



3rd Hayling Group

Annual Report *2007 - 2008*



Making Scouting
Fashionable



Roll of Honour 2007 / 2008

Dominic Allgood	Redwood	Bailey MacCallum	Aspen	Beavers Chief Scout's Bronze Award
Matthew Compton	Redwood	Matthew Pickles	Redwood	
James Hoyle	Redwood	Matthew Roberts	Redwood	
Jack Kinsella	Redwood	Freddie Steel	Aspen	
Reuben Knight	Aspen	Alexander Wellbelove	Redwood	
Daniel Law	Redwood			



Ben Adams	Saturn	Aaron Francis- Robertson	Jupiter	Cubs Chief Scout's Silver Award
Lewis Bird	Saturn	Harry Hick	Jupiter	
Alex Blake	Jupiter	Alex Kinsella	Jupiter	
Nathan Bond	Saturn	Rory Kelly	Jupiter	
Hywel Brace	Jupiter	Matthew Wells	Jupiter	
Kaj Carter	Jupiter	Jack West	Jupiter	
Euan Condron	Saturn	George Whipp	Saturn	



Robert Durrell		Eagle Troop	Scouts Chief Scout's Gold Award
Jamie Hallett		Eagle Troop	
Barnabus Pycroft		Eagle Troop	



Dan Bailey	Nexus Unit
Becky Hawke	Nexus Unit
Abi Peett	Nexus Unit
Jordan Reed	Nexus Unit



**Explorer Scouts
Chief Scout's
Platinum Award**

Badge Supporters

We are very grateful to the following businesses, organisations and individuals who have offered to support various badges. Their endorsement of our aims and objectives is very welcome. There are over 150 different badges that a Scout can earn from Beavers to Explorers. If you would like to find out more information or how you can join our list of Badge supporters, please contact Ian Hawke our Group Scout Leader.

Badge			Supporter
 DIY Cub	 DIY Scout		Hayling Hardware Elm Grove
 Book Reader Cubs	 Librarian Scouts	 Writer Scouts	Hayling Bookshop Mengham
 Friendship Challenge Beavers	 Caring Challenge Cubs	 Community Challenge Scouts	Hugh Hickman Estate Agency Mengham
 Health & Fitness Beavers	 The Fitness Challenge Beavers	 The Fitness Challenge Scouts	Jacqui Gray Homeopathy Hayling Island
 Lifesaver Scouts	 Lifesaver Explorers	 Imagination Beavers	Mill Rythe Holiday Village Hayling Island
 Entertainer Cubs	 Entertainer Scouts	 Performing Arts Explorers	
 Camp Cook Scouts			
 Chef Cubs	 Chef Scouts		Cottage Cuisine Hayling Island
 Artist Cubs	 Creative Beavers		Relatively Crafty Elm Grove

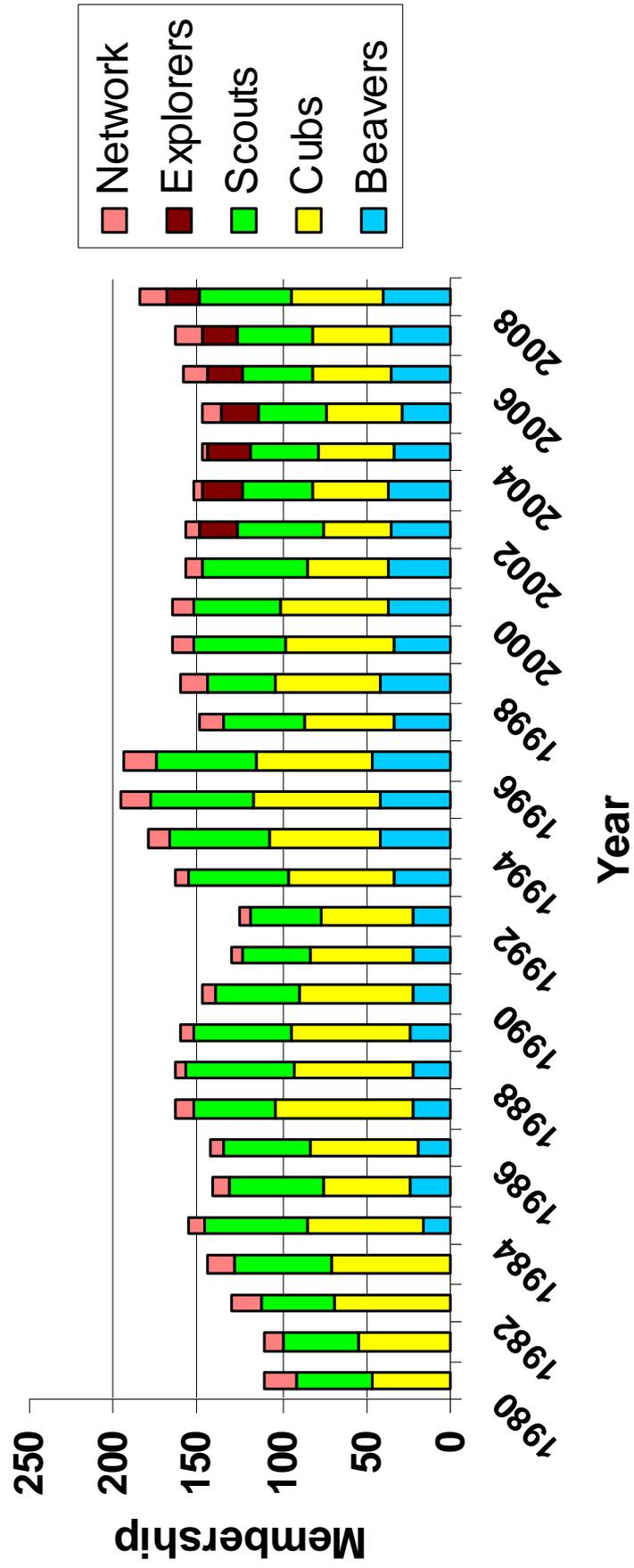
Our Supporters

The companies, organisations and individuals mentioned on this page have supported the Hayling Scout Group throughout the year. Their support could be in the form of a loan of equipment and facilities, financial support or donations, working with us on specific projects or activities, or by choosing to be associated with us and endorsing our goals and objectives for the young people of Hayling Island.

We are very grateful to all of the following for their help and support.

 Association for Charitable Endeavours	 Lions Club Hayling Branch	 Mengham Infant School	 Build Centre Station Road
 Hayling Island Businessmen's Club	 Hayling Island Community Centre	 Hayling Islander Local News	 Bentley Walker Ltd Elm Grove
 Stoke Fruit Farm Havant Road	Stoke Fruit Farm Havant Road	Hayling Hardware Elm Grove	Country Pets Eastoke Corner
Ivor Copeland Heating Engineer	Irene Day	Belmont Hair Care Station Road	Hayling Red Cross Centre Elm Grove
Cards 4 Occasions Mengham	Mill Rythe Holiday Village	Rae's Butchers Mengham	The Hayling College
Richard Card	Solent Motor Services Havant	Mill Rythe Junior School	Hayden's Vehicle Hire Station Road

Youth Membership At 31st January



Group Development Committee 2007-8

Group Scout Leader

Ian Hawke

Officers

Chairman

Dr Philip Blossie

Treasurer

Mary Pike

Secretary

Gill Condron (p)

Specific Roles

HQ Manager

Pete Rowson (p)

Quartermaster

Peter Goddard

Sponsorship

Samantha Mill (p)

Badge Secretary

Nigel Kenny (p)

Wish List Management

Jo Hawley (p)

Trailer Manager

Clive Allgood (p)

Parent Representatives

Ciara Jamieson-Goode (p)

Graham Chapman (p)

Helen Pickles (p)

Uniformed Representatives

Beaver Scouts

Aspen Colony

Sylvi Rigden (p)

Redwood Colony

Linda Hunter (p)

Cub Scouts

Jupiter Pack

Aaron Pycroft (p)

Saturn Pack

Mandy Hawke

Scouts

Eagle Troop

Ed Harrison

Lion Troop

James Perfett

Explorer Scouts

Nexus Unit

Dominic Howell

(p) Indicates parent of section member of Group (Beaver, Cub, Scout, Explorer)

Group Supporting Roles 2007-8

Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary

Gift Aid Coordinator

Subs Administration

Karen Wells

Kim Sparling

Sally Jones / Tracy Knight

Jenny Dimment

HQ Team

HQ Coordinator

HQ Support

Caretaker

HQ Cleaning

Grounds

Lettings Coordinator

Pete Rowson

Alan Perfett

Position Vacant

Luke Rigden

James Perfett / Richard Card

Ian Hawke

Leader Support Team

Badge Secretary

Secondhand Uniform

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator

Wish List Management

Nigel Kenny

Sarah Speller

Terry Brinnen

Jo Hawley

Promotions & Events

Team Manager

Book Sales

Indian Supper

Quiz

Sponsorship Coordinator

Position Vacant

Book Team

Ciara Jamieson-Good

Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault

Position Vacant

Leader Support Service Team

Team Manager

Activities Support Team

Drivers Support Team

Transport Manager

Position Vacant

10 Names

Rob Bond

Position Vacant

Leader Support Skills Team

Life Guards

Archery Team

Air Rifle Team

Hillwalking and Climbing Walls

Canoe Instruction

Jan Allgood / Ali Locke

Paul Jackson

Jamie Bray, Tom Lincoln,

Aaron Pycroft

Ali Locke

Julie Rigden / Alan Oakes

Group Support 2007-8

During the course of the year a number of other people have helped in different ways.

