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3rd Hayling Group

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**Annual Report
1999 - 2000**



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Aspen Colony

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Redwood Colony

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Cub Scouts

Jupiter Pack

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Mars Pack

Mandy Hawke

Saturn Pack

Jeanette Lincoln (p)

Scouts

Eagle Troop

Dave Rook (p)

Lion Troop

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Venture Scouts

Leader

Jeff Greenough

Executive Chairman

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

Other Help 1999/2000

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 Blosse
Chris Thomas
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Hayling Islander
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Irene Day

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

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
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Country Foods

Roll of Honour 1999/2000

Beaver Scout Section - Beaver Scout Challenge

Zachary Allgood	Redwood Colony
Alec Auer	Redwood Colony
Toby Burgess	Aspen Colony
Jack Cottle	Aspen Colony
Daryl Green	Redwood Colony
David Mitchell	Redwood Colony
Danny Rowe	Aspen Colony

Cub Scout Section - Adventure Crest Award

Daniel Clark	Jupiter Pack
Joseph Fleming	Jupiter Pack
Kieron Gardner	Saturn Pack
Michael Hailliday	Saturn Pack
Jason Haines	Saturn Pack
James Hawley	Jupiter Pack
Richard Hornbuckle	Jupiter Pack
Benjamin Jaggers	Jupiter Pack
Alex Johnson	Saturn Pack
Matthew Keiller	Jupiter Pack
Christopher Kimber	Jupiter Pack
Anthony Lacayo	Jupiter Pack
Michael Lever	Saturn Pack
Ben Manns	Jupiter Pack
Gary Martin	Mars Pack
Stuart Martin	Mars Pack
Samuel Notter	Jupiter Pack
Jack Shotton	Mars Pack
Thomas Smith	Jupiter Pack
Oliver Way	Mars Pack
Jake Wilkinson-Tough	Saturn Pack

Scout Section - Chief Scouts Award

Edward Harrison	Lion Troop
Martin Rook	Eagle Troop
James Wager	Lion Troop
Glen Wilkinson-Tough	Lion Troop
Gavin Willingham	Eagle Troop

Leader Training – Wood Badge

Michael Hall	Mars Pack
Paul Jackson	Mars Pack

Group Scout Leader

Another year over, and the old adage does seem to hold some truth that time goes more quickly, the older one gets. (Or is it just that we all try to cram more into the same amount of time ??).

Key highlights for the past 12 months include:-

- Overall numbers have remained steady throughout the past 12 months although we have the potential to continue to increase, but this is dependent on leadership levels.
- Over 1000 camping nights were achieved by members of the group
- Our Group “birthday” Camp in Northney in July 1999 was held on the hottest weekend of the year – and that’s a first!!
- We had 100 Candles floating down the sea in paper boats followed by a fantastic fireworks display at our Group Camp and of course a good old “Camp fire sing-song”
- We took part in the Hayling Lions “brighten up Hayling” campaign by planting 1000 daffodils in Rails Lane.
- Following the official opening of the HQ extension last year, we continued to make improvements including new cupboards, shelving, carpets plus the provision of improved fund-raising equipment and book storage.
- We have now purchased the “Community Trailer”
- All sections have taken part in District and County events, with many successes
- The storage of our camping equipment has never been so well organised
- The Venture Scouts have been back to Switzerland
- Our Xmas Fayre, Book Sales, Xmas Post all continued to provide good publicity and raise funds
- Our list of supporters continues to grow
- In our 70th Birthday year (1999) we presented over 600 badges
- We continue to see members in all sections achieving their top award at a higher percentage than the national average
- Our sections continue to support other organisations, for example raising money for “hearing dogs for the deaf”, supporting the Oxfam annual sponsored walk, providing marquee’s to various organisations and of course the manpower to pitch and strike them, plus many more
- We continue to provide leaders and direct support to the District, Tim Pike as Assistant District Commissioner, Jeff Greenough and Ali Locke as District Venture Scout Coordinators
- Whilst for the past 12 months we maintained a healthy bank balance, the cost of running a group of this size increases annually. In 1992 the annual turnover was about £14000. In 1999, excluding the lottery funded building work, our turnover was in excess of £22000.

However despite all of these good things, we can not afford to be complacent. There is no doubt that today, people have far less time available than in the past and this places greater demands on the Leaders and Helpers.

I have therefore declared this next 12 months to be the
“Year of the Leader”

The objectives of the “Year of the Leader” are:-

1. To establish a strategy to increase the level of direct help within the sections
2. To identify how we can achieve this increase, whilst maintaining continuity for the section
3. To recognise that the period and amount of commitment will vary by person and section
4. To build a larger skill base on which to call
5. To make sure that when people volunteer their services, we utilise their skills and abilities to the full

This is only a start, but in today’s world it is vital that we become much more active in this area.

