXPEDITION**

On Saturday 22nd April the Pack is to make an expedition to London. The party will leave the Group Headquarters at 0900hrs and will arrive back about 1800hrs with, no doubt, lots of talk about their visits to H.M.S. Belfast, the Imperial War Museum and the Tower of London.

The report that special precautions are to be taken in the Jewel House on that day are quite unfounded!

It is hoped that it will be possible to charge no more than 50p per head which will include the cost of entrance to the places to be visited.

Those going on the expedition should bring a packed lunch and tea. Any drink should not be in a glass container please.

It is reported that arrangements are being made for First Aid points en route - not for the Cub Scouts but the adults accompanying the party!



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WOKING SCOUT GROUP

No.21

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**WATER SAFETY AWARD**

Congratulations to the following Cub Scouts who have gained the Water Safety Award of the Royal Life Saving Society.

GRAMME BARKER	CHRISTOPHER JONES
SIMON BUTLER	JULIAN RAFFE
IAN CARPENTER	TIMOTHY ROBERTS
MICHAEL CALE	GILROY SWASH
DAVID GROVES	DUNCAN WESTLAND

They passed the tests on 14th March and gained 100% pass rate. This was a very practical way of saying "Thank you" to Peter Glasier who has given his time over a period of six weeks to train the Cub Scouts in elementary resuscitation, elementary rescue and knowledge of water safety.

A further course is planned for the near future.

**GROUP ANNUAL "AT HOME"**

This will be held at the Group Headquarters on  
**T U E S D A Y 9 T H M A Y**

It will start at 7.30 p.m. with films of last year's camps and other activities of the Troop and Pack. Please book the date NOW.

**A REMINDER....**

Troop Summer Camp dates - 5th to 12th August

**ANNUAL MEMBER SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription for members of the Group becomes payable as from 1st April. The Group Treasurer sends a note of the amount due, to each parent and also a reminder if there should be any arrears.

It would be appreciated if payments could be made promptly thus avoiding the necessity of sending reminders which cost money.

**SUMMER FETE. SATURDAY 10TH JUNE 1972**

This is another date to enter in your diary. We hope that this year the fete will be even more successful than last year.

Mr Alan Jones has very kindly agreed to take on the overall organisation of the event and would welcome offers of help from parents and friends of the Group. Particularly welcome would be offers to be responsible for one of the stalls.

Help in kind would also be appreciated and it is not too early for parents and friends to donate tinned goods for the "Tin Mine" and bottles of all kinds (full!) for the "Bottle Stall". In addition any old crockery for the "Breaking up the happy home" stall and items for the "White Elephant" stall i.e. good things for which you no longer have a use.

These could be brought to the Group Headquarters when you deliver the waste paper on either Monday or Friday evenings.

Pots of jam etc would also be welcome for the "Home made" stall.

Mr Jones' address is 16 Fernhill Close, Hook Heath and his telephone number is Woking 65206.

**JUMBLE SALE**

The Jumble sale on 25th March raised £83 and the

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

On Saturday evening 22nd April round about 1830hrs I happened to be walking down Westfield Avenue when I saw a coach draw up at a building near the northern end - you would recognise it by the wooden end which looks as though it is about to fall down. This coach disgorged a large pack of Cub Scouts who very kindly picked me up and dusted me down before greeting their parents who were waiting for them.

From the snatches of conversation which I could not fail to overhear owing to the high decibel rating on the part of the Cub Scouts it would appear they, with one or two brothers and sisters, had been on a visit to London and, as the following remarks which I overheard will show it did not require Mr Sherlock Holmes to deduce where they had been. "I couldn't find any bombs in the War Museum", "They wouldn't let us play with the guns on H.M.S. Belfast", "Akela wouldn't let me eat my sandwich till we got there", "I went into the BLOODY Tower", "We had a smashing game of football on Wandsworth Common after we had our tea".