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 Development 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	Photocopying & various other duties
Chris Driscoll	Auditor
Hayling Islander	For their continued Support
ACE / Lions Club	For their financial support and help
HI Businessmen's Club	For their financial support and help
Irene Day	For her continued support to the Group

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

Also those who each year support our Christmas Post Service:

Hayling Hardware	Bentley Walkers
Rae's	Card Boutique
Belmont Barbers	Stoke Fruit Farm
Country Foods	Red Cross Centre

And of course to all individuals and businesses on Hayling who support us and endorse our aims in many ways. These are shown by name earlier in this report.

Obituary

Harold Shenton was a supporter of Hayling Scouts in many ways. During the 1970s and 1980s Harold would often be found at the HQ teaching First Aid to the different sections. Each Easter, along with other members of the Hayling Red Cross, he would organise a full 4-day First Aid course for Scouts, Venture Scouts and Leaders.

Harold was not just involved with First Aid training, however, and we remember his enthusiasm and commitment for our Christmas Fairs where he would normally be found behind the bric-a-brac and book stalls.

We are extremely grateful for Harold's tremendous support and help over many years, and our thoughts and prayers continue to be with his family.

Chairman's Review

There is a 'Buzz' in the Hayling Scout Group! It's the same 'Buzz' that was around after our 75th anniversary celebrations in 2004. But it's not coming from a bee. It is quite simply the buzz of excitement and enthusiasm that has been evident in the Group throughout the year.



One reason has been the activity surrounding the Centenary of Scouting - a year packed full with so many different events that, at one point, we wondered if we were reaching overload! Let me comment on just a couple.



Release of 100 white doves on Sunrise Day

The 'Sunrise Day' event at 8am on the 1st August which I attended in Emsworth was an unbelievably moving experience. Knowing that 26 million Scouts around the World were all re-making their Promise on that day brought into reality the sheer scale and success of the Scout Movement worldwide. The release of 100 white doves added the final touch.

The Hampshire Jamboree in the New Forest was equally memorable for me. It gave many of our young members the opportunity to mix with Scouts from other Groups and other countries in so many different activities - a first time experience for many of them, which I am sure they will never forget.



After the Jamboree, we hosted some Scouts from Ghana in our headquarters for a week and they became almost part of our own Group. Most of them had never been outside Ghana, nor travelled on a train (there are no trains in Ghana) nor swam in the sea because their coast is so polluted. Although I have travelled to Africa on business many times, I was surprised at the sheer enjoyment that everyone from both Ghana and Hayling gained from this hosting. It was quite amazing.

The other reason why there is such a buzz in the Scout Group is that the profile of Scouting both locally and nationally has changed significantly as a result of the Centenary Celebrations, which have made such a favourable impact publicly that the effects have been far-reaching. We are seeing increasing numbers across all our sections on Hayling and at all ages - an amazing 20% increase, making us now the largest Group in Hampshire. I am sure that no one would have predicted this scenario a few years ago when numbers were declining nationally. This increase locally is also the result of the efforts of a very motivated team of Leaders and helpers who have developed programmes and activities that our young people find stimulating and enjoyable.

As Chairman of the Group I have to consider the consequences of this growth and we set out last year our new five year plan called 'Looking Outwards' with its slogan 'Making Scouting Fashionable'.



I believe the plan has received a good 'kick start' already. However, we have to consider factors such as resources, equipment, buildings etc to ensure our Leaders receive the support they need. For example, good communication is the life blood of an efficient organisation. On Hayling, we have introduced many initiatives to enhance communication not only within the Group but also in the Community. We have regular articles in the Hayling Islander prepared by Ian Hawke. The website, also managed by Ian Hawke, is one of the best I have seen and our newsletter, The Woggle, (you guessed - managed by Ian Hawke) is issued monthly both on the website and also as hard copy - and now in colour! We also have an active e-mail communication system.

Despite the increasing importance of electronic communication, printed material continues to be a vital format. Last year we photocopied nearly 20,000 pages in black and white and printed several thousand colour pages. This Annual Report is just one example of the output.

However our black and white copier and colour printers are running out of steam and are very slow. The alternative of outsourcing is very expensive and less convenient. To address this urgent problem, we have decided to purchase a modern, fast, high definition, all-in-one digital printer, photocopier and scanner - described today as a multifunctional 'Workcentre'.



Although the capital outlay is high, it will give us considerable annual cost savings as well as much improved capability for the foreseeable future. We have launched a Fundraising Appeal for £3000 and further details of this appeal are available.

I must finish this review on two very important points. Firstly, I would like to thank our Group Development Team who help Ian Hawke and me in the management and development of the Group. They are the silent workers behind the scenes and I must thank them for the good work they do.

And last but not least, I cannot say how delighted I was to hear that Ian Hawke had been awarded the Silver Wolf, the highest award for service to Scouting. I have been working with Ian for a long time and have seen at first hand, the level of enthusiasm and effort that he dedicates to Scouting. As Group Scout Leader, he has built on the solid foundations laid by his predecessors, and most importantly has shown initiative and creativity whilst at the same time maintaining the standards and values that have kept the Scout Movement strong for over 100 years. Well earned and well deserved Ian.

We can look forward to another busy year with much optimism and anticipation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Blossie', with a horizontal line underneath.

Dr. Philip Blossie
Chairman

Group Scout Leader's Report

Another year completed and oh what a year!

In my 39 years as a Leader, I have never known such a busy and fun-packed year and although the Centenary celebrations officially ended on the 31st December 2007, ours continued into the first three months of 2008 with "Our Show".

We all have our own memories of the events of the past 12 months, whether it be the wet camp, in May, the Dragon Boating at h007, the Doves on Sunrise Day, Bring a Friend evenings with over 40 people in the HQ, the Explorer Sketch at Our Show or just the fact that we all wore a different neckerchief for the year - with badges on the back. I am sure that every member of the Group will remember something of Centenary Year for the rest of their lives - I know I will.

Young people need these extra events which offer fun and excitement, but Scouting survives and thrives because of the weekly meetings. To be successful these need to offer challenge and variety, be held indoors and outdoors, provide new learning mixed with enjoyable games but most of all provide a structure that creates a safe environment for those in our care.

I believe that we are lucky on Hayling to have Leaders who meet all of these basic needs which is best demonstrated by the facts that:

- We have grown by nearly 20% in the past year and are now the largest Group in Hampshire. In January the youth membership (ages 6 to 18) was 185.
- Over 500 Challenge and activity badges were presented
- 32 received the Chief Scout's Award, the top awards for each section
- Weekly programmes have been themed around food, cooking, fires, craft, visits to and from local services, health, sport as well as many more traditional Scouting skills. (Teaching 24 Beavers the Reef Knot is fun!!).
- Games continue to be varied and focus on letting off energy, stealth, teamwork, initiative, but most of all FUN.

Outside of the weekly meetings:

- We regularly see 75% (or more) of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers taking part in events outside of the weekly meeting.
- Over 1000 nights were spent in camp across the Group

- We have been seen helping at Church Fetes, the Businessmen's club BBQ, running Auctions or Bring and Buy for other organisations such as the RNLI, Gardening, organising Car Parking at events, acting as fence marshals at a Horse Show, clearing camp sites and woodland, and other service activities.
- Over 60 members of the Group took part in the "Round Langstone Walk" organised by the Lions Club
- We participated in the Hayling Island Remembrance Day Service where once again we were the largest organisation on parade, Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church and joined with Havant District for St George's Day.

To all of our Leaders, thank you for the sterling work you do for the young people of Hayling Island, and to the many parents who not only ferry their children to events but often join in, a big thank you as well.

During the year we have said goodbye (temporarily of course) to Shelley and Sylvi (Beaver Leaders) and to Sam (Committee) - thank you all for your support over many years. However, we are lucky to have three new leaders, Sarah and Jan with Beavers, and Shawn with Cubs, as well as Jamie who has been through Scouts and Explorers and has now taken out a Leader Warrant.