During the year we saw a number of changes:-

- Tim Pike accepted a permanent position in Scouting with responsibility for the future of the Programme and Training for the movement in the UK for both the Scout and Venture sections. Whilst this was a sad loss to Hayling, I know that the UK movement will benefit from Tim’s enthusiasm and knowledge of our movement. Fortunately Dave Rook offered to pick up the reins of Eagle Troop (for the 3rd time). Thanks Tim for your outstanding contribution and to you Dave for picking up the baton again.
- Michael Hall an Assistant leader with Mars Pack also changed job, which means that he is not able to continue with his Friday night “cubbing”. Michael thanks for your tremendous support and enthusiasm over the past few years, and I hop we will see you back soon.
- Joan Sinden will be standing down at the end of this Summer term. Joan’s introduction to Scouting was as a parent who volunteered to Cook at a Cub Camp. Since that time she has been the leader of Redwood Colony (twice) and an Assistant with Mars Pack. Joan, you will be missed, but thanks again for many years hard work and dedication to our Group.
- Both Beaver colonies have been operating a parent support rota for the past 12 months and I would like to add my personal thanks to all of those parents who have participated in this rota.
- Welcome back to James Perfett, who is now an Assistant Cub Scout Leader with Jupiter pack.

So, what about our future

Although it looks good at this time, we must maintain a strong and healthy desire to continuously improve. This means constantly looking at our weekly programmes (the main part of Scouting as seen by the young people), ensuring that we continue to provide active and fun Scouting and that each member (young and old) gains a sense of achievement in all that they do. I am totally confident that the Leaders and helpers today will ensure that we achieve this.

To support this, one of my main roles, combined with that of the Executive Committee is to ensure that the leaders have the facilities, resources and tools necessary for them to achieve their goals. This means that our ambitious building, equipment, trailer and fund-raising activities of recent years will have to continue to ensure that we allow the leaders to focus on their Scouting and not be inhibited by a lack of these.

The role of Philip Blosse our Chairman and his team has an even greater importance than it did in the past. Alas, long gone are the days when society accepted just a smiling face as a sign of professionalism. Scouting like every other youth organisation has been forced to change with the expectation of society and we have to continue to focus on the “image” we present, which is visible in our facilities, adults and youth membership. This is a very difficult challenge to people like myself who have been used to compromises in many areas, provided that our young people achieved. Again I know we have the basis of the team to achieve this, but once again we need to enhance this team with the skills that share the load.

As a team we will continue to look at what is required, identify how best to provide it and look for creative ways to build the funds. An excellent example of this is with our “Community Trailer”. This has already been used on a number of events supporting the Group, including Camps, Expeditions and the Book Sales. Our next task is to get the “logo” on the side and then to make this available to the wider community on Hayling. This was achieved in 9 months, from concept to delivery including raising the necessary funds.

Summary

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

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

We are also moving into the age of technology. We have our own Web Site, which those Internet users can find on WWW.thirdhayling.free-online.co.uk and we are also using e-mails increasingly for communications within the group. Who knows we may end up with a “Web Cam” in a camp in the near future – but then again perhaps not!!!

My Thanks

However none of this is achieved without hardwork, and as always I finish with my heartfelt thanks to all of our leaders and helpers. I know that Scouting would not survive without your continued efforts, in the weekly meetings, in other events as well as working with others in the Group to continue to improve from where we are today. I know that some evenings you ask yourself “WHY do I do this”, but thank goodness you are back the following week with the same enthusiasm.

My thanks to the Executive committee for taking an open but direct approach to improve the facilities and equipment available to the leaders, from the HQ to the smallest Hike Tent. I know sometimes you feel that you are fighting an uphill battle, but please do not underestimate your importance to us uniformed types.

My special thanks to Phil Blosse for his sustained efforts over many years and who has taught me to aim high and you will succeed. Phil to me is one of those people who you want to “hold up” as an excellent ambassador to our movement.

Scouting becomes a family event and I am very lucky to have the support of Mandy, Jo, Tim and Rebecca to keep me sane, and to provide me with the motivation and support to continue in this amazing game of Scouting.

To everyone involved with our Group thank you.

Ian

**“Scouting is not just about how society can help us,
it is also about how we can help society”**

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Chairman's Report

At our last annual meeting, we celebrated the opening of the extension to the Headquarters and for me, it was one of the most important events in my time with the Scout Group. On that occasion, I said that the Group needed a year of consolidation to establish a firm foundation for our next phase of growth. Our challenges included retaining and extending our membership, encouraging more leaders, and in our 70th anniversary year, ensuring an even more exciting programme of activities for our young people on Hayling. I am sure you will agree when reading the reports that much has been achieved and I thank and congratulate everyone for another successful year.

