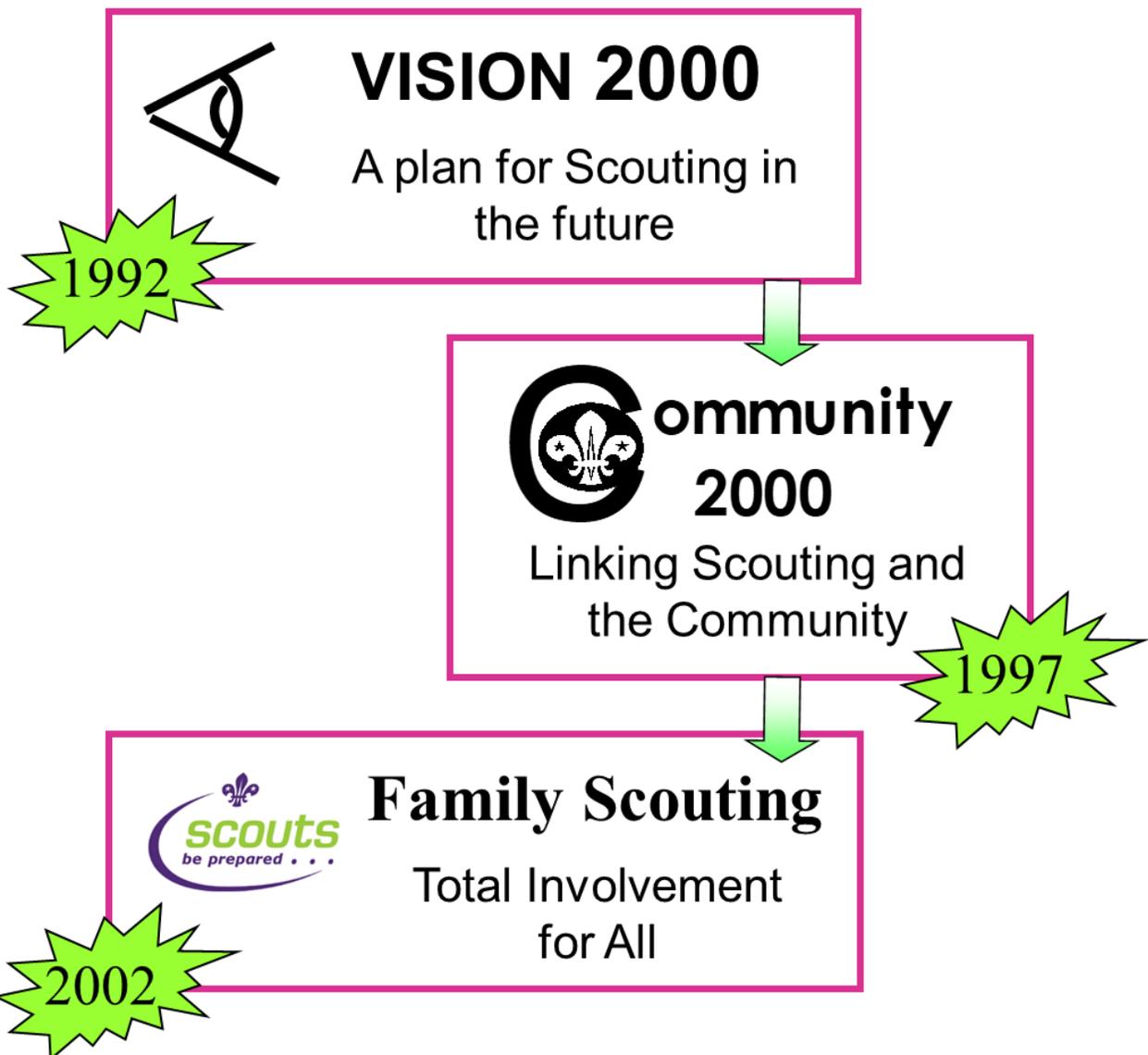




3rd Hayling

Annual Report 2001 - 2002



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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

Dave Rook (p)

Lion Troop

Wilf Forrow (p)

Venture Scouts

Leader

Jeff Greenough

Executive Chairman

James Wager

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

Other Help 2001/2002

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

Mel Cole

Joan Sinden

Chris Thomas

Chris Driscoll

Mark Standing

Hayling Islander

ACE / LIONS

Irene Day

In many ways, including Webb Ivory

Subscriptions Secretary

Group Badge Secretary

Second Hand Uniform Sales

Auditor

Book Sales

For their continued Support

For their financial support and help

For her continued support to the Group

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 2001/2002

Beaver Scout Section - Beaver Scout Challenge

Benjamin Dimment
Matthew Kenny
Michael Kenny
James O'Shea

Aspen Colony
Aspen Colony
Aspen Colony
Aspen Colony



Cub Scout Section - Adventure Crest Award

Toby Burgess
Toby Cheverton
Daniel Downey
Josh Fenton
Toby Jagers
Danny Rowe
Sam Smith
Oliver Swales
Alfie Underwood

