

3rd Hayling Scout Group Annual Report 2000 - 2001

Scouts



The old.....and the new

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Aspen Colony

Sue Rook (p)

Redwood Colony

Linda Hunter (p)

Cub Scouts

Jupiter Pack

Audrey Willingham (p)

Mars Pack

Mandy Hawke

Saturn Pack

Jeanette Lincoln (p)

Scouts

Eagle Troop

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Lion Troop

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Venture Scouts

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(p) Indicates parent of section member of group (Beaver, Cub, Scout, Venture)

Other Help 2000/2001

During the course of the year a number of other people have helped in different ways. For example:-

- Those who have helped with specialist skills
- Those who assist with or organise fund-raising events
- Those who have helped with the HQ

To everyone who has supported us in any way during the past year

Thank You

There are also people, not in uniform or on the executive committee who directly or indirectly contribute to the success of 3rd Hayling from behind the scenes.

This page is an opportunity to mention some of them. Of course this is always dangerous as I know I will miss some. Please accept my apologies if you are one of those I miss. It was not intentional.

Valerie Blossie
Chris Thomas
Chris Driscoll
Mark Standing
Hayling Islander
ACE / LIONS
Irene Day
Pete Jagers

In many ways, including Webb Ivory
Second Hand Uniform Sales
Auditor
Book Sales
For their continued Support
For their financial support and help
For her continued support to the Group
With his help with the HQ decoration

There are also many of our friends who continue to support our Xmas Fayre, year after year and we are extremely grateful and lucky to have this ongoing support.

Also those who each year support our Xmas Post Service

Landers
Rae's
Farm Stores
Stoke Fruit Farm
Red Cross

Bentley Walkers
Card Boutique
CRB Fruiterers
Country Foods

Roll of Honour 2000/2001

Beaver Scout Section - Beaver Scout Challenge

Andrew Halliwell

Redwood Colony

Cub Scout Section - Adventure Crest Award

James Adams

Mars Pack

Michale Beel

Jupiter Pack

Michael Cooper

Saturn Pack

Alex Evans

Mars Pack

Josh Goring

Mars Pack

James Hall

Mars Pack

Daniel Hammond

Mars Pack

Michael Lever

Saturn Pack

Steven Longley

Jupiter Pack

Gareth Munro

Mars Pack

Jonathon Ramsden

Mars Pack

Jorden Reed

Saturn Pack

Matthew Towell

Mars Pack

Jake Wilkinson-Tough

Saturn Pack

Scout Section - Chief Scouts Award

Douglas Parrant

Lion Troop

James Pike

Lion Troop

Chairman's Report

The reports from the various leaders show that we have been able to maintain the high level and quality of activities throughout the year and I congratulate the leaders, helpers and, of course, the youngsters for this achievement.

I am also pleased to report that the new marquee and trailer, both of which were funded by generous donations from the community, have been used extensively throughout the year. In fact, we now wonder how we managed without them. Those visiting the Headquarters will also note some significant improvements to the general décor, thanks to the hardworking team of helpers and leaders. It is a continuous process of improvement to ensure that we can provide the best possible facilities for the eight sections that regularly use the building. Changes in health and safety regulations also mean that we must continuously review our facilities and activities for compliance.

Other items may be less visible but of equal importance – for example, last year I indicated that we needed to replace our ten year old photocopier at a cost of approx. £1400. I am delighted to report that thanks to a very generous donation we were able to purchase a new copier in July 2000 – no more paper jams, breakdowns, poor quality prints etc. The benefit to the Group has been substantial and our operating costs are lower.

This year, the Scout Association is introducing some major changes to ensure that the future of Scouting is secure and appropriate to the needs of our young people. Change is always difficult to accommodate especially in an organisation such as the Scout Movement with its valued traditions. But we must change in a controlled manner to ensure success. There are many different views on the changes, some people in favour, others against. Items such as the new uniform, the new age groups, the new names and the new logo have aroused some very lively debates. Now we must set about implementation. Of equal importance, we must show the local community what we are doing. We start that process at this year's annual meeting. Please help us to broadcast these changes so that everyone can be aware of the new look to Scouting in the twenty-first century.

I am particularly grateful to Lorraine Haskell for agreeing to take on the task of secretary during the year and her contribution has been very much appreciated.

I am sure that in twelve months time we will be reporting some more notable achievements but they will again be the result of the efforts of many people dedicated to the personal development of our young people on Hayling. To everyone involved in the Scout Group, thank you and keep up the good work.

Philip Blossie (Chairman)

Group Scout Leader

The end of probably the wettest 12 months on record. Certainly it seems this way from a camping perspective. However the wet weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts nor of our Leaders who continued to battle through rain, gales and floods to deliver great Scouting as demonstrated in the section reports.

It has been great seeing many aspects of our Scouting life develop in the past 12 months, although as you will see later even these will be overshadowed by the significant and major changes to Scouting in the UK, being implemented from later in 2001 until early 2003.

Overall our numbers are up slightly, although there has been a shift towards the Scout Section, where we now have two very strong Scout Troops with over 30 committed members in each. We have been able to increase the numbers in our Beaver colonies as a result of a more stable leader situation, although we must not be complacent.

