

3rd Hayling Group

Annual Report 2008 - 2009





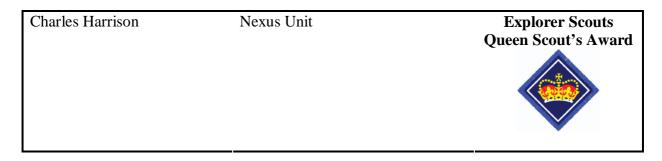
Roll of Honour 2008 / 2009

Jack Beaton	Redwood	Tom Randall	Aspen	Beavers
Joshua Boniface	Aspen	Charles Reneaux-Gallant	Aspen	Chief Scout's Bronze
Craig Cooper	Redwood	Robert Sandford	Aspen	Award
Ross Ferguson	Aspen	Harrison Webster	Redwood	
Benjamin	Redwood	Elliot Wells	Aspen	
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Callum Heathcote	Redwood	Connor Wingate	Aspen	the state of the s
Elliot Lewis	Aspen	Harry Whipp	Aspen	
George Pickering	Redwood			

Joshua Adams Ben Boltwood Saturn Sam Farimond Jupiter Sam Farimond Jamie Gray Stuart Godwin William Kenny Matthew King Saturn Saturn Cameron MacCallum Georgina Mill Edward Mill James Notley Jupiter Lydia Pycroft Jack Rocket Matthew King Saturn	Jupiter Jupiter Jupiter Saturn Jupiter Jupiter	Cubs Chief Scout's Silver Award
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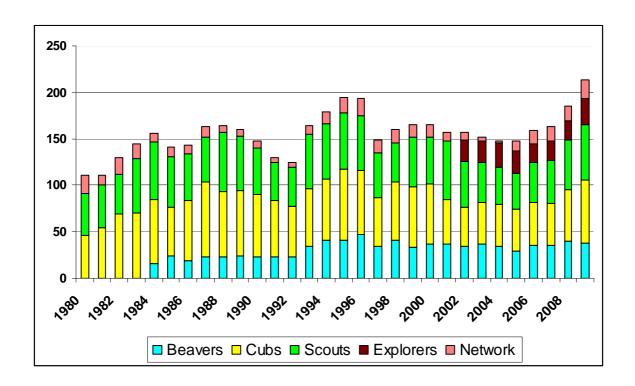
Callum Ferrier	Eagle Troop	Scouts
Joshua Haines	Lion Troop	Chief Scout's Gold
Joshua Hunter	Lion Troop	Award
Max Jones	Eagle Troop	
Matthew Kenny	Lion Troop	
Michael Kenny	Lion Troop	(元)(下)
Will Nelson	Eagle Troop	37.300-62
Luke Rigden	Eagle Troop	
Stephen Way	Lion Troop	

Zack Allgood Liam Holden Kathryn Lincoln	Explorer Scouts Chief Scout's Platunum Award	Abi Peett	Explorer Scouts Explorer Belt
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Youth Membership

at 31st January 2009



Group Development Committee 2008-9

Group Scout Leader	Ian Hawke	
<u>Officers</u>		
Chairman	Dr Philip Blosse	
Treasurer	Mary Pike	
Secretary	Gill Condron	(p)
Specific Roles		
HQ Manager	Pete Rowson	(p)
Quartermaster	Peter Goddard	
Sponsorship		
Badge Secretary	Nigel Kenny	(p)
Wish List Management	Jo Hawley	(p)
Parent Representatives	Andrea Crossland	(p)
	Clive Allgood	(p)
	Graham Chapman	(p)
	Helen Pickles	(p)
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Beaver Scouts		
Aspen Colony	Fiona Jordan-Hari	rison (p)
Redwood Colony	Linda Hunter	(p)
Cub Scouts		•
Jupiter Pack	Andrea Heath	(p)
Mars Pack	Jan Allgood	(p)
Saturn Pack	Mandy Hawke	(p)
Scouts		
Eagle Troop	Ed Harrison	
Lion Troop	Jim Simpson	(p)
Shark Troop	Aaron Pycroft	(p)
Explorer Scouts		
Nexus Unit	Dominic Howell	(p)

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

Group Supporting Roles 2008-2009

Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary Karen Wells
Gift Aid Coordinator Kim Sparling

Subs Administration Sally Jones / Tracy Knight

Jenny Dimment, John Kelly

HQ Team

HQ CoordinatorPete RowsonHQ SupportAlan PerfettCaretakerEric MarstonHQ CleaningRebecca Hawke

Grounds James Perfett / Richard Card

Lettings Coordinator Ian Hawke

Leader Support Team

Badge Secretary
Secondhand Uniform
Sarah Speller
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator
Wish List Management
Jo Hawley

Promotions & Events

Team ManagerPosition VacantBook SalesPosition VacantIndian SupperCiara Jamieson-Good

Quiz Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault

PromotionsAndrea Crossland

Leader Support Service Team

Team Manager

Activities Support Team

Drivers Support Team

Transport Manager

Position Vacant
10 Names
Rob Bond
Clive Allgood

Leader Support Skills Team

Life Guards Jan Allgood

Archery TeamPaul Jackson, Jamie BrayAir Rifle TeamJamie Bray, Tom Lincoln,

Aaron Pycroft

Hillwalking and Climbing Walls

Ali Locke

Canoe Instruction Julie Rigden / Alan Oakes

Group Support 2008-2009

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

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

"Thank You"

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

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

Valerie Blosse Photocopying & various other duties

Chris Driscoll Auditor

Hayling Islander For their continued Support

ACE / LIONS For their financial support and help HI Businessmen's Club For their financial support and help

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

Also those who each year support our Christmas Post Service:

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

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

Obituary

Irene Day

On behalf of everyone involved with 3rd Hayling Scout Group, I would like to offer this appreciation of Irene's interest and support for the young people of Hayling. For us, she was a very special person.

Irene's involvement with Hayling Scouts began in the early 1970s when she was book-keeper for the local builder John Derben. John was also Group Scout Leader at that time and he asked Irene if she would help form a fundraising committee, which she agreed to do. This committee was very active over a ten-year period, raising vital funds for the Scouts from whist drives, jumble sales, garden parties, carnival events etc. The success of the committee enabled the Group to invest in essential equipment and improved facilities, resulting in a significant growth in the size of the Group and the opening of new sections during the 1970s.

My personal contact with Irene started in the 1980s when I became Chairman of the Scout Group and it became apparent to me immediately that her particular interest was in helping the younger generation in their development and training.

Irene always wished to ensure that the Scout Group had adequate equipment and facilities to help the Leaders in their tasks. From time to time she would simply ask "What do you need?" and would then help to provide financial support to make it happen. Her interest and generosity was exceptional – and she invariably wished to remain anonymous. Her sole objective was the success of Scouting on Hayling.

Despite Irene's reduced mobility over the last few years, we were delighted that she was able to attend many of our Annual Awards and Presentations Evenings, and also our Gang Show held last year.

One particular event was special for Irene when we took her for a visit to a Scout camp near Aldershot in the summer of 2002. That particular camp

was the 40th consecutive annual camp for Scout Leader Peter Goddard who Irene had known for many years, and for whom she had a particular fondness. A side of lamb was being spit-roasted over the fire and Irene sat under a dining shelter with the boys and ate the 'well done' food served on basic plastic and enamel crockery. She loved it! Irene later watched in amazement as the boys made bivouacs in the woods. Memories of that day never left her and it regularly came up in conversations for years after.

Over the last few years, I would visit her regularly at her delightful bungalow on Hayling to update her on the latest news of the Scout Group - usually with a copy of our Newsletter *The Woggle* and maybe a few photos of Scout camps. We would chat about anything that came up - especially Sunderland Football Club! Often her good friend Jean would pop in with the *Portsmouth News* and the three of us would talk and have a good laugh together. These happy memories of Irene I will cherish.

Although the Hayling Scout Group has lost a great friend, the fruits of her involvement and support stay with us, namely a Group that is now the largest in Hampshire, with plans to open three new sections this year and a Headquarters now warm, dry and well-equipped to provide ambitious and exciting programmes for the young people of Hayling. We are grateful for Irene's long-standing association with our cause.

Dr Philip Blosse Chairman 3rd Hayling Scout Group

Chairman's Review

If, five years ago, someone had said to me that by 2009 the following predictions on the future of Scouting on Hayling would be true, I would have probably thought that he or she was barking mad. For example, predictions that:

- The Group will grow in numbers by approximately 10% per year
- This growth will be particularly evident in the more senior Sections -Scouts and Explorer Scouts
- Three new Sections will have to be formed to accommodate the increased numbers and waiting lists
- We will run out of space in the Headquarters and have to find additional space elsewhere

Yet amazingly all of these 'predictions' are today a reality - numbers have increased by almost 50% over the five year period. This year, a third Scout Troop has been formed and the Explorer Scouts are thriving, despite the fact that historically it has been difficult to retain members as they enter teenage years. A third Cub Pack has also been formed this year and because we have run out of free evenings in the HQ, Saturn Pack is now meeting in Mengham Infants School, thanks to the support and co-operation of Head Teacher Jan Randall and her staff at the school. Finally, there is a waiting list for some of the Sections.