Jupiter Pack
Saturn Pack
Saturn Pack



Scout Section - Chief Scouts Award

Alex Farrow
Edward Harrison
James Willingham

Lion Troop
Lion Troop
Eagle Troop



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Group Scout Leader

So another year flies past, and reflecting over the past 12 months it continues to amaze me just how much we offer and achieve with the young people of Hayling Island. However, during the course of any one year we see a number of changes and so I start this report with some of the more significant changes we have seen:-

- 12 months ago we were discussing the changes being introduced as part of the major review of the Scout movement in the UK. One year on, we have already embraced some of these changes with the others being implemented with our normal enthusiasm over the next few months.
- Many of our group are now wearing the new uniform.
- Working closely with the District team, we have introduced an Explorer Unit on the Island, to accommodate the 15 individuals who were approaching the end of their time in the Scout section. We have also developed a "Partnership Agreement" between the group and the Explorer Unit, consistent with the new Scouting changes.
- Last Summer we looked at the age demographics of the group and Hayling Island and as a result of this review and enforced leader changes we reduced the number of Cub Packs from three to two.
- As a result of completing Child Protection training we have introduced a Group Policy on Discipline and sent this to all Parents.
- Our HQ is now used weekly by a local old people's home for Line Dancing.
- We tried an afternoon for "Fun for Kids" instead of our usual Christmas Fayre.

Other things of course remain the same, for example:-

- Our numbers have remained steady at 197 uniformed members.
- Our equipment is in use almost every weekend from April to October
- Our 18th consecutive Xmas Post delivered over 8000 cards,
- Our two book sales made over £1000 profit for the group thanks to the efforts of Mark Standing and his team.
- Carolyn Wager completed the Paris to Hayling cycle ride and once again proposed us as the recipients of her sponsorship money.
- We now receive a request for use of our Marquees for every weekend in the summer.
- Every Cub, Scout and Venture Scout had the opportunity to attend at least one camp during the year.

Leader Changes

During the past year we have said our goodbyes to

- Jeanette Lincoln (Saturn Pack Leader)
- Dave Rook (Eagle Troop)
- Ryan Webb and Tim Hawke (Mars Pack)
- Helen Hunt (Saturn Pack)
- Mervyn Haines (Saturn Pack)
- Melanie Steel (Executive Committee)

To all of these, many thanks for your help to our success and as I always state, you know where we are if you need something to fill those winter evenings!!

During this period, we have said hello to

- Jim Simpson (Lion Troop) and Lorna Simpson (Saturn Pack) who recently moved into the area
- Sharon Moore (Aspen Colony)
- A welcome back to Dominic Howell (Lion Troop)
- Plus help with evenings and weekend activities from a number of Parents.

Thank you for giving up your valuable time to help us.

Some Achievements

As you will see from the section reports, we have had another very successful year, other highlights include:-

- Otter Patrol from Lion Troop won the District Camping Completion, just beating Owl Patrol from Eagle Troop. Otters, led by Edward Harrison then achieved a magnificent 5th place in the County event.
- Edward Harrison and Douglas Percy have been working hard towards their expedition to the World Scout Jamboree in Thailand at the end of this year.
- The whole group helped Edward and Douglas by joining in for a weeks bag packing at Sainsbury's towards the cost of the Jamboree. They both raised over £700 from this activity.
- Many of our leaders have completed MIDAS training to enable us to hire mini-buses from local schools and also Child Protection training.
- We will shortly have the ability to provide a Marquee up to 48ft in length.
- For the 6th year running, we have completed over 1000 nights camping as a group
- We continue to see a number of our members achieving their top award of their section (16 this year).
- Over 500 proficiency badges were presented throughout the year
- Our fun-day, our first at Fort Purbrook was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended (young and old alike!!).

So, what of the future

Scouting on Hayling never stands still. We have the new programmes to introduce, new ideas to try out, we already have a busy schedule of events and activities over the coming months, including a group camp.

In addition, in recent weeks, Philip Blossie and myself have been discussing what next we need to consider to continue the progressive approach to Scouting, we have adopted in recent years. The front cover of this report shows the two previous initiatives that resulted in significant benefits to the Group,

1. Vision 2000, a review on what we need to do to ensure Scouting on Hayling remains strong into the next millennium. This started in 1992 !!
2. Community 2000, a review and proposal for how we can better integrate the 3rd Hayling group with the local community

It is now the right time for us to build on the changes introduced by the Scout Association with a review that will continue to build on our current strengths for the next few years. We have observed over the past few years that the amount of time people have available for helping with other organisations has reduced, whilst at the same time the number of other organisations has increased. Therefore we need to find the best approach to utilise the skills and talents of the many people who are willing to help, whether they be our Leaders, Parents or friends and supporters of Scouting.

We are therefore today, launching "Beyond 2000" our study into the effective future for Scouting on Hayling. The scope of this project will include all aspects of Scouting from Leaders to our Executive and Management committees, finances to public relations, and all with a specific focus on how we can maximise the help we get whilst minimising the time required from any individual.

More details on "Beyond 2000" will be published later this term.

Finally, none of the success that has been reported would have been possible without the continued dedication of many, so I end with my sincerest praise and thanks to:-

Our leaders, who continue to give freely of their time in the provision of weekly programmes and other activities, who always seem to be willing and able to do that extra bit for the young people of Hayling and to help them get the best out of their time with us.