Talking of Leaders, each year we welcome new faces to our teams and also say goodbye to others. In the past 12 months, up to April 2001 we have said goodbye to:-

- Joan Sinden who has taken a well deserved break after many years helping us. Joan continues to perform an important role as our Badge Secretary.
- Kate Hart and Marjorie Adamson who had been helping Joan agreed to continue to support Linda Hunter our new Beaver Leader for 6 months.
- Ann Cox also helped Linda with Redwood colony, until she moved away from the area.
- Pamela Gardner, a leader with Saturn has also moved from the area
- Guy Thompson a helper with Saturn Pack also stood down for business reasons.
- David Grant, an assistant with Lions has now taken up a business position in London.
- Nick Goring a helper with Mars Pack but had to step down for work related reasons

On behalf of everyone involved with 3rd Hayling, I would like to thank you all for your help and support and for those of you still in the area - you know where we are!!

During the last 12 months we have said hello to:-

- Linda Hunter, who following a discussion at the return of the Paris-to-Hayling cycle ride in 2000, agreed to take on the reins of Redwood Beavers.
- Julia and Tina Way who have both been helping Linda with Redwood Colony
- Bernie O'Shea and Mary Fletcher who now help regularly with Aspen Colony
- Fiona-Jorden Harrison, an experienced leader who has joined Mars Pack
- Marie White who has joined as an Assistant Cub Leader with Jupiter Pack
- Rachel Day who has returned to the group as an Assistant Venture Scout Leader
- Tim Hawke & Ryan Webb who are helping with Mars Pack, initially as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.
- Mervin Haines who has been helping with Saturn Pack
- Helen Hunt who has returned from University and is helping with Saturn Pack
- Neil Willingham who has taken out an ACSL warrant with Saturn and Gavin Willingham who has a helpers certificate with Jupiter. Neil & Gavin are also Venture Scouts.

Thank you all for giving up some of you valuable time for the benefit of others.

Some of our highlights of the past 12 months include:-

New Parents Evenings: 12 months ago I talked about 2000/2001 being the year of the leader. One of the new ideas we put into practice was to run a “new parents” evening each term to which we would invite the parents of those boys who would be most likely to get a place in Beavers in that term and also the parents of any new Cubs and Scouts who had recently joined directly from the outside.

We held two such events, both of which were fun evenings with the adults taking part in typical Beaver, Cub and Scout activities. As a result of these evenings, not only do the new parents have a better understanding of what Scouting is about, but 4 of our new leaders have joined us following these evenings, whilst others have volunteered to help us in other ways.

These have been a great success and the feedback from the two evenings has been excellent. We will continue with these evenings.

Camping: Once again, for the 5th year running, we completed over 1100 camping nights as a group, with all cubs, scouts and venture scouts having many opportunities for camping. The section reports show just how important this is for us.

Other Activities: On average one of our sections was taking part in some activity every weekend of the past year. These include Camps, District events, Group events or section activities.

Badges: Over 600 badges have been presented to members of the group this year which is another magnificent result, and is also a very important part of Scouting life as it represents achievement by the individuals. The names of those earning their top award are listed in our “Roll of Honour”.

District Events: We continue to support the majority of district events and during the past year Mars pack won the Cub Football, Lion Troop won the Composite Camping Competition, whilst all sections did very well in other events.

Helping Others. This continues to make many forms with direct community service from many of the Cubs and Scouts, the annual support for Oxfam by Lion Troop, including Wilf and Joy completing the Paris to Hayling cycle ride in support of this charity. The Ventures are often putting up the marquee for other organisations who have borrowed these for an event.

Marquee Bookings. Part of our Lottery application was about making our facilities and assets available to others. During the past 12 months we have taken over 24 bookings for Marquee usage. Most of these are for other charitable organisations although we have also supported private functions.

Finances These continue to remain sound, although we need to remain cautious as the cost of Scouting continues to grow. The book sales, Xmas Post, Xmas Webb Ivory and Gift Aid scheme continue to bring in significant sums and although we did not hold an Xmas Fayre in 2000, this will be back again in 2001. Please take the time to read the Treasurer and Fund Raising reports for details.

Our HQ. We continue the ongoing maintenance and development of our HQ to support ourselves and others. Eric Cole and more recently Eric Marston have continued to ensure that the basic maintenance is provided and I must say a big thank you to Audrey, Pete, Neil and Gavin Willingham, James Perfett and Pete Jagers for their work in the decoration of many rooms in the HQ, including decorating, shelving and other tasks that have been discussed in leaders meetings We really do have an HQ to be proud of.

So What about our Future

In all honesty, we never reach the end of the journey. The boys continue to attend each week which is testimony to the efforts of our leaders and helpers, the money continues to be spent in support of our leaders and the members, our facilities and equipment needs continuous maintenance and replacement due to the very high level of usage.

However, the face on the young people as they complete an award, spend a weekend in camp, take part in a range of activities makes this all worth while.

So, as always we will be looking for the next opportunity to take us forward and ensure that Scouting continues to meet the needs of many and provide the basis for structure, fun and achievement which are very important to any young person (and older person!!).

One of the pleasures of being a Group Scout Leader is to see the enthusiasm and ideas that spring out from people involved with the group, and we will continue to take each idea on its own merit and decide which ones to focus on. Currently we are reviewing major building improvements to our roof, looking at whether it makes sense to increase the publicity to offer our HQ as an activity centre for other Scout groups and Guide companies.

