



3rd Hayling Group

Annual Report

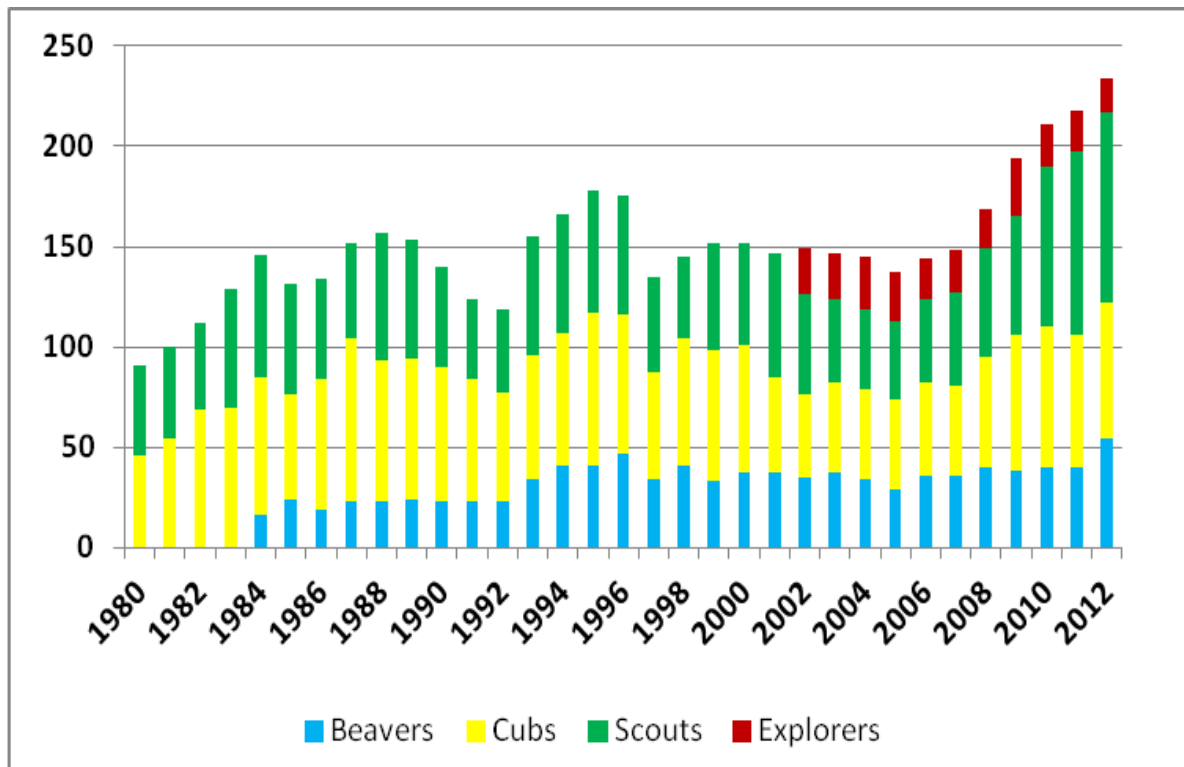
2011 - 2012




*Winning design of national
competition for children aged 6-14*


Youth Membership


at 31st January 2012



Roll of Honour 2011 / 2012

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|-------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|--|
| Lucas Bradshaw | Redwood | Rupert Jameson | Redwood | Beavers Chief Scout's Bronze Award  |
| Luke Byrne | Aspen | Max Jones | Redwood | |
| Eric Cassin | Aspen | Ethan Lewis | Aspen | |
| Alfie Clarke | Aspen | Oliver Lister | Redwood | |
| Ryan Cooper | Redwood | Joshua Marsh | Redwood | |
| Tivon Dillner | Aspen | Toby McNally | Redwood | |
| James Ferguson | Aspen | Cameron Mitchell | Aspen | |
| James Hellyer | Redwood | Sunnie Morrison | Aspen | |
| Reuben Hutchinson | Aspen | Daniel Smith | Redwood | |
| Jason Hughes | Aspen | Christien Sylvester | Aspen | |

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|-----------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|---|
| Clementyne Barrett | Mars | Louis Grows | Jupiter | Cubs Chief Scout's Silver Award  |
| Jacob van Baskerville | Saturn | Henry Jameson | Saturn | |
| Luke Byrne | Saturn | Harrison Jobber | Mars | |
| Ben Cassidy | Saturn | Katie Law | Jupiter | |
| Curtis Chapman | Saturn | Joel Masson | Saturn | |
| George Charlton | Saturn | Elliot Opie | Jupiter | |
| Maxwell Davey | Jupiter | Robert Sandford | Saturn | |
| Zac Elliot | Saturn | Harry Silver | Saturn | |
| Ross Ferguson | Saturn | Harvey Smart | Mars | |
| Oliver Germain | Jupiter | Huw Thomas | Saturn | |
| Ben Grainger | Mars | Harry Whipp | Saturn | |

