



3rd Hayling Group

Annual Report

2005 - 2006



A truly remarkable achievement

Karl Zillman, 3rd Hayling Explorer Scout, joined an 8-week expedition in 2005 to Nepal and the Himalayas, culminating in the successful climbing of Island Peak at over 20,000 feet (6,189m). At 16 years old, he was one of the youngest ever to achieve this remarkable feat.

Roll of Honour 2005-2006

Beaver Scout Section - Chief Scouts Award Bronze

Ben Adams	Redwood Colony
Lewis Bird	Redwood Colony
Nathan Bond	Aspen Colony
Aaron Francis-Robertson	Redwood Colony
Stuart Godwin	Redwood Colony
Jamie Gray	Aspen Colony
Harry Hick	Redwood Colony
Cameron McCallum	Aspen Colony
Edward Mill	Aspen Colony
Hugh Morgan	Aspen Colony
Jack Rocket	Redwood Colony
Matthew Wells	Aspen Colony
Jack West	Redwood Colony
George Whipp	Aspen Colony



Cub Scout Section - Chief Scouts Award Silver

Ashley Bird	Jupiter Pack
Brynmor Day	Saturn Pack
Jack Golden	Saturn Pack
Sam Heath	Jupiter Pack
Dylan Heathcote	Saturn Pack
Scott Hickman	Saturn Pack
Connor Jamieson-Goode	Saturn Pack
Harrison Notter	Saturn Pack
Thomas Perrin	Saturn Pack
Adam Saunders	Saturn Pack
Max Thomas	Saturn Pack
Oliver Tonkin	Jupiter Pack
James Warner	Jupiter Pack
Harry West	Jupiter Pack



Explorer Scout Section Chief Scouts Award Platinum / Duke of Edinburgh Bronze

Jill Saggars	Nexus Unit
Douglas Percy	Nexus Unit
Robert Venus	Nexus Unit



Group Executive Committee 2005-2006

Group Scout Leader

Ian Hawke

Officers

Chairman

Dr Philip Blossie

Treasurer

Mary Pike

Secretary

Lorraine Haskell

Specific Roles

HQ Manager

Pete Rowson (p)

HQ Support

Eric Marston (p)

Quartermaster

Peter Goddard

Fund Raising

Carolyn Wager

Parent Representatives

Samantha Mill (p)

Ciara Jamieson-Goode (p)

Jo Hawley (p)

Clive Allgood (p)

Nigel Kenny (p)

General Representatives

Alan Perfett

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 (p)

Lion Troop

Jim Simpson /

James Perfett

Explorer Scouts

Nexus Unit

Dominic Howell

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

Group Supporting Roles 2005-2006

Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary
Gift Aid Coordinator
Subs Administration

Mel Cole / Karen Wells
Kim Sparling
Sally Jones / Eileen Oakes
Jenny Dimment / Jo Jones,
Debbie Burness, Mark Jermy

HQ Team

HQ Coordinator
HQ Support
Caretaker
HQ Cleaning
Grounds
Lettings Coordinator

Pete Rowson
Alan Perfett
Eric Marston
Julie Rigden
James Perfett / Richard Card
Alan Perfett

Leader Support Team

Badge Secretary
Secondhand Uniform
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator
Wish List Management

Nigel Kenny
Sarah Speller
Terry Brinnen
Jo Hawley

Promotions & Events

Team Manager
Book Sales
Quiz
Sponsorship Coordinator
Promotion Materials Coordinator

Carolyn Wager
Mark Standing
Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault
Samantha Mill
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
Hillwalking and Climbing Walls
Canoe Instruction

Jan Allgood / Ali Locke
Paul Jackson
Ali Locke
Julie Rigden / Alan Oakes

Group Support 2005-2006

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 executive committee who directly or indirectly contribute to the success of 3rd Hayling from behind the scenes.

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

Valerie Blossie	Photocopying & various other duties
Chris Driscoll	Auditor
Hayling Islander	For their continued Support
ACE / LIONS	For their financial support and help
HI Businessman's Club	For their financial support and help
Irene Day	For her continued support to the Group
Doug & Di McEwen Maypole Inn	Charity Fun Day
Lesley Rowson	Fun Day Cook
Jan Allgood	Fun Day Cook
Mill Rythe Holiday Centre	Carnival Crockery
John Clayton / Bishops Printers	For printing this Report

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 Xmas Post Service:-

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

Chairman's Report

Wow! What a fantastic year. Some said we achieved the impossible. In our 'Raise the Roof' project, we made a commitment in May 2005 to replace our ancient and leaking asbestos roof on the Scouts headquarters. To make the challenge more difficult, a deadline was set - not three years or even one year but six months because of the deterioration in the roof's condition and the onset of winter. So we had to complete the work by November 2005. A crazy target maybe? And the estimated cost was a staggering £35,000 which required a massive fundraising effort. Another crazy target perhaps? At times we even thought so, but we reached our targets. We raised the funds and completed the project on time and within budget. It was a truly tremendous achievement and thanks to everyone who made it possible.

One of the conditions we imposed on ourselves and the builders, Roofline, was that normal Scout activities should not be restricted. This was also a tough challenge but if you read the reports from the various Sections, you can see that it has been very much 'business as usual' with many interesting and varied activities. Well done, leaders and helpers, for another successful year under difficult conditions.

To complement the new roof, other improvements such as new fencing and new front doors have been installed. Our facilities are looking quite posh now! Our plan for this year is to replace the original windows with double glazed units, giving us not only better insulation but also improved security. We see this as an essential requirement to bring the building up to the standards expected today and to support the adventurous and exciting activities which form the backbone of Scouting on Hayling.

Next I must give special thanks to two members of my committee who are stepping down this year. Firstly, Carolyn Wager who has been involved in Scouting since 1987 and a committee member since 1994. Carolyn has played a vital role both in general management and in promotional/fundraising activities. In addition, she took part in the Paris to Hayling cycle ride many times, raising money for 3rd Hayling Scouts through sponsorship. We are most grateful to you, Carolyn, for your involvement and support over so many years - and I am pleased that you wish to continue assisting us in our very successful Book Sales.

Secondly, my thanks go to Lorraine Haskell who has been involved both as a Scout parent and in more recent years as Secretary as well as assisting in various fundraising activities. Thank you, Lorraine, for all your good work and I am delighted that you also wish to continue helping with the Book Sales.

Also thanks to other committee members, Sam Mill, Ciara Jamieson-Goode, Jo Hawley, Mary Pike (treasurer), Nigel Kenny, Clive Allgood, Peter Rowson, Pete Goddard (quartermaster) and last but not least, our Group Scout Leader Ian Hawke whose energy and enthusiasm drives us all. A great team effort in a tough but rewarding year.

Now we can look forward to a very exciting 2007, the Centenary Year for the Scout Movement, with so many events planned both at the local as well as at national and international level. We are especially proud that, after a tough selection process, two Hayling Scouts have been selected to go to the World Jamboree in July 2007 and we look forward to hearing about their experiences over the next 15 months.

And finally, thank you to everyone else - parents, helpers, ex-Scouts, private individuals, organisations, businesses and others - who have helped us in various ways in fulfilling our primary task of the personal development of young people on Hayling. We now raise the bar higher for next year to make the programmes even more attractive and challenging, and I feel privileged to be part of that process.