The Scouting Review

As I mentioned in my introduction we are about to undertake the most radical changes the Scout Association has seen for over 30 years. The Scouting review in the UK has recommended changes to many aspects of Scouting, including Uniform, Age Ranges, the Sections and the training programme and although not all details are known at this time, some aspects of this review will be implemented in the next few months.

I have not covered the details in this report, but these will be the subject of a more detailed newsletter after the Summer Holidays.

As always, we on Hayling are extremely positive about some of the changes, less sure of others but we will implement them all with enthusiasm and make sure they benefit the young people of Hayling. I personally am excited by the changing age ranges which in my view will give us a greater opportunity of retaining the older Scouts into the senior sections and hopefully to remain in the movement as leaders of the future.

New Uniform The new uniform should be available in September and our transition to this new uniform will occur as the members change sections or need to replace items of their existing uniform. We do not expect anyone to incur unnecessary expense.

Summary

We have had another great year. We have proved that Scouting is as strong today on Hayling as it has been for many years. The section reports demonstrate clearly how lucky we are to have leaders who are committed to the future of our young people and of course do this for “fun”.

We are supported by an excellent committee, by our Parents and Friends and of course the families of those involved.

We are now approaching an exciting period in our movement with some radical changes that need to be implemented in a positive way. Whilst I am sure that these will benefit those in the movement, as with any major change we will face some real challenges during the coming months.

I know however that with our current team we will succeed.

However none of this can be achieved without hard work and commitment from many, so as always I end with some thanks:-

- To all Leaders and Helpers who continue to give freely of their time. My thanks for your commitment to our group, our team and ensuring that we get the best out of those young people we look after.
- To those of you who are part of our Executive Committee or extended teams that provide the necessary facilities, equipment or financial support to our leaders, my thanks for your continued and dedicated, behind the scenes support
- A special mention goes to Philip Blossie who once again has been a key influence on the direction and successes of our Group. He continues to inspire with his forward thinking and I remain extremely grateful that he is part of our group.
- Everyone involved in any organisation is dependent on the support of their family and friends and so I would also like to thank the friends and families for their support to our teams and of course this includes my own family, Mandy, Jo, Tim, and Rebecca for their help and support that allows me to continue in this wonderful organisation.

To everyone involved with our Group thank you.

Ian

ASPEN Beaver Colony

THE BEAVER SCOUT MOTTO

Fun and Friends



July saw our annual BBQ on the beach before the Summer break, which was a bit windy, but at least stayed dry. In September our programme started to be hit by the very poor weather when the District trip to Moors valley had to be cancelled. This was very disappointing to the boys and leaders but there were many justifiable concerns over the Beavers safety. Walking on wooden logs a few feet above the ground can normally be fun and exciting but does become dangerous when the same logs have been subjected to days of rain.,

It was still raining in November but at least the trip to Legoland was still able to go ahead. All the boys that went seemed to have a brilliant time. As there was no Christmas Fayre for the traditional Beaver biscuits we thought we would still like to keep our hand in. So we did still make them, we just got to eat them ourselves. We also decided to combine our Christmas party with our friends from Redwood Colony which was good fun and another excuse to eat more food.

January of this year saw us attending the Panto with Redwood Beavers at the Station Theatre. This year it was Dick Whittington. I think the actors get more audience participation from the young Beavers than they bargain for. They certainly did not expect most of the audience to join them on the stage when they asked for volunteers!

Evening meetings have been very full and busy making new friends and playing lots of games. You need to ask the boys about bench football as it is a particular favourite. They don't realise it yet but they will probably still be playing the same game when they are in Scouts.



Thanks!

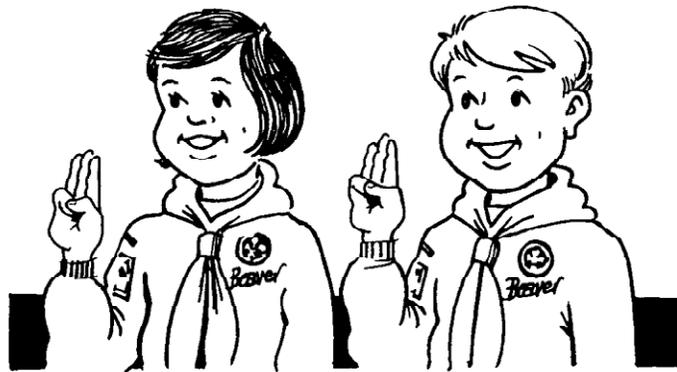
Inevitably each year we say goodbye to someone, this time we are sad to lose Dawn Blackburn-Smith as she leaves us in September when her son moves up to Cubs. Goodbye and many thanks for your time Dawn.

At least this year we can greet others such as Mary Fletcher and Bernie O'Shea who will be helping us. Also very many thanks to Nick Haskell from Eagle Troop who worked with us for a term, whose company and guidance the boys really enjoyed.

Sue Rook
Beaver Leader

THE BEAVER SCOUT PROMISE

**I promise to do my best
to be kind and helpful
and to love God.**



Redwood Beaver Colony

We have had an exciting year at Beavers. From starting in September with only 6 boys we are now up to 21. Our meetings are generally themed:



CHOCOLATE

Making chocolate crackle cakes, tasting and memory games using chocolate bars, then of course eating everything at the end yum yum.

DINOSAURS

Making collage dinosaurs, playing dinosaur tag.