I also referred last year to our Community 2000 project which is aimed at strengthening the links between Scouting and the local community. One good example this year has been the project to assist the local Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. Through generous donations by the Association for Charitable Endeavours (ACE), the Hayling Lions Club and the Hayling Businessmen's Club, top quality hiking and camping equipment worth £1200 is now available to the D of E Scheme. The Scout Group's role is to store and maintain the equipment – a role that we are pleased to provide as part of Community 2000. Similarly, the 'community marquee' which was funded through generous local donations has been used extensively for both community and Scouting activities throughout the year.

I also launched at last year's annual meeting a £3,000 fundraising project for an equipment trailer much needed by the Scout Group as well as being available for community use. A two year campaign was envisaged but to our delight, we were able to purchase the 'community trailer' in less than one year. Special thanks to Hampshire County Council, the Lions Club, ACE and our fundraising team. Special thanks also to our purchasing champion, Peter Willingham, who secured what we needed for only £2000.

So the message over the last few years has been – think ambitiously and we can achieve it. So what are the plans for this coming year? More improvements to the headquarters are still required. More storage for equipment. More external space for activities. Less obvious but just as vital is a replacement for our worn-out photocopier – an essential item for communication not only within the Group but also with the wider community. The cost is in the order of £1400.

All these are very important requirements but for me, some new recruits to add to our non-uniformed support team behind the scenes would be a great achievement and would help to fulfill our ambitious plans. So why not come along and join a winning team because the young people in our community will be the winners – and they need all the help they can get.

To everyone involved in the Scout Group over the past twelve months, thank you and keep up the good work.

Philip Blosse (Chairman)

Aspen Colony

The end of April saw us walking along the 'Billy' track which the boys enjoy but always takes longer than we think. This was followed by our highlight of 1999 when we were able to spend a day with the Cubs and Scouts at the Group birthday camp at Northwood farm. The boys that went had a great time making crafts, jumping on the bouncy castle, walking on the beach and eating hot dogs.

The Beaver District fun day in July was just that, a fun day. We only had the odd 'wellie' that went astray, which indicates the sort of weather we had. Thanks to the Ventures by helping out and running a base. The annual Bar-B-Q on the beach has become our traditional way of ending the Summer term and is always a great success. Last year it did not rain, which is unusual, so we had a great time eating hot dogs (again) and playing games.

Summer came and went and many of the boys came back with stories to tell about the eclipse. October saw us planting bulbs at Pond Head, they really looked lovely in the Spring, I hope you all managed to see them.

November meant bonfire night which was loved by everyone that went. As was our slightly late Halloween party, in fancy dress, where the boys once again tried to scare me. In December we went to the District Christmas party, met Father Christmas and made lots of noise (surprise surprise!). We also put the Station Theatre into a spin when the Beavers from both colonies went together to the Panto.



**"Beaver Beaver, boil and Bubble
Otter says you're too much trouble**

Stories of late nights and fireworks seemed to indicate that all the Beavers managed a millennium party of some kind.

St George's day last year was a disappointment to the Beavers as there was no marching. But I think that we have made up for it this year and it is very obvious they do very much enjoy to march.

Our evening programmes have had a number of themes through the year (that the boys seem to miss), where we have had a pet show, made Gods eyes, had a pirate evening, made spinning tops, played snowballs and our favourite parachute game.

Congratulations to the boys who have received the Beaver Scout Challenge; Danny Rowe, Jack Cottle and Toby Burgess. We have also had 10 boys achieve their Beaver first badge and 9 the Beaver second badge.

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Jane Gibson who had to leave us due to work commitments. But fortunately we have been able to say hello to Debbie Sullivan and Dawn Blackburn-Smith who stepped in, in the nick of time, before the Colony had to shut for lack of helpers. My thanks also go to James Willingham who has been helping from Eagle Troop for the last three months.

Sue Rook
Beaver Scout Leader



Redwood Colony

Another year has rushed by .We finished off the summer term last year mainly enjoying outdoor activities such as football, rounders, a barbecue, a weekend visit to Group Camp and a trip to Staunton Country Park with an excellent juggling base run by Hayling Venture Scouts.



“So this is how you do it”

We had a very busy Autumn Term with a rather damp walk up the Billy Trail and indoor activities on the theme of dinosaurs, football and of course making Beaver biscuits for the Xmas Fayre. We also joined in with district events such as a Beaver football skills morning and an excellent District Christmas Party with Father Christmas and sausage and chips! We then finished off the term with a visit to the Station Theatre to see Aladdin and a joint Christmas Party (yes, another one) with Aspen colony.

The Spring term saw us playing parachute games, making teeth from pink and white playdough, holding a cuddly pet show and having an evening based on Smarties (did you know there are 40 in every tube?). The boys then took the tubes home so they could fill them with money earned by doing good turns. This was in aid of “Whizz Kids” – a charity which provides disabled children with customised wheelchairs and was part of a Havant District “Good Turn”. During the rest of the Spring term we went on a “World Tour” so of course we all had to have passports and were fingerprinted for good measure. We visited Russia, Jamaica, China and New Zealand and managed to be back in time for tea!