Dr Philip Blossie
Chairman



Group Scout Leader's Report

So, only a couple of things to report on this year? Not a chance!!!



I was chatting to a long time Scouting colleague from Portsmouth recently and when he asked me how things were going, the only answer I could think of was "Things are buzzing" because this is how I feel.

Not just because we have seen an increase in our numbers, not just because we have a new roof, not just because 31 members of the Group received their top awards, nor because we have camped over 1,000 nights for the 14th year running, BUT because of everything that goes on week in, week out.

I find many of the discussions at our Leaders and Executive meetings inspirational, I find visiting the sections motivational, I find the faces on our members when we try something new so rewarding - in fact I still get this tremendous buzz around everything we do.

I want to start this year by thanking the Leaders. I am sure as you read their reports you, like me, will be amazed at the range of their activities and the creativity and ingenuity they put into their programme planning. OK, so sometimes there are "old" activities with a new name, but of course it is only those "old 'uns" amongst us that know this! When I attend investitures, particularly for the Scout section, I comment that those who get the most out of Scouting put the most in and are willing to try anything and always with a smile. Well, our Leaders who continue to give freely of their time, always turn up each week full of enthusiasm and with a big smile. What an example to set!

During the year we have said goodbye to Jeff Greenough who was a Cub, Scout, Venture Scout and Leader and has emigrated to New Zealand (the lengths some go to avoid Leaders meetings) and more recently Roger Knight who has taken a break to concentrate on other hobbies (hopefully only for a while). Roger introduced a number of our members to "Crabbing" at our Group Fun Day last year and it was so successful that many have been back

to do it again. My personal thanks to Jeff and Roger for all they have done. We have said hello to Shelley who has taken out a warrant as a Beaver Leader with Redwood, Emily who is helping as a young leader with Saturn Cub Pack, and welcomed back Alec who has been helping with Eagle Troop when he can.

Our Executive Committee has had a busy but very successful year, with much of the panic about raising the money for the roof falling on them. Since last year we have been joined by Samantha Mill and Pete Rowson, who both bring alternative ideas to the meetings.

This team have brought new events to our calendar, new ideas for raising money, a much more direct approach to enlisting support of others, and a visible desire to make us all succeed.

In addition to being part of the decision and management body for the Group, they all bring ideas, contacts, information, enthusiasm and often pure tenacity with them to help us. Things seem to happen more quickly and I know that this is very much due to Phil and the Executive team not wanting to discuss the same things meeting after meeting!

Our "Raise the Roof" project is an incredible story: all that money raised and the work completed just 6 months after we started. What this did demonstrate very clearly to me is that Scouting still attracts respect from so many people, whether they be individuals, organisations or businesses. The list of supporters shown elsewhere in this report shows the range of financial help we received.

We also see the same committed support in other ways, those who help with the organisation or running of events, those who respond so quickly to the requests from the Leaders for transport, help, running bases or whatever crazy idea needs assistance.

Without the commitment and dedication of our Leaders and our Executive committee and without the incredible support we receive from so many others, we would not be anything like as strong or as active.

Thank you, everyone

Now for the most important people: the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. After all, that is really why we are all here.

- My congratulations to all of those who have earned badges and awards, the top award recipients being shown in our "Roll of Honour". It is these badges that differentiate us from many other organisations and give the individual a sense of challenge and achievement - so important for everyone.
- Congratulations to Cobra Patrol of Lion Troop who won the District Camping Competition and then went on to become the 7th best patrol in Hampshire.
- We are really pleased that both Jorden Reed and Alistair Harris have been selected to take part in the next World Jamboree in 2007.
- What an achievement by Karl Zillman who at 16 reached the summit of Island Peak in the Himalayas, a mere 20,000 feet above sea level.
- In addition to their weekly meetings it is great to see so many taking part in other activities, whether these be camps, expeditions, Church parades, science days, visits, carnival floats, helping at our own events or supporting others. On average I estimate that something "Scouting" takes place every other weekend.
- My thanks to all of those who continue to help others, whether this be as young leaders within another section of the Group, helping with upgrading a "play school - play area", sweeping up the barn for the HI Businessmen's Club BBQ or the many other various ways our young people do their bit for the community.
- I am sure that every member of the Group has tried something new this year whether this be food related, touching a Royal Python, completing one of Lion Troops' special assault courses, pushing trek carts around Langstone harbour or specific camping activities to name just a few.
- We are regularly seeing new names on our waiting lists, normally from a recommendation of a friend who is already in the Group, which only goes to prove that if we offer exciting Scouting, others will want to join! The good news is that we have seen new members (from outside the movement) in all age sections, from Beavers to Explorers.
- We now have our first female junior members in Beavers and Cubs.
- The reputation of our Explorers is County-wide and I am amazed at the number of people in Scouting whom I meet for the first time who are aware that we are a big and successful Group.

Looking to the future:

- In a couple of weeks we have our Medieval Group Camp with over 90% of our members taking part
- We still have some outstanding items with our Safety & Security project including the replacement of our Windows
- We will continue to develop our thinking on sponsorship and endorsement of Scouting locally
- Looking forward, 2007 will be an incredible year for everyone involved in Scouting with some amazing events planned to celebrate 100 years. There will be a Hampshire Jamboree in August, a Havant District Birthday Camp in May plus many other events.
- We will continue to enhance our Website
- And probably most importantly we will continue to evolve and develop exciting scouting to all those who wish to take part

Talking of websites, I must make special mention of Tom Lincoln, who does so much and is rapidly becoming our multi-technician. Tom provides strip lighting at camps, smoke (safe) for activities, gets involved with many tasks around the HQ and was also the main driver behind our website. Oh, and in his spare time he is one of our Explorer Leaders.

I would also like to thank Phil Blosse who, without doubt, makes a real difference to this Group. We have worked together in our respective roles for 14 years, and yet Phil's desire to do even more and even better remains undaunted by either time or me! It really is great working with you, Phil.

It is time to stop (I hear you all saying) and my final thanks go to my own family who put up with my endless trips to the HQ or to my continued claim on our computer to produce our many communications or to update our website.

Ian

3rd Hayling Scout Group Charity No. 308136
Income and Expenditure Account. Year ended 31st March 2006