HALLOWEEN

Making masks and playing the forfeit game

SHICHIGOSAN

Making thank-you photographs playing balloon and 3 5 7 games.

THE BEAVER

(The animal version!). Guess how long a Beaver is, colour in pictures, playing Beaver logs game.

FIRST TO THE SOUTH POLE: Sledge racing, build ice lodges, play penguin feeding time (Sounds like more food to me!!)

RUBBER FUN:

Talk about John Boyd Dunlop and ask boys what kind of things are made out of rubber. Play relay races using car and bike tyres, welly throwing, bouncing balls, welly relay and "what is it" game. This also includes those well known challenges of "How many Beavers can you balance on a car tyre". A great fun evening for all

NEW ZEALAND DAY Boys brought in things from New Zealand, made grass skirts out of newspaper and had a hula dancing competition. They also made Sheep.

WIND IN THE WILLOWS Each lodge had a large piece of card and drew and coloured a riverbank picture. We then played the riverbank game.

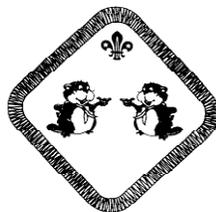


**"Hooray, its the Chocolate games evening tonight",
Said the Leaders !!**

We have also had several evenings trying out new games when the boys can really let off steam. In December we held a joint Christmas party with Asoen Colony which went down very well. We played traditional party games and all the food was supplied by section funds and the helpers. Every Beaver went home with a party bag and a huge smile.

One meeting in November was run by Mandy Hawke as a cub night, which gave the boys a taste of things to come. We always end our evenings with a drink, a biscuit and ask for any news they have. We finish with the Beavers in lodges saying a prayer and then making as much noise as they can doing the "Shout Shout Shout" Chant.

During the past year we have presented 3 Beaver1 badges, 4 Beaver2 badges and 2 Beaver Challenge Awards, the highest in our section.



Finally I would like to thank every one who has helped us this year, Ann, Kate, Marjorie who helped me get started and then Julia, and Tina and more recently our Scout Greg, without whom, we would not have been able to give as much variety to the Beavers. Thank you also to all Parents who have helped us with our rota.

Linda Hunter

Jupiter Pack Report

Well what another very busy year we have had! The cubs have worked very hard to achieve their Awards and 2 have been presented with their Adventure Crest Awards, the highest a Cub Scout can receive. Congratulations to **Michael Beel** and **Steven Longley**. Also we have presented 3 Adventure Awards, 15 Cub Scout Awards and 18 Membership, awards well done to all of them for their hard work. 4 boys have now moved on to the Scout section; we wish them well. Not only have we been working hard on the progressive training awards but also on proficiency badges, of which over 168 have been presented to the pack.

Some of our more Popular badges



During the last twelve months or so, we have been to Marchants Hill, Hindhead for our pack holiday, where 2 cubs from Saturn pack joined 14 Jupiter pack Cubs for an activity weekend. For two days they abseiled, quad-biked, built bivouacs, fenced, balanced on low ropes, orienteered, became excellent archers, swung from a trapeze 10 metres up in the air, played wide games and got very muddy on the challenge course.



The Pack also attended the District Millennium camp at Stansted House last May. The weather was very unkind during the weekend and some boys were taken home during the small hours only to ask to be brought back for more adventures when they had been dried out and warmed up. Thanks also to Carol Bass who did the cooking for all the Cub sections.

Akelea has now learnt how To keep the rain away

The District Challenge camp at Ferny Croft in September was a chance to work with other packs in the district and Jupiter rose to the challenge with style and had a brilliant weekend. We inevitably managed to total almost 100 night's away last year. We are now looking forward to our joint camp with 1st Warblington at Cricket Camp in June.

Not only have we been camping during the year, but we have also been out-and-about at some formal events like St George's day. This year service had to be held on the Island due to the traffic problems caused by the Brockhampton bridge replacement, however the event was well supported and it was good to see so many parents joining us. We also attended the district Christingle service at St. Faith's church in Leigh Park. Less formally, we have been out having fun with other members of the group at the annual fireworks display at Northney and at the visit to Legoland. As a pack we have been to the Station Theatre to see pantomime, Petersfield for swimming, and Monster fun in Creek Road for our Christmas event, The Lifeboat station gave us a very warm welcome when we visited them last November, as did the Clanfield Observatory, which was one of our best visits..



Finally, yet most importantly, I would like to say thank you to the leaders of Jupiter Pack; James, Gavin, Marie, Neil and Bobbie, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Thank You.

Audrey Willingham
Akela

Mars Cub Pack

Mars pack has continued to provide "the bread and butter" scouting that sets us apart from all other youth organisations.

In doing this we have achieved a steady stream of cubs who have been able to gain their top award. Congratulations go to Jonathan Ramsden, Daniel Hammond, Gareth Munro, James Adams, Mathew Towell, Alex Evans, Josh Goring and James Hall. 8 Adventure Awards and 6 Cub Awards were also gained throughout the year.



The first event of the year was the district St George's Day. Most of the boys attended and had a ride on a bus that got lost in a small dead end.



We attended the District Millenium camp at Stanstead Park and had a great time; this was despite two of the three tents being washed out and the cubs having to go home at 4.am!!!! Nearly all of them returned for some more fun the next day - the mad lot. It was great to see them really enjoying themselves and also managing to be very brave despite being soaking wet and cold in the middle of the night. I know that I have a reputation for wet camps but even I have never seen this much mud (nor want to ever again!)