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|-------------------------|--------|---------------|--------|---|
| Daniel Allen | Eagles | James Hooker | Lions | Scouts Chief Scout's Gold Award  |
| Nathan Bond | Eagles | Alex Kinsella | Eagles | |
| Kaj Carter | Lions | Conway Parke | Lions | |
| Reece Chapman | Lions | Dominic Reed | Lions | |
| Lily Chevallier-Watts | Lions | Joe Speller | Lions | |
| Alex Diment | Lions | Hakan Ustabas | Eagles | |
| Aaron Francis-Robertson | Sharks | Karl Ward | Eagles | |
| Hannah Graves | Lions | Matthew Wells | Eagles | |
| Harry Hick | Eagles | Matthew Welsh | Sharks | |

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| | | | | Explorers Chief Scout's Platinum Award  |
| Barnabas Pycroft | | | | |
| Genny Davis | | | | |

Queen's Scout Award

Ed Harrison
Abi Peett



Ben Diment
Will Nelson
Adam Saunders

**Explorer Scouts
Young Leader Belt**



Jan Allgood
James Perfett
Aaron Pycroft

**Leaders
Wood Badge**



Paul (Jacko) Jackson

For Services to Scouting of an
exceptional nature.

Award of Merit



Group Development Team 2011-12

Group Scout Leader

Ian Hawke

Officers

Chairman

Dr Philip Blossie

Treasurer

Mary Pike

Secretary

Helen Pickles (p) (To 02/12)

Specific Roles

HQ Manager

Pete Rowson

Quartermaster

Peter Goddard

Service Crew

Geoff Hick (p)

Badge Secretary

Nigel Kenny (p)

Wish List Management

Parent Representatives

Andrea Crossland (p)

Clive Allgood (p)

Tony King (p)

Gill Condron (p)

Uniformed Representatives

Beaver Scouts

Aspen Colony

Fiona Jordan-Harrison (p)

Maple Colony

Helen Pickles (p)

Redwood Colony

Linda Hunter

Cub Scouts

Jupiter Pack

Andrea Heath

Mars Pack

Jan Allgood (p)

Saturn Pack

Mandy Hawke (p)

Scouts

Eagle Troop

Ed Harrison

Lion Troop

Jim Simpson (p)

Scorpion Troop

Dominic Howell (p)

Shark Troop

Jordan Reed

Explorer Scouts

Nexus Unit

James Perfett

Active Support Unit

Dreadnought

Tom Lincoln

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

Group Supporting Roles 2011-2012

Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary

Karen Wells

Gift Aid Coordinator

Kim Sparling

Subs Administration

Tracy Knight / Jenny Dimment

HQ Team

HQ Coordinator

Pete Rowson

HQ Support

Alan Perfett

Caretaker

Eric Marston

HQ Cleaning

Explorers

Grounds

James Perfett / Richard Card

Lettings Coordinator

Ian Hawke

Leader Support Team

Badge Secretary

Nigel Kenny

Secondhand Uniform

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator

Terry Brinnen

Wish List Management

Promotions & Events

Team Manager

Position Vacant

Book Sales

Position Vacant

Quiz

Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault

Promotions

Andrea Crossland

Leader Support Service Team

Team Manager

Position Vacant

Activities Support Team

10 Names

Drivers Support Team

Robert Bond

Transport Manager

Clive Allgood

Leader Support Skills Team

Life Guards

Jan Allgood, Dean Wells, Joshua Day

Archery Team

Paul Jackson, Jamie Bray

Air Rifle Team

Jamie Bray, Tom Lincoln,

Aaron Pycroft

Walls & Towers

Paul Jackson, Tom Lincoln, Jordan Reed

Group Support 2011-2012

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.

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| 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:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Hayling Hardware | Bentley Walker |
| Rae's | Cards 4 Occasions |
| 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 towards the end of this report.

Chairman's Review



Her Majesty the Queen is Patron of the Scout Association and in this Diamond Jubilee Year of her reign, we celebrate as a Scout Group not only her sixty years of dedication to her country but also her contribution to the continuing success of Scouting worldwide.

The Queen's Scout Award is the highest award attainable by a Scout and in 2011, two members of 3rd Hayling Group, Abi Peett and Edward Harrison, were the latest recipients of this prestigious award. They join a significant list of Queen's Scouts, and previously King's Scouts, from the 3rd Hayling Scout Group.



Continuing the royal theme, we were delighted with the recent news that the Duchess of Cambridge has become involved in Scouting. Bear Grylls, the Chief Scout, is quoted as saying: "The Duchess has an incredibly busy life which makes it all the more inspiring that she has chosen to volunteer alongside us. Over the past few years it has been our mission to make it easier for adults to give as much or as little as they are able. It is how we change our society: many people doing a little bit." The Duchess will run a variety of activities relevant to her skills and interests, with practical involvement with Beavers and Cubs in North Wales.



This year, our Scout Group has continued to grow and now has over 300 members. We now have twelve Sections meeting on weekday evenings and in order to accommodate all sections, the difficult decision was made to provide an additional meeting hall within the HQ by combining two smaller rooms. Those sections currently meeting in local schools will then be able to return to the HQ. This major project will relieve the pressure on meetings space. However, it is a compromise as it will reduce the availability of smaller rooms for other activities and will also require the sharing of kitchen and toilet facilities. The project, requiring planning consent and significant internal alterations, will cost in the region of £25,000 and is expected to be completed before the start of the autumn term. This work will be funded using part of the Irene Day Legacy Fund.