As Chairman of the Group, I have been privileged to be part of this healthy growth and our Development Team have been given the challenge of ensuring that resources are available to match the increased demand. I think we have met that challenge adequately. We were able to meet the additional financial burden of this growth by a successful application for a Small Lottery Award of £8300 and our building and equipment have also been enhanced to ensure that activities can be maintained at a high level. Our Leaders have tackled these issues very professionally to ensure that Sections do not reach an unmanageable size and that our high standard of Scouting on Hayling is not compromised. Formation of additional Sections is not an easy task but the Leaders have tackled this challenge conscientiously, with two of the three new Sections now in place.

As always, we look for improvements and hopefully try to be one step ahead. I dare not even attempt to predict what 3^{rd} Hayling Scout Group will be like in another five years – although we have a few ideas in mind. What I can say is that, in the past, whatever the need for change, we have always managed to respond and I am sure there will be yet more significant developments over the next few years. We are equipped better than ever to respond.

As we celebrate our 80th year of Scouting on Hayling in 2009, we need to ask what continues to attract the young people of Hayling to our organisation - especially as they have so many other opportunities to consider. I think the answer is quite simple - fantastic leadership and exciting programmes. Activities are often quite basic in nature - not rocket science - but they challenge the boys and girls to make decisions for themselves, to work as part of a team and to develop leadership skills. We also have to understand the needs and expectations of parents and share with them the challenges they face in bringing up their children. We are not a social service but we can help them in the development and training of their children and maybe incorporate values and skills that are not easily obtained elsewhere.

The problem now is to assess whether a similar growth is likely for the next five years and if so, how can we handle it - a nice problem to have! We set in motion in 2007 our five year plan 'Looking Outwards' which addresses not only these issues but also examines the way in which the Scout Group, as a youth organisation, interfaces with our local community and makes a positive contribution to community life. We are thankful that many organisations on Hayling are very supportive of our work and we are often able to reciprocate by providing equipment or help.

Increased visibility of our activities and values is also part of our plan and you may have noticed not only our regular communications through the Hayling Islander and our website but also other publications and outlets. We are looking at further ways of interfacing with the local community, even bringing in some quite radical ideas, so that hopefully everyone will be aware of what Scouting on Hayling is doing and what we can offer.

Finally I must thank my Group Development Team and other helpers for their support and contributions throughout the year. Much of their work is

'behind the scenes' and often unseen by many but they have been an essential component in our success and growth.

Dr Philip Blosse Chairman

Group Scout Leader's Report

And there was me, thinking time slowed down when you get older!

This time last year, like every year, we set out with a sort of plan. Last years plans included:-

- To retain the success and growth established in previous years but be able to offer the opportunity and fun of Scouting to more people on Hayling.
- To hold a "fun day" for the whole Group and also their parents and families.
- To develop our ideas on our current strategy "Looking Outwards" and through this further develop our links with the community, other organisations and business based on Hayling Island.
- To ensure that we maintain the standards, fun and adventure at all times and particularly as we knew there would be some significant changes in the year.

Not in the plan, but received with great delight were:-

- The shortest fund raising exercise we had ever seen for our new Photocopier as a result of a generous donation from Irene Day, who sadly passed away in December 2008.
- An invaluable offer from Jan Randall the Head Teacher of Mengham Infant School to host one of our Cub Packs to allow the introduction of a new Scout Troop at the HQ.
- 7 new leaders and a new member for our Group Development Team
- ullet A grant from the National Lottery of £8300 in support of our expansion plans
- Replacement floor boards, kitchen doors and new patrol boxes thanks to the organisation of Pete Rowson and the work of Julian Dyer.
- A re-organisation of our stores plus the introduction of new equipment managed by Jamie Bray and Pete Goddard.
- Matched funding to the Bag Packing by Explorers and our Duck Race from Sarah Sexton and her colleagues at Barclay's Bank. Thank you Sarah
- Donations in various forms from a number of individuals and organisations.

Through all of this and the changes covered later in the report, our sections continue to thrive due to the enthusiastic leadership teams that give freely of their time each week of the year and often at weekends as well. Collectively we have:-

- Spent over 1000 nights in camp
- Presented over 600 badges
- Seen 41 top awards presented across the sections
- Been successful in Chess and Football competitions
- Held a camp fire with over 200 people at the end of our Fun Day
- Run book sales, our quiz night, fireworks display, Christmas Post
- Participated in the Lions Walk, Hayling Carnival, St George's Day, Remembrance Day, Harvest Festival Service, Scarecrow Festival and quiz nights run by other organisations on Hayling Island.,
- Helped at the Northney Farm open day, Businessmen's Club BBQ, RNLI Open Day. (We are now experts at car parking!!)

The section reports provide more information on what each section has achieved throughout the year and the range of activities undertaken. They really are a good read and demonstrate the scope and scale of learning, trying new things and most importantly development through fun for every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer in the Group.

To all of the Leaders and Helpers who make this happen I can only say a really big thank you. I know you enjoy yourselves, otherwise I suspect we would not see you each week and I also know that, like me, you do this so you can behave like a teenager and get away with it - why else would you put yourself though such pain!

Successful Scouting is not about standing still and looking back at what you have achieved, it is about wanting to continue to move forward, develop and push the boundaries for the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers who turn up each week.

On Hayling we really do have a team of people who want to make a difference to the lives of young people. Over the years our Group Development Team led by Phil Blosse and the Leaders have never been afraid to try something different. Some things work, others need modifying and others are not as successful as we would have hoped. I am convinced it is because of this attitude and approach that we have seen a surge of interest in Scouting on Hayling.

In September we opened a 3^{rd} Cub Pack, Mars pack with a leadership team of 2 plus 9 Cubs. Jan Allgood now has a leadership team of 6 and 16 cubs and by the end of year this will increase to 24 Cubs. The other two packs continue to run with nearly 60 Cubs between them.

In January this year, Mandy Hawke and the Leaders of Saturn Pack made the decision to help the Group expansion programme by offering to move their meetings from the HQ to Mengham Infant School. Making a move of this type is never easy and generates additional challenges for the leaders, but their enthusiasm plus the very warm welcome they received from Jan Randall and the caretaker at the school made this transition smooth and effective. Thank you Mandy and team for taking this step and to Jan and the school for your help, support and welcome.

With Monday evenings now free in the HQ we were able to take the next big step and in February Shark Troop started. Aaron and Jordan took on the challenge of setting up the troop, initially with 7 Scouts. By the end of this term I anticipate this troop being up to 16 Scouts with a further growth during the Autumn term.

With Aaron moving from Jupiter Pack to take over the new Shark Troop, we owe a special thanks to Andrea and Simon who continue to offer great Cub Scouting to Jupiter Pack.

We are still seeing a steady flow of people wanting to join Scouting across all sections. It is great to see people wanting to join the older sections without having been through Beavers & Cubs.

During the year we said goodbye to Sarah (Mars Pack) who stood down for personal reasons, but said hello to Sarah, Noelia, Mel, Corinne and Wendy who help weekly with Mars Pack, to Cate (Redwood Beavers) and Jordan (Shark Troop). In addition there are a number of parents who help with specific events such as the Cub football, running fishing evenings, martial arts evenings being just some examples.

We have also said thank you and goodbye to Ciara and more recently Helen and Graham from their roles on our Group Development Team. Thank you all for your magnificent contribution over the past few years. Andrea who has joined the team has already made a great impact and is working on our display at the Hayling Library later this year.

So what are our plans for the coming year?

The main event for our 80th Birthday celebrations is our Family Camp in June. We will have over 300 camping for the weekend and a further 100 joining us daily. The enthusiasm of the parents for this event has been brilliant, the plans of the activities team look awesome (to use an Ed term). Jeanette has her catering team and is currently calculating how many loaves of bread, pints of milk etc are required to feed the gathering and James and the logistics team are pondering how to get the equipment to the site and how to get us on and off the camping fields!

During our recent Group Development Team meetings we have been discussing how to make Scouting on Hayling more visible and more accessible. In October this year we will have a display in the Library, we are continuing to look at how others may visibly endorse our aims, for example through Badge Sponsorship or local papers and publications and what we can do to help parents of young children recognise the value in what we offer.

We are still evaluating the need and timing of a 3^{rd} Beaver Colony and continue to look at what options exist for taking the Group forward, for example with our own camping and activity site.

Our Web Site is gaining recognition as one which is user friendly and informative and there are still a number of ideas being generated to improve this even further.

So there is still plenty to do, but fundamental to all of this is the need to maintain the standards and fun that Scouting has to offer and that everything we do must directly benefit the young people or support the leaders.

It continues to be a privilege and a pleasure to be involved with Scouting on Hayling Island and to finish I would like to thank everyone who makes this Group the success it is, whether this be the regular commitment as a leader or the occasional help at our Book Sales.

Special thanks to Phil Blosse for his enthusiastic approach to everything and to Mandy and my family who put up with my endless trips out and my excessive time on our family computer!