The tent is in here somewhere!!

We had a sleep over in the HQ to end the summer term. A much more civilised occasion. As you can imagine there was not much sleep but was a lot of fun. It saw us cuddling trees at 8.00am working towards the discovery badge.

We were visited by the vicar from Ghana and then had a bring and buy sale and auction to raise money for the Hayling Bridge in Ghana.

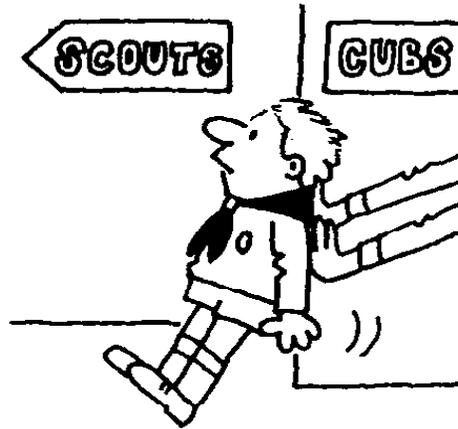
We tackled a variety of badges throughout the year including the athletes, sportsman, collectors, road safety, discovery, first aid, health and fitness, entertainers, navigators. WE had visits from policemen and women, dental hygienist, local vicar, members of a Hampshire funded group with a bouncy castle and jousting poles etc. We also visited Havant police station and Portsmouth ambulance station.

We went to the local pantomime, had a Christmas party, went to Legoland, walked along the Billy line. We took part in the district football competition and because we won it had to represent Havant in the county finals. A great time was had by all..

A total of 130 badges were obtained throughout the year.

We had two sessions run by Lions scouts who always give us a fun evening; wetting the cubs appetites to get along and join the Big Boys. Sixers have run the evenings, which they plan and do themselves. Many of the Cubs helped deliver the Christmas post.

Luckily, a problem we do not have on Hayling.



Due to the low numbers of boys waiting to join we have had two bring a friend nights and each time have recruited three boys who have gone on to get invested and are active members of the pack.

We were joined in June by Nick Goring who brought fresh ideas to the programme, although a new job has meant he has had to stop coming now..... but thanks for your help Nick when you were here. Tim Hawke and Ryan Webb joined us last summer as their service for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award and a year later are still coming along. Fiona Jordan -Harrison joined us as a helper in September. Fiona has been a leader in another district so came with lots of ideas and enthusiasm. Paul Jackson (Jacko) has continued his commitment to the pack bringing his experience and ideas. It has been really great having such an enthusiastic group of people and I thank them all for their support and commitment to Mars pack. We only achieve what we do because of the teamwork. THANK YOU ALL

My thanks must also go to the support I have from parents, from the Executive, the other leaders in the group, and my family. THANK YOU ALL.

Mandy Hawke

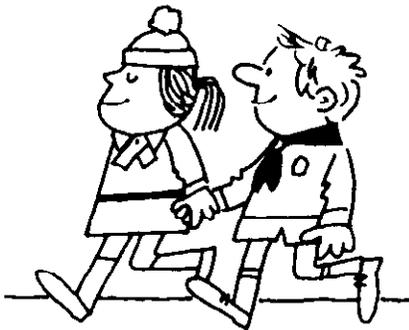
Cub Scout Leader

Saturn Cub Scouts

Its that time of year when we look back to see what we have achieved, it always surprises me to see what we do manage to fit into a year.

The boys have earnt 60 proficiency badges, including Road Safety, Swimming, Athletes, Nature and Science, 2 Adventure Crest Awards (our top award), 4 Adventure awards, 8 Cub Scout Awards and 5 challenge badges.

In May last year I invited my daughters Brownie pack to join us for a fun evening of games. I did not think many would turn up as it was on a different evening. Well 17 brownies and 18 cubs made for a very noisy but fun evening, although I had to promise Neil I would never do it again !



**Perhaps this was not a good
Idea, afterall as aged 8 is a bit
Young to get engaged !!**

We finished off last year with a BBQ on the dunes at the Ferry Boat. In September we had a change of leaders; Guy could no longer join us due to work and Pam Gardner moved away. Luckily we managed to persuade Mervin Haines to join us after he came along to a cold but dry Sixer camp at the end of September. Helen Hunt has also returned from University and wanted to help out.

At the moment we have a fairly young pack and we are looking forward to our first camp in July, although 2 of our boys could not wait this long and joined Jupiter for a weekend in Hindhead activities centre in April.



**I enjoyed the firelighting
Best.**

I also have to say a sad farewell as I will be leaving at the end of the Summer. I joined Saturn Pack as an ACSL in 1995 and took over 3 years later when Billy Ault returned to complete a teaching degree. I have had a great time and have lots of fond memories, but due to ever increasing demands on my time I am unable to give the commitment needed to running a pack. I wish everyone continued enjoyment in Scouting.

Thankyou for the help and support of Neil Willingham, Tom Lincoln, Helen and Mervin. I would also like to thank the parents who kindly offered help last year and when we were desperate for help.