We also attended the Havant District ‘Eat without Heat’ afternoon which was a nice messy afternoon with lots of chocolate icing, cheesy kebabs , cherry biscuits and some very quiet Beavers - a rare sighting of this unusual creature!

Now we are well into the summer term, although it does seem more like winter most of the time. So far we have spent evenings playing games, testing our senses (the boys thought Tesco cheese smelt like soap – is that libellous?), and junk modelling, which could have gone on for several hours. Some of the boys came to Havant District Camp for the day and had a great time taking part in various activities including Archery (yes ,with real arrows!), shieldmaking, climbing over monkey bridges, and being stuck 10’ in the air in a Velcro suit by two of our cub leaders James Perfett and Paul Jackson. The campfire was a bit soggy but luckily we were all off home to hot baths and hot chocolate because we’re not quite as ‘ard as the Scouts – yet!

Well done to those boys who achieved the Beaver Scout Challenge Badge this year - David Mitchell, Alec Auer, Zachary Allgood and Daryl Green and a thank you to their parents for supporting them with this.

A big thank you to my parent helpers this year – Jane Auer, Kate Hart, Samantha Green and Mrs Adamson and also to my indispensable scout helper James Pike (I pray for rain on Tuesdays now so that James does not have to play cricket after school!).

I have really enjoyed my eight years as a leader with both Beavers and Cubs but I have decided to step down this summer. I feel in need of a rest particularly as I spend my working day with thirty 4 year olds!

Good wishes to my successor.

Joan Sinden (Beaver Scout Leader)



Jupiter Pack

Well, what a busy year we had! The cubs have worked very hard to achieve their awards and now 11 have received their Adventure Crest Award, the highest in the Cub Scout section. Congratulations to all of them and thanks to Colin Bartlett, Assistant District Commissioner who presented them. Meanwhile we have presented 14 Adventure Crest Awards, 7 Cub Scout Awards and 5 membership awards. Well done to all of them for their hard work.



Our Top Award

Not only have we been working hard on the progressive training awards but also on proficiency badges of which 65 have been earned by the Pack.

During the last year we have been on Pack Holiday in the New Forest, camping with the District at a Challenge Camp and also on Hayling at the 70th Birthday Group Camp. We achieved a total of 98 camping nights during the year. Over the May Bank Holiday weekend we held a joint pack holiday with Saturn Pack chalking up more nights for this years total and we will add further to these with the District Millennium Camp and the Challenge Camp in September.



**“Looks like a nice quiet evening lads”
“Nearly 100 Nights and no problems”**

This year has seen some changes in leaders. Bobbie left, if only temporarily to have her baby daughter called Aza, born nearly 2 months early. James was presented with his Assistant Leaders Warrant in February. Whilst James was on holiday Sue Rook (Otter from Aspen Colony) was helping out along with Neil a Venture Scout and helper with Saturn Pack. Thanks folks for all your help.

We have had two meetings run by the Scout Troops. Firstly Lion Troop ran a pioneering evening for the older cubs and then Eagle Troop cooked backwards style (no utensils) again for the older cubs. It is these types of activities that help with the transition from Cubs to Scouts. Six boys have now moved onto Scouts.

We have, during the year been swimming in Petersfield, attended the Pantomime at Fernham Hall with Saturn Pack, attended the Christingle service held by the District in Havant, St Georges Day Parade and we held our own joint training activity during the half term holidays.

In addition we have helped with the Christmas Fayre and to organise and run a “Bring and Buy” sale, with Saturn Pack, raising £45 for the Charity, “Dogs for the Deaf”.

I feel that we have had a very successful year and look forward to the next. With a little assistance from our friends in the Group helping to run the weekly meetings and the District events.

Last but not least, I would like to say thank you to the Leaders of Jupiter Pack, James, Gavin, Bobbie and Claire (until she moved away) without whom none of this would have been possible.

Thank You

Audrey Willingham
Akela

Mars Pack

Mars Pack has had another great year of fun and hopefully some learning of life skills too.

We have tackled the Cyclist, Communicator, Community and Home Safety badges as part of our evening meetings. These have enabled us to visit the Coast guards, the Fire station and Havant police station and have found out some interesting things about how each works.

We were able to use Mill Rythe School playground to do part of our Cyclist badge, which saved the Leaders nerves!

We have taken part in St George Day parade, church parade at St Andrews, District six a side football. Our weekly meetings continue to be full of typical things that Cubs enjoy ie, fire lighting, cooking, games, challenges, and award work. We try to get out for beach walks and games, particularly in the dark! We have swam at Mill Ryth and been ten pin bowling too.