Back to H007. Following the jamboree in the New Forest, we hosted 24 Cubs, Scouts and Leaders from Ghana at our HQ. This was a great time for all involved when we were able to walk around Hayling, take them into Portsmouth and up the Spinnaker Tower and held a BBQ in their honour with members from the Group. What was fantastic to see was a simple game of football taking part in West Town with some of the local lads (not Scouts) challenging our friends from Ghana to a game.

Oh, by the way - for most of the Ghanaians the train journey to Portsmouth was their first experience of train travel and the impromptu swim in the sea on Hayling was also a first!

Although every person involved with Hayling Scouts is a volunteer and gives freely of their time, you will see from this report that there is still a significant cost in providing the equipment, facilities, insurance, badges etc. Whilst a lot of this funding comes from subscriptions, we continue to look at other means of raising funds as a key part of our annual programme. Our annual events such as the Quiz, Xmas Post, Indian Supper and Book Sales represent a major contribution but so is

the support we get from other Island-based organisations, whether this be direct funding or the opportunity to earn money.

The Association of Charitable Endeavours (ACE - Paris to Hayling Cycle Ride), the Lions Club (Langstone Walk), the Businessmen's Club (BBQ and community minibus) provide these opportunities or direct help each year along with individuals who have supported us over many years.



In the past 12 months the Hayling College helped us with "Our Show", both in the use of facilities but also with direct help from the school Caretaker staff, and we feel privileged that the Hayling Islander chose us as the Charity of choice for a donation from the sales of their annual Calendar. The picture shows Andrew Griffin, the editor of the Islander presenting the cheque to George and Harry Ewens of Saturn Pack.

Elsewhere in this report you will see the many other organisations and individuals who help us - thank you for your endorsement of our objectives and the support you give to the young people of Hayling.

Scouting is a team game. In our team we have the Leaders who work directly with the young people, the individuals, businesses or organisations who help us financially or other means of support, the Parents who get involved in so many ways and our Group Development Team (previously known as the Executive Committee) who are always so positive about what we can achieve to ensure the Leaders have what they need. It is my pleasure to work with you all. I would especially like to thank the efforts of Phil Blossie, our Group Chairman. We have made many changes over the years and throughout them all Phil has been consistent in his enthusiasm and support - even for some of my wilder ideas! And who, with his wife Val, identifies my spelling mistakes before spending hours at the photocopier!

Finally, my thanks to Mandy who puts up with a lot from me and is the main reason I can continue to play at this Scouting game.

Ian

Treasurer's Report

We have consolidated our financial position this year, which has put us on a firm footing for future expenditure, with £2000 in both the Building Fund and Scout Development Fund. Our income from subscriptions has risen significantly reflecting an increase in Group numbers. Our fundraising events have again supported our funds extremely well, with the Gang Show giving the funds an added boost of over £1000. We have spent over £1400 on new tables and nearly £1000 on shooting equipment. In addition, the headquarters' kitchen has been refurbished and has a new gas cooker.

Again this year, the Explorer Scouts are currently District-based and their accounts have to be included with Havant District. To simplify the accounting, it is shown on our Accounts as a deduction on income for their subscriptions and a deduction on expenditure of the same amount for capitation and use of facilities.

My thanks, again, to Chris Driscoll for auditing our accounts. These accounts are at present unaudited, as this time of year both myself and Chris are extremely busy, but I am sure the draft represents a true summary of our financial affairs.

Mary Pike

3rd Hayling Scout Group Charity No. 308136
Income and Expenditure Account. Year ended 31st March 2008

2006/07	INCOME	2007/08	2006/07	EXPENDITURE	2007/08
7992.20	Subscriptions	9521.00	4573.45	Capitation	5585.40
7078.40	Donations	1017.00	764.38	Section Allowances	905.71
803.68	Bank Interest	948.58	393.43	Competitions	304.13
3403.32	Gift Aid	1731.97	904.00	Badges	450.00
470.00	Facilities hire (HQ and Marquee)	530.00	58.79	Leader Uniform and Training	1049.99
0.00	Photocopying	0.00	1515.00	Centenary neckerchiefs	0.00
14633.60	Money exchange, camps & trips	15480.79	241.57	Photocopier	214.19
1714.45	World Jamboree	70.50	953.70	Insurance	1008.81
34.94	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	5.00	1693.79	General expenses	1261.92
201.00	Badge sponsorship	130.00	1928.15	HQ: Services	1916.52
972.00	Fundraising: Quiz	1165.00	1379.00	HQ: Maintenance	1092.96
0.00	Gang Show	1283.80	1393.89	Equipment	3905.92
899.77	Christmas Post	955.80	16156.29	Money exchange, camps & trips	12397.24
1587.96	Book Fair	1384.07	1760.00	World Jamboree / Miscellaneous	288.14
1679.20	100 club	1704.00	337.49	Duke of Edinburgh Award expenditure	0.00
963.81	Other events(fireworks,etc)	847.10	273.20	Fundraising: Quiz	320.00
42434.33	TOTAL	36774.61	122.00	Christmas Post	0.00
<u>1650.00</u>	less: Explorer subs accounted for	<u>1386.00</u>	152.64	Book Fair	152.62
40784.33	by District	35388.61	1146.00	100 club	1048.00
			<u>386.50</u>	Other events	<u>749.36</u>
			36133.27	TOTAL	<u>32650.91</u>
			<u>6858.00</u>	Windows & Doors/Kitchen & curtains	<u>2725.41</u>
			42991.27	TOTAL	35376.32
			<u>1650.00</u>	less: Capitation and use of facilities	<u>1386.00</u>
			41341.27	by Explorers accounted for by District	33990.52
			10377.65	Less: Money held on account 01.04.07	9157.00
			9157.00	Plus: Money held on account 31.03.08	10461.00
			<u>663.71</u>	Plus: Surplus	<u>94.29</u>
			40784.33	Money held on account	35388.61
			At 31.03.07	At 31.03.08	At 31.03.08
			850.00	100 club prizes	1050.00
			3346.00	Activities Fund	3251.00
			2000.00	Scout Development Fund	2000.00
			2107.00	Building Fund	2000.00
			<u>854.00</u>	Camp & Section Funds	<u>2160.00</u>
			9157.00	TOTAL	10461.00

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 June 2008

Aspen Beaver Colony

One World One Promise

2007, this was going to be a year to remember - Scouting's 100th year!!! Aspen decided to follow the Centenary programme, and we started the Scouting year with our annual visit to the St. George's Day Service to renew our Promises. To make a change, for a year we all got to wear colourful Centenary neckies, which had a collection of badges to sew on to the back.

Then it was all go!!! We began a 2007 diary. In this we put the hand prints and names of every Beaver who was in the Colony in 2007, and all through the year we added pictures and work that the Beavers have done. We set ourselves a Centenary Challenge - to play 100 different games for 100 years of Scouting. At the time, in April, this seemed quite an easy task, but, by November, we had found out it wasn't easy at all!

We had a lot of choice within the programme for things to do. It was divided up into months, and each month had a different theme.



April was based around St. George, so we made swords and had a Knights Tournament. In May, everyone invited a friend along to Beavers for the 'Bring a Friend' badge for the Centenary neckies. Even I bought a friend! We did biscuit decorating, games and craft using the obligatory glue and glitter. We not only gained our badge but a new Leader as well! Welcome on board Sarah!

In June we were thinking about 'Changing our World'. Some of the boys drew pictures of bad things and some drew good things. Then we cut out a big world which we decided to colour using a mosaic technique of paper bits cut from magazines. We put the bad pictures on one side with an arrow to the good pictures on the other. WHY is it that what seems like a good idea on paper always goes pear shaped in reality! It took so long to do; the

parents were sticking on bits of coloured paper while they were waiting for us to clear up!

In July we had a 'Back to Front' night which proved interesting - we wore our neckties the wrong way and started with the Beaver shout, taking the Flag Down, and finished with Flag Break, putting the Flag up. We did mirror pictures with paint and played our games the wrong way round.

On Sat 7th July we had a Tiger Afternoon at the hut. For 2½ hours we put on a variety of activities and charged the Beavers to come. We managed to raise £48 to pay for our WWL Tiger for another year. We finished the term with a fun hour at the Sand Park on Hayling Seafront.

August 1st Sunrise Day

Aspen Beavers joined about 5000 other Scouts from all over Hampshire and other parts of the world in the New Forest for a celebration of 100 years of Scouting.

We started the day in Emsworth Square at 8am, when all Scouts all over the World renewed their Promise. We had a Service of thanksgiving and afterwards some of the Beavers helped to open 2 baskets which released 100 white doves into the morning sky to symbolise the dove of Peace on the world flag and 100 years of Scouting. These Doves are what the Aspen boys seem to remember the most - they flew round and round, changing from silver to white to silver again, then they disappeared over the rooftops. The Leader started on with the service only for the doves to reappear, the boys all shouted and pointed. The doves fly away. The Leader starts again and who should reappear? The Doves, much to the excitement of the boys and the frustration of the Leader! In the end he just carried on, ignoring the distraction.



