



The Water Rat

The Newsletter of Leander Sea Scouts

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Beavers take to the water



June saw this Beaver Team taking part in the District Sports Day, but on a Monday in mid July, Beavers were in their 'natural' habitat – the water.



Well, not in the water and building dams, but on it, having a boating experience evening.



Keith Hearn

The Leander Mutineers are sorry to announce the loss of a keen oarsman and friend. Keith Hearn died recently and will be sorely missed by his friends and family in Kingston, as well as a boatful of his Leander friends.



Keith was a long-term supporter of Leander; both of his sons were Leander Sea Scouts and Keith was a regular rower with the Mutineers. Keith took part in many of the Great River Races since their inception, and brought humour and warmth to the crew's training trips up to Thames Ditton and Hampton Court.

Keith – we standby, and give way ... together.

The Mutineers

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Success in National Sea Scout Regatta



Cameron, 1st place under 18 Dinghy



Winning under 12½ gig crew and winners of under 12½ overall



Tom, 1st place under 12½ kayak



Winning under 12½ gig crew



Under 16 gig crew



Jonathan, under 16 kayak



Under 12½ double dinghy



Under 14 double dinghy, 3rd place



Gabriel, under 18 kayak, 3rd place



Oliver, under 14 sculling over the stern, 2nd place



Ed, under 16 sculling over the stern, 2nd place



Tom, under 18 sculling over the stern, 2nd place



Under 18 gig crew



Iona, under 16 dinghy, 3rd place

AGM

At the Group Annual General Meeting in July, Karen nominated Nigel Duffin as Chair of the Executive.

The following were elected as members of the Group Executive Committee:

Penny D'Souza (Secretary),
Paul Lomas-Clarke (Treasurer),
Fiona Firth,
Andrew Jackson,
Les Lidington,
Keith Maund,
Dick Riches.

It is important that we have parents from all sections of the Group represented on the Executive Committee to take Leander forward for the benefit of your children.

If you could offer to attend five or six meetings a year, please speak to one of the Section Leaders.

A New Structure

There was a valuable discussion at the AGM about the need for more involvement from parents if the Group is to continue in anything like its current form.

It is clear that additional support is needed for our volunteer leaders, both participating in the weekly meetings in an instructional role and in taking on administrative roles within Leander.

We will be arranging a number of Parents Meetings in September and each family will need to be represented at one of these, so that we can discuss this further and get your ideas.

Look out for an email.

Invitation

Leander Mums and the Guild would like to invite anyone interested to row with them on Wednesday evenings, leaving Leander HQ at 6.30pm and returning around 8.45 pm.

No experience necessary!



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