Ian

Treasurer's Report

Another very busy year has seen nearly £60,000 go through our accounts and this year we are showing a deficit of just over £3000. Fortunately the money held on account shows a healthy balance in the Activity Fund and there is over £5700 in the Lottery Fund balance for financing the new sections with camping equipment and running costs.

We have benefited from some very generous donations again this year, Irene Day gave us £3000 towards our new photocopier and further donations from ACE, HIBC and many other stalwart supporters. The increase in subscriptions reflect the increase in our numbers and this also helps to increase the Gift Aid contribution. Fundraising again supported the group very well but this year the Quiz profit went to the Explorers for their Swiss Adventure funds. The Duck Race profit of nearly £1000 goes to the Activity Fund and this year the Fireworks evening made over £250 towards General Funds, with the Book Fair making £1400 - a great effort.

The expenditure was fairly similar to last year with a few exceptions, badges were up significantly as this includes badges for the Birthday camp and also shows how hard the scouts have been working to achieve so many different badges! The major items are £5286 on our new photocopier and the remainder on repairs to the HQ which included new kitchen cupboard doors, new doors to the male toilet facilities and repair to damaged floor boards. In addition there are now 12 new Patrol Boxes to replace those originally built in the 1980's!

Again this year, the Explorer scouts are currently District based and they have been accounted for as in previous years.

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

Mary Pike

 $3^{\rm rd}$ Hayling Scout Group Income and Expenditure Account $31^{\rm st}$ March 2009

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2007/2008	Income	2008/2009	2007/2008	Expenditure	2008/2009
9521.00	Subscriptions	11091.50	5585.40	Capitation	6316.20
0.00	Lottery Grant	8300.00	905.71	Section Allowances	1389.64
1017.00	Donations	4811.00	304.13	Competitions	384.19
948.58	Bank interest	772.82	450.00	Badges	1592.65
1731.97	Gift Aid	2182.81	1049.99	Leader Uniform & Training	362.50
530.00	Facilities Hire (HQ & marquee)	15.00	214.19	Photocopier	73.63
00.00	Photocopying	15.24	1008.81	Insurance	1228.21
15480.79	Money exchange,camps & trips	25163.78	1261.92	General expenses	1420.80
70.50	World Jamboree	0.00	1916.52	HQ: Services	1897.65
2.00	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	50.00	1092.96	HQ: Maintenance	1108.23
130.00	Badge Sponsorship	70.00	3905.92	Equipment	2334.10
1165.00	Fundraising: Quiz	00.606	12397.24	Money exchange, camps	23961.81
1283.80	Gang Show	168.03	288.14	Miscellaneous	227.21
955.80	Christmas Post	1030.40	0.00	Duke of Edinburgh expenses	158.93
1384.07	Book Fair	1635.45	0.00	Lottery spend	2550.69
1704.00	100 club	0.00	320.00	Fundraising: Quiz	237.50
847.10	Other events	2075.65	152.62	Book Fair	240.01
36774.61	Total income	58290.68	1048.00	100 club	1077.00
1386.00	Less: Explorer subs(District)	783.00	749.36	Other events	633.47
35388.61	Total	57507.68	32650.91	Total	47194.42
			2725.41	Major items	8283.32
	FUND STATEMENT		35376.32	Total expenditure	55477.74
16356.64	COIF fund	13129.37	1386.00	less: facility use (explorers)	783.00
43.66	Deposit account	43.75	33990.32		54694.74
1410.33	Current account	13031.10		Less: money held 01.04.08	10461.00
0.00	Cash-in-hand	0.00		Plus: money held 31.03.09	16516.00
17810.63	TOTAL	26204.22		Less: deficit	3242.06
943.29	less: o/s cheques	6523.94			57507.68
16867.34	TOTAL	19680.28	1050.00	Money held on account	
10461.00	Less: money held on account	16516.00	3251.00	100 club prizes	0.00
6406.34		3164.28	2000.00	Activities Fund	5494.00
94.29	Plus: deficit of income over exp	3242.06	2000.00	Scout Development Fund	2000.00
		6406.34	2160.00	Building Fund	0.00
			0.00	Camp & sections Funds	3263.00
I have examir	have examined the books and papers presented to m	e and in my opinion	0.00	Lottery fund remaining	5759.00
they represen	they represent a true and fair statement of affairs.				16516.00

Aspen Colony

In the last year we have had a complete change in leaders. Last summer we said goodbye to leaders Sylvia and Julie, who left Aspen after many years service. Jacko and Sarah headed the leadership team till the end of July when the new leaders me (Fiona) and Sandra could take over. We come with a combination of many years experience in Scouting and working with young children. We hope this combination has provided a smooth happy change over for all Aspen Beavers.

Beaver Scouts is the start of a journey, I see the wonder and excitement of this in the expressions on their faces. For Aspen Beavers it might be just leaving Mum for an evening for the first time and being with new people. This of course is the start of their Scout challenge, a huge step when you are 6.

In the last year Aspen Beavers have had the opportunity to take part in many fun and challenging activities. Many of these experiences are leading them towards Challenge Badges. These include Fitness, Faith and Creativity. Completing these has lead to many of our Beavers gaining the Chief Scout's



Bronze award, the top Beaver award. Congratulations to: Joshua Boniface, Ross Ferguson, Elliot Lewis, Tom Randall, Charles Reneaux-Gallant, Robert Sandford, Elliot Wells, Connor Wingate and Harry Whipp on gaining this award.

Our summer term was beautifully finished off with a BBQ at the beach hut hosted by Redwood Colony. Thank you to the Hunter family who worked very hard to feed both Colonies and their families. A beautiful warm sunny evening was enjoyed by all - did it really rain all last summer?

September 2008 started with new leaders and new Beavers to invest. The Autumn term consisted of camp fire songs, games craft and cooking. Christmas always gives children lots of opportunities to express their talents. The Beavers are no exception to this with beautiful cards and delicious Christmas cakes being made. The term was finished off with Aspen

hosting a joint Christmas party with Redwood. We played traditional party games and ate lots of food provided by the generous parents. Both Colonies joined together for Fun and Friends.

The Spring term opened up more new experiences for the Beavers. We joined in with the Havant District Beaver Party. Food, craft and games were the order of the day. As part of their Faith Challenge badge we had Mrs Gange come to talk to us about being a Muslim and what Islam means to her. She did this in a very sensitive way through a "show and tell" session, the boys had the opportunity to handle her prayer mat, stone and compass they were very impressed with her huge picture of Mecca. A big success was the food tasting at the end - onion bhajis and ketchup (yum yum).



A few weeks later we had a demonstration by the Catherington Bell Ringers. The Beavers showed respect for the valuable bells. Mr Foot, the bellringer, provided bell shaped biscuits. These tasted good and finished off the evening.

The highlight of the term was the Beaver sleepover at the HQ. The time during the evening was spent playing games, doing challenge craft, writing a prayer, making Easter things, melting chocolate for crispy cakes and playing with our huge supply of Duplo. The swings and trapeze hanging from the ceiling proved great fun. It never ceases to amaze me how little sleep children need. Most of the Beavers were asleep by midnight, with one or two still awake for an hour or so longer. The first Beaver woke



at three a.m. with the rest awake by 5:30. We worked out that the leaders had 3 and a half hours sleep - a bit like jet lag - you just have to get on with it and sleep it off later.

The Spring term was finished off with a walk along the Hayling Billy trail. To the shore for some crab hunting. At the end of the evening we had an outdoor ceremony for the swimming up of our oldest Beavers moving on to Cubs. Although it is sad to see them leave Aspen, our task is to start them on the path through Scouting and we wish them well.

The summer term is just beginning with so much to look forward to. Swimming, the 80^{th} Birthday family camp, craft, badges, on the beach - you will have to read next years report to see how it works out.

It is now time to say thank you from Aspen Beavers and myself as a Beaver leader. We couldn't provide the varied programme without everyone's support and generosity. So thank you to our speakers sharing their time, to Jack our Scout doing his service, to Aidan Delany for his Cub enthusiasm, Jan Allgood for being our lifeguard at swimming. A big Beaver thank you to Sandra for being a leader with us every week, I don't know what we would do without her. A thank you to Rosemary our Young Leader from Explorers who is showing good leadership skills and great commitment to Scouting after moving from Guides. So lets hear it for Aspen Beavers; Shout, Shout, Shout. We are Beaver Scouts. 3, 2, 1 lets have fun.

This report only gives a taste of the fun and activities that has been happening on a Monday evening at Aspen.

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison Beaver Leader, Aspen

Redwood Colony

I blinked and found its time to write the dreaded annual report.

Am I getting old or are the years getting shorter? Once again my team has changed. We said a fond farewell to Jan Allgood, who cut her teeth on our youngest members and has now moved on to take control of Cubs. Matt Kenny completed his Chief Scout's Gold Award service with us and finally said goodbye to us this Easter. He has been a wonderful helper, and we all miss him. It is an honour to help and support young people achieve their awards and to watch them grow in all aspects of their personality. Zack Allgood is still with me, as too is Claire and I must say I would be lost without them. Jacko joined our happy band and made a huge impact with his wealth of games and his excitable personality he really brings out the best in our Beavers. Cate Ramsbottom has joined us and is learning the ropes, already organizing visitors and running evenings. She is a valued member and I know the colony will benefit from her enthusiasm.