Then we were on the Coach and off for a day of fun. 12 Aspen Beavers went along with Sam Mill and Jeanette Lincoln helping, and what a busy day of fun we had! We started with games in the woods with the Cubs, lunch, a parade, and then lots of brilliant activities. The Beavers did 'ice' skating, a rubber ring slide, grass skiing, bouncy castles, climbing walls, and radio controlled

cars. Sam, Jeanette and I were exhausted keeping tabs on them all! Then we had a BBQ and a Campfire before heading home. What a day!

September saw the arrival of Jacko to help us! We started the new term with a listening walk along the Billy Track. I actually could only hear noisy children and cars, but they assured me that they heard birds and rabbits?

On November 5th Aspen Beavers was 15 years old, so we invited Sue Rook, who started Aspen Colony, along to a birthday party, and Tom came too as he had joined in the first year. We had a cake and fireworks and did a quiz.

While we were doing all these activities we were trying to get to grips with our 100 year challenge. By now, the boys were very determined to achieve the 100 games for 100 years and were always asking how many we had to go. Archery kept us busy until the sleepover. All the Beavers attended the 3rd Aspen Sleepover. We had a really fun time with craft, cooking, duplo, games, a film and an assault course. We finished 2007 with a party where we played lots and lots and lots of games, and, yes, we did manage to play 100 different games for 100 years of Scouting.

2008 started all topsy-turvy with the usual programme out of the window, because it was decided that 3rd Hayling should do a 'Gang Show'. We spent the first half of the term practising our sketch and playing games. It was hard work for the Beavers but when it came to 'show time' they weren't bad, and Saturday Evening's performance was quite a highlight to finish the project. To finish the Scouting year we made Welsh cakes, Mothers' Day cards and chocolate Easter Nests, mixed up with the usual ingredients of games and FUN and lots of NOISE!!!!!!

I would like to give a big thank you to Jacko, Sarah, Julie, and Liam, who all work so well together as a team, and have put in a huge effort this year. Thank you, Tom, for all the odds and ends you've done for us all year. Thank you, Claire and Robert, for helping out on the Sleepover, although we didn't get much sleep! Thank you, Jeanette and Sam, for helping out with Sunrise Day, which was a day to remember! And a big thank you to all the parents for their continual support with whatever we come up with.

Sylvi (Fox)

Redwood Beaver Colony

I must be enjoying myself, or getting very old, because I can't believe it's report time. Where has the year gone?

I would like to start by thanking my team who have stayed the same this year, with the exception of Jake Whistlecraft who has moved on to make way for Mathew Kenny. The older Scouts in the Group can come to Beavers to gain their service section of the Gold Award and we are very privileged to have them as part of our team.

We started off the year working towards the Outdoor Challenge Badge. We had a ramble down the Billy Trail, made a collage and learnt about the Country code. Ian Hawke came in and ran an evening on knots. Trying to show and guide 23 Beavers how to pass rope from left to right and right to left doesn't sound too hard but, by golly, it wasn't long before we were in a right pickle. Thanks to Ed, our trusty Scout Leader and any other able bodied adult we could muster, we cracked it and the reef knot was conquered. We prepared and cooked a stir-fry which went down a treat with both Beavers and parents, and had a games evening on the Beach. We ran a bring a friend evening which gave them another badge for their Centenary neckerchiefs, where we played games and tried to control 40 children. What a headache, but it was a very successful evening. We also visited the Station Theatre where we were given a tour and explained how the shows are put on. Then in groups the Beavers were given props and costumes and asked to put on their own show. The acts were all completely different and very entertaining with some of the Beavers really showing off their talents. Everyone had a great time and all the Beavers behaved themselves exceptionally well.

The May bank holiday weekend was a very wet and windy affair. Beavers joined in on the Sunday with over 1,000 Scouts from the area gathering on Hayling to have a fun day. Although a lot of the activities could not run because of the weather, that didn't stop our Beavers from having a wonderful time. It just goes to show mud, cow pats and rain make for FUN.

For Fathers' day we made mosaic photo frames. This was a new skill and earned them their Creative Badge. We also worked on the Safety Badge,

which entailed various activities including learning about the Green Cross Code, water safety, stranger danger and dangers in the home. We ended the term with a family B.B.Q on the Beach where food and drink were consumed in gale force conditions.

On Wednesday 1st August Sunrise Day we joined in making our promise and the fun celebrations of the Centenary camp. It was an early start, 6.45am for the coach to Emsworth and then on to the New Forest. There were so many exciting things to do at the camp and we set to climbing, bouncing, juggling, skiing and so on. Everyone was given a special T-shirt and badge for their neckerchief and the day was finished off with a traditional camp fire. We all had a wonderful day and I am sure it will be one that will live in the Beavers' memories.



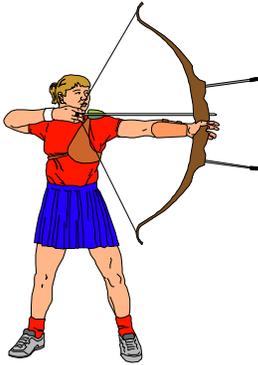
September arrived and onto the Friendship Challenge. Beavers completed a personal information sheet, which included drawing around their hands and feet and telling us about their hobbies and family. We spent an evening visiting New Zealand playing baa-ing lambs and making kiwi trifles. We also visited Japan, making sushi sweets, coloured in their flag and hearing a folk law story. They tried Japanese crackers and sweets which we all liked and the evening was rounded off by a very entertaining Sumo Wrestling competition which included a fine match between Mathew Kenny and Aaron Pycroft demonstrating that Cub Leaders are game for anything!

A very special evening was had when we held an Auction in Aid of Charity Work in Gambia that my daughter Shona was undertaking. Everyone brought in toys and games, which were auctioned off by our intrepid Leader Ian Hawke. We sold refreshments and made a fantastic £93. Parents also donated a huge number of medical supplies, which Shona took with her and distributed to the villagers at open clinics. We were astounded by the generosity of people and thank you warmly.

On Saturday 13th October we went on a visit to Moors Valley. Several parents came with us and we all had a smashing day doing the play trail and using the adventure equipment. Ice cream and sandwiches were consumed in the sun and we all went home exhausted but happy.

We completed the 1st Aid Badge with Tony Baker coming in and teaching the Beavers vital first aid skills. Oh, what fun you can have with a bandage. The

experiment badge evening was run by Jan and Zach Allgood with bases including walkie talkies, refraction, bobbing raisins and exploding pots.



We held another very successful Archery evening with Jacko as our instructor. We held a Hallowe'en evening making jeering jars, pumpkin masks and playing games. Some Beavers dressed up and sweets were handed out. We made Christingles and decorated foam trees and snowmen and finished the term with a Christmas fancy dress party playing traditional games and eating lots of naughty things.

2008 started with preparations for our Gang Show. We decided on a theme of sport with a touch of Scouting and set to with rehearsals most weeks until the show. We plumped for 3 separate sections. Firstly we opened with our take on the New Zealand Haka. Then we sang a compilation of sporting and Scouting songs and finished off with sporting heroes. This was challenging for the Beavers and I would like to say how proud I was of all of them. They overcame their nerves and put on a fantastic performance.

After such a gruelling start to the term we decided to take the Beavers to the Horizon Playzone where they could let off steam, which they certainly did. We went swimming at Mill Rythe with Jan in charge as our life guard, playing races and just mucking around in the water and finished off our Friendship badge work with a healthy eating evening making savoury and sweet sandwiches and fresh juice in a juicer.

During the year over 120 Activity badges were presented including topics such as Healthy Eating, Experiment, Friendship, Faith, Outdoor Challenge, Hikes Away, First Aid and Creative.

This year has been fantastic, but by far my most memorable moment was standing in Emsworth on a beautiful, bright and sunny morning with my Beavers alongside other Scout members and, after renewing our promise, watching 100 white doves fly into the air. They circled around until they all found one another and, as one, flew in ever higher and larger circles until finally leaving our sight. Just like us, all individual but joining together as an ever-growing family.

Linda Hunter

Jupiter Cub Pack

Hit me with that widdle stick!

Firstly the "thanks."

It has been a truly fantastic year, in the kind of relentless way that only Scouting can be. The Centenary year had a "full on" programme of activities, the momentum of which propelled us into 2008 with us planning and delivering the Gang Show, rather than taking a break. I don't think that we've had time to catch our breath. Alongside this one of the main features of the year has been the steady growth in numbers, and also with more parents becoming involved in helping out in a variety of ways. I thought that it would be useful to show how much effort goes into delivering a programme for Cubs, and the range of people involved, from Leaders in other sections through to the parents. This is not intended as a definitive list, but is also a really big thank you to everyone who helps. Even the smallest contribution makes a huge difference to the children who are benefiting from the range of activities that we are able to offer.

