

canoeing cont.

One of our Slalom canoes is going for a short holiday in Norway in June so I expect Torbjorn, Kjell and Øyvind (Three Norwegian Scout Friends) to demonstrate just how well or otherwise they can roll when it gets there! I am told mention of this will be made elsewhere in Ubique, but I think a short note for publication from our Norwegian friends would be a very good idea. How about it Mr. Erikson?

Easter 1970.

by Fredrick Farrow.

At Easter Jim C., Paul R. and myself took part in a canoe cruise down river Lye. We meet up with Gavin who runs a Troop in Somerset, and about n people turned up with him.

The trip was over 3 days and was 46 miles in length going from Hereford to Symmons Yat. At a rapid on route Paul fell out and he was followed into the water by a boy from Somerset who was trying to help him. After drying them out we continued for two miles to the campsite.

The second day we covered about 14 miles with no real rapids and only one or two fast running stretches of water, at one of which a member of our party capsized when trying to go the wrong way.

On Sunday the last paddling day, we covered 21 miles and several short rapids were shot.

We returned home on Monday afternoon, after shooting a rapid in the morning (poor rapid, Ed.), and playing around in the bottom of it. It concluded a most enjoyable weekend.

Working Parties at 'Downs'.

Although this article is included in the activity report section, members who took part in the last three working party weekends will agree with me, that they made quite a leisurely change from our more normal, more strenuous activities. We were able on these occasions to go back a few years, to our earlier days of Scouting, when a visit to an H.L. camp-site was grouped together with a trip to the Pacific Isles.

When we had fallen back into reality we realised we were here to do a job, to help maintain the campsite, or improve it for the years and scouts to come.

Our main task for the three W/EPs was to dispose of much excess shrubbery. Thus we had a great excuse to build oversized fires, much to the amusement of visiting Packs and Troops. We were also able to do a few other jobs around the campsite.