Our Parents, many of whom help us in small ways from the Book Sales, through to joining us at Camps and Activity days. Every help is greatly appreciated.

Our Executive Committee for providing the direction and ideas that ensure the Leaders have what they need. For also their willingness to undertake a range of tasks in support of the Group.

Our friends who support us financially or by their involvement with the group, even though they no longer have any children actively scouting on Hayling.

A special thanks to Philip Blossie, who has been one of the most important assets this group has access to. His untiring and positive attitude is infectious on everyone involved.

Also my thanks to Val, who has to live the life of the "wife of a Scout Chairman",

And finally my own family who put up with my endless meetings and dinner time discussions on Scouts and without whose support I would not be able to join in with this wonderful game of Scouting.

Until Next Time

Ian

Aspen Beaver Colony

Yet another year, where does the time go ?? Aspen is now in its 10th year (it's true what they say, time fly's when your having fun), and thanks to our new leader Sharon Moore, I am sure it will go for another 10 wonderful years.

THE BEAVER SCOUT MOTTO

Fun and Friends



Looking back over the last 12 months, we have made lots of new friends and had endless hours of fun and games, which is a good job seeing our motto is "FUN & FRIENDS".

Last June saw us along with all other members of 3rd Hayling, having a great day out at Fort Purbrook. Thanks to everyone who helped to make this a big success, it was nice to see boys of all ages mixing together and doing new and exciting things.

In July we had our annual BBQ on the beach, it didn't rain for a change but it was somewhat windy and the chef (Dave Rook) was having a bit of trouble with the Groups new gas BBQ. But the boys had a lovely time and enjoyed the food very much.

August is a time of rest for the Beaver leader and her helpers, Beavers are home from school and us adults are recharging our batteries for another term of fun, fun, fun!!

From September to November we got busy making things as only Beaver Scouts can. Paper planes (some that fly and some that don't) and Beavers (the furry kind) of all shapes and sizes were made. We became pirates for an evening and made "God's eye's" (don't even go there). We also got our hands around a lot of new games and some of the old favourites were played as well.

The boys that went to the Christmas "Fun for the children day" really enjoyed themselves, the highlight of the afternoon for me was watching a Beaver Scout and his Grandma jousting. We always end each year with a party, the Christmas party was great with lots to eat and some more new games with a spoon and a bit of string.

The year 2002 and our 10th anniversary got going. We had a Cub Leader to run an evening in January (thanks Mandy) and they all now want to go up to Cubs straight away.

In February we celebrated St David's day by eating Welsh cake and playing a game about sheep, but the eating was best. (It was also best for us as they can not make so much noise when they are eating!!!).

St George's day in April, and all the boys and leaders got together to remake their promise's. It is a very important time in the Scouting year, where we remind ourselves of what we said we would do.

Well it is with much sadness that in Aspen's 10th year I have to say goodbye to everyone. (All good things come to an end). In the time, I have been the leader, some 150 boys have gone through the colony with most going on to become Cubs and many who are now Scouts. I would like to thank everyone in my 12 years, two with Redwood before Aspen colony for all their help and support. Thanks also to all the leaders from all of the sections for their friendship, and finally good luck to Sharon Moore as she takes over.

Sue Rook

Otter

Message from Group Scout Leader:- Sue, your contribution to the continued success of 3rd Hayling has been tremendous, and we will miss you. For all your support and effort over the past 10+ years:-

Thanks!

Redwood Beaver Colony

Well what a great year Redwood Colony and myself have had. We have been more adventurous this year and spend many a sunny if not wind swept evening out on the Beach playing games and having fun. We've played parachute games in Hayling Park and turned heads when we finished off with our traditional "Shout Shout Shout" chant.

We have been to playzone and Havant Bowlplex, both of which the boys really enjoyed.

We finished the summer with a BBQ on the beach which most of the parents were able to join in with. The usual fair of burgers and sausages were cooked expertly by Alan Robinson, with my Auntie Daisy's vegetable kebabs going down well with parents and kids alike. This gave us all a chance to have a chat and for me to thank all the parents for turning up to help when it was their turn on the rota.



Since coming back in September we've held a food night, made spiders and celebrated Halloween by dressing up in scary costumes, making witches and listening to spooky stories and drinking bat's blood. We had a Christmas Party, made coasters out of old CD's for Valentines day and made Mothering Sunday gifts.

I tell you, this is Badger !!

In June we joined the rest of Hayling Scouts at Fort Purbrook for an activity day which included a flay wall, bouncy castle, jousting, football and basketball. It was a great day out. We also ran "bog the ball" and "pass the popcorn" stalls at our Group Christmas Fun afternoon, both of which were well received.

The highlight of the year though was on a very chilly and dark November night when we met at the Gun Site around a camp fire where we sang songs and toasted jelly and marshmallows. This was led by Hannah Cox who is the Ranger Guide leader on Hayling. The boys absolutely loved this and



my thanks to her. We also invested 4 boys that night.