We have enjoyed a very varied and active year as usual working towards badges including the outdoor, fitness, creative and friendship challenge and the faith and experiment badges. Altogether 110 badges were presented.

Activities have included making fat cake bird feeders, waste gobblers, desk tidy's for fathers day, making outfits out of recycled paper and boxes. We have cooked chicken stir fry, pizza and pancakes, made sandwiches, trifle, fresh fruit salad and juiced. Learning how to chop and prepare as well as what is healthy food.

Once again we went on a cycle ride along the seafront, although for some of our Beavers it is more fun for someone else to push the bike and allow themselves the time to run around!!.

We have had several visitors including a guest speaker from Nat West who gave a talk on money sense and a lady who held an evening on Fair Trade products. Both were very hands on and fun.

We have visited the lifeboat Station where we were given a tour, tried on the uniform and sat in the boats. The Beavers were exceptionally well behaved for all guests and trips.

We ended the summer term with our usual BBQ on the beach, which this year was made extra special because Beavers, parents and leaders from Aspen joined in with us. After having to postpone it because of bad weather, we finally held it a couple of weeks later when the sun was very hot and everyone was in the mood to party. Food and fizzy pop was consumed in large amounts and it was smashing to see everyone chatting and getting to know one another.

We held our first sleepover on the 27th September with the theme of Cowboys and Indians. This was a huge success with archery, making tepees, crafts and watching films being some of the activities. We held a campfire behind the hut with my friend Hannah Cox coming in to lead the songs. She is an ex Guide leader and very enthusiastic with a wealth of songs all with actions to perform. The Beavers really did well and Hannah nearly lost her voice in the process. The Beavers did eventually sleep and we as leaders really enjoyed it. We made breakfast in the morning with everyone trying pigs in blankets for the first time. We are going to continue to do one a year!! I would like to say a very big thank you to Hannah and also her mum Sarah who helped for the whole sleepover. Also Jan Allgood came back to help and of course all my team without who I couldn't have done it.

To reciprocate the summer BBQ, Fiona, Aspens leader organised a Christmas party which we joined in with. This was again hugely successful and we have decided that I will do the BBQ and Fiona will do the Christmas party each year. Team work is very important and it is wonderful to be able to work with Aspen and share ideas and evenings.

We attended the District Beaver Party together which was on the theme of the Circus. We ran a base making clown hats and bow ties. Craft is right up my alley, but not so much fun for Fiona, however she got stuck in (literally) and we had great fun. Claire also came with us and as always organised and assisted me. The Beavers had fun jumping through rings of fire, joisting, decorating biscuits and eating hot dogs and chips.

During the course of the year, we joined in with the St George's Day service, the Lions Walk and it is always good for the Beavers to join the older members of the Group at our fun day. The Beavers (and their mums and



dads) enjoyed the activities and especially the chance to watch the birds through the telescopes. The camp fire was brilliant and it was great to see the Beavers and their parents joining in with the actions!.

Jack Beaton, Callum Heathcote, Benjamin Grainger, George Pickering and Harrison Webster all received their Chief Scout's Bronze Award, the top award of our section. We are always proud to see the Beavers gain this award and makes us feel that we have contributed to the development of the boys and girls who take part in Beavers.

My thanks to Jan, Cate, Claire, Jacko, Zack and Matt for their great commitment throughout the year and to the parents for their support.

Linda Hunter

Jupiter Pack

...and the seasons they go round and round.....

So where were we? That's right it was April 2008, and we had just had a section camp at Lyons Copse, Freddy had lost his voice (amongst other things) and thought that it might be "better next week!" Well I can assure you it returned much quicker than that. We were of course delighted (?)!!

We were then well into the summer term which of course means getting out and about as much as possible, lighting even more fires, cooking even more sausages, and getting as deliberately wet as possible. One of the great things about an established Cub Pack is that the thing that we tend to call "the programme" takes on a life of its own, yes there is a routine (roughly speaking!) but these become regular activities that are expected and looked forward to. So during the summer term apart from the stuff already



mentioned it is the time that Jupiter Pack works on the athletics badge. Usually this is done in the open area in front of the Inn on the Beach and involves Cubs running, jumping, and throwing more than usual, with the aim of establishing a personal best, gaining points and of course the coveted badge. I have heard modern athletes and

sportsmen complaining about running tracks, or pitches, or the equipment that they use, but I have to say the conditions by the beach are the most demanding you can find; that badge is not easy to get!!

We also of course had the Group Fun Day, which did just what it said on the tin, and a great time was had by all. Simon and myself were particularly happy as we were able to do water rockets using his compressor. This was one of the bases available on the field after the hike along the Billy Track and it was great to see so many people trying to catch or dodge falling rockets.

So back to routine... the autumn term began with our usual diet of wild foods, including snails, nettles, mackerel, black and elder berries all cooked over open fires and it was then soon time for our autumn camp, at Copse Meadow Farm on Hayling. At this point we have to say a really big "thank you" to Rob

Bond for letting us use his land and facilities, so thanks Rob. The weather was glorious, autumn at its best and ideal for all the activities which included

raft building (bit of a euphemism but you get the idea!), trips in an open canoe (seemed a lot more secure than the rafts), making bannock bread, whittling, archery, fire arrows (fantastic) and much, much more. A great time was had and the activities really brought the Pack together in a very impressive way. All the hard work and



preparation paid off and so a really big thank you to the Allgood family, Jacko, Claire, Ian, Barnabas and Mike for all their help.

The rest of that term was rather mundane really (not) just night hikes, fireworks on North Shore on the 5^{th} November, working with blocks and tackle (where else other than in Cubs would an Eight Year Old learn about that), air rifle shooting, and games and more games!! We get used to a high fun threshold, and once again the boys and girls of Jupiter Pack did not disappoint themselves, their peers or their leaders it was fantastic.

Well here we are back into the Spring Term with chariot building and racing in the hut, which was more tense and thrilling and with more Oscar winning performances than Ben Hur. We celebrated the Chinese New Year with a Wok and Roll International Evening with everyone dressed in traditional Chinese clothes, and cooking variety of Chinese dishes, delicious.

The only change in the routine for this year has been that I have left Jupiter to set up and run "Sharks" the new Scout Troop. (Did he go or was

he pushed!!). This has occurred with barely a ripple as Andrea and Simon with

the help of Catherine, Chelsea and Becky have continued apace and with a



fresh impetus from the young leaders. For my part I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andrea and Simon for my time with Jupiter, their support and energy has been remarkable, and I am very proud of what has been achieved. But most of all I want to thank the Cubs for their hard work, commitment and sense of fun, and for making it so much fun for adults

as well. I also want to say a really big thank you to all the parents and their support during my time with Jupiter (although I do want to squash the rumour that I'm moving on because I no longer have the stamina for playing Measles; just ask my Chiropractor!!).

The evidence of the hard work and commitment from the Cubs, Parents and Leaders is reflected in the badges and awards given out over the year. Whilst the Chief Scout's Awards receive the attention it is the weekly activities that make the top awards possible, here is the list:

Badge/Award	Number	Badge/Award	Number
Athletics	13	Home Safety	1
1 Night Away	13	Art	1
5 Nights Away	3	Swimming stage 2	1
Camper	15	Martial Arts	2
Chef	2	Sports	1
		Enthusiast	
Animal Carer	1	Map Reader	22
Book reader	1	Local Knowledge	22
DIY	4	Promise Challenge	23
Road Safety	1	Joining in 1 year	8
Home Help	5	Joining in 3 years	2
My Faith	10	Joining in 4 years	2
Emergency Aid 1 and 2	2	Grand Total	145 badges!

Aaron Pycroft, Andrea Heath and Simon Rigden

Mars Pack



Welcome back to Mars Park, we formerly started on the Thursday 25th September 2008, and what a start! When I say welcome back Mars Pack used to run some years ago but was amalgamated with Saturn Pack due to fewer numbers - however we are back.

Sarah Renaux-gallant and I started Mars Pack and we were both new to Cubs and running a pack. We had lots of support from Ian, Mandy and other leaders to help us learn and understand the finer techniques of Scouting particularly where to find things like keys to cupboards, altar fires and furling the flag!!!! THANK-YOU ALL.

In our first half of the term we played lots of games introducing news games to both the Cubs and the Leaders! With help from our Scout Jack Golden from Eagle Troup doing the service part of his awards we played measles, jump the cane, North, South, East and West, Tree, rock and river and some old favourites such as traffic lights and dodge ball. - **Thank-you** Jack for your help and support.

Our opening number of Cubs was six, two had been Beavers and one came from outside the area. The biggest achievement was investing 6 Cubs – it took an eternity and I even forgot the promise by the last Cub and needed prompting!! – BUT it was marvellous and it really meant Mars had begun.



We have also covered some badges such as Local Knowledge, Home Help, $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ stage swimmer, Faith, and Book Reader. The end of last term the Cubs completed creative challenge – our first challenge completed as a pack.