After a few minutes the crowd thinned out leaving a number of adults who had shepherded the party on its great expedition. They looked somewhat relieved but it was not clear if their relief stemmed from the fact that they had survived the experience or that they had managed to bring back their charges intact.

I gathered that one of them, whom the Cubs referred to as Renn, had made a special trip to London some time previously to plan the trip. It is good to know that he and the other leaders take so much trouble to ensure that such trips should go smoothly.

I wonder if the Cub Scouts thanked them for all the trouble they had taken?

Yours faithfully,  
J.L. BAGSHAW  
Major, Ptd.

SCOUT AWARD FOR GROUP SECRETARY

Our Group Secretary, "Massa" Cooke, who, somebody once said, "is Commonwealth Secretary at Headquarters in his spare time" has received an award from the Mauritius Scout Association "in recognition of specially distinguished service to Mauritius Scouting". The award is the Silver Dodo and we are assured that any connection between this award and his recent retirement as Group Scout Leader is purely coincidental!

NEWS FROM THE CUB SCOUT PACK

ARROW BADGES GAINED

Congratulations to the following:-

- Bronze Arrow SIMON REEVES
- Gold Arrow GILROY SWASH  
TIMOTHY ROBERTS

PROFICIENCY BADGES

Swimmer (1st stage) DUNCAN WESTLAN

PARENTS' EVENING

On the evening of Monday 24th April parents were invited to attend a Pack Meeting so that they could see what happens when their sons "go off to Cubs" on Monday evenings.

Despite the inclement weather a good number of parents turned out and either they were very good actors or they really did enjoy it.

Kevin Page achieved a certain fame, which it is sure he would rather have done without, by cutting his knee rather badly...it doesn't happen every week!

CUB SCOUT CAMP.

Just a reminder that this will be held on the week-end 19th to 21st May at Bentley Copse, near Peaslake. It is open to Cub Scouts over 9 1/2 years old.



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WOKING SCOUT GROUP

No.22  
"OPERATION SPRINGCLEAN"

May 1972

Cub Scouts and Scouts of the Group joined with nearly 700 other Cub Scouts, Scouts, Brownie Guides and Guides of the District in cleaning up the common lands which surround Woking.

They worked from 11 o'clock in the morning until 6 p.m. and together collected over 30 tons of rubbish which filled 20 lorries.

This was a very worth-while good turn for the people of Woking and it is hoped they will show their appreciation by not helping in the future to make their commons like rubbish dumps.

HORSSELL COMMON PROJECT. AUTUMN/WINTER 1972/3

The Surrey Naturalists' Trust, as part of their continuing programme aimed at protecting and preserving the wild-life of our county, are arranging a series of working parties to fell and remove selected saplings and bushes that are threatening to overrun the heathland.

The Trust will provide the tools and we supply the working parties of about 18 boys and adults.

The Fourth has volunteered to provide the working parties for 29th October 1972 and 21st January 1973 and offers of help from Dads would be very welcome. The Scouts would feel very proud to work alongside their Dads on such a worthwhile project.

RETIRED SCOUTS VISIT "M" HOUSE, 9TH MAY 1972

PACK/TROOP GAMES EVENING.

This is planned for Friday 5th May and it is planned that those Cub Scouts who are now completing their Link Badge will be invested as Scouts.

NEWS FROM THE SCOUT TROOP

Welcome to JOHN LONGMAN who was invested as a Scout on 14th April and joined the Owl Patrol.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following who have passed the necessary tests for the Proficiency Badges indicated:

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| <u>Collector</u> | VICTOR SHIPP                                     |
| <u>Fireman</u>   | KEVIN BULMER<br>PETER GUNNER<br>GARETH ROBERTS   |
| <u>Ambulance</u> | CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS<br>KEVIN BULMER<br>IAN BROWN |

Two of our Scouters have also been training for badges and have gained the AWARD OF MERIT of the ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY. Well done SCOUT LEADER DEREK BARKER and ASSISTANT CUB SCOUT LEADER COLIN MCKENNA.