Simon Rigden	Helps weekly
Barnabas Pycroft	Eagles/Young leader helps weekly
Tracy Knight	Parent/collects subs
Jan Allgood	Parent/Beaver Leader/Helping at camp and pack meetings
Zac Allgood	Explorer/ helping set up camp
Edd Harrison	Leader Eagles, always there when you need him.
Fiona Harrison	Asst Leader Saturn Pack helping at Pirate Camp
Jacko	Asst Leader Saturn helping at Pirate and Jupiter camp/running archery
Shawn Lambert	Asst Leader Saturn helping at Jupiter Camp and Pirate Camp
Rob Bond	Land owner and helping at Pirate Camp. Allowing us to plant trees
Adrian Carter	Parent/Assisting with air rifle shooting and football

Geoff Hick	Parent/helping to load trailer for camp
Will Nelson	Eagles Young Leader helping at camp
Michael Kenney	Lions Young Leader helping at camp
Roz Francis-Robertson	Parent/unloading trailer from camp
Tanya and Phil Godwin	Helping at pack meetings/unloading trailer from camp/football gear
Dave, Oliver and Sam Heath	Andrea's long suffering family/Unloading camp trailer
Angie and Stuart Chevalier-Watts	Parents/ packing up after camp
Lilly Chevalier-Watts	Lion Troop packing up after camp
Jacqui Gray	Helping at Pack Meetings
Shelley West	Parent/helping at camp
Nicky Pycroft	Parent/phone calls, fetching, carrying for camp
Jamie MaCallum	Rabbits and Mackerel for wilderness cookery
Claire Ashley	Beaver/Scout Leader/helps at camp

I also want to say a really big "thank you" to Phil and the Executive Committee for doing such a fantastic job, on providing a well-resourced Scout Group. When we go out to play, or need new equipment, the resources are there and likewise, from a section Leader's perspective Mary Pike makes the money side of things really straight forward. Nigel Kenney sorts the badges and Ian Hawke is fantastic in his support and practical assistance at all levels. *A big thank you to you all from Jupiter Pack.*

Secondly, what we have mostly been doing!

Our Centenary celebrations as a District got off to a very wet start with a camp at Northney last May Bank Holiday. We had to leave early due to atrocious weather, but the Cubs took it all in their stride, and were eagerly looking forward to the next camp. We joined in with Hampshire 007, and started the day in Emsworth Square to mark Sunrise Day before going on to have a great day in the New Forest. This was a memorable occasion, and it was very moving to be a part of it.

In September we held a joint camp with Saturn Pack at Copse Meadow Farm on the theme of Pirates. The weather was great and we did a whole load of pirate stuff, like walking the plank, raft building, eating loads and

singing yo ho holl! We ran Captain Jack Sparrow out of Chichester Harbour and found Davey Jones' Locker, what more could you ask for?

The Gang Show was a tremendous occasion, and we were incredibly proud of how the Cubs rehearsed week in and week out for six weeks, to plan and deliver their sketches and songs. They were fabulous, and in fact during the performances kept their heads when I managed to lose mine, which had seemed to follow that elusive piece of paper with the running order on!

During all of this the Cubs have of course been earning activity badges and challenge badges towards their Chief Scout's Silver Award. We are very proud that every Cub from Jupiter who moves onto Scouts does so having achieved their top award. This reflects a huge amount of commitment from the Cubs and their families.

Badge	Number	Badge	Number
Astronomy	1	Creative challenge	25
Chef	7	Entertainer	25
Outdoor challenge	10	Sports enthusiast	14
Adventurer	16	Map reader	13
DIY	4	Nights away x 1	5
Hobbies	1	Nights away x 5	11
Home help	1	Camper	2
My faith	1	Hikes away x 1	7
IT stage 1	3	Hikes away x 5	3
Artist	3	Swimming stage 2	3
Local knowledge	1	Swimming stage 3	2
Grand Total			158

We entered the District Six-a-Side Football Competition as defending champions, thinking that we were in with a good chance of retaining our title. This year we were able to field two teams, with some of the younger Cubs in a "B" side, who played well but did not get through the group stages. The "A" team took us all the way to the final where we lost a thrilling match 2-1, to none other than Saturn Pack. There is nobody, of course (ahem), that we (ahem) would rather (ahem) lose to than (ahem) Saturn! Well done, Saturn (honest).

For the purposes of this report our year has ended with our Section Camp at Lyons Copse at the end of April. We have had quite a few new members join this year, and this gave an opportunity for some of the youngsters to camp for the first time, and for us all to get to know one another in a way that only camping can offer. We actually managed some sleep on the Friday night, although inevitably the first kick of a football was at about 5am on the Saturday! However the whole experience is perhaps best described in the words of Freddie Steel, in which he sums up the trials, tribulations and above all triumphs of being a Cub Scout, and with the eloquence that only a child genuinely has. Imagine the scenario, I was sat around the campfire on the Saturday evening, and everyone was nodding off after a very long and hot day (well, I say "everyone!"). Suddenly I felt something being thrust into my hand, I opened a bleary eye to see Freddie (aged eight years) giving me a piece of paper, which he asked me to read. Before I proceed to divulge the contents, I need to explain that one of the activity bases that we had done that day was whittling, which some of the younger Cubs had thought was called "widdling." Fortunately the error was semantic rather than practical, and there were no unfortunate mishaps!! Anyway here goes:

To the Leaders

Thank you for this fantastic camp. It is a shame that my stick has a problem. And I do not know how my voice went it might be that I was shouting to much. It might be better next weke. At least I widdled the stick before it broke. The food was gogies. Shame my plate broke. I got very muddy on the asult course.

Thank you

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Thank you to Freddie and to all the members of Jupiter Pack for a truly memorable year.

Aaron Pycroft
Andrea Heath
Simon Rigden
Barnabas Pycroft

Saturn Cub Pack

Saturn Pack has had another exciting year, with the usual Scouting challenges. Cubs continue to find matches and wood, particularly if some food is added, a major event! Our weekly meetings of challenges, games, knots, teamwork, fire lighting, cooking, and swimming have continued. We have tackled the Athletes, Chef, Navigator and Road Safety badges along with the Global, Fitness, Outdoor, Creative and Caring challenges.

The Sixers have enjoyed the challenge of running some weekly meetings with their own ideas and games. They do this as part of gaining the Chief Scout's Silver Award as well as trying to improve or do something that they find difficult; some interesting examples this year are, eating all of his packed lunch, reading a book, improving behaviour in the school classroom!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have attended the District St. George's Day service, Lions walk, and Harvest Festival and Christingle services. The Sunrise Day, when we renewed our Promise at 8.00am along with all Scouts throughout the world, was a great event. To see 100 doves flying free in Emsworth Square was a really spectacular moment. From there we went onto the New Forest to take part in the 007 camp with many other Scouts from across Hampshire and some from other counties. It was a busy day with the chance to take part in many challenges and activities.



There were two camps. The first was on the May bank holiday weekend where, true to form, we had very heavy rain and lots of mud. Unfortunately, it was so wet and muddy that many activities could not run and the camp had to be abandoned, but the Cubs said they had a great time.

Jacko and Fiona are to be commended, along with all of the Hayling Leaders, for making it as much fun as they could and then having to make the decision to end early in the best interests of the Cubs.

A joint Jupiter and Saturn camp followed in September, which was drier and a great success - even if some Cubs could be found guilty of not washing properly after being on the water shoot! A mysterious rash appeared on

those who did not rinse themselves well - they have been warned for future events! It is always good for both Packs to link up and do things together and we are grateful to Jupiter Leaders for inviting us again.

The spring term, of course, saw us spending our Pack nights rehearsing our bit for the *Group Gang Show* and what fun we all had. The Cubs really got into the acting spirit and still we have to be careful not to talk about "village people".



We took part in the District Six-a-Side football competition and eventually met Jupiter (last year's winners) in the final, having won all our matches. Gary Boltwood managed the team to success and then took the Cubs onto the County Final in Southampton. Adrian Wells had to referee at both events - thanks to both Dads for your help, and the rest of the parents who came along to support us.

We had a variety of badges awarded again this year: 9 1st Stage Swimmer, 4 2nd Stage Swimmer, 3 Skater, 19 Road Safety, 24 Chef, 10 Collectors, 9 Artist, and 5 Martial Arts. We also had 7 Outdoor, 12 Fitness, 6 Caring, 13 Creative Challenges.

We have had help from Robert Durrell and Will Nelson, two Scouts who are doing the service part for their awards. It is a really good way for Cubs to meet Scouts, which helps with the smooth transfer of Cubs to Scouts. Thank you, Rob and Will.