I have personally really enjoyed running Redwood Colony. This is due of course to the boys lively and enthusiastic ways, helpful and supportive parents, but also the fact that I have two wonderful helpers in Julia Robinson and Tina Way. They have been fantastic and I couldn't have managed without them.

Thank You So Much

Linda Hunter
(Badger)

Jupiter Pack Report

Well what another very busy year we have had! Its not until you write the report you realise what we have achieved over 12 months. All the cubs have worked very hard to achieve their Awards and 7 have been presented with their Adventure Crest Awards, the highest a Cub Scout can receive. Congratulations to **Danny Downie Toby Jagers, Danny Rowe, Toby Burges, Sam Smith, Josh Fenton and Toby Cheverton**. Also we have presented 5 Adventure Awards, 8 Cub Scout Awards and 14 Membership, awards well done to all of them for their hard work. 7 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 131 have been presented to the pack.

During the last year, we have been to Marchants Hill, Hindhead for our pack holiday, where 10 cubs from Saturn pack joined 16 Jupiter pack Cubs for an activity weekend. For two days they abseiled, quad-biked, Zipped down a long wire, balanced on low ropes, became excellent archers, swung from a trapeze 10 metres up in the air, played wide games and got very muddy on the challenge course.



Our sleepover in the hut where the cubs were challenged to build a tower into the rafters of the scout hut, our joint camp with 1st Warblington at Cricket Camp in June was a great success, with many badges being achieved. The District Challenge camp at Foxley's in the New Forest was a chance to work with other packs in the district and Jupiter rose to the challenge with style and had a brilliant weekend even in the rain on the Saturday when the whole site flooded.

We managed to total of 93 night's away last year (That figure does not include leader nights).

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. Less formally, we had a wonderful day at fort Purbrook at the group activity day, been out having fun with other members of the group at the annual fireworks display at Northney.

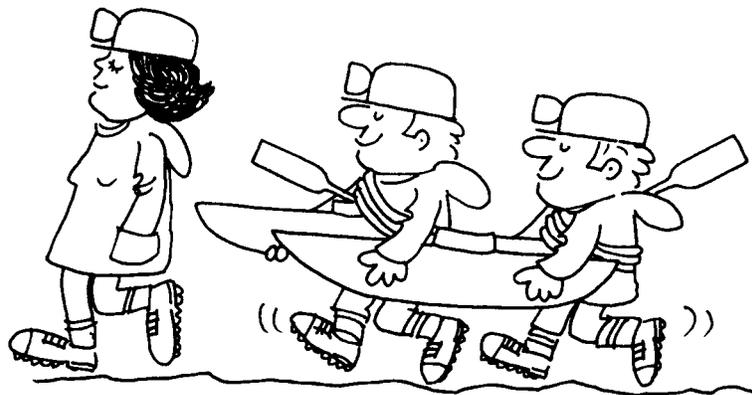
As a pack we have a BBQ at the gun emplacements in the summer, a visit to Havant police station, a most interesting evening with a visit from Colin Vaughan sharing his experiences of his time as a scout and then a leader with 3rd Hayling Scout Group.

Finally, yet most importantly, I would like to say thank you to the leaders of Jupiter Pack; James, Gavin, Marie, and Bobbie, without whom none of this would have been possible. Also a big thank you to Fiona Jordon-Harrison and Paul Jennings who helped at Marchants Hill.

Thank You.

Audrey Willingham

(Akela)



We always go to camp very well prepared

Mars / Saturn Pack Report

Mars Report – April to July



The summer term saw us making good use of the light evenings to get out and about. We went to the beach for some evenings, the QE Country park for an evening of Cowboys and Indians which was a great night of hiding from each other, making lots of noise, climbing trees and having loads of fun. We completed the cyclist badge with a ride along the Billy Line having spent time on bike maintenance and safety.

The pack had a wonderful day with the rest of the Group at Fort Purbrook where they took part in the superb range of activities on offer. It was an extremely good day with boys, parents and leaders all working together to make sure that so many events could take place.

We ran the athletes badge in Hayling Park and continued with gaining badges and awards throughout the term. We ended the term with a spy sleep over, which included swimming at Havant eating at Mcdonalds at 10:00 pmand not having too much sleep during the night!!!! This made cooking breakfast a bit more tricky but we all went home full up and tired.

Ryan Webb and Tim Hawke had by now completed all they needed to do for their community service towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award so we bid them a fond farewell. Thanks lads, it was good to have you - always keen to play football with the cubs!

This was the last time we met as Mars pack as we were coming back in September with a change of night and a change of name.

Saturn Pack – September to March

We started the new combined packs of Mars and Saturn with lots of action packed evenings to allow us time to get to know each other.

Throughout the term we tackled the home help, home safety and craftsman badges. This saw the cubs cooking, sewing, being tidy at home (we hope), making various items to sell at the Christmas fun afternoon (painted post and scented candles). Tree decorations

was the one that most comes to mind for the hard work each cub took in making them and the amount of glitter they could spread around themselves, the floor and each other.