Congratulations too for NIGEL BUTLER who has gained the BRONZE MEDALLION of the Society.

SUMMER CAMP. NORTH WALES. 5th to 12th August 1972

On 6th May the Scouters and Patrol Leaders are making an expedition to the site of Summer Camp at Penrhynisaf, Minffordd in Merioneth. They will spend the night at the site and familiarise themselves with the area so that they will be in a better position to plan the camp programme to best advantage for the whole Troop. If only they could be sure of arranging appropriate weather for the period of the camp!

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**SPONSORED WALK FOR SUMMER CAMP FUND**

As mentioned previously, a sponsored walk is being organised the proceeds of which will go towards reducing the cost of Summer Camp which will be greater this year as the Troop is going to North Wales.

The Walk will be held on Sunday 9th July in the Fyrford Old Woking area and off main roads, indeed so far as is possible, the route will be off all roads.

There will be three "objectives" 5 miles, 10 miles and the maximum of 15 miles.

The Scout Leader, Mr Derek Barker, would be grateful to have the assistance of parents in the supervision of the route. His telephone number is Woking 4358.

Further details will be given later but in the meantime please book the date AND TELEPHONE THE SCOUT LEADER ABOUT HELPING.

(Note from editor. Since parents have to meet the camp fee it is suggested that they might be absolved from sponsoring their sons!)

(note from "A Parent". Thank you very much!)

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**DISTRICT SCOUT SWIMMING GALL.**

This annual event took place at Walton Baths on Saturday 3rd June. The Pack did not have much success this year (their 'stars' are now in the Troop) but the Troop achieved some modest success.

**Under 13 years**

- One length. Free Style. A. BAKER. First
- Back Stroke R. LOWTHER First
- Breast " N. FINGHAM Second

**Under 16 years**

- One length Back Stroke G. SQUIRES Second

OVERALL PLACE OF THE TROOP - THIRD.....CONGRATULATIONS!

**REMEMBER -**

The main purpose of the Fete is to raise money to complete the rebuilding of the Group Headquarters to replace the existing kitchen and toilet facilities which have deteriorated over the years.

PLEASE HELP TO MAKE OUR GROUP HEADQUARTERS A SUITABLE PLACE FOR YOUR SON & HIS FRIENDS TO USE.

A Scout Group in Canada was recently organising a similar event and called in the services of a local Red Indian medicine man to charm the rain away. He did his stuff and on the day of the fete it rained! To do not propose to take similar steps but it would do no harm if each of our readers said a little prayer for us.

**TROOP SUMMER CAMP**

On the week-end of 6/7th May the Patrol Leaders and Scouters made an expedition to North Wales to see the camp site at Minford where the Troop will be camping this summer from 5th to 12 August. The weather was far from 'element' which, though a little uncomfortable, enabled them to see the site under rainy conditions - which is the best way to see a site. It passed the test with flying colours.

The only difficulty will be in fitting all the many and varied opportunities available into one week.

The cost of camp will be £2 per head BUT plans are afoot to organise a SPONSORED WALK by members of the Troop the proceeds of which will be put into a fund to help reduce the cost per head. For details see later paragraph in this newsletter.

**CUB SCOUT CAMP**

On the week-end of 19/21 May 15 Cub Scouts camped at Bentley Copse, the Surrey County Scout Camp, near Shore.



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WOKING SCOUT GROUP

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June 1972

**REMEMBER OUR FETE - SATURDAY 10th JUNE**

**PLEASE :- SUPPORT THE GROUP BY**

- (1) Coming to the fete and bringing your friends.
- (2) Providing some (or some more) of the following:-

**TINS FOR THE "TIN MINER".** Any tinned goods will do from Baked Beans to caviar.

**BOTTLES FOR THE BOTTLE STALL.** Any full bottles from tomato sauce to Napoleon Brandy.

**ARTICLES FOR THE "WHITE ELEPHANT" STALL.** In good condition please make the stall is not for "jumble"

**CAKES FOR THE CAKE STALL.** Please bring to the Group H.Q. on Friday evening or Saturday morning.

**BOOKS FOR THE BOOK STALL.** In addition to books for the adult there must be books which your children have outgrown.

For the Cub Scouts the first night in camp proved to be very successful. Most of them were extremely lively and very busy most of the day. On Saturday night not a sound was heard from 9.30pm. until 7 a.m. the following morning - much to the relief of the leaders who find that a reasonable night's rest to be essential!