I was also lucky enough to have Shawn Lambert volunteer his services to the Pack when I visited him to bring his son into Cubs!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It was a baptism of fire, as within two weeks he was attending the Jupiter/Saturn camp, and in uniform a few weeks later, and he has added skills to our Leader team. (He has also given Jacko a bit of male support!)

Jacko, Fiona and Rebecca have continued as part of the team, which has been great and essential as Pack numbers throughout the year have grown. We have had to make a fifth Six and it has only been possible because of their weekly commitment and enthusiasm. Thank you all.

As usual the Pack has great parental support and we are lucky to always get help when we ask for it. A special thanks to Nigel Kenny who copes with my panic badge orders.

Thank you all for your support.

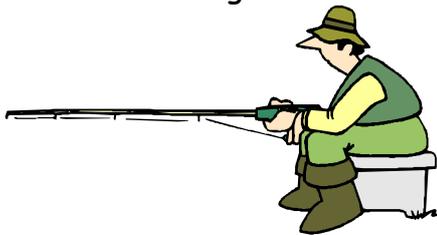
Mandy Hawke

Eagle Scout Troop

Having just read last year's annual report, it has come to my attention that the Leaders of Eagle Troop are mad. What it appears we have done over the last year is everything we did the previous year, and then some more... with even more Scouts. Please have your copy of last year's report at hand for cross-referencing.

So, last year I left you at the point where we had just completed the Lions Walk and were on the brink of the main camping season. And camp we did. During the rest of the term we attended two weekend camps. Firstly, the thunderstorm known as "District Camp", where the fun was relocated to the hut after the severe weather warning hit Hayling hard. Secondly, Gunnell: 3 patrols entered and did Eagle Troop proud. The site was a farmer's field and chickens could be seen running through well-pitched nijers and pioneered gateways.

The rest of the Troop evenings consisted of Gunnell training and other important skills needed for camp: Nijer pitching, hand axe & knife, cooking and outdoor pioneering. We also had a visit from the police (educational, but also a good opportunity to hand over Dave). The bring-a-friend evening saw the hut stretched to bursting point, with plenty of classic Scouting activities.



And finally an Eagle Troop first, Mackerel fishing. With some expert help we cast our rods off the shore at Eastoke. Mackerel were caught, killed, prepared, cooked and eaten, all on the beach. This was a real challenge for most Scouts and Leaders. I

think it important that we all see where our food is coming from, a far cry from fish fingers. It was an evening that was highly enjoyed by everyone, and will recur in the Eagle Troop's repertoire.

This leaves one small thing to finish off the term, Summer Camp! H007! We joined 5000 other Scouts, of all ages, some from the other side of the world, to camp for a week in the New Forest. Everything about the week was vast. Every Scout was able to go on every activity. The activities were split into zones. Some were familiar to our summer camps, like camp cooking and rock climbing. Others were not, to name a few:

Laser Quest, Ice Slope, Mountain Biking, Simulators and lots of Inflatables.

The three things that I will always remember are:

- Hiking miles across the site with all our kit, wading through ankle deep mud all the way. When we reached our site it was just a marsh. However, by the time our tents arrived it had dried enough to pitch on. By the end of the week the good weather had dried the whole site.
- My own experience of leading a campfire for 2,500 people, a highlight of my Scouting career.
- When my Scouts offered to pitch and take down the nijers we were lending to the Ghanaian Scouts.

The Troop really were a pleasure to camp with. I know the 3 patrols from Eagle Troop really enjoyed their week of Scouting and meeting so many other Scouts. The camp was exhausting, but because of the non-stop fun that was being had by all.

Stand by to cross-reference. The Autumn term saw the return of some of our favourite evenings: Fire lighting, Wide games (2 lots), Conkers, Snakes & Ladders (Pioneering), Graveyard Hike, Casino Evening and Cooking.

On top of this we ran the following:

- DIY Circus - In the middle of Northwood field we had our own floodlit circus tent. Complete with tightrope. We all had a go at all the different performances. To top it off, Matt Pike came and juggled fire clubs for us.
- Beaver Evening - Linda came and ran an evening of Beaver activities. Lots of Beaver games and even a craft activity (something Eagle Troop Leaders aren't very good at).
- Great Escape II - We joined Lion Troop for an excellent night hike. Luke was the only one to get his patrol lost - he assures us it was only so he could demonstrate his navigation skills in retracing his steps.



The spring term was dominated by the Gang Show. Barnabas was given the challenge of writing, leading and directing our input to finish off his Chief Scout Gold award. He created a masterpiece that was rehearsed over two evenings, we got to the dress

rehearsal... and discovered it wouldn't work. Two days before the first performance Barnabas and I had a crisis meeting and re-planned the whole thing. Half an hour before the curtains opened, Eagle Troop could be found out the back, learning three new sketches and an action song. The end result was excellent, and I'm assured the audience was laughing with us and at us, a double result.

Gang Show aside, we also did fire lighting, pancakes, a film night, swimming, and took advantage of our excellent new air rifle shooting instructors (good work, Jamie, Aaron and Tom). We finished the term with Man Skills, an evening of learning vital skills like Changing a Tyre, Making a good cup of tea and how to have a "Man Look". Hard to explain, you really had to be there.

And so we have come full circle, back to the Summer term. Still cross referencing? We are currently in the middle of trekcart training, with the Lions Walk next week. (Two brand new T-bars, if these don't make you excited, just humour me). As with last year, we are on the brink of the camping season with an Eagle Troop weekend camp, Gunnell and Summer Camp in Aldershot to look forward to. The first two evenings have been focusing on team building in patrols. Our numbers have increased to 30 and we have had to open a new patrol, Owls, a patrol some may remember from 20 years ago. I am also pleased to say that Mitch, Paul and Dave, after four years of hard work with the Troop, have gone into Uniform. This means the Troop now has 6 uniformed Leaders.

This term will see more Cooking, Fire lighting, Fishing, Kayaking and much more. We are also, as a Troop, focusing on the 6 knot challenge, a timed challenge, with Pete setting the standard at 2 minutes.

I'd like to finish by telling you about last Tuesday. We were behind the Esso, we had done a bit of rock pooling, played a few wide games and then went onto the shore to light small fires in patrols, using driftwood. I took a few moments out to survey the scene. Five patrols of boys aged from 10 to 14 were dotted on the shore, working together, tending small fires in various stages of ignition. My Leaders were crouched down amongst them lending their expertise, as excited as the Scouts. As arranged, the sun was setting in a clear blue sky. Everyone was smiling.

Running Scouts will always throw new challenges at us and at the end of every term leaves me exhausted. But nothing gives me greater pleasure, I truly am proud to work with such a fine group of young people and Leaders. You might say it's been an awesome year.

Edd, BSc (Hons)

Lion Scout Troop

The year started with a good turnout for St. George's Day Service and was followed by a rather wet and soggy camp on Hayling as part of the 100 years celebrations.

The Gunnell camping competition was held at Bob's farm near Midhurst with the Composite Patrol competition being won by Cobra Patrol led by Jake Whistlecraft. Well done, Jake, who has now moved up to Explorers where he's getting on well.

Expedition time was here again with 7 Scouts going off to the New Forest for a weekend, walking 15 miles over 2 days carrying all their own kit, tents, cookers, food etc. Well done to you seven for completing your hike.

Hayling Island Businessmen's Club. Every year we help out at the annual HIBC BBQ, cleaning the barn and setting up tables beforehand and on the night marshalling the car parking, also running stalls, emptying bins and litter picking, then clearing up at the end (eating all the food). HIBC gave us a donation last year towards the transport for our summer camp for our work with them. Thank you very much.

Last year was a great year with so many things happening as this was 100 years of Scouting. The big event of the year was our summer camp. This was held during the first week of August in the New Forest. We arrived on a sunny Sunday morning to find the campsite awash with mud from the previous month's rain. It took ages to get on site because of all the mud. This, to our amazement, dried out during the week as it was hot and sunny all week.

Activities - there were plenty of things to do and see during the week with things like abseiling, climbing, archery, rifle shooting, laser quest, circus skills, and dragon boating in Windsor, which was fantastic. On the morning of the 1st August we had a big celebration as well as renewing our promise 100 years to the day that the first Scout camp opened on Brownsea Island. There were hundreds of Scouts there from all over the UK and even some from Ghana in Africa who were nice and friendly and they came back to

Hayling after the camp, staying for a few days in our HQ. They enjoyed their visit to England but found our summer a bit cold.

In October we had a night hike on the South Downs with about 30 Scouts and Explorer Scouts taking part and completing the hike. There was a very large campfire at the end with hot chocolate and cups of tea for everyone. After the tents had been put up we finally got to bed about 4am, only to get up again about 8am to cook a full English breakfast before coming home for some more sleep.