The Cubs have been busy with swimming, walking in Emsworth, visiting HIADS, pancake cooking and eating, Tramps Supper, cleaning the hut, sewing on buttons towards their home help badges, making Mothers Day cards and writing poems and lots of practice at fire lighting. Our interactive parents evening was fun and



full of laughter and quite serious gaming from the adults!!!! It was a most enjoyable evening. We also joined in the Christingle Service at St Francis Church in Havant. Jacko has provided us with some excellent archery evenings - Thank-you Jacko for your support and patience!

We took part in the District Six-a-side football competition even though we didn't win our heats thanks to Paul Cooper and Tony Davis for helping out and managing the Cubs and to all the parents who supported the team.

We had two keen chess players who took part in the District Chess Tournament. They got through the Hayling rounds and played against other Cubs at Scout HQ in Havant. It was fun and the Cubs were good sportsmen - well done.

In the New Year we had a change of Leadership - sadly Sarah had to step down due to family commitments and in her place I now have several wonderful new leaders. So a BIG THANK-YOU goes to Melody Campbell, Sarah Dawkins, Corinne Wingate, Noelia Whiteland-Smith and Wendy Ferguson.

Since our start we have been working towards getting to know each other teamwork and learning the Scouting ways of doing things - I have appointed four sixers and the numbers of Cubs have now reached 16.

Well done and thanks.

Jan Allgood

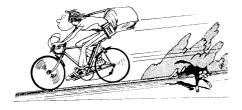
Saturn Pack

Saturn Pack has had another busy year, growing in numbers, which has meant we have had to have another Six, so now we have six Sixes. We have had visits to the Lifeboat station, ambulance station, and fire station, St George's day, harvest festival and Christingle services.

We have had visits from the ambulance service, first responders, local PCSO's and cycling proficiency examiners.

We have taken part in District orienteering, chess and football. We won both age ranges for chess; well done Matthew Roberts and Luke Wells. One of our football teams won the football and has gone on to represent Havant at the county football. They didn't win but had a great time and conducted themselves well; well done to Simba, Matthew Roberts, Tom, James Notley, James Lambert, Harry, Dan Cassidy and Matthew Compton. We managed to find our way home in the orienteering competition!

We have been on hikes, fire lighted in various places- intentionally - had a bring and buy to raise funds for the RNLI. We have had archery and swimming evenings too.



We had a sleep over where we undertook the cyclist badge: thanks to Kim Sparling and Karen Wells for all their work testing the Cubs and Hayling College for loaning their grounds to run the test. All Cubs gained

their cycling proficiency badge. We also were able to complete the astronomer's badge, which the Sixes had been working on at Pack meetings. We didn't have too much sleep but we did have a lot of fun.

We had a Sixers and Seconders camp on a cold weekend in October. We woke up to a frost. Jacko and Shawn organised and ran the camp in order to gain their camping permits. The Cubs had a great time cooking, cutting down trees, a hike, treasure hunt, camp fire and undertaking challenges to develop their leadership skills (Mandy survived the event and is happy to delegate this part of Saturn's future to Jacko and Shawn)

Most of the Cubs took part in the Group fun day on the Hayling Billy, having the opportunity to mix with the rest of the Group.

Throughout the year we have worked on the map reader, athletes, scientist, home help, personal safety, swimming, emergency aid, sports enthusiast, physical recreation and community activity badges. We have covered many aspects of the challenge awards, particularly the fitness





challenge with Steph teaching the Cubs some dancing (that was interesting to watch! - Shawn showing a keen skill!).

We have had a beach party, a Christmas party and ended the spring term with a tramp supper where all Cubs came dressed as tramps and looked terrible, we ate chips and had lots of noisy outdoor games.

The big challenge for the Pack has to been the move to Mengham Infant School. Jan Randall, the head teacher, has made us very welcome and we are very grateful for her support. We have access to lots of play equipment; a school playing field with climbing equipment and a warm hall so are finding our feet! The hall looked very big until we fitted 30 Cubs into it. We hope that we can still make sure the Cubs feel part of the Group and will do all we can to make sure we meet up with the rest of the Group as often as we can.

We have had two visits to the Mayor's Parlour for the cubs who gained their top or the award. This is a fabulous achievement for Cubs who will have had to work really hard to gain this award. They are a credit to the Pack and their families. Well done to Ben Boltwood, James Notley, Sam Farrimond, Matthew King, George Whipp, William Kenny.

We gained 29 Scientist, 25 Athletes, 24 Map Reader, 24 Astronomer, 24 Cyclist, 15 community, 6 Sports Enthusiast, 14 Physical Recreation, 2 martial Arts, 6 1st Stage swimmer, 2 2nd stage swimmer, 28 Emergency Aid 1, 28 Emergency Aid 2, 2 animal lover 2 artist, 3 collector 5 camper, 11 home help. 1 water activity, and 20 outdoor, 20 creative, 5 promise, 24 fitness

challenges, and 12 Hike Away (1) and 23 Hikes Away (5), 24 Nights Away (1), 8 Nights Away (5)

Nigel Kenny continues to make sense of the badge orders I give him-thanks Nigel for all your help. Thanks also to all the parents who are great at getting forms back at the right time; it really helps me with the admin of the Pack when I don't have to keep chasing people up. Thank you for all your support to the Pack; many of you offer help in so many ways which makes our job so much easier - thank you all.

We have had Oliver Tonkin helping, from Eagle troop. Oliver was a great help and the Cubs had a lot of fun with him. Having Scouts is a good way for the Cubs to link up to the "big Scouts" and helps with the transition to the troops. Steph has brought many skills with her and the Cubs have enjoyed teasing her as well as learning from her. Becky has been an asset to us with her leadership skills. Jacko continues to be a major team player with all his scouting knowledge and Shawn brings new enthusiasm. I am very grateful to the team for all their support and help to make sure that we can offer the Cubs a varied and challenging programme of activities.

My thanks to all.

Mandy and the team.

Eagle Troop

One of these years we must try having a quiet year of Scouting, I'm not sure Eagle Troop knows how. In last year's report we left at the beginning of the Summer with plenty of camping on the horizon, so that's where I'll start.

To start the camping season last year we held an Eagle troop weekend camp in Northney. Fire, Water, Earth and Air patrol all showed excellent camping skills in a close fought competition. My main memories of the camp are of the Scouts wading through the swamp forest to gather wood. A tale about "The White Lady" told round the camp fire added more mystery to the eerie terrain. The patrols went on to put in a good performance at Gunnell.



The Summer term finished with more adventure. We kayaked in Gosport and caught over 50 mackerel off Eastoke Beach. The Group Fun Day was enjoyed by all. The Eagle Leaders could be found getting rope burns on the sea wall, building one of the most impressive looking catapults built to date... less said about range the better. The day was finished off with another legendary camp fire.

Summer Camp 2008 saw a return to the Aldershot MOD site, my second favourite place in the world. Last year's Summer Camp, H007 was great but Scouts and leaders alike were longing to get back to proper traditional camping. The site is made up of acres of open fields, forest and bracken lined valleys, which we had all to ourselves. Joining our normal team of leaders was Thibaut, a Scout from France. The Scouts camped in patrols, setting up impressive sites and working well together on a range of projects. The surrounding forest provided ample wood to keep the fires burning all week, with most meals cooked over the open flame. The terrain was perfect for wide games; jail break, capture the flag and the light game.

On the Tuesday we ran an incident hike, following the route of the canal. It finished at Tescos where the patrols bought ingredients for a cooking

competition, with the leaders all being invited to join one of the patrols. The food really was excellent and the effort the Scouts went to was impressive.

The best thing about Aldershot is it has the perfect raw materials to build bivvies. All four patrols built completely different structures, thick with bracken, both warm and waterproof. All the patrols slept in their bivvies, deep in the forest. The following morning I was woken, back at the site, at 0700 hours by machine gun fire. It sounded like it was coming from near the bivvie sites. It turned out to be from the next valley where the army was doing manoeuvres.

On the Thursday, we shook things up a bit. Over the past few years our succession of patrol leaders have gone from strength to strength. Having led the patrols for the start of the week we decided to remove them in order to develop the leadership of the younger members. The patrol leaders were given some basic equipment and had to remain hidden at an unknown part of the site until the following morning. A drop off point was allocated for supplies, to be used only if they remained undetected. They returned the following day to find the patrols had managed perfectly without them, just as well we were sending them up to Explorers in September!

The camp really was awesome and our thirst for proper Scout camping was suitably quenched.



The Winter term was packed with the classic popular evenings; Shooting, Cycling, Conkers, Swimming, Archery and Fireneeing (a sweet blend of fires and pioneering). With Lions, we ran our now annual night hike, The Great Escape III, this time with the rest of the District. The only patrol that didn't get lost once was from Eagles!

The term finished with a Cluedo evening. Everyone came dressed up as Cluedo characters (including two Miss Scarlet...). A series of clues led to Reverent Green, in the stores with the felling axe.