Our outdoor evenings - as usual - were wet, but we carried on regardless. There was one occasion when we started our night investing some cubs at the start of the Billy Line and then we set off for a walk only to have the heavens open. Tough lot we are we carried on. We spent time on the shore trying to make a fire from flint and the look of achievement on the faces of those who managed to get sparks was unforgettable. It was a little harder to have a roaring fire due to the wet wood but if effort could have done it we would have lit up the whole of Hayling. Who needs expensive computer games !!!!!!!

The boys had an enjoyable evening bag packing at Sainsbury's, doing their bit to help other "Less well off Scouts" attend the World Jamboree in 2002/2003. (The price for the UK contingent is uplifted to enable Scouts from poor countries to attend). Edward Harrison who will be attending the jamboree has been helping with the Pack and this was the cubs way of thanking him for all the great games he plays with them (mainly learned from the Explorer Section).

Some cubs joined with others from the county to take part in the Explorer and World Conservation badges. These were full weekends focusing on the particular badges and they all had a great time.

We ended the term with a traditional tea party. The parents supplied us with a wonderful selection of food. We played traditional party games and had a great night. Some of the cubs also helped us with delivering the Christmas Post.



The Spring term has seen us doing the scientist badge. This was an interesting badge to do. I must say that my experiment of Vinegar and bicarbonate of Soda has some pretty explosive effects when the cubs added their own particular shaking methods to it !!! Much laughter and plenty of ceiling and wall washing was the order of the night.

We have been to playzone and had a thoroughly enjoyable time and we also invested two cubs at the Fire Station, followed by a tour of the appliances and a talk about fire safety. We ended the term with an evening swimming at the Taro, where we also invested 7 cubs. Not a full uniform "do", more trunks and neckers but definitely something for the cubs to remember.

Two cubs, Oliver Swales and Alfie Underwood completed their Adventure Crest Awards, 5 Cub Awards, 8 Adventure Awards and 106 activity badges were presented over the year.

I would like to end my report with my thanks to Paul Jackson (Jacko) and Fiona Jordan-Harrison and Edward for all they do to make sure the cubs have plenty of fun. They are a great team to have around. A big thank you to my family for letting me play and to all the parents who support the cubs and leaders.

Thanks to you all

Mandy Hawke
(Akela)

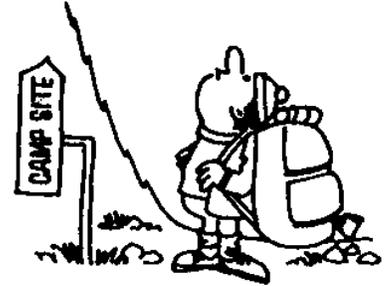


A typical cub evening out of doors

EAGLE Scout Troop

The past year has seen a number of changes and several challenges for Eagle Troop and for Scouting in general.

The camping year commenced with a successful newcomer's camp in Yapton. This was extremely good fortune as the Foot and Mouth restrictions had curtailed a great deal of Scout camping. Even the usually simple task of organising an afternoon hike turned into one of mammoth proportions due to footpath closures (despite Government reassurances at the time that the Countryside was 'not closed')!



The following Bank Holiday then saw the Leaders and older boys making a pilgrimage to Brownsea Island. This turned out to be a relaxing experience for both the Scouts and Leaders. I believe that we had the best site on the Island and the Weather was, by and large, kind to us.

June was time for the Gunnell, District camping competition. This turned out to be something of a triumph for Third Hayling as Eagle Troop made an impressive showing in the main competition only to be beaten into second place by Lion Troop! Well done to James Willingham and Edward Harrison in leading their patrols for Eagles and Lions respectively!

June also saw the Troop participating in the Group activity day at Fort Purbrook. This was the first time we had tried this location for a Group event and I believe that it turned out to be a highly successful event with something to interest all sections. Certainly the Scouts seemed to enjoy running in the tunnels!

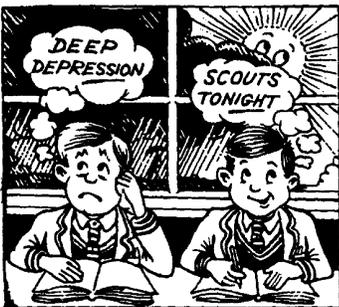
August was the month for the main event of the Troop year - Summer Camp. For 2001 we had chosen to attend 'Unite 2001' - an international Jamboree in Humberside. The publicity promised so many adventurous and diverse activities such as gliding, go-karting, quad-biking, water sports, ski-slope, clay pigeon shooting and so many other activities that I have now forgotten many of them. With so much on offer our attendance had been something of a 'leap of faith' as I don't believe that any of us really believed that so much could really be on offer to all. Despite some setbacks with the organisation (mainly the toilet facilities and the weather) I believe that the camp offered a unique opportunity for the boys.



This was not only due to the variety of activities available but also the opportunity to mix with Scouts from so many different Countries. Here I think that Foot and Mouth did us a favour - so many international camps in the UK had been cancelled that everyone seemed to descend on this one. For me though I think that one of the most vivid memories is of the beach party which we held in the marquee in our Bermuda shorts and loud shirts with the gas barbecue providing warmth whilst the rain did its worst outside! Probably the proudest moment though was seeing the Troop parade the 3rd Hayling banner into the arena whilst reciting the Group yell!