2004/05	INCOME	2005/06	2004/05	EXPENDITURE	2005/06
6836.00	Subscriptions	8575.00	4200.00	Capitation	4480.40
2050.00	Donations	400.00	766.19	Section Allowances	1097.79
2207.68	Gift Aid	1674.16	66.00	Competitions	243.02
731.88	Bank Interest	966.50	600.00	Badges	300.00
515.00	Facilities hire (HQ and Marquee)	425.00	330.60	Leader Uniform and Training	652.44
59.62	Photocopying	82.47	292.63	Photocopier	312.33
10219.12	Money exchange, camps & trips	8036.56	962.59	Insurance	962.70
0.00	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	240.00	678.13	General Admin & Expenses	873.75
1122.08	Fundraising: Quiz	1282.48	1396.07	HQ: Services	1858.05
0.00	Raise the roof	26249.60	1115.95	HQ: Maintenance	688.72
972.38	Christmas Post	927.52	2209.83	Equipment	168.26
1687.34	Book Fair	1631.86	12815.30	Money exchange, camps & trips	8286.08
0.00	100 club	2016.00	89.18	Duke of Edinburgh Award expenditure	216.66
559.07	Other events(fireworks,etc)	835.47	262.28	Fundraising: Quiz	248.48
26960.17	TOTAL	53342.62	0.00	Christmas Post	14.74
1240.00	less: Explorer subs accounted for	1290.00	70.23	Book Fair	231.02
25720.17	by District	52052.62	0.00	100 club	446.00
			306.20	Other events	408.84
FUND STATEMENT			<u>26161.17</u>	TOTAL	<u>21058.41</u>
15438.01	COIF fund	16404.42	0.00	New roof	32501.68
43.53	Deposit Account	43.62	26161.17	TOTAL	53990.96
1432.79	Current Account	5342.95		less: Capitation and use of facilities	
0.00	Cash-in-hand	0.00	1240.00	by Explorers accounted for by District	
16914.33	TOTAL	21790.99	24921.17		1290.00
240.00	less: o/s cheques	3765.00	7235.22	Less: Money held on account 01.04.05	52700.96
16674.33	TOTAL	18025.99	11325.33	Plus: Money held on account 31.03.06	11325.33
11325.33	Less: Money held on account	10377.65	3291.11	Plus: Surplus	10377.65
5349.00		7648.34	25720.17		<u>299.34</u>
3291.11	Less: Surplus income over	299.34	Money held on account		52052.62
8640.11	expenditure	7349.00	At 31.03.05		
			0.00	100 club prizes	At 31.03.06
I have examined the books and papers presented to me and in my opinion they represent a true and fair statement of affairs.			3240.33	Activities Fund	775.00
			3000.00	Scout Development Fund	3480.65
			3000.00	Building Fund	0.00
			2085.00	Camp & Section Funds	3965.00
C. Driscoll F.C.A. Auditor	June 2006		11325.33	TOTAL	<u>2157.00</u>
					10377.65

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C. Driscoll F.C.A. Auditor
June 2006

Treasurer's Report

What a year! We have paid over £32,000 for a new roof for the Headquarters and we are still showing a small surplus of £299! This has been due to a tremendous effort by almost everybody in the Group and to friends and supporters outside the Group. All donations, however small, have produced a most amazing total, as we still have nearly £4,000 in the Building Fund, and this will be used for fencing, new front door and replacing the windows. The Scout Development Fund is showing a zero balance at present because it was used in the Building Fund.

The remainder of the accounts this year show we have kept well to our budget. Subscriptions are up significantly, this is as a consequence of the increase per term from £20 to £22, and also the extra help we now have in collecting the money. The Quiz raised over £1000, and the Book Sales over £1400, both tremendous efforts by all concerned. These two amounts went directly into 'Raise the Roof' Fund. Gift Aid received on subscriptions was similar to last year and the Gift Aid on donations went directly into the Building Fund. Kim Sparling has done a great job with all the paperwork.

Our expenditure has been kept to the basic minimum, we only spent £168 on equipment! The HQ services increased by nearly £500 as we now have an excellent cleaner.

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 presently unaudited, as at 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

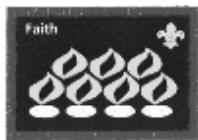
Aspen Beaver Colony



Aspen Beavers have had a very busy year. We started with lots of games and craft activities which included making shields and swords to battle our way into St. George's Day. Then we went on the Lions sponsored walk, the money we raised from this we put towards the new roof for the Scout Headquarters.

Looking at birds and their nests, we did a nature walk down the Billy Track. This involved teams of boys walking 100 paces and writing down what they saw. The team with the most on their list wins..... we had some very suspicious lists and some very innocent looking parents!..... palm trees?..... kangaroos?..... eagles? To finish with we made chocolate birds' nests and filled them with little chocolate eggs. This all went towards the Beavers' Challenge Badges.

The Beavers attended the Group Fun Day. Here they met up with other members of the Scout Group to walk down the Billy Track doing lots of activities on the way, which included a blindfold trail, cooking marshmallows on campfires, firing ballistas, fishing for crabs, decorating biscuits, and it finished with a BBQ and a campfire.



We had a team games night, did the Faith badge, and painted fish pictures to go on the Group's carnival float. To finish the term we went to the Forest of Bere at Wickham for a walk, picnic tea and to play in their activity area.

After the summer holidays we did the Experiment Badge by learning about electricity and circuit boards. We had an evening planned by a Beaver, which involved decorating biscuits and playing his favourite games. We watched the 2004 Camp DVD, learnt how to play marbles, had a cars night, a pirates night, did origami and made salt dough.

In late October we couldn't get into the Scout HQ because the new roof was being put on. This is when we really appreciated how lucky we are to have such a lovely hut that is geared up to large numbers of very lively boys.....and

how tough the hut is.....and how tough St. Andrews Church Hall isn't !!!! We planned a programme to try to leave the Church Hall intact so we made witches hats out of ice cream cones, had a hedgehog's night, made fishing rods to play a fishing game and played skittles. Four weeks later and we were back in the HQ with audible sighs of relief, just in time for Nigel Valette to present 5 Bronze Awards.

In December we went to the Christingle Service and had our first Aspen sleepover! Four Leaders and a parent were joined by 8 very excited Beavers to have a fun packed evening, night and morning. We did craft and games, played with radio-controlled cars, watched a film, had a little campfire, did an assault course, ate lots, and.....they were all asleep by midnight!!

January saw us making bird cake. We had an insect night, learnt about the Union Flag, and made Valentines cards. We had a 'body night'- the Beavers drew around each other on large sheets of paper and they were given a set of body parts to place on the bodies. For St. David's Day we painted stones from Wales with the St. David's flag to make paperweights, and made Welsh cakes.

In February we went to the Experiment Badge Activity Day at the Havant District Centre. Here we met up with lots of other Beavers to spend an afternoon doing all sorts of science experiments and having lots of fun.



We are now busy doing the Gimmie 5 Challenge, which is a joint money-raising project between the Scout Association and the World Wildlife Fund.

I would like to say a very big thank you to Becky and Julie who help me run Aspen, and who put up with me leaving them with lots of tables plastered in glue and glitter to clear away while I pretend to be busy with the boys. A big thank you to Claire who always gets dragged in to help when I know there will be masses of glue and glitter to clear away, and who will always help without any notice when I need help. A big thank you to Tom who helped out on the sleepover and the Experiment Badge Activity Day. And finally a big thank you to the parents who are always very supportive to the Colony.

Fox (Sylvi)

Redwood Beaver Colony

I would like to start my report this year with a fond farewell to Roger Knight who has finally hung up his woggle. As he left my team was joined by two lovely ladies, Shelly West who has a son in the Colony (and another in Cubs) and Claire who is a Scout Leader and helps in many ways with the Group. They are both fun and enthusiastic and really do seem to motivate and encourage the Beavers in everything they do. We still have Matthew Haines, our Explorer Scout. He is a great asset to our group as the boys love him and he usually knows what I need doing before I think of it!

During the summer term we made the most of the outdoors and of course joined in the Fun Day with everyone having a great time along the Billy Trail and in particular with Roger and the crabbing. I heard that some of the Beavers took their families back to do more crabbing the following day!