Best wishes

Jeanette Lincoln

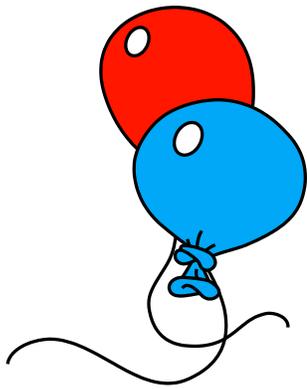
Jeanette, thanks for your help over many years and remember there is always a place here for you when you need something to fill those dark evenings.

EAGLE Scout Troop



Last Summer we held our annual camp at Aldershot, directly after Lion Troop had used the same site. After a frantic reconnaissance of the site the Scouts reluctantly agreed with me, that all the firewood had indeed not been used by the previous campers. It seemed that the boys had convinced themselves that no site could possibly hold enough firewood for two Troops from Hayling Island. Those of you that have seen this vast site will understand why I felt that I was on such safe ground.

We actually had a Canadian theme for the camp, don't ask me why, it just seemed like a good idea in Winter when we were planning it. This meant that of course we had to make and race our own sledges, which were used for a number of other events through the week. We also turned our traditional camp banquet into a 'moose roast' which was followed by one of the largest campfires I've seen on a Troop camp. I think the Scouts had reversed their thoughts about the lack of firewood and tried to empty the forest themselves.



As Pete G had an excess of Helium, (where does he get these things from?) we decided to have a balloon race to let the locals know that the Troop were around in the area. We were most surprised to return to Scouts after the Summer break to find that one of our cards had reached as far as Belgium.

In preparation for the busy camping year ahead we held a 'newcomers' camp for all those Scouts that had moved up from Cubs since last Summer. Helped by the Patrol Leaders and some of their assistants, we camped at the Scout HQ, at Yapton, in West Sussex. Although the early May bank holiday was quite cold, all the Scouts had a good weekend and had an opportunity try out a number of the skills they had been learning on Winter Troop nights.



In the late May bank holiday we had a treat for the 12 older Scouts in the Troop, who all took a pilgrimage to Brownsea Island, which turned out to be a fantastic weekend. This of course was the site of Baden-Powell's experimental camp in 1907, which started off the whole concept of 'Scouting'. As we had to transport equipment on and off the boat that was to take us to Brownsea, we decided to have a 'lightweight' camp. This was a bit testing for the boys (and Leaders!), especially when you see what normally gets brought to camp!

As the general public do not arrive until late morning and have to leave by tea time, this is a great area for exploring and seeing the wildlife. Even though we were only there for three nights we tried to sample as many of B-P's programme ideas from his first camp as we could, even down to one of his original wide games.

One of the mornings was spent following one of Pete Goddard's amazing 'tracking' trails through some of the more interesting parts of the Island. And no, the rumours are not true, that Pete learnt these skills on that first camp from B-P himself!!



Troop nights have been different and varied, although this year we have had to cancel most of our evenings outside, due to poor long term planning with the weather. We do seem to have effected by this more this year than I can ever remember. Well done to the Scouts and parents for being so flexible. We have managed to get a large number of the Troop through the Guide badge over the Winter. This is nothing to do with the variety of guide that dresses in blue, but may mean that they can find their way around the Island a little better. We made hot air balloons in the Winter and then kites in the Spring, which we took to the beach. I don't believe the present seafront ban on kites is anything to do with us, as again we got the weather planning wrong and picked a windless evening.

Finally, I would like to thank all those that help the boys to achieve so much and attend so many camps. To Pete Willingham, Pete Goddard and Gavin Willingham who turn up throughout the year, many thanks, I'm sure that all the boys appreciate your direct input and help. Also to Sue Rook and Audrey Willingham, who act as the extra eyes and cover many of the other tasks that come with running the Troop, a special thanks for their extra commitment as they both run their own Sections.

David Rook
Scout Leader

Lion Scout Troop



What do scouts like doing most? Camps, camps and more camps - a record 10 this year! The Millennium Camp set 2 more records - not only was it the deepest flood since Noah built his ark, but we put up a complete working aerial runway in 2 hours. At Summer Camp, we just get it up in time to take it down again.

We won the Composite Trophy at the Gunnell District camping competition. Well done to Ben, Rowan, William, Matt and Chris.



Then over to West Dean for one of David's famous night hike/camping weekends, where we put up tents at midnight. Unfortunately, the old railway tunnel is now barred off, but the steep cutting made for some great 'climbing' games. I asked the boys what they liked most - it was the fires (of course), assault course races and mega bundles.

Summer Camp at the army campsite in Aldershot was a great success, with lots of pioneering, tree-house and bivvi building, wood fires, camp cooking, wide games, bomb the trailer, silly games, and general messing about. We seemed to come back with a fire bell - I don't know how.

In October, we helped to run the Oxfam sponsored walk again on Harting Down - unfortunately this meant yet another camp to look after the marquee, but did the scouts complain? No they did not. At the end of October, we took the PL's to a weekend camp in the Gower, where we checked out the site of 2001's summer camp (sandy beaches, sand dunes, cliffs, rocks, woods, rivers - have we got a great program lined up or what). And then, to prove we were not total wimps, we had a February 'Frost camp' at Ferneycroft Scout campsite in the New Forest. And yes, it wasn't just Kellogg's Frosties - it was the real thing.