Later in the year we attended Remembrance Sunday parade, joined in with the Group Fireworks Display where we organized the car parking. This was a good night with many people attending and no rain, so cars were parked on the field this year as it was so dry!

The year was finished off in style with our annual Xmas party night which, due to popular demand, was a casino night. There was also Christmas Post. This again was sorted and delivered successfully.

This year has been a busy one as well, with a rhodi camp in March where the snow stayed for several hours. We even had to defrost the water tap. We were working with the warden to clear the over-grown rhododendrons ready for the summer campers. We've also had the Gang Show. This was also a success with many taking part. Rehearsals were entertaining whilst people were learning their lines.

Over the last year we've had many new members join us, including girls. Our Troop is now up to about 32 members and growing monthly. Many badges have been earned over the past year including Street Sports, Snow Sports, Sports Enthusiasts, Swimming Stages 1 & 2, First Aid - thanks, Tony, for your help with this. We now have another group of Patrol Leaders working towards their Chief Scout's Gold Award and preparing for this year's Gunnell camping competition. Let's hope they do well again.

Thanks to all of the Lion Troop Leaders, Jim, Claire, Merv, and Tom, for a great year Scouting and let's have another great one this year!

James Perfett

Nexus Explorers

The success of the Unit comes from the Explorers planning and running their own programme, led by an Explorer who acts as the chair of the Unit. Last year they were led by Simon and later by Jordan who have both done a fantastic job.

Outdoors

The Unit has participated in Rhodi Camps at Broadstone Warren run by Jamie with the aim of clearing Rhododendron from the Ashdown Forest to return it to its natural state. We also took part in Hampshire's h007 Jamboree in the New Forest, having a go at Scuba diving, quad biking, hovercrafts and on a giant fairground wheel, to name a few activities. Explorers across Hampshire at Jamborees are challenged to come up with inventive ways to use an ironing board, take a picture, and get it published. Tom, James and Luke achieved this in great style in the river...

With both Scout Troops, the Explorers took part in the Great Escape night hike outside Winchester and managed not to get lost!

The highlight of the year for three Explorers - Alastair, Jordan and Chris - was their participation in the World Jamboree at Highlands Park. Having raised their own camp fees through fundraising, they spent two weeks at the Jamboree and a further week either in Poland or Switzerland participating in adventurous activities.

Service

Many of the Explorers have undertaken service during the year, either helping out with Cubs or Beavers, and with County Events, plus supporting the post sort for the Christmas Post.

Programme

The Unit has created its own programme and they have been climbing at Fort Purbrook, swimming at Havant Pool (mainly diving off the diving board!), Trek Cart Racing, Water Transport Challenge, Curry Night, to name a few activities.

Terry has done a great job in supporting the Explorers in progressing their DofE Bronze and Silver Awards... the next challenge is to start Gold.

Many of the Explorers have completed Activity Badges including Creative, IT, Mountain Biking, Community and Cooking.

The highlight evening was the final night of 2007, holding a Casino evening with all the Explorers suitably dressed for the occasion... chips were gambled! Tony cooked a Christmas meal to finish off the evening.

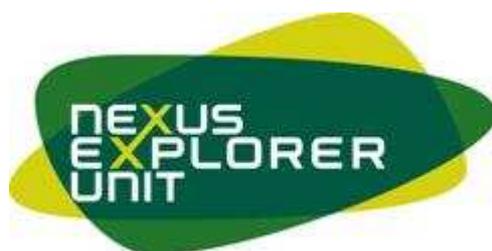
A group of Explorers created their own sketch for the Gang Show based on the X Factor... very inventive and a great performance... plus its capture on DVD!

Suisse Adventure

29 Scouts and Explorers will be spending two weeks in Switzerland participating in adventurous activities and to help finance the trip they have been fundraising, including bag-packing at Tesco's and Asda, plus the Lions Walk.

My thanks to Tony, Terry and Jamie for all the hard they put in supporting the Unit.

Dominic Howell



Fundraising & Support

At the front of this Annual Report you will find a table of individuals and organisations who have supported specific badges or who have helped us in various ways. These contributions are vital in funding and managing our activities throughout the year and we very much appreciate this support.

Our Book Sales, held twice a year, have continued to flourish with over 8000 books on sale, all sorted and classified. They raise £600-£700 each time and we are grateful to our Book Sale Team who make this possible.



Following last year's successful Indian Supper Evening, the Desai family again offered to cook some traditional dishes that were very much enjoyed by those attending. The evening was organised by Ciara Jamieson-Goode with Clive Allgood once again running a quiz to add to the evening's enjoyment.

Our annual Quiz Night continues to be very well supported and our Christmas Card Delivery Service is another regular and well-supported fundraising activity. We took the necessary step to increase the stamp cost to 20p this year, the first increase for over 10 years. The result was very satisfactory with over 5000 cards being delivered and a net profit of £900.

We have continued with our 100 Club with 50% of the income being given out as 41 cash prizes. Thanks to Lorna Simpson for managing this activity. Other regular events that provided valuable income included the the Lions Sponsored Round Langstone Walk and helping at the Businessmen's Club BBQ.

Our aim is not only to provide income but also to offer something in return that benefits the community as well the young people taking part.



3rd Hayling Scout Group

Minutes of Awards and Presentations Evening held on Wednesday 13 June 2007 at Scout Headquarters, Kings Road, Hayling Island

Rev. Malcom Bull led the meeting in a short prayer.

Chairman's Welcome

Chairman Dr Philip Blossie welcomed the Mayor of Havant, Cllr. Vic Pierce-Jones, and the Mayoress; Ted Gale *County Councillor*; Frank Pearce *Councillor*; Andy Lenaghan *Councillor*; Nigel Valette *District Commissioner, Scouts*; Tim Pike *Assistant County Commissioner (Explorers) in Greater London* and Dominic Howell who in addition to being our Explorer Scout Leader is the *Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) in Hampshire*. Other representatives included Helen Cox, *The Hayling College*; Meyrick Marston *Hayling Island Businessmen's Club*; Rev. Malcolm Bull *Hayling Anglican Churches*; Pearl Phillips *Lions Club*; Brian and Janet Bocking *Red Cross*; Audrey Willingham, *Havant District Support Manager*, Susan Beevor *Girl Guiding Hayling*. Approximately 100 people attended, and the Chairman was glad to welcome so many guests and supporters of Hayling Scouts.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from David Willetts MP *President Havant District Scout Council*; Dick Whittington, *County Commissioner*; Steve Whitcombe, *Havant District Scout Council*; Mrs. Jenny Queripel *Headteacher Mill Rythe Junior School*; Mrs. Jean Filtness, *Headteacher Mengham Junior School*; Aksel Arnecke, *Chairman Hayling Island Businessmen's Club*; Paul Fisher, *ACE*; Stan & Avis Dickin *Havant District Scout Council*; Bob Hayes *Havant District Scout Council*; Rev. Ann Leonard, *St. Andrew's & St. Peter's Churches*; Ciara Jamieson-Goode *Group Development Committee*; Sam Mill *Group Development Committee*; John & Iris Cottle; Fred Rook; Doris Harcourt; Peter & Lorraine Haskell; Irene Day; Sally Jones *Subs Admin. Eagle Troop*; Judy Drury; Avril Keyes; Dr. Luke Houghton; John Hubbard; Pete Willingham; Brian & Ina Smith; Andrew Goodwin; David & Joan Roberts; Philip Sprinks; Tom & Minnie Deans; John Pickering; Kim Sparling; Fred Mant; Gordon Freeland; Carole Evans, *Parkinsons Estate Agents*; John Kendall; Graham & Jill Ramsden.

Thanks were expressed to John Clayton of Bishops for printing this year's Report.

Section Reports

The Chairman congratulated the Leaders on their section reports, which were informative and humorous.

Treasurer's Report

Mary Pike said it had been a sound year financially, and a good balance had been maintained. The Chairman added that a £2,000 loan from Havant Scout Council had been repaid ahead of time, and thanked Mary for her hard work. He also thanked Chris Driscoll for auditing our accounts.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reminded the meeting that the Scout fiscal year ran from 1st April to 31st March and therefore many of the activities in this Centenary year will be reported at next year's meeting. However, Group Scout Leader Ian Hawke would later give a short summary of the activities for the Group in the Centenary Year. Dr. Blossie said how remarkable it is that the inspiration and motivation of Lord Baden-Powell one hundred years ago remains as strong and relevant as ever today. He said that one of his responsibilities as Chairman was to ensure the effective management of the Group. To achieve this, the Group Development Committee prepare a five-year plan and he went on to describe the achievements of the last plan which was entitled 'Beyond 2002', and was completed this year. These achievements included recruitment, safety and security of the headquarters, and communications. Regarding the latter, he made special mention of the increased use of e-mail and the reporting of Scout activities in the Hayling Islander. The introduction of The Woggle newsletter and the launch of the Group website contributed hugely, and congratulated Ian Hawke on his development of both these facilities.