Our first meeting in September saw us getting together with parents, Beavers and friends for a BBQ on the beach. It was a very sociable evening, which gave everyone the opportunity to renew friendships after the summer holidays and chat about what was coming up in the year ahead.



We worked on the Discovery challenge badge in this term, making use of the light evenings by getting out and about. We ran an evening of "Fitness in the Park" where the Beavers worked in pairs moving from base to base performing various physical activities. These ranged from star jumps, burpies (whatever they are!! - Ed), press-ups, bench lifts to running from one post to another, sit-ups and skipping. They had one minute for each activity, where they had to do as many repetitions as possible and keep note of their performance. It proved to be a very entertaining and exhausting evening.

Woodwork was another fun activity which, I may say, I was slightly nervous about, but Roger organised the evening fantastically and all the Beavers enjoyed it very much. So much so, I think we will ask Roger back this year to do it again! It's amazing how children's imagination can take flight given the opportunity. We provided bits of wood in all shapes and sizes, hammers, nails and plenty of adult help. The Beavers went to work and created everything

from bird tables, book shelves, flying contraptions and body armour. The following week they painted their projects and took them home, very proud of their achievements.

We gave the Beavers a choice of sewing projects this year as part of their Creative Challenge badge. Ghosts and cats were cut out from felt and assembled into kits. They were handed out to the courageous Beavers who took them home and made them up with a small amount of help from parents. The ghosts were huge and really took a lot of sewing and the cats were very fiddly! I was thrilled that so many took up the challenge and the end results were fantastic. Hallowe'en was celebrated with the usual wild party, with food supplied by the parents and mad, silly games run by Roger and Matt.

We have made lots of craft things including a Valentine mobile, cards, firework pictures and a super Autumn tree, to mention but a few. Playing games is always included in our evenings and these can range from board and card games to running-around-making-lots-of-noise games.

In conjunction with the keeping fit sessions we have also learnt about healthy foods and made scrummy stir-fry with the Beavers chopping up courgettes, mushrooms, cabbage, onions and other vegetables and cooking it on the Scout burners themselves. They enjoyed this very much and ate everything up, much to the surprise of some of the parents. We have also made fruit salad, sandwiches, fresh juices and not-so-healthy pancakes.



In March this year we decided to participate in the Children's Marathon Challenge, which is organised in aid of children with Leukaemia. A smashing lady called Ally came in for two evenings and ran aerobic sessions. The first evening we invited parents to join in and they did so in droves, mums, dads and Beavers all thrusting themselves about to music. Drinks were provided, photos taken and muscles flexed. Everyone really enjoyed it and joined in the spirit. This was a sponsored event with half the money going to the Leukaemia charity and half to Naomi

House. I would like to thank everyone for taking part and for helping us to raise money for these two worthy causes.

During the year seven Beavers received their Chief Scouts Bronze Award (see the Roll of Honour at the beginning of our Annual Report) and many badges have been presented.

I would like to personally thank all of my parents for being so supportive and helpful to me and my team during the year. We often need additional help and I never have a problem in getting it. I am really looking forward to another year of working with my team and thank them for being so great.

Linda Hunter (Badger)

Jupiter Cub Pack

Run away and join the circus!

Well, same as last year really, loads of games, eating, camping, eating, lighting fires, eating, basic pioneering challenges, eating. You know how it is with Cubs (and their Leaders get hungry). If you're hungry then you have to find (catch!) your food, and if you've got food it's important to light a fire to cook it, and if you're cooking it then you have to sit around the fire to eat it, and if you're sat around the fire completely stuffed you might as well try and sing some songs, and then you might as well drop off to sleep...all right, I'm getting ridiculous now, everyone knows that Cubs do not sleep!



Actually on that note, Andrea and myself did organise our first independent camp and we took the Pack to Lyons Copse for the last weekend in September. The sun shone and it was a great success with a range of activities from wide games in the woods after dark, to archery, whittling (give a child a

stick and a penknife and they will while away days in rapt contemplation) and flag making. It was also great to be able to carry out a number of Investitures at camp, which has to be the best place to do it (even with the sleep deprivation!)

We were of course thrown out of the HQ for November while the new roof was put in place, and whilst others were looking for alternative venues we decided to head for the hills (actually the Billy Track due to the lack of hills!) and spend the month's sessions outside.

The first night we caught the tail end of Hurricane Wilma, but credit to the Cubs they turned up, made a shelter, lit a fire, cooked some food and stayed relatively dry. Over the month we tried different types of fire making and cooking, and when I finally announced that the roof was completed and we could use the HQ again there were real howls of protest.

During the Easter term we worked on maps and compasses, and making hot air balloons. We have a pack tradition at the beginning of Lent of observing Ash Wednesday, with prayers, a marking of the sign of the cross on the forehead (for those who want it) with ashes, and only then the pancakes! I have never seen so many go into such small mouths! We decided to hold a "camp" for Sixers and Seconders, which we did at the HQ. The object of the event was for the Cubs to plan their own camp with menus, the buying of food and activities.



We inevitably decided to do all the cooking over an open fire, and the standard of cooking was exceptional. A great big stew was cooked on the Saturday evening and virtually all eaten. On the very cold (and early!) Sunday morning breakfast, as it was cooked, was placed in a Dixie to keep warm and when I lifted the lid so that it could be

dished out, one boy gasped (in wistful tones) "it looks like Heaven." It is the simple things in life that give pleasure and so much fun, swimming, running, making water rockets and, yes you've guessed it, food.

We continue to do well in helping Cubs to achieve their Chief Scouts Silver Award. See the Roll of Honour at the beginning of this report for those who worked very hard to gain their awards.

There is of course a great deal of hard work that goes into running the Pack and because of that it is vital that it is as much fun for the adults as for the Cubs and, actually, it is! Our thanks go to Colin Burgess for helping out at camp and being our Quartermaster for Catering. He also helped out a great deal on our month in the "wilderness" but was really excited when he discovered how to make a cooking stove out of a log. Also thanks to Mark Jermy who is our Communications Quartermaster (who likes the food!). He collects the subs and makes sure that the letters get handed out on time and seems to know how to get things! Rob Venus from Explorers has been helping out this year as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award and has been a great asset to the Pack.

Also, thanks go to Paul Jackson for helping out at camp by organising the archery. But the biggest thanks from everyone involved with Jupiter have to go to Andrea who is an important counterbalance to this testosterone-fuelled environment. Not only is she organised, but she can remember names, and even on the darkest of nights will have a torch ready to ensure that the sausages are cooked all the way through; that's commitment!

I always say this, but I mean it: come and see what we do, join in, you never know when you might need to make a rope ladder in a hurry! At the beginning of one evening in the HQ, and as footballs started flying around and Cubs started flooding in and cart-wheeling across the floor, Mark observed that it was like the circus. Well, run away and join the circus, just for Wednesday evenings.

Aaron Pycroft

Saturn Cub Pack

We have had another fun year with lots of different activities tried. We started the year with the St. George's Day service, one of the best bits being the bus ride there and back. During the summer term we had beach evenings, a bike ride along the Billy Line, the Lions charity walk, fire lighting and cooking and a visit to the Lifeboat station. Later on we held a "bring and buy" sale and raised £70 for the Lifeboats.