Spring was a chance to develop our patrols with lots of activities to encourage teamwork. The patrols each got allocated their own new patrol boxes that are lining the hut walls. Jamie organized for many of our troop to join the County Winter Camp, something I am hoping we will take part in every year. We finished the term with cycle maintenance and cycling at QECP in preparation for Summer Camp.

It seems an apt time to explain what we have planned for this year's Summer Camp. Dave Eacott has been pestering me since we started to run a Summer Camp cycling the Normandy D-Day Landing beaches. I now feel as a troop we are ready to undertake such a mission. We will be camping at a different site each night, cycling between them during the day. During the Easter holidays we went over to book the sites and check out all the places we plan to visit, it promises to be a tres awesome camp.

Before Summer Camp there is plenty crammed into this term. We started the Summer term cooking Crepes, just to get a taste for the continent. Still to come we have the Lions Walk, Eagle Troop Camp, Gunnell and our Group Camp, as well as a range of evenings to hone those camping skills. Another busy Summer!

Some exciting leader news; last Summer Mitch got married to his girlfriend Lisa. They have just had their first child Maxwell. It is this kind of dedication that ensures we will have excellent patrol leaders for the future. Congratulations to both of them!



All our leaders' lives seem to be getting busier with more commitments at work and home. I want to thank them for all the hard work they continue to put in every week.

The awesomeness continues.

Edd BSc(Hons) NQT

Lion Troop

Another year has passed and this year has seen Lion Troop continuing to enjoy our usual mixture of Scouting and fun activities both indoors and outdoors.

The summer term began with fun and games with scouting skills training, ranging from camp hygiene, gadgets (especially Skylon Flagpoles) menu planning, map and compass work, a Big Pioneering Project, our annual cycle ride and finally the great Lion Troop tradition of the end of term Beach BBQ and mass water fight.

This year we sent three patrols to The Gunnell (The District Camping Competition), two natural patrols into the Gunnell competition Stags and Bulls who came second and third respectively and one patrol to the composite competition who came second. Well done to all the Scouts who represented us.

For the summer camp 2008, Lions headed to the Aldershot Army grounds near Farnham. There were lots of activities including Cable-Tow Waterskiing, a fantastic day out at the lakes near Thorpe Park where we saw Lions make a splash knee-boarding around the lake towed behind a cable system similar to a ski tow at a speed of 40KPH (it was quite easy when travelling in a straight line, it was going round the corners that caused a problem). Jake 'Crazy' Sexton, James and Tom excelled on the Knee boards giving them the chance to try Wake-boarding. We also had a day hike, went swimming (a good way to keep the Scouts clean) and sent them into the woodland around the campsite for a 24 hour survival challenge sleeping in Bivouacs and cooking all their meals using backwoods skills (a very good way at getting them muddy again!).

At the end of the summer camp we told the Scouts of a change to our leadership team. James was standing down as Scout Leader to allow him to concentrate on his newly opened Garage business but remaining as an Assistant with Lions and once again I would be taking over as Scout Leader.





During our winter term we had more pioneering, building a bridge over the pond at Stoke Fruit Farm, including a very unusual way of anchoring the bridge, a 'Land Rover Discovery'! Yet another example of James's and Tom's modern approach to Scouting and pioneering. Lions also enjoyed a cooking evening, wide games at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, a weekend camp at Bragger's Wood near Christchurch, another 'Great Escape', run by James and Edd as a District event this year, a quiz evening when parents were invited to join in the fun and finishing the year with our Christmas Casino evening. Oh how could I forget I also ran a St Andrew's night for the troop. The scouts came dressed in Scottish Dress (lots of home made kilts), took part in some Scottish Country Dancing (The Gay Gordon's, The Dashing White Sergeant and the Canadian Barn Dance) and tasted some Scottish delicacies including Tunnock's Tea Cakes, oat cakes, Barr's IRN BRU and Haggis.



Over the October half term four Lion troop Scouts, Joshua Haines, Stephen Way, Matthew Kenny and Michael Kenny completed their Expedition

Challenge by completing a two day hike covering 15 miles around East Sussex. This involved the four boys planning the



expedition and carrying all their food, cooking and camping equipment with them.

The start to 2009 brought a return to the basics with training in Scouting skills (axe, knife and saw and camping equipment), a weekend camp at Cricket Camp site including some site service (you guessed it Camp Fire Circle cleaning returns!), ice skating at Gosport Ice Rink, wide games at the Forest of Bere, air rifle shooting run by Tom, cooking, an Easter egg hunt at Queen Elizabeth's Country Park and a visit to the Fire Station where they ran a Fire Safety Badge course for the sSouts.



This year saw five Lions gain their Gold Chief Scout awards. This is a fantastic achievement and shows the commitment to Scouting shown by Joshua Haines, Joshua Hunter, Matthew Kenny, Michael Kenny and

Stephen Way. The award involves the Scout gaining their Challenge Award badges showing a wide variety of Scouting and social skills, performing a period of Service within the community and doing a personal challenge set for them by the Leaders. The boys were presented with their certificates at a ceremony held in the Civic Centre in Havant. Well done boys, you're a credit to Lion Troop, the Group and your parents.

This year has seen eleven investitures, ten scouts moving up to the explorer section and numerous proficiency badges (including Dinghy Sailor, Chef, Writers, Entertainer, Sports Enthusiast, Fire Safety and Mechanic) and Challenge Awards (including Expedition, Outdoor, Outdoor Plus) and not to forget five Gold CSAs 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 goes to the Leadership team of James, Merv, Claire and Tom without their hard work and dedication Lion Troop would not run as smoothly. Special thanks go to Claire Havlin for all her help on our Aldershot Camp.

What next?

We're now entering our summer term so it's back to camping and camping skills training. Getting ready for 'The Gunnell', the groups 80^{th} Birthday Camp, Lion's Summer Camp (a return to Bristol this year) and not to mention cycle rides and water fights. So if you can't wait until next year's report why not come and join in on the fun.

Jim Simpson

Scout Leader Lion Troop



Shark Troop



Following an ancient Samoan summoning ceremony to announce its arrival Shark Troop became a reality in the second half of the Easter Term (2009) with five members responding to the summons. The first investitures took place in April and currently we have 9

members with more set to join over the next term.

There had been much talking and speculation about when the new troop would start but there were some practical difficulties to sort out such as finding leaders, backfilling leadership roles in Jupiter Pack, when and where we would meet, and the consequent need for an eight day week!! Somehow we managed in true Scouting fashion to resolve these difficulties and without the need to scrap the Gregorian Calendar in favour of the Hawkian one.

When we finally sat down to plan the programme and to make it a reality we suddenly became aware of the awesome (to use an Eddism) responsibility that we were confronted with! Basically what we have is just the three of us, a sheet of paper, and expectant kids wanting to join, out of which we need to form a troop from scratch. What we do not have is a patrol structure with Patrol Leaders, and especially as all the new members are very young, between 10 and 11 years of age no established troop culture. In growing and establishing the culture the greatest assets that we have are the Scouts themselves, which along with the support of Third Hayling Group (as custodians of the Scouting Promise and Law) as a whole have got us up and running.

We have established three patrols, namely Seal, Curlew and Gannet and have Patrol Leaders in place, and in time we will have Assistant Patrol Leaders. We have a mix of children (Boys and Girls) who have been through Beavers and Cubs, two who have changed Troops and some who are entirely new to Scouting. This is a good mix, and the commitment, enthusiasm and hard work is already evident in the ways that they are conducting themselves each week.

My experience has been in running Jupiter Pack for the last six years, and am entirely new to running a Scout troop but I am really fortunate in having the enthusiasm, experience and skill of Jordan as another adult leader and Barnabas as a young leader. One of the interesting things for me from the outset was some of the differences in perspective that a difference of 25 years of age can make in planning a programme (Jordan is much older than he looks!!). So yes it is important to maintain the traditions of Scouting, but it always has to be made relevant to new generations coming through. As Leaders we promise to do our best!

The programme for the first term and a half has focussed on traditional Scouting activities such as pioneering, hiking, and cooking over open fires. As an important rite of passage we have taken our first hike with a trek cart, when we set off down the Billy Track to make rope ladders, and to have a supper cooked over an open fire.





The picture shows the kettle on, but unfortunately the bacon and sausages did not hang around long enough to be photographed! We also used a dark night at Copse Meadow Farm to fire flaming arrows (thanks to Rob Bond for use of the field), have done air rifle shooting, and had our first go at pitching

Nigers (on the basis of which we can safely say that the Gunnell Trophy won't be coming our way this year but the potential is there!).

We have made a good start, and we are looking forward to new members joining to give us a critical mass, upon which any Troop is dependent. We won't have really arrived of course until we have got out under canvas, for our first full summer camp. That will happen next summer but in the meantime we are all really looking forward to the 80^{th} Birthday Camp and a camp in the Autumn. This is a really exciting time to be a part of Third Hayling and I would like to say a really big thank you to the whole Group, and especially Ian Hawke for all the support and effort in making this new Troop happen. It is going to be a fantastic year!!

Aaron Pycroft Jordan Reed Barnabas Pycroft

Nexus Unit

Explorer Units are different to the younger age ranges in that the Explorers themselves run the Unit and the Leaders support them.