The Sixers take an active role in planning some evening activities and meet outside of Cub evenings to discuss aspects of the Pack, such as discipline, activities, etc. They have been instrumental in two Bring and Buy sales we have had to raise funds for an Aqua Box and for some computer games for children having heart surgery at the Brompton hospital in London, as one of our Cubs had his care there.

The highlight for the year was the camp. The boys had a great time, mixing with the rest of the Group. For most of them the best bits were the tents and mucking about in the water on the Sunday morning. It was great to try to get our boats to float along the water with candles alight, although the degrees of success varied.



I know we had some Cubs here somewhere !!

Lion Troop came to run an evening for us, just before some boys started their move up to the troops. They had a wonderful time and it certainly wet their appetites to get into the Scouts.

In general most boys make this move easily and I am sure it is the combined activities we have as a Group that helps them to get to know the others Leaders, making it something to look forward to.

We have had Parents evenings when we have encouraged the adults to join in some of our games and challenges. These evenings usually take place when we are awarding Adventure Crest Awards - the Cubs top

award. This year we have had four top awards. Jack Shotton, Gary and Stuart Martin and Oliver Way all gained their award and were presented with the certificate at the Mayor's parlour at Havant Civic Offices. I do not think all cubs will achieve this award as they do have to do a lot of work for it and some will be more motivated to achieve it than others. For those that do it is usually with a lot of support and help from home, so a big thank you to parents for all they do to give that extra nudge that is so often needed.

The Pack can only achieve what it does because of the great support and help that Michael and Jacko offer week in week out. Not only is it each Friday but there are planning meetings and preparation to be done ahead of the meetings as well as the camps and other activities. SO a big big thank you both for all your help.

This brings me to the sad part of Mars history that Michael will be leaving at the end of the Spring term due to his new job; we wish him well and hope he will come back sometimes to see us. Michael has been a great asset to Scouting, not only because of his skills but he has a great way with the boys which I have been delighted to see develop. Many boys will have a lot to thank him for and he is a fine example of all our Promise and Law expect of us.

Badges earned by the pack this year include:-

5 Cub Scout Award

8 Adventure Award

4 Adventure Crest Award

99 Proficiency Badges including Sportsman, Artist, Cyclist, Community, Camper, and Home Safety

We have had the help of Douglas Parrant, a Scout with Lion troop, who has been doing his service with us - thanks Douglas for your help.

The Pack has had those faithful parents who are always there whenever I ask for something - you know the sort don't you? Thank you those of you who are blushing, we really are very grateful to you.

My final thanks are to Val Blosse who always does my last minute photocopying; the Treasurer who appears to let us spend money if we need it; the Cubs who keep me challenged and, of course, my family who let me play this great game of Scouting.

Best wishes

Mandy

Saturn Pack

I can't believe that a year has gone by since I wrote the last Annual report. This year we have said a sad farewell to Rachel Day who moved to Southampton and a fond hello to the return of Guy Thompson. Last year was a special year as we celebrated 70 years of Scouting on Hayling.

In July we had a fantastic group camp, which also happened to be on the hottest weekend of the year, (despite Mandy being there!!). A special memory for me will be of little lights floating on the sea in paper lanterns made by the Cubs and the fantastic firework display afterwards, thanks to Pete Goddard.



This was another highlight of our Group Camp

We ended the Summer term with a BBQ at the QE Country Park. During the winter term we did a variety of badgework including the Cooks, Handyman, Home Help and Computer badges. We visited Fernham Hall to see Cinderella as well as having the usual Christmas Party.

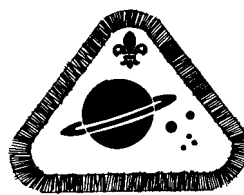
In January we tackled the Health and fitness badge. Bruce Gorden one of our Cub Parents came and did an evening of circuit training. We held a joint "Bring and Buy" sale with Jupiter Pack and raised £45 for the hearing dogs for deaf people. Two dogs also came along with their owners to collect a cheque.

We were very successful in the District Football and won through to play in the County competition at Southampton where we were beaten in the Quarter Finals.

To end the term we again joined Jupiter Pack at Ferny Crofts and had a very successful camp.

This year the boys earned 89 activity badges including, 17 Athletes, 15 Health and Fitness, 15 Cyclist, 13 Astronomers, 7 Handyman's, 4 Home Help, 4 Campers, 7 Cooks, 2 Sportsman, 2 Computer and 1 Craftsman.

Computer



In the progressive training schemes, we presented 4 Cub Scout Challenge, 4 Cub Scout Awards, 3 Adventure Awards and 6 Adventure Crest Awards, the top award of our section.

None of this would have been possible without the loyal support of Pam Gardner, Neil Willingham and Guy Thompson. I would also like to thank the parents for their help when needed, especially Bruce Jorden and Richard Johnson for his coaching of the football team.