The programme included a visit to the village fete in Shore which, strangely enough, was organised to build a headquarters for the Shore & Ponslake Scout Group! Among other activities were an obstacle course, baking "twists", swinging on and climbing along ropes and, of course, sitting.

Our thanks are due to Mr Oliver, an old friend of the Group, who transported most of the gear to the site on Friday night and to those parents who helped transport the Cub Scouts. A particular word of thanks to Mr Ron Mansell who once more did all the cooking.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO the following members of the Group who have gained badges**

SIMON EDWARDS	Green Six	
ANDREW BENTON	Blue Six	BRONZE ARROW
SEVIN SWASH	Blue Six	
DUNCAN WESTLAND	Green Six	SILVER ARROW
JONATHAN BUTLER		SWIMMER BADGE (First Stage)
SIMON REEVES		
KEVIN BULMER	Patrol Leader	ADVANCED SCOUT STANDARD

Congratulations also to the following Cub Scouts who were invested as Scouts on 2nd June.

A. BAKER	Peewit Patrol	D. GROVES	Owl Patrol
M. GALE	Swift Patrol	T. ROBERTS	Woodpigeon Ptl.
		G. SWASH	Owl Patrol

**COMING EVENTS**  
DISTRICT CUB SCOUT FIELD DAY. Sat 17th June  
SURREY COUNTY RALLY 23/25 June. Stony Castle.

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**SPECIAL PACK MEETING**

This year has been designated European Scout Friendship Year so on 5th June the Pack held a special Pack Meeting. They did a "tour" of Europe and each activity or game had some connection with the country being "visited" e.g. In Germany they "designed" a new car, in Switzerland they learned just how difficult William Tell's task had been; in Scandinavia they heard an ancient folk tale; in Iceland they did some "fishing" and they ended up in France "at a cafe" on a shaded boulevard where they had French bread and wine which tasted rather like orange squash.

**ORIENTEERING WITH THE TROOP**

No, orienteering has little to do with the Orient. Basically it is following a route by means of a series of compass bearings and that was what the Troop were doing at the campsite on Horsell Common on the evening of Friday 30th June. It is quite amazing how compasses, which have been quite accurate in the past, suddenly develop faults! At least one man assumes the instruments were at fault when one party found themselves some considerable distance off course.

**COMING EVENTS**

- Monday 17th July.** CUBS v PARENTS AMERICAN CRICKET MATCH Meet at Group H.Q. The Pack are pretty confident that they will win hands down. This is the last formal meeting of the Pack until after the Summer Holidays.
- Saturday 29th July.** HOLIDAY CUB SCOUTING BEGING. Parents of Cub Scouts will already have the necessary details.
- 5th to 12th August** TROOP SUMMER CAMP near Minfordd in Merioneth, North Wales.
- 9th/10th September** DISTRICT PATROL COMPETITION, Windsor.

**A POINT TO REMEMBER**

To be 1st XN	
DUGLAS WHELAN	Green Six
CHRISTOPHER JONES	Blue Six
IAN CARRIBER	Grey Six
JONATHAN MONTGOMERY	Yellow Six
GRAEME PARKER	Black Six
SIMON BUTLER	Red Six

To be Seconds	
PAUL FITZGERALD	Green Six
KARL WALLENDUS	Blue Six
STEPHEN BAILEY	Grey Six
SIMON REEVES	Yellow Six
MARC SWILLING	Black Six
IAN DAVIES	Red Six

Congratulations to them all and a reminder (though they probably don't need it) that with the appointment comes additional responsibilities so their six can be the Pack.