As a result, it is very much down to their self motivation to make the Unit a success and as you will see there has been plenty of self motivation!

Leadership of the Unit

To get everything organised two Explorers share the leadership of the Unit and Becky and Abi have done a great job in organising, encouraging, motivating and keeping order. Thank you to both.

Young Leader Training

Six Explorers (Liam, Kat, Zack, Ben, Matt, Rosemary) have completed their Young Leader Training.

Awards



Abi Peett became the first Hayling Scout to gain the Explorer Belt Award by completing a 10 day expedition in Poland. The Award tests an Explorers ability to plan, organise an expedition and complete a Project. Abi is one of a very small group of Explorers nationwide to complete this challenge as it requires a great deal of commitment. We all sat proudly listening to the feedback presentation of Abi's experiences.

The award schemes available to Explorers link the Duke of Edinburgh Awards with those from Scouting culminating in the Queen's Scout Award / D of E Gold.

Congratulations to Liam, Zack and Kathryn on completing their DoE Bronze Award and Chief Scouts Platinum Award, and of course to Charles Harrison who received the Queen's Scout Award at our last annual meeting.

16 Explorers are actively working towards either the Bronze or Silver Award under Terry's expert guidance. This includes planning an expedition, completing a period of service to the community and learning a new skill.

Explorer Summer Camp

This years summer camp was a weeks cycle expedition to the Isle of Wight and camping. The week included rafting, canoeing and navigating around the island using public transport (not so easy when you lose the bus ticket part way through the day!). One of the challenges for the unit was that 50% of them were involved with the Hayling Carnival during the day and had to catch an evening ferry to the Isle of Wight.

Service

Over the year Explorers have supported the other Sections by acting as Young Leaders and helpers on a weekly basis or at one off camps and events. We have also helped with a number of other events throughout the year including the Christmas Post sort which has become an event in itself.

We were asked to take charge of the catering at the Group fun day and also the Duck Race in February. Food always seems to be a good motivator for the Explorer age range.

Broadstone Warren Camp

In the Autumn the Explorers ran a camp at Broadstone Warren including survival skills, bivi building, wide games and skinning and gutting a rabbit and completing the high ropes course.

Kandestag



Not long to go before we all set of for Switzerland. During the year we have attended training weekends in preparation for our big adventure and have been active raising funds to help cover the cost. Bag Packing, running the Group Quiz, taking part in the Langstone walk organised by the Lions Club and taking on other tasks that appear.

A special thank you to Sarah Sexton and her colleagues at Barclays Bank for their matched funding with our Bag Packing in Asda. This support is really appreciated by everyone.

Thank you

Thank you to Tony, Terry and Jamie for their hard work in supporting the Unit.

Dominic Howell



Fundraising & Support

You will see from this report that fundraising for Hayling Scouts covers a wide range of activities. Most importantly, we like to give something in return for the financial support we receive. The fundraising activities can also help to increase the visibility of Scouting as well as demonstrate our values as a youth organisation.

A good example is the Christmas Card Delivery Service, which is now a permanent feature in the Scouting calendar and this year raised over £1000. In return, it provided a service to the local community - and some good exercise for the volunteers who delivered the cards across the Island.

Similarly, our annual Quiz Night is very much appreciated by our 'regulars' who turn up every year for some mental exercise as well as a good supper. This year it generated over £800 to help fund specialised equipment for the Explorer Scouts expedition to Switzerland in 2009.

Our Book Sales, held twice a year, are now considered to be amongst the biggest and best in the area with over 8000 books on sale, all sorted and classified. In fact, many people use this event as a type of lending library, purchasing books at one sale and then kindly donating them for the next sale. We raised more than £1400 this year and we are grateful to our Book Sale Team as well as the public who make this possible.



If people want the chance to earn some cash, then they join our 100 Club with 50% of the income being given as cash prizes. Thanks to Lorna Simpson for managing this activity.

Some activities such as helping at the Businessmen's Club Annual Barbecue are not intended to be fundraising events but simply part of our support for the local community and organisations. The Scouts who provide the support are rewarded by the Businessmen's Club with some 'nourishment' from the barbecue- so there are always plenty of raised hands when we seek

volunteers for this event! We also appreciated the donation that the Businessmens' Club gave us for helping to make their event another great success.

Other regular events that again we supported and which provided valuable income included the Lions 'Round Langstone' Sponsored Walk and the Hayling Carnival where we raised over £300 - simply by asking people to smash crockery!



We also held a Duck Race in March selling 850 ducks at £1 each. This is always a fun event and a good outing for families who can have a grandstand view of the race and enjoy hot dogs and a drink at the end.

More recent trends in our fundraising activities include bag packing at supermarkets. They invariably generate over £1000 and are also important in raising the visibility of Scouting in this very public and busy environment. The bag packing and duck race together raised over £2300 - a tremendous achievement by everyone involved. The 'icing on the cake' was a very generous offer from Barclays Bank to match-fund these two events to provide a further £2300 to support the Explorers expedition to Switzerland and the Group's 80^{th} Birthday Camp in June. We are most grateful to Sarah Sexton and her colleagues at Barclays Bank for their financial support for these two very special events in the Summer of 2009.

This year we have seen significant growth in numbers in the Group and the formation of new Sections to meet the demand. This expansion required additional funding and we applied to the National Lottery 'Awards for All' for a grant. We were delighted that they considered our cause to be worthy of support and we were awarded a grant of £8300.

Grants, donations and gifts form a very important part of our funding for essential equipment and activities and I am delighted that ACE, who have been supporters of Scouting on Hayling for many years, gave us a donation of £250. We also received a grant form Hampshire County Council for over £200 to purchase essential equipment - thanks to County Councillor Ted Gale for facilitating this award.

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

Furthermore, where donations are given by tax-paying individuals, we can claim a further 28% Gift Aid and this makes a very important contribution to our finances.

For example, this Annual Report has been printed on our new Xerox multipurpose digital Workcentre. This machine, costing over £5000, was purchased in June 2008 following a fundraising appeal, which lasted no more than three weeks, thanks to a generous donation by Irene Day plus Gift Aid. Irene, who sadly passed away in December, was a tremendous supporter of Hayling Scouts and will be sadly missed.



As you can see, we had a very varied and interesting fundraising year. However, subscriptions from parents cover only one third of our costs so we are heavily dependent on fundraising. We must therefore continuously reassess our needs and sources of funds to ensure that our growth and high standards can be maintained for the years to come.

Philip Blosse (Chairman)

3rd Hayling Scout Group



Minutes of Awards and Presentations Evening held on Wednesday 11 June 2008 at Scout Headquarters, Kings Road, Hayling Island

The meeting opened with a short sketch entitled 'Is it time?' enacted by nine Scouts. This was an excerpt from 'Our Show', which had been performed at the end of February in The Hayling College.

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

Chairman's Welcome

Chairman Dr Philip Blosse welcomed the Mayor of Havant, Cllr. John Smith and the Mayoress Mrs. Hilary Smith; Ted Gale County Councillor; Dick Whittington County Commissioner; Nigel Valette District Commissioner, Scouts; Dr. Ian Stott DC Designate, Havant District Scout Council; Tim Pike ADC Activities for Havant; and Dominic Howell who in addition to being our Explorer Scout Leader is the Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts) in Hampshire. Other representatives included Meyrick Marston Hayling Island Businessmen's Club; Rev. Malcolm Bull Hayling Anglican Churches; Rev. Ann Leonard, St. Andrew's & St. Peter's Churches; Pearl Phillips Lions Club; Jan Randall Head of Mengham Infant School, Brian and Janet Bocking Red Cross; Audrey Willingham, Havant District Support Manager; Susan Beevor Girl Guiding Hayling. Approximately 100 people attended, and the Chairman was glad to welcome so many guests and supporters of Hayling Scouts.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from David Willetts MP *President Havant District Scout Council*; Andy Lenaghan Councillor; Mrs. Jenny Queripel *Headteacher Mill Rythe Junior School*; Mrs. Jean Filtness *Headteacher Mengham Junior School*; Paul Fisher, *ACE & HIRA*; Stan & Avis Dickin *Havant District Scout Council*; Ciara Jamieson-Goode *Group Development Committee*; Fred Rook; Avril Keyes; Brian & Ina Smith; Kim Sparling; Douglas Husband; Peter Hickman; David Peeling; David Hutchings; Pete Rowson *Group Development Team*; Greg Clark; Mark Standing; Graham Chapman *Group Development Team*; Father Andrew Chandler, *St. Patrick's Catholic Church*.

The Group Scout Leader Ian Hawke introduced the County Commissioner Dick Whittington and invited him to present the Queen's Scout Award to Charles Harrison. The County Commissioner explained the tradition within Hampshire for the recipient to wear for the evening a Silver Elephant, which had been presented in India to Lord Mountbatten, and is now on permanent loan to the County for this purpose. Charles described his experiences in working towards the Queen's Scout Award.