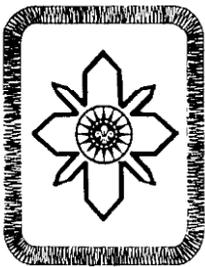
And we've had **three** of our famous Lion Troop 'Rhodi' camps, where scouts turn their destructive talents to good use by trying to clear Ashdown Forest of Rhododendrons. While these are beautiful plants, we notice every year that they are taking over more and more of the forest, to the point where there won't be anything else in a few years. Having come from the Himalayas, they had no natural predators in Britain (until the scouts came along), so we really are performing a service (and having **tremendous fun** into the bargain).

I challenged the troop to win the 'most innovative raft' trophy at the Emsworth Raft Race, and they came up trumps with a superb piece of engineering - a catamaran with a foot powered paddle wheel. Pity there wasn't such a trophy - but we would definitely have won it if there had been. It was stable as a rock, and won by a mile. Unfortunately, we didn't realise there was a limit of 6 people, so we were disqualified on appeal. (Nobody's ever made a raft before that could hold that many without sinking!).

June brought a mega-funfair evening at Hayling Funfair, wide games at a new secret location, chariot racing on home built chariots, and rafting at the beach. Of course, no summer would be complete without the beach barbecue and water-fight. Doesn't matter if it's minus 10 degrees and blowing a hurricane.

Yet again, our traditional Mill Rythe School Fete monkey bridge stood up to all-comers, with the new 'lift of doom' attracting plenty of interest (a chair raised by pulley's, and then lowered gently or suddenly, depending on the age of the victim - sorry customer).

What else have we done? Wide games with 2-way radio's, quiz evenings, computer evenings, swimming evenings, athletics badge, running indoor assault courses for cubs, various cooking experiments - some of them even edible, and along the way, even some badge work and training.



Congratulations to Douglas Parrant and James Pike, who achieved the Chief Scout's Award - the highest award in Scouts - as well as helping to run the troop. We have presented about 40 other awards and proficiency badges. We have 32 active Scouts, including a really keen older group.

There will be a gap next year as they go on to the new Ventures, but that will open up great opportunities for the new young Patrol Leaders and Assistant PL's to take the troop forwards.

My thanks to all the scouts for a great fun year, especially the PL's, James and Doug, but above all to my assistant leaders, David Grant and Joy, who have worked tirelessly to provide a broad, fun and challenging program. Unfortunately, David has moved to London with his job, but he left behind many superb new ideas which we will keep going. We really do need more leaders - as little or as much as you are comfortable with - just come along and see if you like it. It really can be very rewarding, and we do believe that leaders should have some fun too!

Wilf Forrow

Scout Leader

Dreadnought

Evenings

This year, the new exec have organised a varied and interesting programme. Evenings organised include a food auction (with some previously unthought-of food combinations cooked and eaten by the ventures); survival challenges; comedy breasts I,II, and III; bowling and laser quest; pioneering and a fantasy share league. We now have a new assistant leader – Rachel Day, who started helping in September. The unit has fluctuated in size this year, with several new members attending during the year.

Camps / activities

In August 2000 several of the unit went to the Gower for a week for summer camp with the Emsworth unit. During the week they participated in various outdoor and water activities. A trip to North Wales in February saw one of our ventures enrolled. Several of the unit were also involved in the Paris to Hayling Bike Ride as part of the support team.

Awards

The unit are making good progress on the Venture and Queen's Scout awards, and have several events planned to complete some parts of the awards.

Queens Scout Award



District and county events

The ventures took part in the annual trek cart race and won it yet again. In the next few weeks, the unit will be taking part in this year's race and so the unit are in training!!!

Future events

Over the next few weeks we hope to go to the Gales brewery in Horndean; cycling in the South downs; climbing at Fernycrofts and several district events, including a volleyball and BBQ evening with the rest of the District. Summer camp will take the form of a long weekend with climbing, mountain biking and walking in order that some expedition training can be gained for either D of E or Queens Scout awards – the location yet to be determined due to the foot and mouth situation.

Not the DVS Trek-Cart ??



During 2002, the district are going to the Himalayas for three weeks. During this period, we will be trekking in the Himalayas, and getting involved in community projects for two weeks. Some of the unit will be completing their explorer belt. As a result of these plans, the unit are involved in fundraising to assist with the cost of this project. Activities organised to raise funds include a quiz, marquee hire and a duck race & BBQ.

The ventures will also be carrying out various odd jobs to help raise funds – if has odd jobs for the ventures to carry out, please contact James Wager 02392 462446 or Jeff Greenough 02380 438598.

Jeff Greenough – Dreadnought Venture Scout Unit Leader.



The Explorer Belt which our team hope to gain in the Himalayas

Fund Raising.

This has been another successful year for raising funds for the Group.

Although we did not hold a Christmas Fayre this year, which is a one-year gap only, we continued to be very successful with our book sales, the Xmas Post managed of course by the leaders and parents and also with the Webb Ivory managed by Val Blosse.

Our fund-raising team continues to meet on a regular basis and we have started to compile a list of other ideas that we can introduce within the group calendar. There will be more information on these over the coming months.



Our book sales are always popular and very well attended. This is due the immense effort of Mark Standing. Not only does he sort the books into fiction and non-fiction, hard back and paper back but then take the time and trouble to get them into alphabetical order by author. Without this supreme effort these sales would not raise the money that they do so I would like to thank Mark for his time and also Jo for allowing the house to be over taken by books. Thank you to both of you. The last sale that we held on 2nd June raised nearly £600.