**"GERT" WILL SOON WISHES TO ....**

GARETH ROBERTS who had the bad luck to break his leg while practising for the Scout Six-a-side Football Competition. His assertion that his absence from the team was "the reason why we did not win cannot be proved but if the competition were to be played on crutches it is certain he would be an asset to the team. (Work that one out!).

JOHN EROFFER whose "rushing tum" after the "Scoutout" weekend turned out to be appendicitis and not attributable to his Dad's cooking after all!

There is no truth in the rumour that John is proposing to let people look at his sex as he goes in aid of Group Funds.

**WOMEN WEIRD SATURDAY 8th JULY.** The Troop will be providing our successful "Soak A Scout" from our Summer Fete.



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WOKING SCOUT GROUP

No. 25 July 1972

**OUR CUB SCOUT PACK RETAINS DISTRICT FLAG**

Congratulations to the Pack on retaining the District Flag which they won last year and also for winning the District Field Day Trophy, in addition.

These successes were achieved on 17th June when the Packs from the District gathered at Walton Farm Camp Site near Cobham for the annual inter-Pack competitions; one for the Under 9s and another for the over 9s. Among the activities were - crazy football, stilt race, sack race, three-legged race, water race, knotting, kite making and "fire lighting". Up until the knotting rally our teams were fairly well down the list but our experts, Marc Swilling, Simon Reeves, Simon Edwards and Nigel Roberts, went into action and did so well that our teams shot to the top and stayed there.

The Scouters left their end up too for in the "Scouters Novelty Race" Mr McKenna (Rann) and Mrs Cockman (Akela) came 2nd and 3rd respectively.

As someone was heard to remark, "Quite a day for the Fourth."

**ARROW BADGES**

Congratulations to the following who have gained badges as indicated:

TROOP ARROW.	PAUL FITZGERALD	Green Six
	MARC SWILLING	Blue Six
GOLD ARROW.	CHRISTOPHER JONES	Blue Six

**THE TROOP'S ONE DAY FIELD DAY 23/25 JUNE**

The forty two members of the Troop formed part of the 2,000 Scouts from all parts of Surrey who gathered at Stoney Castle. Many activities were laid on at which the Scouts could "have a go" and these included archery, sub-aqua, canoe building, small bore rifle shooting, trampoline, giant push ball, "assault course", etc, etc.

It is understood that the general consensus of opinion of the Troop was that the week-end was "not at all bad"... High praise indeed from our blasé young men!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr Bill Roberts (Gareth's Dad) on being invested into the World Brotherhood of Scouts and receiving his Leader Permit as Assistant Scout Leader at a short ceremony conducted by the District Commissioner, Mr David Brockwell, O.B.E., at the close of the "Scoutout" Surrey County Rally on 25th June.

Should parents hear their sons refer to "Taff" they should know that this is the name by which Mr Roberts will be known in the Troop.

In the relationship between Scouts and their leaders there is no place for "Him" and "Hir" and the use of a nickname is not an indication of any disrespect. Anyway "Taff" Roberts is a Welshman and that is going to be very useful when the Troop is at camp this Summer at Panshays - go on... try pronouncing it if you are not Welsh!

**CANOEING AT BEND**

One of the tests for the Advanced Scout Standard Badge is "...paddle a single seat canoe for one mile..." and as a result of the canoe instruction at the Scout Canoeing Centre at Bend most of the Troop have now completed this test. Is the next step a number of Canoeist Proficiency Badges being worn by at least some of our scouts?

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# FORTHRITE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE 4TH WOKING SCOUT GROUP

No. 26

September 1972

### EDITORIAL

Such has happened since the last issue of "Forthrite". The Cockman family have departed for Devon, a new Cub Scout Leader has been appointed, the Troop has been to camp in North Wales and the rebuilding of the end of the Group Headquarters has been started.