Jeanette Lincoln
Akela

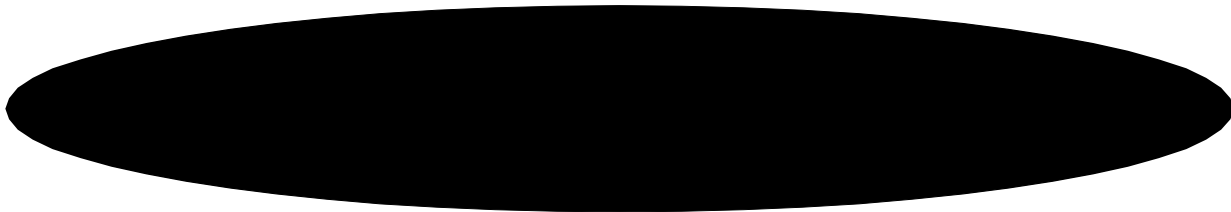
EAGLE TROOP

It has been a turbulent year for the Troop with another change of Leadership. After just about four years of running the Troop Tim Pike left us after Summer camp, to take up a full time job with the Scout Association at Gilwell Park. As I had just returned to the Troop full time, by default I think I ended up starting my third spell as Scout Leader of Eagle Troop. Thank you Tim for everything you achieved over the last few years and I am sure Eagle Troop will keep seeing you around in your various other Scouting 'hats'.

While Tim was still with us we had an activities camp at Fernycrofts in the New Forest where we all had a lot of fun cycling, climbing and pioneering in and around the pond.

Martin Rook and Gavin Willingham have both managed to achieve their Chief Scouts Award, the highest in the Scout Section so a very big well done to them. This award takes a lot of individual effort and few Scouts achieve all the requirements.

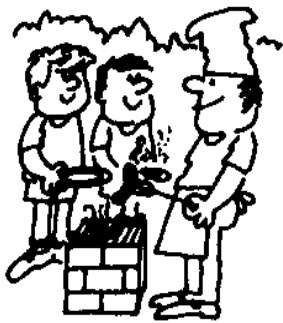
For last years Summer Camp it was decided to try and mark the millennium in style by witnessing the eclipse at first hand. Tim found a super site near Exeter, which put us within striking distance of the deepest parts of the West Country. Even with the modern technology of mobile phones and up to date weather and traffic forecasts we still only managed to find a field covered in cloud and packed with cars. However, I think we all still found it quite an experience to see the street lamps coming on across the countryside and the birds becoming silent as the eclipse passed over us. We then spent the evenings of the rest of the week watching Pete Goddard trying to recreate the eclipse for us across our campsite, with an orange and a searchlight, that he just happened to have in the back of his car!



Our Camp-site During the Eclipse

Throughout the year we have had an interesting programme trying to use as much of the Island and local area as we can; from the sand dunes to the oyster beds, Eaststoke to the Inn on the Beach and even including a boat trip across to East Head in W. Sussex, courtesy of Mangham Rythe Sailing Club. Our indoor programmes have provided varied fun ways to complete a lot of Scout skills training, meaning many of the boys will be able to complete their progressive training awards at Summer Camp.

The boys have also successfully run the hot dog and burger stall at our Group fireworks evening. From the lessons learnt practising on their own parents and friends they then managed to run the same stall at our Christmas Fayre, without causing any reportable illnesses!



“So how black do you like your sausages”

We have managed to follow on from last years success at the District camping competition by being placed second for the Gunnell trophy and retaining the District cooking competition trophy. A big well done to all the boys that participated and worked so hard, but particularly James Rudd and Hawk Patrol.

Now an appeal for next year. I believe that we have a busy and active Troop but there is always more that can be achieved. In particular we are not attending as many ‘District’ events as I would like and this is entirely due to the finite time that our Leaders have available to give to Scouts. I would also like to divert some time to the training of our older boys, the Patrol Leaders and their assistants, so that they are better able to take a stronger role in the Troop. For both these areas I need help. I am not asking for anyone to necessarily take on the task of a Scout Leader, but any regular assistance to improve the quality of the Scouting that we offer would be very useful.

Finally I would like to end with a thank you to my ‘star’ team of Pete Willingham and Pete Goddard, who are always there to keep me on the straight and narrow and provide so many of the Scouting skills for the boys to learn. But also a special thankyou to Sue Rook and Audrey Willingham who provide the extra support which is particularly impressive, especially as they both have busy sections of their own to run. Thanks also Gavin who will be helping us for a while after moving on to Ventures.

David Rook
Scout Leader

Lion Troop

Another great year for Lion Troop! *Seven* camps, and loads more exciting indoor and outdoor activities. The highlight, as usual, was Summer Camp at Broadstone Warren, where the PL's picked a superb new camp area, and where we had one of the best aerial runways ever. So good was it that we just *had* to go back in September for our 'Rhodi-Rage' camp, where we cleared some of the huge Rhodendron bushes that are taking over the whole forest. It's quite nice for scouts to be able to cut trees down in a good cause!