We had a Saturday visit to Meon Valley Country Park where we climbed the obstacle course and generally ran around making lots of noise! The Group Fun Day also gave an opportunity to meet with the rest of the Group and have some exciting things to do along the way. We ended the term with a fun swim at Mill Rythe School pool, using Jan Allgood who had recently undertaken her Lifeguard's course so we can swim safely. Thanks, Jan.

The next term we were kicked out of the HQ for a few weeks while the new roof was being done! This meant that you could guarantee some Mondays it was going to rain so we had a wet torch walk with interesting fire lighting on Hallowe'en! We spent an evening in the Firing Squad making Christmas presents and an evening in the library finding out about how a library works so we could get our Book Readers badge. We visited the fire station and had a great evening learning all about the engines and trying lots of things out. We also did our Local Knowledge badge and Navigators badge.



During the spring term we have tackled the Communicators, Home Safety, and Cyclist badges. Two mums, Karen Wells and Kim Sparling (thanks, Karen and Kim) helped put the Cubs through their paces to do the practical part of the Cyclist badge.



In order for the Cubs to gain their top award they have to run a Pack evening so the Sixers and Seconders took over the organising and running of some evenings this term. We made Mothers' Day presents, had a Parents Evening where parents joined in with Cub-like enthusiasm!!!! We ended the term with joining Lion Troop in their challenging obstacle course, and then when they had gone home we stayed over in the HQ for the night. Not much sleep for some of us, and the new roof is very noisy at night with rain pouring down on it, BUT there were NO leaks!

We have had lots of Beavers join and seen lots of Cubs move on to Scouts. Nine Cubs have gained their Chief Scout's Silver Award. We have presented 113 proficiency badges, 15 Caring, 7 Fitness, 8 Outdoor, 12 Global and 12 Creative Challenges.

During the year Jo and Fiona have had time out as they are both undertaking university courses but I am grateful for their input when they have been with us. My huge thanks go to Jacko who has provided me with his usual tremendous support and enthusiasm and also got the Best Six challenge revived. Rebecca and Emily, two senior Guides have also joined us as part of their service awards, and James as part of his service. It is good to have these three young leaders with us, and thanks for all you do.

I would also like to thank all the parents who have given me such good support during the year, always ready to help with Group events or Saturn needs; to Jo Jones who has collected subs and made that task easier for me; and my family for letting me out to play.

Thank you all.

Mandy

Eagle Scout Troop

I take great pride and enthusiasm in recounting the year's activities achieved by Eagle Troop. All the Scouts have challenged themselves in the spirit of Scouting, so here goes:



In the summer term last year we undertook the Langstone Walk challenge but with the added fun of taking a traditional trek cart around the harbour. The Scouts completed the 15 miles without a problem, although we did get some funny looks when asking to take the Trek Cart on the Hayling Ferry.

The troop also took part in the District Camping Competition, the first time for the majority of the Scouts camping. OK, so we did not win any trophies but the lads learnt a great deal about camping and looking after themselves. A couple of weeks later found us walking up the Hayling Billy Trail along with the rest of the Group at the Fun Day, and the following weekend some of our older Scouts helped out with the clearing up after the Businessmen's Club BBQ. Service to others is still an important part of Scouting.

Summer Camp 2005. This was first summer camp with the new leadership team and it was awesome. Our camp base was on MOD land in Aldershot (we did have permission to be there), with a huge area of fields and woodland at our disposal. The camp style mixed traditional Scout skills with a bit of backwoods survival. Activities included: fire lighting, hiking, archery, building and sleeping in bivouacs, pioneering, safe axe and saw training, swimming, tent pitching (serious Nijer action), cooking on gas and open fires, wide-games and pulling my car out of marsh land, to name but a few.

The Scouts' favourite part of the week was definitely the "bivvys". The location was a pine valley, it was some of the finest "bivvy" building I have ever seen. For the few who don't know what a "bivvy" is all about, I shall just say it's the skill of building your own shelter out of natural materials and sleeping in it



and, staying warm and dry. What an achievement for boys as young as eleven!

The week helped Eagle Troop go from strength to strength, young leadership being shown by the older Scouts as something to be proud of, and teamwork in a setting of great challenge and fun. I would especially like to thank Pete Goddard for all his work and Scouting experience that helped make this camp a success. Work commitments meant that some Leaders could only spend a few days in camp, so Paul Jackson volunteered to join us for the full week - thanks, Jacko!

Summer camp is the peak of the troop training year, and all of the Leaders felt this was a good conclusion to our first year as a team and an excellent start to our second year with Eagle Troop.

The troop went into the autumn term with great enthusiasm for Scouting after such an exciting summer camp. The first half of the term was spent broadening skills from first aid to archery (not in the same evening!), taking part in activities to strengthen the new patrols whilst welcoming the new Scouts who had just moved up from Cubs.

The second half of the term saw us spend most of our Troop nights out and around Hayling due to the work on the roof. This gave us a chance to run 4 weeks of *extreme* programme. We started with an "All Souls" evening on the Hayling School field, with pumpkin making, doughnuts on strings and an assortment of other games. We also played wide games, fire lighting and an incident hike across the island (not all at once). The term was nicely finished off with an evening ice-skating in Gosport.



We took part in a brilliant weekend challenge with Lion Troop and the Explorers. The overnight hike with incidents ended in the early hours of the morning and after a few hours sleep, a hearty breakfast for all. I have no doubts that everyone slept for hours when they finally got home!

This year we have been enjoying the newly improved Scout HQ. In February we even had to open some windows after energetic games because we were too hot! While the sun still set early we concentrated

on a lot of skill-based evenings, from soap carving to building our own bowling alley!

Just the other weekend, the beginning of May, our four APLs and four PLs completed the Expedition Badge. They were dropped off at the start location in the New Forest, they synchronised their watches at 10:00 hours, looked at their maps and hiked to Ferny Crofts campsite, carrying their gear on their backs. On arrival at Ferny Crofts they prepared and cooked an evening meal, pitched their tents and camped overnight. In the morning they cooked breakfast, packed up camp, thanked the Warden and then selected their route to hike to their pick-up point, home by 03.00 hours for tea and medals. It was an awesome challenge for 12 & 13 year olds, to find their own way and look after themselves for over 24 hours, which these Scouts really enjoyed. All the boys lived up to the spirit of Scouting. They are already talking about their next hike into the wilderness of Hampshire, or further! All eight have now earned their Expedition Challenge Award. This was also the final step for Toby Burgess in completing his Chief Scout Gold Award, the top award of the Scout section and which is a great personal achievement for him.

What's to come? This term is jam-packed with camps and adventurous activities. We have the District Gunnell Camping Competition, where we are hoping to enter all our patrols. The Lions Club Langstone Walk (*extreme trek cart hike*), the full 15 miles again! Group Camp, kayaking, archery and wide games. All that before another awesome summer camp, this year in Devon.

I would like to thank all Scouts for their amazing efforts and team work and the great support from Pete, Dave, Mitch, Matt, Dave H & Jamie who have made it possible for me to enjoy our exciting programmes, as much as they have.