The Chairman then reported on the successful launch of the next five-year plan, 'Looking Outwards' with the slogan 'Making Scouting Fashionable'. He outlined the objectives of this plan and the success to date of the badge sponsorship programme thanking Sam Mill for her efforts in this regard.

Finally, he thanked the organisations and individuals involved in supporting the Group this year.

Group Scout Leader's Report

Ian Hawke thanked the guests for attending and started by repeating a phrase heard on a radio programme of "we are becoming a cash rich and time poor society". Commenting that youth organisations like Scouting are dependent on adult time, Ian thanked the Parents, Group Development Team and especially the Leaders who continue to give many hours of their time freely in the support of the 160 plus young people who wear the Scout uniform on Hayling each week.

Ian referenced some of the key highlights of the year including: 32% of the members achieving the top award of their sections, camping nights exceeded 1,000 for the 12th year running, the two Queen's Scout Awards presented to Robert Venus and Alan Oakes.

Moving onto 2007, Ian highlighted some of the activities that have already taken place to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting, and some of those to come. For example on August 1st, the official birthday that has been called "Sunrise Day", over 26 million members of Scouting worldwide will be remaking their promises. The Hayling Scouts and Explorers will be in Camp in the New Forest whilst the Beavers and Cubs will join others in Emsworth for a special "Sunrise" celebration before travelling to the New Forest to join the rest of the Group.

Ian finished by showing just some of the activities that will be taking place in the Hampshire 2007 Centenary camp in the summer.

Committee Nominations and Elections for 2007-2008

Ian Hawke invited Dr. Philip Blossie to stand as Chairman for another year, and he was pleased to accept. Nominations for the committee included Mary Pike *Treasurer*, Gill Condron *Secretary*, Pete Goddard *Quartermaster*, Nigel Kenny *Badge Secretary*, Peter Rowson *HQ Manager*, Samantha Mill *Sponsorship*, Jo Hawley *Wish List Manager*, and the following parent representatives: Ciara Jamieson-Goode, Clive Allgood, Graham Chapman and Helen Pickles. Nominations were proposed by Tony Baker and seconded by Eileen Clark. The meeting unanimously approved these nominations.

Awards and Presentations

The Fred Rook Award for Service to the Community was presented to Barnabas Pycroft a Patrol Leader with Eagle Troop for his continued Service to Scouting and his Church.

The David Baker Memorial Award for Commitment to the Scout Laws was presented to Jake Whistlecraft, a Patrol Leader with Lion Troop for his commitment to all he does and the way he continues to smile in all situations (including very wet camps!).

As a special "Thank You" for their ongoing support to Scouting on Hayling, Ian Hawke presented Centenary neckerchiefs to the Mayor of Havant Borough Vic Pierce-Jones, County Councillor Ted Gale, Meyrick Marston of the Hayling Island Businessmen's Club, and Pearl Philips of the Lions Club.

Presentations

2007 World Jamboree

Scouts Jordan Reed and Alistair Harris described their preparations for their attendance at the World Jamboree next month, which they were looking forward to. After the Jamboree, Alistair would be going to Poland and Jordan to Switzerland on exchange visits.

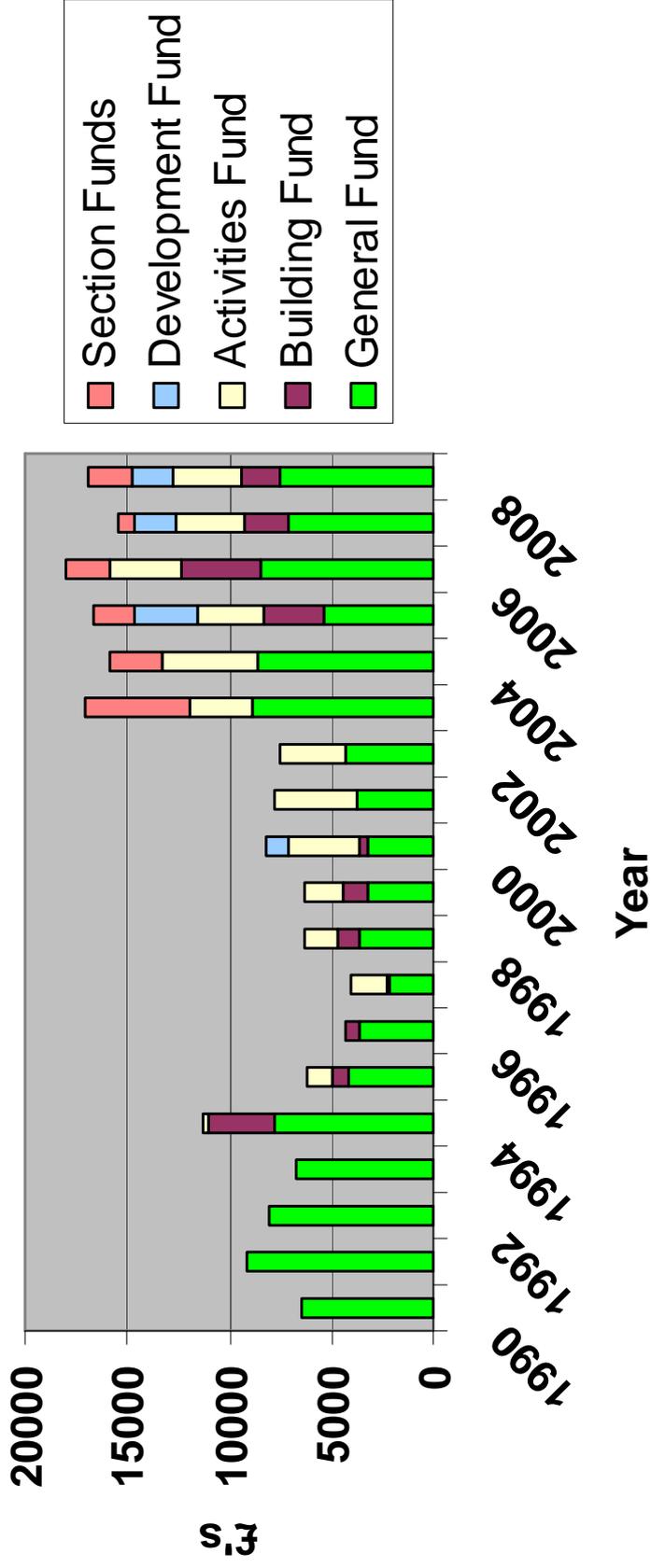
Queen's Scout Awards

Ian Hawke explained that two of our Nexus Explorer Scouts, Robert Venus and Alan Oakes, achieved their Queen's Scout Awards this year, the first Queen's Scouts for the 3rd Hayling Group for fifteen years. Explaining that Robert had been invited to Camp America and so could not be here this evening, he introduced Alan who gave an illustrated presentation on his activities contributing to the achievement of his Award. Alan also described his day at Windsor Castle where Her Majesty the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh reviewed the St. George's Day Parade, attended by this year's Queen's Scouts.

Conclusion

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman thanked everyone present for their continued support. During refreshments a selection of photographs were projected on the screen showing some of the activities of the Group throughout the year.

Group Statement at 31st March





Making Scouting Fashionable

3rd Hayling Scout Group's Five-Year Plan - 2007 to 2012

Objective

To increase the awareness of what Scouting can offer today in order that we can:

- Broaden the appeal of Scouting to young people
- Help adults to better understand our values and the opportunities we provide
- Enhance the support we receive from the community, business and other organisations

Scope

The following questions resulted from meetings of the Leadership Team and the Group Development Committee:

- Whilst we do not exclude anyone from Scouting, are we being pro-active to include as many people as possible?
- Do today's parents understand the Scouting "game"?
- Support comes in many ways, do we capitalise on them all?
- How do we help those with special needs, whether these are financial, social, physical, or mental?

What Are We Doing?

Accessibility

- Exploring what we do as a Group and what we could do differently
- Developing ways we can "get the Scouting message" across to a wider audience
- Having clear and understandable procedures in place to help those individuals / families with special needs
- Using different approaches to engage with young people, for example Activity Days, "Bring a Friend" evenings.

Support - How others may help us

- Leadership / help with the Sections
- Help with our Events
- Other practical help for the Group
- Financial
- Sponsorship
- Visible and public endorsement of our Goals and Aims

Education

- Understand what makes Scouting different
- Remove the myths and the fears

Promotion and Publicity

- How can we make best use of differing media types (local press, web sites etc)
- Publicly celebrate our successes
- Every member of the Group needs to be a positive ambassador, but we need to provide them with the information.

Publicly recognise those businesses and organisations that help us.