Everyone was delighted that Pat Cockman's services to our Pack for 16 years, not to mention her work as District Cub Scout Leader, was recognised by the award of the Medal of Merit "for outstanding services to the Scout Movement".

The Group showed its appreciation to her and to David Cockman who had been a Scouter in the Group and also the Chairman of the Group Council by the presentation of a silver gallery tray and a set of cut glass sherry glasses.

Colin McKenna who was himself a Cub Scout in the Pack when Pat Cockman became Cub Scout Leader has taken over and we wish him every success.

### MESSAGE FROM "THE COCKMANS"

May we as a family take this opportunity of thanking all of you in the "Fourth" for the wonderful send off you gave us together with the presentations to your old "Mickie". We could not express our thanks fully on that memorable evening as we were too moved by the event. We miss you all very much but are consoled by the fact that we know that many of you will find your way to Devon and seek us out.

Once again thank you for everything and may the

"Fourth" continue to flourish as ever.

Pat, David, Paul, Christopher, Wendy and Michael Cockman.

### WASTE PAPER

The sale of waste paper is a source of income for the Group. We collect it at the Group Headquarters and, from time to time, transport it for sale.

Please collect newspapers and periodicals which can be delivered to the Group Headquarters on Monday and Friday evenings (at the time of Pack and Troop meetings).

It would be very helpful if they could be securely tied in manageable bundles as this assists in handling and storing.

OLD NEWSPAPERS & PERIODICALS ARE NO GOOD TO YOU BUT THEY ARE WORTH MONEY TO THE GROUP!

### SWIMMERS

Congratulations to the following members of the Group who have been selected as members of the Woking District team at the County Scout Swimming Gala at Epsom on 30th September.

- Cub Scout, STEPHEN BAILEY
- Scouts, TONY BAKER
- MARK FINCHAM
- RICHARD LOWTHER
- GEORGE SQUIRES.

### TRAINING COURSE FOR GROUP SCOUT LEADER

The Scout Movement arranges training courses for its leaders to enable them to carry out their jobs in the best possible way. There are different courses for leaders of the various sections e.g. Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture

### OUR NEW CHIEF SCOUT

The search for a new Chief Scout to succeed Lord Maclean lasted nearly a year but at a special meeting of the Council of the Scout Association held at St James's Palace on Wednesday 26th July SIR WILLIAM GLADSTONE, Bt., B.L., M.A. was appointed.

Sir William, who is 46 years old, is the 7th Baronet having succeeded his father in 1962 and is the great grandson of Gladstone the famous Liberal Prime Minister. He is married and has two sons and a daughter. His eldest son, Charles, aged 8, is a Cub Scout.

After being a Scout at School, the Chief Scout went into the Royal Navy reaching the rank of Lieutenant R.N.V.R. While in the Service Sir William decided to make teaching his career and took an honours degree in history at Oxford.

He held appointments at Shrewsbury School and Eton before becoming Headmaster of Lancing College in 1961. He retired in 1969 to devote himself to his estates in Flintshire and in Scotland.

Sir William is active in church affairs being on the governing body of the Church in Wales and the Parochial Church Council of his local parish. His many hobbies and interests include walking, gardening, forestry, farming, carpentry and reading history.

### SWIMMING ON 20th SEPTEMBER

Richard Lowther and Mark Fincham won in the Back Stroke and Breast Stroke respectively.

George Squires and Stephen Bailey combined as reserves.

Tony Baker had his appendix out on 20th July which was very hard luck!

"Fourth" continues to flourish as ever.

PAT, DAVID, PAUL, CHRISTOPHER, WENDY AND MICHAEL COCKMAN.

at Bridford Guest House, Exeter, Devon.

### NEWS FROM THE CUB SCOUT PACK

The following have been invested as Cub Scouts since 3rd July:

- ALAN BAKER (Grey Six)
- SIMON GREGORY (Black Six)
- JOHN COLEMAN (Blue "
- MICHAEL LONGMAN (Yellow "
- MICHAEL COCKMAN (Black "
- ROBERT SAYERS (Blue "

\*He just made it before leaving for Devon!