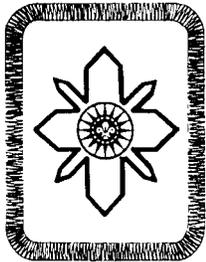
Unite 2001 was also the time that we had to say goodbye to Dave Rook once again as Leader, as the Navy was once again about to reclaim him to take up a position as a UN observer in Sierra Leone. I thought that the presentation evening was going to last all night as so many of the boys had produced their own mementos to give to Dave for his departure. We wish Dave all the best for the future and thank him for all his hard work during his three terms of office with the Troop. Also thanks to Sue Rook who had assisted Dave and the rest of us and now took the opportunity to take a well deserved retirement from Scouts whilst still maintaining her commitment to Beavers.

September therefore saw the start of a new Scout year with myself as Leader. As well as the challenge of leading the Troop for the first time, I also had the task of rapidly planning out the Patrol Leaders to enable them to join the, soon to be formed, Explorer section. . These boys were the core of experience of the Troop and thus it was with some trepidation that I faced up to the task. Suddenly there was rapid promotion to be had in Eagle Troop and the post of Senior Patrol Leader had never been so prolific! I am pleased to say that I have been admirably supported by the new PL's who have excellently risen to the challenge of responsibility. My only regret is that at the end of the year I will be saying goodbye to them all again as they join Explorers and the process will start all over again!



September also brought the challenge of a newly formed youth group on the island, which started up on Tuesday nights. I am pleased to report that despite some early interest I believe that most boys and parents were able to see the wider benefits of Scouting, as our numbers have, on the whole, remained stable and with the recent influx from the Cub sections we now have a full Troop!

Winter has been a period of consolidation for the Troop. I knew that the strong leadership which Dave Rook had demonstrated was going to be a tough act to follow but I believe that by adopting the same principles as Dave the disruption for the Troop has been minimal. I was, of course, very proud to attend the Chief Scout's Award presentation in Eastleigh, particularly as the recipient was my Son James!



We also managed a couple of meetings out of the hut and at least as many which had to be diverted back into the hut as the weather was not always kind to us! Some of the PL's and APL's attended the County camp at Ferny Croft and of course this report would not be complete without my mention (boast) that we won the District football competition!

So to the future, we await the introduction of the new program to see what challenges it will bring. We also have a Spring Camp planned for May at Pinsent near Winchester, we will be joining the rest of the Group at Ferny Croft in July and the highlight of our year will be our week long Summer camp at Aldershot in August.

All that remains is for me to thank my Leader Team for their support; to Pete Goddard for his unstinting support to the Troop, to my wife Audrey who still has an active Cub Section of her own to deal with, to Dave Eacott who thankfully stepped in this year to join us and last but not least to my Son Gavin who will be leaving us soon to concentrate on his 'A' levels and will hopefully be going to University in September.

Pete Willingham.
(Scout Leader)

Lion Scout Troop

We couldn't resist a Rhodi camp for May Bank Holiday weekend, and it went down so well with the older ones that they begged to go back for Whitsun as well (just the over 14's this time).

A clean sweep at the District Competition Camp - Otters won both the main Gunnell Trophy and the Cooking competition, and Cobras won the Composite Patrol Trophy! This was a tremendous result and demonstrated just how good the standards of Lion Troop have developed. Well done to both patrols. Otter Patrol under the leadership of Edward Harrison then achieved a magnificent 5th place in the County Camping Competition, our best result for many years.



In July, we supported the Mill Rythe Junior School fete again by building the Monkey Bridge of Doom and the Chair of Death. At the end, we challenged the customers to break it, but it survived everything they could throw at it. We put up a marquee at the Inn on the Beach to welcome the returning Paris to Hayling riders. This turned into another engineering challenge, as we could not use pegs in the concrete, and it is a very windy location.

Summer term evenings included games and tent pitching at Northney rec, a climbing evening at Cricket Camp, and the traditional water fight at the beach to end the summer term.

The PL's asked for an activity-based Summer camp, and so we went to a gorgeous little site at Three Cliffs Bay, in The Gower. Highlights were the river running down through the fantastic sandy beach, the cliffs, the castle, the wide games, building land yachts and coracles. And best of all, we woke the older scouts up at 6 am for their Challenge Hike. They were blind-folded and dropped 10 miles up the coast with just map & compass, emergency rations, and whatever kit and sleeping bags they could get in 5 minutes dressing time. Meanwhile, the rest of the troop laid an ambush for their return.

During September we ran a packing service at Sainsbury's to raise money for the World Jamboree.

Autumn term saw the transition from Joy and Wilf to Jim, Lorna and Dominic, and from Thursday night to Friday. We organised a parent's evening to tell everyone what was happening, talk about the changes and the new uniform, and laugh at the Summer Camp pictures.

In October Lion Troop were given their biggest challenge yet. Not only did half the Troop move to the newly set up Explorer Unit, they also had a change of Leaders, as Wilf and Joy Forrow left to start the Explorers and to top it all a change of night from Thursdays to Fridays.