Edd Harrison

(Scout Leader of Eagle Troop)

Lion Scout Troop

Another year has passed and this year has seen Lion Troop continuing to enjoy a mixture of scouting and fun activities both indoors and outdoors and continued success at District Competitions (more on that later).

The summer term began with fun and games with sedan chairs and continued with scouting skills training, ranging from camp hygiene, gadgets (especially Skylon Flagpoles) menu planning, map and compass work, yet another Rhodi Camp (are there any rhododendrons left at Broadstone Warren?), a weekend camp at Cricket Camp Site, a Big Pioneering Project and finally the great Lion Troop tradition of the end of term Beach BBQ and mass water fight. **This year I found out James's secret! Stay beside the BBQ in the NO WATER ZONE!**

Oh, I nearly forgot! We sent two patrols to The Gunnell (the District Camping Competition), I say more about that later.

For the summer camp 2005, Lions headed west to Woodhouse Park Scout Campsite near Bristol. There were lots of activities including natural rock climbing and caving in Cheddar Gorge, air rifle shooting, a day hike from Wales to England (ok, they only had to walk across the Severn Bridge), swimming (a good way to keep the Scouts clean), races around the adventure trail (a very good way at getting them muddy again!). And yes, we also found another campfire circle to clean!

During our winter term we went 'Back to Basics' with training in axe, knife and saw, stoves and lamps (gas and paraffin), map and compass, and knots and lashings. We played wide games and James ran a weekend camp at Broadstone Warren where the Scouts built Bivouacs (a shelter made from natural materials e.g. sticks, grass and fern leaves) and some of the Scouts slept in them for a night. James has found competition for the title of Troop Pyromaniac in Tom Lincoln who ran an evening showing the Scouts how to light fires by remote control (making some very loud bangs in the process).



The start to 2006 brought indoor pioneering (including cane ballistas), ice skating at Gosport Ice Rink, wide games, a visit to Clanfield Observatory (sadly on a cloudy night!), a weekend camp at Lyons Copse and a pancake making evening ran by Stag Patrol. Well done, Stags.

2006 has also seen the selection of a Lion Troop Scout to represent Hampshire at the 21st World Jamboree in 2007. This is a fantastic achievement and a brilliant opportunity for Alistair Harris. Well done, Alistair.

I said I would come back to The Gunnell. **Well what can I say!**

We entered two Patrols this year, one working patrol (Cobras) and a composite patrol. The competition judges patrols on their camping skills, teamwork and cooking. There are three competitions run over the weekend: The Gunnell Trophy for natural patrols, the Composite Patrol competition and the District Cooking competition, judging the Saturday night's meal. This year saw Lion Troop win all three, Cobra Patrol winning the Gunnell Trophy and the cooking competition.



Cobra Patrol: Joel Knight (PL), Alistair Harris (APL), Jake Whistlecraft, Benjamin Diment and Robert Hawley (pictured above).

Composite Patrol: Daniel Whiteland-Smith (PL), Liam Holden (APL), Zachary Allgood, Samuel Whiteland-Smith and Joshua Hunter.

Cobra Patrol went on to represent Havant District at the Hampshire County Competition for The Emlyn Trophy where they came seventh. During the weekend the patrol built a 'Merry-go-round' from poles, ropes and a tin mug!

I cannot congratulate the boys enough for the effort and commitment they have shown. They are a credit to us all. Well done, boys!

This year has seen three investitures, three Scouts moving up to the Explorer section and numerous proficiency badges (including Photographers, Chef, Writers, Entertainer, Musician, Sports Enthusiast, Fire Safety, Mechanic, Artist and Master at Arms) and Challenge Awards being presented.

I would like to thank the PLs for all their hard work and help they have given throughout the year. My thanks also go to the Leadership team of James Perfett, Merv Haines, Claire Ashby, Tom Lincoln and Jamie (we all think he lives in the HQ, he's always there) Bray. Without their hard work and dedication Lion Troop would not run as smoothly. Special thanks go to Claire Havlin for her help on our Woodhouse Camp.

What next? Firstly a change, it is with regret that I am taking a step back and passing over the leadership of Lion Troop to James. This is due to work commitments; however, I will be remaining as one of James's assistants (you can't get rid of me that easily). So, 2006-2007 will see lots more of the same including camps, lots more outdoor activities (including skylons and campfire circle cleaning) and lots of badge work. We are all looking forward to seeing Lion Troop go from strength to strength in the next year. Why not come along and see just how much fun Scouting can be in the lead up to our 100th year.

Jim Simpson
Scout Leader

Nexus Explorers

Explorers can always be relied on to be inventive and different ...

Programmes include the

- Bob the Frog - how far can a plastic frog travel?
- Rich man poor man - what can be bought and cooked with a lot or very little money
- Stop motion photography - photographing the building of a human pyramid

Other slightly unusual programmes included making mock documentaries, casino and explosions evenings, creating beaver biscuits and sledging (without snow!)

The inventiveness comes from the Explorers creating and running their own programmes!

The Unit also went climbing, canoeing, played wide games, watched films and did archery to name a few.

Most of the Explorers are also working on their Chief Scout Platinum Award and the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme with the support of Terry Brinnen. The great news is that Charles, Rob, Jill, Karl, Dougie, Richard and Alan have completed their Platinum and Bronze Awards

Our annual Summer Camp was in the Gower Peninsular. The Explorers planned their own programme which included Gorge Walking, Quad Bikes and day at the Theme Park.



Highlights included Jill falling off Quad bike at 2 miles an hour, quite an achievement, and for the rest of us avoiding flying cow pats kicked up by the quad bike in front.



Gorge walking involved climbing, wading and scrambling up a rocky gorge river in the Dinas Mine area. This included jumping off a 10 metre cliff into the river and scrambling along a ledge behind a waterfall and then jumping feet first into the river except for one Explorer who slipped and dived head first into the river

accompanied by a death defying scream only to be ended on hitting the water (Jill again, of course).

A challenge set for the Explorers was to be dropped off at another campsite 70 miles away with tents and cooking equipment to camp overnight, buy their food and to make their own way back to the Gower using public transport. They successfully returned and ruined our peace and quiet.

The comedy moment of the week was while driving up to the water tap on site, Rob opening the sliding door on the minibus, falling out and hitting his head on the tap while still clutching his water bottle. Tap 1 Rob 0 (only because the tap was screwed to a breeze block wall and didn't move a millimetre)



Finally, as we were camping close to a beach the only thing to do was to make use of it! Our final night at the camp included a BBQ on the beach, sand castle making and karaoke. Thankfully, no audience for the karaoke ..., it was that bad, really that bad.

A few other highlights... Karl went up to Everest basecamp and also scaled Island Peak at 20000ft with Hampshire Scout Expeditions and Jorden has been selected to go to next years World Jamboree.

The year couldn't be completed without Explorers taking part in the group events such as Church Parades, fun days and also providing service to the

Group and other Groups through helping at Beaver, Cub and Scout evenings plus helping loading books for the Book Fair, sorting the Christmas post and many other unseen and unglamorous jobs.

Thanks to the Explorers for making it such an entertaining year, I have only counted a few extra grey hairs and to Tony (especially for his minibus driving and very hot curries), Tom (for anything which involves a loud bang plus his support to the Explorers to make their programmes a success) to Terry (for the amount of time he spends coaching the Explorers through their awards) and Charles, as Unit Chairman, for creating some order out of the chaos.