### LINK BADGE

Graeme Barker and Christopher Jones gained their Link Badge and went up into the Troop on 10th July.

### BRONZE ARROW

Congratulations to the following on passing the tests for the first of the Arrow Badges.

- ANDREW COLLY - Yellow Six.
- SIMON EDWARDS - Green Six
- ROGER SUFFLING - Blue Six.

### PROFICIENCY BADGES

Well done the following who have gained the badges indicated.

- STEPHEN BAILEY. Swimmer (Stage 2)
- GRAEME BARKER Swimmer (Stage 2) & Sportsman
- SIMON BURLER Sportsman & Swimmer (Stage 2)
- IAN CARPENTER Swimmer (Stage 2)
- ANDREW DAVIS Sportsman & Swimmer (Stage 2)
- CHRISTOPHER JONES Sportsman & Swimmer (Stage 2)
- MICHAEL LONGMAN Swimmer (Stage 2)
- SIMON REEVES Sportsman & Swimmer (Stage 2)
- DUNCAN WESTLAND Swimmer (Stage 2)

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Scouts and also one for Group Scout Leaders and Commissioners. Our own Group Scout Leader is at present attending one of the latter.

HORSSELL COMMON PROJECT.

Mention was made of this project in the May issue of "Forthrite" and it is hoped that some Dads will join their sons on Sunday 29th October helping the Surrey Naturalist Trust in protecting and preserving the wild-life of our County by cutting out selected saplings and bushes on Horsell Common.

The Trust will supply tools.

Please complete the slip on page 5 and further details will be sent in due course.

BONFIRE NIGHT PARTY

This will be held at the Group Headquarters on the night of Saturday 4th November and will include a bonfire, firework display and refreshments.

The cost of a ticket which will admit up to five members of each family is 60p. Additional members of the family will be admitted at an additional cost of 10p per person.

- e.g. 2 parents 1 child will cost 60p
- 1 parent 4 children will cost 60p
- 2 parents 1 child & friends will cost 80p

Please use the order form on page 5 and return it with the money for admission as soon as possible.

PAINTING

Mums do not often fancy themselves at bricklaying and plumbing but it is well known that a number of them can wield a nifty paint brush. There will be some painting to do at the Headquarters soon so would they fill in the form on page 5 and return it? Many thanks.

TO BE RETURNED TO THE GROUP SCOUT LEADER EITHER DIRECT TO 67A CLARKE GATE ROAD, WEST BYLEET, WETTERIDGE OR VIA THE CUB SCOUT LEADER OR SCOUT LEADER.

HORSSELL COMMON PROJECT

I shall/shall not\* be joining my son on Sunday 29th October.

Signed. . . . .

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CANOEING IN THE TROOP

Eight members of the Troop have recently taken a canoeing course run by the Woking Adventure Group and four of them obtained the ELEMENTARY CANOEING CERTIFICATE.

In addition to the normal paddling and manoeuvring the course included capsizing and a little experience of "white water".

Congratulations to the following who obtained the certificate:

- RICHARD LOWTHER
- JOHN LONGMAN
- ROLAND MANSELL
- GARETH ROBERTS.

Members of the Troop are also attending a course of canoe building with the Woking Adventure Group at the Harbour Youth Club on Wednesdays.

It will be possible for those taking the course to purchase the canoes when they are completed, for only £15.

THE SUMMER FETE

In the June issue of "Forthrite" it was announced that the fete produced £200. The completed accounts show that in fact the total raised was £207 which sets us a good target to beat next year.

THE GROUP HEADQUARTERS

A visit to Westfield Avenue will show the progress that has been made with the rebuilding of the end of our Group Headquarters. The walls are up both inside and outside and the roof is on. The rewiring has been completed and the floor put on the storage loft above.

The next step is to plaster the walls outside and in and put in the "plumbing". A call will go out for more help from parents shortly.