We entered two patrols in the District Gunnell Camping Competition. Otters won for the second year running, (as well as the special project trophy), and went on to the County Competition (the Emlyn Trophy), where they did really well to finish in the top third, against the very best of Hampshire Scouts. Well done to Doug, Edward and the patrol.

We ran the rafting and canoeing at the Group 70th birthday camp, and helped build the swingboat. In October, we did the traditional Oxfam Camp in the South Downs, where we provide, erect and guard overnight the marshalling marquee, and mark out and marshal the sponsored walk the next day.



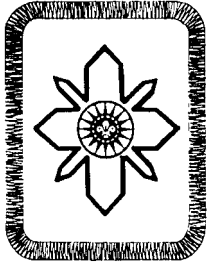
“And I thought you said you do an Eskimo roll in a paddle boat”

And we had two overnight hikes, where we hiked through the countryside at night to sleep in Scout HQ's in Itchenor and Horndean. The Horndean one was quite a challenge, in torrential rain for much of the time, and as everyone got lost, we went to bed just as dawn was starting to show. Unfortunately, we had to be up and out for the judo class at 9am, so the leaders were drinking a lot of black coffee at the luxury breakfast at McDonalds! (But the scouts seemed ok!).

We won the 1999 District Football Competition, and in May, much to the chagrin of Emsworth Scouts, we walked off with the Kon Tiki trophy at their annual Raft race on Emsworth Mill Pond.

For Thursday evenings, we've sampled more of David's endless repertoire of superb games and activities. We've had various computer evenings, quizzes, indoor assault courses, bridge building, 'cook a meal without utensils', an 'Italian' evening, including cooking pizza, widegames and chips on Catherington Down, a 'pitch tents and cook sausages' evening, a Christmas party, a cycle maintenance evening, an egg race auction, and pioneering our own ten pin bowling in the hut.

We supported the local community by making our monkey bridge at Mill Rythe School Fete in July, which we then tested to destruction (it survived). We represented scouts at the Hayling Young People's Conference in November. We had a good turn-out for Remembrance Day, and we helped plant the daffodil '2000' and 'smiley' in Rails Lane.. We've had three joint activities with 1st Drayton troop (thanks to Edward) - a wide games evening on PortsDown Hill, a visit to PlayZone, and a mega watertight on the beach. And we've organised several cub evenings to foster links, and encourage cubs to come up to scouts.



The Chief Scouts Award

We've made a number of awards, in particular, Chief Scout Awards for Glen Wilkinson-Tough, James Wager, and the youngest I've ever seen - Edward Harrison. We have awarded more proficiency badges, including 5 Ambulance, 2 Fireman, 2 Forester, several Athletics and Collector badges, and Mechanics badges for nearly the whole troop, after a four week Mechanics course. And we're back to over 30 scouts for the first time for several years.

Since April, we've been just as busy. One evening at LaserQuest and one at the Funfair. We went back to the Emsworth Raft Race with an even better raft, with foot-driven paddle wheel, but got disqualified for having too many people on! However we did win the Gunnell Composite Trophy. And we've just survived the 'wettest camp this century', the Millennium Camp.

My sincere thanks to all the parents who have helped this year, to the scouts, especially PL's, and to Pete Goddard and the team who have sorted out the stores and the HQ. But most of all to our hard-working leader team of Joy, Matthew and David.

Wilf Forrow - Scout Leader.

Dreadnought

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Year 1999 to 2000 Report.

The past year proved busy. Early on we change the meeting night, from Friday to Monday, keeping meeting times the same, (20:00 to 22:30). The new exec elected in October has coped well with this change. Organising an interesting and varied programme. Meetings in the hut have ranged from self-defence training to cooking, some of which was edible. Evenings outside have seen the ventures at the Southampton Super Bowl and down the beach playing wide games.

The unit is currently 14 strong with a few additional members currently studying at University and popping in when they are about.

Summer Camp

As most will be aware last year we spent two weeks in Kandersteg, Switzerland as part of a contingent of 300 from Hampshire. Activities participated in included hiking, rafting, mountain biking, paracending, glacier walking, hooting, a cheesy hike, a dawn hike and the infamous canyoning. As you can see there was plenty to keep us busy and the Ventures will be recalling some of the more interesting moments later in the AGM.

Awards

Many of the Unit are now working towards their Venture and Queen Scout Award, (the highest award in the Scouting movement), and are planning some interesting expeditions to complete the Exploration section of the Award. At this point I would like to thank the Hayling charities that help to set up IDEA, and in provided an invaluable source of equipment that makes these expeditions possible.