October also saw the return of the now legendary 'Rhodie' Camp. Once again Ashdown Forest's Rhododendrons were decimated as Lions and Explorers set their destructive talents to good use once again, as well as having a lot of fun.

In December we ran a Cooking Competition where each patrol was given a choice of basic ingredients and were given the task of cooking a meal from them adding any other ingredients selected by themselves. This produced some interesting concoctions, worthy of any Chef who applies the art of 'Fusion Cooking'.



(A list of the Recipes is **NOT** currently available on the 3rd Hayling web site).

In February our new PLs and APLs went to the County's PL and APL weekend. Fun was the aim of the camp and they certainly did enjoy the large inflatable slide even though it was raining.



March saw the first camp run by Dominic and myself. We took the scouts to Fernycrofts in the New Forest. Although it was still quite frosty, we all enjoyed a fun weekend, not forgetting Dominic's famous "New Forest Bog Walk". ~~Unfortunately~~ Luckily we all made it back safely.

Throughout the year we have enjoyed a wide game, swimming evening, various challenges in the Scout Hut as well as some badge work and training.

Since October has been seven investitures, including three on my first evening as Scout Leader, as well as the presentation of one Pathfinder award and various proficiency badges with lots more to come in the near future.

Our new PLs and APLs have settled into their new rolls and my thanks goes to Alec Jackson, Jake Wilkinson-Tough, Daniel Hamond and Jonathan Ramsden for their help. My thanks also goes to my assistants, Dominic Howell for his help up until Easter and to Lorna Simpson for her help up until January (Lorna is now enjoying a sabbatical from scouts due to pregnancy, although she now seems to be getting loured away by Cubs.)

What next? Lots more of the same including camps and lots more outdoor activities. We also have the new programme to look forward too so looks like next year will see Lion Troop go from strength (we currently have 22 scouts) to strength. We could always use a little or a lot of help as well as more leaders so why not come along and see just how much fun it can be.

Jim Simpson
(Scout Leader)

Hayling Explorer Unit

The Problem: Across the UK, fewer and fewer scouts were staying on to 15 ½ and even fewer were making it into Ventures. There were many reasons - pressure of school work, peer pressure and lack of street-cred, other attractions, part-time jobs, shortage of leaders, un-exciting programmes, to name but a few.



The Solution: A radically NEW age group for 14-18 year olds, called Explorer Scouts, to be launched in May 2002. But if there were fewer 14-18 year-olds, how would start a new Explorer unit from nothing? And if we're already short of leaders - where would the extra leaders come from?

But 3rd Hayling has always bucked the national trend, with more 15 year olds than ever before in Autumn 2001, all about to leave Scouts. And after over 10 years running cubs and scouts, Joy and Wilf needed a new challenge.

So we had a **unique, one-time** opportunity, and in October 2001, 3rd Hayling's Explorer unit was born. But how do you start up an Explorer Unit? What program would we run? How would it be financed? Nobody knew. Officially, we shouldn't even exist until summer 2002.



We planned our own launch meeting expecting up to 10 boys, but when we walked in, there were 23, including 6 GIRLS! Our first event was 2 days later - the Oxfam Camp at Harting Down, where we pitched the Scout marquee, slept overnight, then marshalled the Oxfam sponsored walk the next day. At the end of October, Joy and I said our farewells to Lion Troop with a joint Rhodi Camp at Ashdown Forest in Sussex. Every scout is 007 - licensed to kill Rhododendron. As Rowan had such a problem getting up, Explorers helped him by cling-filming him vertically to the trunk of a tree, still in his sleeping bag, and still (apparently) asleep.



Evenings are much more free-format than Scouts, and largely run by the Explorers themselves. They have their own programme committee to decide what they want to do. For example, they ran a music quiz, a logo design session, a table tennis tournament, sorted the Christmas Post, a Valentine's Meal, a Duke of Edinburgh's award evening, a school rock concert, film-making, and two video watching evenings. Their

Halloween party included a Harry Potter game of Quidditch for Muggles. They decided to run a Casino evening, dressing up in full evening gear. Unfortunately they 'accidentally' got the genders reversed, so girls came in DJ's, and boys in wigs and evening dresses. What was really worrying was that the boys shaved their legs. They've run a fairground evening, even when the fairground was shut, they've had a scrub clearance evening, and they've also run scout meetings for both Lion and Eagle troops.

Everyone likes beach barbecues - but with typical youthful exuberance, Explorers decided to have theirs on December 21st, in the dark, as a Christmas party (yes it was *!?! freezing).

Our investiture evening set a new record for the number of people invested in one go - 19. And each one had to be wearing the mascot Lion hat, including me.

In February, we joined the County Winter Camp at Fernycroft in the New Forest, where we proved how tough we were by camping out of doors in the February gales and thunderstorms. The climbing tower was probably the most popular activity, closely followed by firelighting (yes, there's no maximum age for pyromaniacs).

We had a joint trip with Ventures to the Derbyshire dales, where we stayed in an old sawmill on the Chatsworth Estate, jumped into the peat bogs, and got a parking ticket. For some reason, a road narrowing sign has to go everywhere with them???? Actually, it did come in handy at the top of the Tower Rock, where it really was very narrow, and I was glad of the warning.