PS Tom never let me ignore your satnav again at summer camp. On deciding that a narrow country lane was a bit of a challenge for the minibus, I decided to ignore the advice only to proceed to get completely lost. That lane turned out to be the only route and an hour later ...!

Dominic Howell



Fundraising Report

The Raise the Roof appeal has dominated our fundraising activities this year. Donations and special contributions are detailed elsewhere in this Annual Report but I would like to report on some other fundraising events.

Our Book Sales in November and June have, once again, been highly successful and well attended, raising over £1400 in total. Special thanks must go to Mark Standing for all his hard work, involving many hours of sorting, classifying and pricing each of the 5,000 books on sale. Without his dedication the sales would not have achieved their well-deserved reputation. I would like to thank the entire book sale team for their help, both in preparation and on the actual day of the sales. Thanks, too, are due to the Explorers & Scouts who load and unload the Scouts' trailer with the books. The next Book Sale is on 2nd December at the URC Church Hall and we look forward to seeing you all there.



In 2005 we supported the Hayling Carnival, both with our own float and by running a Crockery-Smashing Stall, which was a great hit! Much frustration was vented by a large number of people and in the process added £275 to our funds.

We were delighted to be invited to join the Charity Day at the Maypole Inn on August Bank Holiday weekend, where we set up a Coconut Shy. This, too, was popular and raised £80. Thanks in particular to the McEwens for the invitation and to the Group's parent helpers on the day.

Another new event was our Curry Evening, organised by Ciara Jamieson-Goode, when the Desai family offered to cook some traditional dishes for the 60 people who joined in. Everyone said this was a great evening and we also raised £400.

During the year the sections also took part in activities for the "Raise the Roof" fund. Over £800 was raised by those taking part in the "Round Langstone Harbour" walk organised by the local Lions Clubs, with the Scouts taking a trek cart around the full 15 miles.

In July, the Scouts and Explorers were invited to help with the Hayling Island Businessmen's Club annual BBQ, which involved helping with the setting up, clearing up and car parking. For this support we received a donation of £500.

Another new event to 2005 was our 100 Club. Although we did not quite sell all 100 tickets we still make over £800 profit with prizes of £1200 being paid out throughout the year. The first draw was November 2005, and we plan to continue with this again from November this year.

We also continued with our regular events. The Quiz organised by Mandy Hawke & Fiona Jorden-Harrison raised nearly £1300. Billy Ault, a former Leader with the Group, again organised the questions and acted as MC, the event being won by ACE (for the fourth time). Our 24th consecutive Xmas Post service raised nearly £1000.

Although this seems like a lot of events, the fact that they are shared among a number of different people means the demands on any one individual are realistic. This is my last report as the Fundraising Coordinator as I am stepping down from this role, but I will continue with supporting the Book Sales. I would like to finish by thanking everyone for their involvement and support over many years.

Carolyn Wager

Our Raise the Roof Project



2005 found us raising £35,000 in order to replace our old leaky roof. I think we were all amazed how quickly we reached our target and were therefore able to complete the project.

We would not have managed this without the support of many people, either by personal donations, sponsorship, grants and our own fundraising. We would like to acknowledge the support received from the following towards our "Raise the Roof" fund.

Bernard Sunley Foundation
Colin Boniface
Nancy Butlin
Eileen Clark
David Cole
Irene Day
Peter Gatfield
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David Harris (Havant Borough)
Havant District Scout Council
Hayling Island Businessmen's Club
Hayling Island Lions Association
Hayling Islander
Hedley Foundation
Dr Luke Houghton
Howard Car Spares
Lifeboat Inn
Maritime Intelligence
Mrs Wyn Mathis
Maypole Inn
Mill Rythe Holiday Centre

David Peeling
Roofline Limited
Sinah Warren Hotel
Stoke Fruit Farm
Rank Foundation
Joan & Dave Roberts
Fred Rook
Jean & Keith Yates

All those people who attended:

- Our Book Sales
- Our Authentic Curry Night
- Our Quiz Night
- Our Carnival Stall

All those people who:

- Used our Xmas Post
- Joined our 100 Club
- Had a go at Crockery Smashing

All those who organized our events or events in which we could take part.

We really could not have completed this project without your help and support.



3rd Hayling Scout Group

Annual Awards and Presentation Evening

Minutes of Annual Meeting Wednesday June 15 2005 Scout Headquarters, Kings Road Hayling Island

(To be read in conjunction with the Annual Report 2004 – 2005)

At the commencement of the evening Dr Blosse invited those present to join in a short prayer led by the Group Scout Leader.

Chairman's Welcome

Dr Blosse welcomed the Mayor of Havant to the Awards and Presentation Evening, thanking the Borough for their continuing interest in the Group's activities. Welcoming the many representatives of other organisations and Friends of Hayling Scouts as well as members of the Group, Dr Blosse outlined the evening's events, which he hoped would prove interesting to the guests. Approximately one hundred Guests and Friends of the Group were in attendance.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

David Willetts MP President Havant District Scout Council, Stella Adams, Clive Allgood, Colin Bartlett, Susan Beevor, Colin Boniface, Nancy Butlin, Jon Cashford, Mrs A Clark, John and Iris Cottle, Sandy Dale, Phillip Derben, Jean Derben, Stan and Avis Dickin, Dennis Doney, County Cllr Ted Gale, Peter Gatfield, Andrew Goodwin, Lilian Guildford, Doris Harcourt, Bob Hayes, Mike Henwood, Lynne and Chris Holland, Luke Houghton, Ray Howell, Douglas Husband, Janet Jackson, Sally Jones, Roger Knight, Mrs P Locke, Alison Locke, Fred Mant, Eileen Oakes, John Pitt, Mrs J Queripel, Graham and Jill Ramsden, Sylvi Rigden, David and Joan Roberts, Dave and Sue Rook, Fred Rook, Joan Sinden, Marilyn Skennerton, Mark and Jo Standing and Keith Yates.

Annual Report 2005 – 2006

The Chairman introduced the Annual Report that had been distributed to those in attendance. The Annual Report contained the Reports of the Section Leaders, as well as those of the Treasurer, the GSL and the Chairman. Dr Blosse commended the contents of the Report to the meeting and drew attention to the quality of the individual reports and the range of activity being undertaken to help the young people of Third Hayling develop.

Referring to the Treasurer's report the Chairman pointed out that the Accounts were awaiting audit, but that Chris Driscoll was happy to undertake this task and in the meantime any questions were welcome. Referring to the short space of seven months since the previous AGM, the Chairman reminded the meeting of the highly successful 75th Group Camp which had affected timings in the previous year.

The Chairman thanked the Treasurer Mary Pike for her hard work and also drew attention to the team who worked with Mary lightening the Leaders' load.

Expressing his thanks to the Members of the Group Executive, Dr Blosse also welcomed new blood with fresh ideas.

Reflecting on the success of the 75th Camp and showing some CD clips, the Chairman commented on the tremendous spirit and enthusiasm that had been engendered and also that in the end the event had been self-financing.

Focusing then on the success of the Book Sales and their importance to the Group, Dr Blosse paid tribute to Mark Standing and his team of 'bookies'.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked Val Blosse for all her help and support, and introduced Ian Hawke, Group Scout Leader.