The District

Venturing within the district is currently strong and continuing to grow in strength and numbers. Recent inter district events involving all four Units have included, five-a-side football, (which Hayling won and went on to the next round), a Bar-B-Que competition, night exercises, the District raft race, and the Millennium Camp.

The Millennium Camp

This was not just a social event, although the other sections may have thought so. The parties actuarially played an important part in the Ventures training programme. The highlight for this camp for most, was either Headhunters, (a war game simulation with laser guns), or the Beach Party. Complete with bouncy castle, surf simulation Bar-B-Que and a disco till 1, all sited in a sound proof marquee, unfortunately sand was not allowed.

Jeff Grenough, Dreadnought Venture Scout Unit Leader.

Treasurer's Report

Another very busy year has seen a further increase in turnover. However there is a resulting deficit of only £32, showing how well we have kept within budget. The Activity Fund now stands at £3168, a healthy increase of nearly £2000 and will be used to support Scout activities and trips. We still have a small balance left in the Extension Fund and this has been used for additional carpeting. Our Trailer Fund was used at the beginning of April to purchase a trailer to be used for camps and will also be available for loan to other charities and the local community.

Subscription income has increased but so has capitation. We have therefore had to increase our subscriptions again from April to £15 per term. My thanks to Mel Cole for helping me by collecting the Subs from the sections. The amount received from the Covenant Scheme has increased again to over £1000 – well done, Mandy, and parents please sign the forms, where possible. Although bank interest is down for the year, we had over £100 interest at the beginning of April. Fundraising for Webb Ivory was up considerably, thanks to Valerie's hard work. The Book Fairs have also been very successful. Thanks to Mark and his band of helpers.

Expenditure is very similar to last year, except for HQ maintenance. We have had to spend a lot of money on the heating in the HQ and also a vacuum cleaner and other sundries. Fundraising expenditure on other events includes T-shirts and sweatshirts purchased, of which we still have a substantial stock.

My thanks again to Chris Driscoll for auditing our accounts.

Mary Pike



3rd Hayling Scout Group Charity No. 308136
Income and Expenditure Account. Year ended 31st March 2000

1998/99	INCOME	1999/00
4590.95	Subscriptions	5150.70
2012.15	Donations	2228.58
906.93	Covenant Scheme	1030.97
189.33	Bank Interest	47.98
175.00	Marquee Loan	0.00
13.98	Photocopying	46.46
5655.67	Money exchange, camps & trips	5839.99
1873.05	DVS Kandersteg Fundraising	1021.45
50.00	Miscellaneous	0.00
-	D. of E. Income	1270.00
-	Trailer fund donation	1100.00
	- Activity fund loan repayment	825.00
1494.18	Fundraising: Webb Ivory	2098.98
1191.92	Christmas Fair	1189.07
1101.20	Christmas Post	1078.90
383.39	Book Fair	704.58
870.04	Other events	478.76
20507.79	TOTAL	24111.42
16000.00	New Extension - Lottery Grant	18000.00
36507.99	TOTAL	42111.42
<u>Money held on account</u>		
At 31.03.99		At 31.03.00
628.55	DVS Kandersteg Fund	0.00
1186.36	Activities Fund	3168.34
82.74	Camp & Section Funds	280.60
1170.48	Extension Fund(own fundraising)	500.78
-3826.13	Lottery deficit(awaiting payment)	0.00
-	Trailer fund	1100.00
-758.00	TOTAL	5049.72

FUND STATEMENT

2223.10	Deposit Account	5971.08
2443.53	Current Account	2470.76
0.61	Cash-in-hand	0.61
4667.24	TOTAL	8442.45
2201.25	less: o/s cheques	200.77
2465.99	TOTAL	8241.68
-758.00	Less: Money held on account	5049.72
3223.99		3191.96
	Plus: Deficit of expenditure over income	32.03
		3223.99

1998/99	EXPENDITURE	1999/00
2709.60	Capitation	3205.70
249.97	Section Allowances	482.30
170.01	Competitions	154.13
692.56	Badges	597.00
291.25	Leader Expenses	300.40
305.60	Photocopier	236.60
739.06	Insurance	730.84
703.76	Group Financial Support	699.22
100.00	Donations	0.00
995.86	HQ: Services	833.16
29.32	HQ: Maintenance	1179.92
3374.56	Equipment	2366.72
6083.24	Money exchange, camps & trips	4955.35
1560.62	DVS Kandersteg	1650.00
-	D. of E. Expenditure	1270.00
1236.44	Fundraising: Webb Ivory	1754.93
296.58	Christmas Fair	309.03
103.90	Christmas Post	3.50
48.39	Book Fair	71.68
790.21	Other events	691.68
20480.93	TOTAL	21492.16
19826.13	New Extension Expenditure	14843.57
40307.06	TOTAL	36335.73