What we have seen over the years is a change to the prime source of income from traditional fund-raising to activities such as the book sale, the significant contribution that the Gift Aid scheme brings to the group and donations from our supporters.

However it remains important that the group that we continue to explore ideas that will bring not only financial support, but also as part of the necessary positive publicity that Scouting, like all other youth and charitable organisations require.

Therefore, this Christmas we are trying something different. We thought that family fun day at the Hayling Community Centre on 1st December would be different. This will be aimed a children and as this is in the early days of planning I would welcome ideas and help to organise the day. This could be your contribution to make Hayling Scouts one of the best groups to belong to.

Finally, thank you to those of you who continue to support us with your help at our events and to John, Alan, Mark who continue to provide the core-team for our fundraising matters.

Carolyn Wager

Treasurer's Report

It has been a quieter year, with our extension now finished, although there has been plenty of camping and trips. There is a resulting surplus of £570, thanks to some very generous donations. The Activity Fund now stands at £3258, similar to last year, and will be used to support some important Scout activities and trips in the coming year. Our Trailer Fund was used to purchase a trailer, which has had good use for camps and fundraising throughout the year.

Subscription income has increased, but so has capitation. We have therefore had to increase our subscriptions again from April to £17 per term. The amount received from the Inland Revenue through Gift Aid (the old Covenant Scheme) has increased again to nearly £1100, plus over £300 claimed on donations – well done Mandy, and parents please sign the forms – it is even simpler now! Fundraising for Webb Ivory was down and is being reviewed – it is a lot of hard work for Valerie. There was no Christmas Fair last year, but the Book Fairs have brought in a substantial income, thanks to Mark and his band of helpers. Christmas Post was again very successful.

Expenditure is very similar to last year and figures have kept within budget. Very little was spent on equipment, the main purchase was £548 on tables and Caroline Wager made a large contribution towards this cost from her Paris to Hayling Cycle ride. We had a very generous donation from Irene Day, which enabled us to purchase a new photocopier. It is a tremendous improvement on our old one and is proving an invaluable asset to the Group.

My thanks again to Chris Driscoll for auditing our accounts.

Mary Pike

3rd Hayling Scout Group Charity No. 308136
Income and Expenditure Account. Year ended 31st March 2001

1999/00	INCOME	2000/01
5150.70	Subscriptions	5983.25
2228.58	Donations	2128.00
1030.97	Covenant Scheme/Gift Aid	1447.65
47.98	Bank Interest	107.20
0.00	Marquee Loan	305.00
46.46	Photocopying	195.21
5839.99	Money exchange, camps & trips	7123.64
1021.45	DVS Kandersteg Fundraising	0.00
0.00	Miscellaneous	0.00
1270.00	D. of E. Income	0.00
1100.00	Trailer fund donation	0.00
2098.98	Fundraising: Webb Ivory	1354.01
1189.07	Christmas Fair	0.00
1078.90	Christmas Post	1189.73
704.58	Book Fair	766.63
<u>478.76</u>	Other events	<u>2045.85</u>
24111.42	TOTAL	22646.17
<u>18000.00</u>	New Extension – Lottery Grant	<u>0.00</u>
42111.42	TOTAL	22646.17

Money held on account

At 31.03.00		At 31.03.01
3168.34	Activities Fund	3258.34
82.74	Camp & Section Funds	789.66
500.78	Extension Fund	0.00
<u>1100.00</u>	Trailer Fund	<u>0.00</u>
5049.72	TOTAL	4048.00

FUND STATEMENT

5971.08	Deposit Account	7078.28
2470.76	Current Account	847.55
<u>0.61</u>	Cash-in-hand	<u>0.00</u>
8442.45	TOTAL	7925.83
<u>200.77</u>	less: o/s cheques	<u>116.00</u>
8241.68	TOTAL	7809.83
<u>5049.72</u>	Less: Money held on account	<u>4048.00</u>
3191.96		3761.83
	Less: Surplus income over expenditure	<u>569.87</u>
		3191.96

1999/00	EXPENDITURE	2000/01
3205.70	Capitation	3826.65
482.30	Section Allowances	527.15
154.13	Competitions	144.25
597.00	Badges	450.00
300.40	Leader Expenses	197.75
236.60	Photocopier	141.59
730.84	Insurance	765.20
699.22	Group Financial Support	476.91
883.16	HQ: Services	813.77
1179.92	HQ: Maintenance	1335.75
2366.72	Equipment	966.94
4955.35	Money exchange, camps & trips	6911.07
1650.00	DVS Kandersteg	0.00
1270.00	D. of E. Expenditure	0.00
1754.93	Fundraising: Webb Ivory	944.81
309.03	Christmas Fair	0.00
3.50	Christmas Post	121.00
71.68	Book Fair	110.23
<u>691.68</u>	Other events	<u>1106.73</u>
21492.16	TOTAL	18839.80
	New Photocopier	1645.00
	New Trailer	2060.85
<u>14843.57</u>	New Extension Expenditure	<u>532.37</u>
40307.06	TOTAL	23078.02
-758.00	Less: Money held on account 01.04.00	5049.72
5049.72	Plus: Money held on account 31.03.01	4048.00
-32.03	Plus: Surplus income over expenditure	<u>569.87</u>
		22646.17

I have examined the books and papers presented to me and in my opinion they represent a true and fair statement of affairs.

C. Driscoll F.C.A. Auditor

May 2001