Group Scout Leader's Report

Also referring to the short period since the last AGM, Ian thanked people for giving up their time to attend and said that he would like to pick out some of the highlights of the Report:

- For the thirteenth year members of the Group had spent over 1,000 nights camping for which the Leaders should feel proud
- Over 700 badges had been awarded and the year had seen the first Explorers attaining D of E awards
- Nine new Leaders were operating in the Group, six of whom were under thirty. In a period of leadership change Section numbers remained stable.
- Lion Troop had won the District Football Event and Cobra Patrol were awarded the Teamwork trophy in the 2004 Gunnell Camping Competition
- Fundraising – Two Book Sales had raised more than £1,600, the Quiz more than £800, and the Xmas Post was in its 24th year

Ian thanked the Leaders for the their time and effort given week in and week out and for personal holiday given up for camp. He also extended his thanks to parents and to the Executive.

Referring to the on-going conversations that had been taking place about fundraising for a specific purpose, Ian expressed his personal concerns at the extent to which established Groups were finding it difficult to meet the criteria for funding, for example access to the Lottery Fund.

Reminding the meeting that the HQ was used by 150 youngsters aged 6 -18 for 44 weeks of the year, the view was expressed that organisations like Scouts were generating the volunteer fundraisers of tomorrow and that all needed to become ambassadors in conveying to the wider community the value of Scouting for the youth of today.

Committee Nominations 2004 – 05

Ian Hawke paid tribute to the leadership and guidance of Dr Blosse as Chairman and thanked him for agreeing to continue as Chairman for another year.

Further committee nominations included Mary Pike Treasurer, Pete Goddard Quartermaster, Lorraine Haskell Secretary, Carolyn Wager Fundraising, Jo Hawley, Clive Allgood, Nigel Kenny Badge Secretary, Ciara Jamieson-Goode and Peter Rowson.

The nominations proposed by Tony Baker and seconded by Tom Deans were agreed.

Awards and Presentations

The Fred Rook Award for Service to the Community was presented to **Alan Perfett**.

The David Baker Memorial Award for commitment to the Scout Laws was presented to **Jamie Gray**.

A **Thanks Badge** was presented to **Terry Brinnen** for work with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme with the Explorers.

Fundraising

Dr Blosse introduced the first of the two remaining topics of the evening. Referring to the several references already made to the roof of the HQ, the extent of the problem was explained and pictures displayed to illustrate the problems. The enquiries that had been made to establish possible solutions had confirmed that the fabric of the building would not support any additional structure and that any bid for Lottery funding would not conform to existing criteria, factors that had prompted a complete rethink on how to approach the issue. The best solution now was in the form of a modern industrial pressed steel lightweight roof at a cost of £35,000. Dr Blosse invited Ian to continue to explain the strategies agreed to raise the necessary funds.

Ian confirmed that it was his intention that the roof should be replaced before the winter and that a task force had been formed comprising members of the Leadership and the Executive to pursue this objective. It was stressed that it was essential that the Leaders should be able to continue as normal a programme as possible for the boys despite fundraising activities culminating in major works. Summarising the current financial situation, Ian detailed efforts that were already in hand, highlighting the contribution by the Beavers and the success of the Lions Harbour Walk and the sum raised by the trek cart on this walk. The Treasurer had confirmed that it would be possible to pledge income from the forthcoming Quiz and the Xmas Post to the project.

At this stage Dr Blosse introduced Mrs Irene Day to the meeting who, with great generosity, kindly presented a £5,000 cheque to the Quartermaster, Peter Goddard, towards the project.

Ian thanked Mrs Day for her donation, which he felt illustrated that it was now possible to achieve the target. Continuing, Ian referred to commitment from Island organisations, the Lions from the Harbour Walk and a donation from the Businessmen's Club in the sum of £1,500. With a combination of the Group's own fundraising, donations and, given the seriousness of the situation, some form of short-term loan, it was felt this would make the given date achievable.

In conclusion, a summary was given of the Group's own efforts to boost fundraising which included the establishment of a '150 Club', Quiz, Collections, Bag Pack, Matched Funding, a 3rd Hayling Cook Book, as well as other ideas and efforts detailed by Ian.

Girls in Scouting

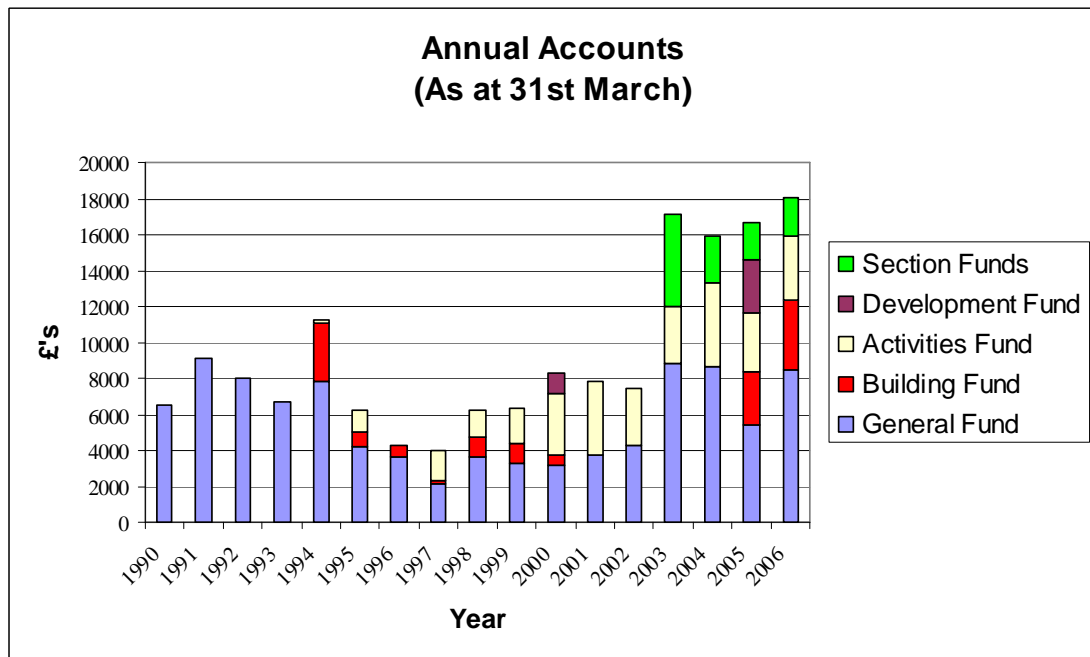
At the outset of the final item Ian invited the meeting to participate in a short light-hearted quiz which amused and stimulated those present, the object of which was to cause reflection on the period of time in which girls had already been involved in Scouting.

Following on, Ian explained the pragmatic low-key means by which 3rd Hayling would proceed to implement the new national directive relating to the admission of girls to Scouting in advance of the required date of 2007

Conclusion

At the conclusion of the meeting the Chairman thanked everyone present for their support and invited them to refreshments and to view the displays and audio-visual presentations around the Headquarters.

Accounts and Membership Summary



Note: The total for 2006 includes a £2,000 loan provided by the Havant District Scout Council towards our Raise the Roof Fund.