We're planning summer camp at a great new scout camp site near Poole, with lots of activities from beaches to climbing, from quad-biking to rhodi-hacking. We plan a massive aerial runway (otherwise known as a death slide) across the lake.

We helped conservation work at the Oyster beds in Langstone Harbour, and we've put up various marquees for fund-raising and community events. Once the older ones have finished GCSE's, we'll start on the D of E award, which is the mainstay of the new award scheme.

We owe thanks to the District team, and to Ian, who have been extremely supportive, and let us get on and run it in the way we think will appeal to the maximum number of Explorers. And to all the other people who've helped get us, especially Lyn Bedford and Theresa Gifford. We now have stabilised at 18, with more to come up in the Autumn. We could not have wished for a better first six months.

Wilf & Joy Forrow
(Explorer Leaders)

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Treasurer's Report

The accounts this year show an increase in turnover, mainly due to an increase in camps and trips. We have still managed to achieve a small surplus of £555, thanks to some excellent fundraising, especially the Book Fairs. Our thanks must go again to Mark and his team. The Activity Fund has supported the Group Camp and the World Jamboree, half the proceeds from the Christmas Post has kept it topped up.

Fundraising has mainly come from the Book Fairs and another successful Christmas Post, with small profits from Webb Ivory and the Christmas Fun Day. We must maintain our equipment to a high standard and although subscription income is up, we still felt it necessary to increase the subscription again this year. This has the added benefit of claiming back the tax, through Gift Aid. Last year, we received £1260, plus £142 from other donations. This year, we have just received a cheque for £1412 and this figure should now go up by about £250 for next year. Once again, Mandy has worked very hard on all the paperwork and encouraging all parents, who pay tax, to sign up for Gift Aid

Most expenditure has remained at a similar level to last year. Leader training and uniform costs have increased, but because of the major changes in Scouting (both uniform and change of age ranges), this is bound to be high, and will be again this year. Also, equipment expenditure is up. Most was on general repairs, except £504, which was spent on stoves and cooking equipment and this was covered by a most generous donation from Irene Day.

My thanks again to Chris Driscoll for auditing our accounts. A draft copy of the accounts is enclosed with my report. Hopefully, Chris will find all is correct, but if changes are required, the accounts will be re-issued.

Mary Pike

3rd Hayling Scout Group Charity No. 308136
Income and Expenditure Account. Year ended 31st March 2002

2000/01	INCOME	2001/02
5983.25	Subscriptions	6420.27
2128.00	Donations	1279.00
1447.65	Covenant Scheme/Gift Aid	1402.91
107.20	Bank Interest	274.32
305.00	Marquee Loan	130.00
195.21	Photocopying	42.60
7123.64	Money exchange, camps & trips	10153.03
0.00	Miscellaneous	60.00
0.00	World Jamboree	2012.32
1354.01	Fundraising: Webb Ivory	1375.84
0.00	Christmas Fun Day	307.12
1189.73	Christmas Post	1030.38
766.63	Book Fair	1310.89
<u>2045.85</u>	Other events	<u>230.34</u>
22646.17	TOTAL	26029.02

Money held on account

At 31.03.01		At 31.03.02
3258.34	Activities Fund	2616.36
<u>789.66</u>	Camp & Section Funds	<u>546.88</u>
4048.00	TOTAL	3163.24

FUND STATEMENT

7078.28	Deposit Account	6352.60
847.55	Current Account	1156.38
<u>0.00</u>	Cash-in-hand	<u>218.44</u>
7925.83	TOTAL	7727.42
<u>116.00</u>	less: o/s cheques	<u>246.74</u>
7809.83	TOTAL	7480.68
<u>4048.00</u>	Less: Money held on account	<u>3163.24</u>
3761.83		4317.44
	Less: Surplus income over expenditure	<u>555.61</u>
		3761.83

2000/01	EXPENDITURE	2001/02
3826.65	Capitation	3797.35
527.15	Section Allowances	562.11
144.25	Competitions	177.28
450.00	Badges	475.19
197.75	Leader Expenses	594.03
141.59	Photocopier	234.92
765.20	Insurance	784.58
476.91	Group Financial Support	367.27
813.77	HQ: Services	1504.53
1335.75	HQ: Maintenance	1470.33
966.94	Equipment	1503.16
6911.07	Money exchange, camps & trips	10148.69
0.00	World Jamboree	2979.30
944.81	Fundraising: Webb Ivory	1088.69
0.00	Christmas Fun Day	123.86
121.00	Christmas Post	47.91
110.23	Book Fair	137.80
<u>1106.73</u>	Other events	<u>361.17</u>
18839.80	TOTAL	26358.17
1645.00	New Photocopier	0.00
2060.85	New Trailer	0.00
<u>532.37</u>	New Extension Expenditure	<u>0.00</u>
23078.02	TOTAL	26358.17
5049.72	Less: Money held on account 01.04.01	4048.00
4048.00	Plus: Money held on account 31.03.02	3163.24
<u>569.87</u>	Plus: Surplus income over expenditure	<u>555.61</u>
22646.17		26029.02

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 2002

Group Accounts (31st March)