Section Reports

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

Treasurer's Report

Mary Pike reported that we had consolidated our financial position this year putting us on a firm footing for future expenditure. Income from subscriptions had risen significantly due to an increase in Group numbers and our fundraising events had again supported our funds extremely well. Thanks were expressed to Chris Driscoll for auditing our accounts. The meeting approved the accounts.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman recalled three events memorable to him during the past Centenary year. Firstly, Sunrise Day on 1st August 2007 in Emsworth Square where Beavers and Cubs from the District re-made their Promises, coinciding with similar events around the world involving 28 million Scouts, an emotional event ending with the release of one hundred white doves. Secondly, attending the h007 Centenary Jamboree at New Park in the New Forest where Scouts across Hampshire, together with many from other counties and overseas countries joined in brotherhood to celebrate the Centenary. Despite the muddy conditions left from the previous week's rain, the Jamboree was extremely successful. Hayling Scout Group subsequently hosted a contingent of Scouts from Ghana. Thirdly, the meeting to discuss the challenge presented by the growth of Scouting on Hayling by 20% in the last year, which has resulted in waiting lists for most sections. The Leaders were able to work out a plan to accommodate this demand without compromising their high standards.

As a consequence of this growth the Chairman outlined the responsibilities of his Development Team to ensure that the Leaders were supported fully and this has been embodied in the five-year plan 'Looking Outwards' launched last year.

The Chairman concluded by emphasising the importance of communication both within and outside the Group. He highlighted the important role of electronic communication in the form of our very successful website, the use of e-mail and *The Woggle* newsletter. Despite the electronic trend, printed material still played a major role with over 16,000 black and white copies being produced last year on our tenyear-old photocopier, in addition to an increasing amount of colour printing done on an inkjet printer. Current and future demands have required the Group to consider a major purchase to replace our ageing photocopier with a digital multi-functional colour Workcentre and he announced a fundraising appeal for £3,000 towards the cost.

The proceedings were 'interrupted' by another sketch, creating much amusement. 'When I Were a Lad' was enacted by Scout Leaders Edd Harrison, Aaron Pycroft, Shawn Lambert and Ian Hawke. This was also an excerpt from 'Our Show'.

Group Scout Leader's Report

Ian Hawke thanked the guests for attending and then started with a review of the year and some of the memorable moments such as the Wet Centenary Camp, the depth of mud on arrival at H007, Sunrise Day, the hosting of the Cubs and Scouts from Ghana, Camps, activities, "Our Show", plus the many different types of community service performed throughout the year. He concluded that every member of the Group will have their own special memories of Centenary Year.

Ian referenced some other facts for the year such as the 20% growth in youth membership, that the Group spent over 1000 nights in camp for the 15th successive year, and that over 500 badges were presented including 34 top awards.

Looking at the future Ian reported that the increase in numbers had presented an interesting challenge!. The growth in the Group was a combination of less people leaving and more people wanting to join. This is a direct reflection on the efforts of the Leaders and the attendees joined Ian in congratulating all Leaders and helpers on their excellent work with the young people of Hayling.

This growth meant that both Cub Packs and both Scout Troops were all at their natural limit and that the Leaders with the Group Development Team had to find a way to open additional sections in the coming months to enable a greater number to benefit from Scouting on Hayling.

Ian concluded with a reflection on the sermon at the St George's Day service he and Nigel Valette attended at Windsor. The Vice Dean of Windsor, using the Church as the prime example, stated how important it was for any organisation providing a community role to remain focussed on their primary objective and not be distracted by other less important aspects. Ian and Nigel both felt that in the 1980s and 1990s Scouting too had lost its way at times and spent too much time focussed on other factors such as numbers, finance, adventure activities, rather than the basic needs of the young people and their Leaders. Whilst things were improving there was some way to go.

Ian concluded by thanking everyone for their support and commitment to Scouting on Hayling and a special mention to Phil Blosse and the Group Development Team for their drive and enthusiasm.

Committee Nominations and Elections for 2008-2009

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

Awards and Presentations

The Fred Rook Award for Service to the Community was presented by Ian Hawke to Tom Lincoln, a Leader with Lion Scout Troop.

The David Baker Memorial Award for Commitment to the Scout Laws was presented by Tony Baker to Paul (Jacko) Jackson, a Leader with Saturn Cub Pack.

The District Commissioner Nigel Valette presented Aaron Pycroft with the Wood Badge on completion of his Leader training.

Nigel also presented a 20 Year Service Certificate to Mary Pike and 30 Year Certificates to Mandy and Ian Hawke.

The Group Scout Leader presented Thanks Badges to Jo Hawley, Sally Jones, Clive Allgood, Nigel Kenny and Andrew Harrison. A bouquet of flowers was presented to Valerie Blosse in appreciation of her photocopying services to the Group.

The County Commissioner Dick Whittington presented a 20 Year Service Certificate and the Medal of Merit to Dominic Howell.

The Presentations session was concluded with the County Commissioner reading the citation for the Silver Wolf Award, which was then presented to Group Scout Leader Ian Hawke.

2007 World Jamboree

Scouts Jordan Reed and Alistair Harris described their experiences at the World Jamboree in August last year and the subsequent hospitality visits to Poland for Alistair and Switzerland for Jordan. These amazing experiences obviously left them with many lasting memories.

Conclusion

The Chairman thanked everyone present for their continued support and the meeting concluded at 9.15pm. All were invited to take refreshments and view the selection of photographs displayed around the room. Images were also projected on the screen showing some of the activities of the Group throughout the year, as well as videos and photos on PCs in the Gunnell Room.

Badge Supporters for 3rd Hayling Scout Group

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

		Supporter			
F. R.	DIY Cub	DIY Scout			Hayling Hardware Elm Grove
*	Book Reader Cubs	Librarian Scouts		Writer Scouts	Hayling Bookshop Mengham
Triandship	Friendship Challenge Beavers	Caring Challenge Cubs		Community Challenge Scouts	Hugh Hickman Estate Agency Menaham
	Health & Fitness Beavers	The Fitness Challenge Beavers	(S)	The Fitness Challenge Scouts	Jacqui Gray Homeopathy Hayling Island
***	Lifesaver Scouts Entertainer Cubs	Lifesaver Explorers Entertainer Scouts		Imagination Beavers Performing Explorers	Mill Rythe Holiday Village Hayling Island
***	Chef Cubs	Chef Scouts			Cottage Cuisine Hayling Island
**	Artist Cubs	Creative Beavers			Relatively Crafty Elm Grove
	Community Cha Cubs	Iris & John Cottle			
Community Challenge Scouts					Lions Club of Hayling

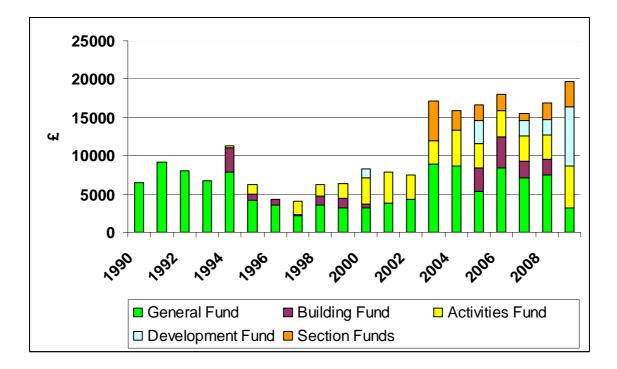
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The companies, organisations and individuals mentioned on this page have supported the Hayling Scout Group in the form of a loan of equipment and facilities, financial support, donations, working with us on specific projects and activities, or by choosing to be associated with us and endorsing our goals and objectives for the young people of Hayling Island. We are very grateful to all of the following for their help and support.

Hampshire County Council Ted Gale	Richard Card	Robert Bond	Irene Day	
Julian Dyer HOME IMPROVEMENTS Julian Dyer Home Improvements	Hayling Island Bookshop	Simon Rigden Mobile Mechanic	Bishop's Printers Flm Grove	Hayling Flower Club
Cards 4 Occasions Mengham	LOTTERY FUNDED Awards for All	Rae's Butchers Mengham	Solent Motor Services Quality servicing to cars & vans James Perfett Havant	Hayden's Vehicle Hire Station Road
HAYLING ISLANDER Hayling Islander Local News	Heating Engineer	Northney Farm Northney Road	Belmont Hair Care Station Road	Hayling Red Cross Centre Elm Grove
XERETEC Xerox Office Supplies	Stoke Fruit Farm Havant Road	Hayling Hardware Elm Grove	The Hayling College Specialising in Maths and Computing The Hayling College	Country Pets Eastoke Corner
Hayling Island Businessmen's Club	Hayling Island Community Centre Association Hayling Island Community Association	Association for Charitable Endeavours	Bentley Walker Ltd Elm Grove	Mill Rythe Holiday Village
Lifeboats RNLI Hayling Branch	Lions Club Hayling Branch	Mengham Infant School	BUILD CENTER Build Centre Station Road	Mill Rythe Junior School

Statement of Funds

at 31st March



Note: The Development fund includes the outstanding balance of £5759 from our successful National Lottery application in support of our Group Expansion project. This money is committed and will be spent by October 2009.