We are continuing to search for a suitable plot of land to purchase for recreational use and training activities. Meanwhile, we are very grateful to Rob Bond and the Pike and Wilson families for allowing us to use their fields on a regular basis.

In 2011, we initiated a fundraising appeal for the transportation of equipment and so far the appeal has raised over £8,000. To date, one mid-size trailer has been purchased and Leaders are currently defining specifications for at least one more trailer.

Broadband has recently been installed in the Scouts Headquarters, thanks to a successful application for a BT Community Connections Award, which gives us 12 months free high-speed broadband offering online training programmes and live access to a wide range of internet services. This facility adds yet another dimension to our communication capabilities alongside our highly informative and user-friendly website www.haylingscouts.org.uk, developed and managed by our Group Scout Leader. It is a powerful, and now almost essential, management and communication tool to help our team of Leaders in their primary task of development and training of young people on Hayling.



In conclusion I would like to congratulate all Leaders and Helpers on another successful year for our Group, and would also like to thank the members of my Group Development Team for their behind-the-scenes work. We look forward to another challenging year.

Dr. Philip Blosse
Chairman



Our new trailer

Group Scout Leader's Review

As in all walks of life there are times when you wonder why you still do something, but then.....

I see the 250 excited faces young and old running around a camp site to a story line typical of a James Bond movie which is really just an excuse for a mass water fight, or I watch the happy face of a young person receiving their first badges, or the pride in the parents when someone is presented with the highest award of their section, or get feedback from others in the community as to how polite and helpful our "scouts" have been or I read the reports from the Leaders whilst preparing this annual review... AND THEN I realise why I still want to be involved with this amazing organisation.

As a group we have (and never will) set ourselves numerical targets for membership. I have a very simple philosophy, *"if we provide exciting, challenging programmes that also provide individual achievement then the young people will keep coming back"*. Retention is the key! The proof of this is what has happened to the Group in the past 5 years with 4 new sections and an increase of nearly 40% in our youth membership. We now have over 300 people who wear their Scout uniform each week.

It was really great to see the first meeting of our new Maple Beaver Colony. The new Beavers arrived nervous but full of energy and enthusiasm and the new Leaders arrived wondering what they had let themselves in for. The colony has developed at a rapid pace and has also made a significant difference to our waiting list.

1500 nights camping in the year and over 2000 badges awarded for achievement including 62 Chief Scout's Awards the top award in each section are great indicators of the quality of Scouting being offered across all of the sections - just read the section reports to see what a varied opportunity is available to the youth of Hayling.

There are 3 separate things that have brought real pleasure and pride to me this year.

The first was the way in which our Leadership team plus other help pulled together for probably our best ever Group Camp, the "Smash Camp" last June. I only wish that we could bottle and sell their enthusiasm, their innovation and ability to think on their feet and adapt when things are not working as expected. To watch them in action is a real sight to behold.

The second was the first major event organised by Dreadnought for JOTA/JOTI. This was a spectacular demonstration of what young adults can achieve. The setup including the vast generator, huge radio mast and internet cafe in the middle of a green field along with some well thought out and executed activities made sure that the younger members of the

group had a day or weekend to remember. Well done Dreadnought and I suspect that you will have even more taking part this year!

The third and perhaps the most significant was when on three occasions during the year I joined a Parents evening with the express purpose of looking for additional support for our sections due to changes in Leadership and my desire to get our new Beaver colony up and running. In total 11 parents came forward to volunteer to help on a regular basis and all of these are now wearing the Scout Uniform each week. This is great news, not just because it helps us maintain a quality of Scouting but also that it demonstrates that the values of our movement are being recognised by more and more people.

This year we said goodbye (temporarily!!) and thank you to Sarah, Zack, Liam and Lorna but have welcomed Kate, Emma, Diane, Dave, Helen, Charlotte, Mick, David, Tony, Michelle, Lucy, Sam, Karen and Nicci as Leaders / Helpers with our sections.

Any group or organisation can never stand still for too long to reflect as there are always so many other opportunities to grasp. Our transport fund was initiated last year to address the camping and equipment needs of our increasing number of sections. The past few months has seen us working on a plan to modify the HQ in order to accommodate this growth and provide a second meeting room. We are very grateful to the continued support of Mengham Infant School and the Hayling College for providing meeting space but as you can imagine meeting away from the HQ is very challenging on the Leaders and restrictive on some of the activities on offer. We hope to augment this welcome support from these with more space within the HQ to reduce the impact and increase the opportunity for those sections meeting away from the HQ. A special thank you to Peter Rowson and Shawn Lambert who have given a lot of time and energy to ensure we identify workable plans.

Underpinning all of the work of the Leaders is our Group Development Team led by Phil Blossie. It is easy to say that their role is to ensure that the Leadership have the equipment and facilities they require to deliver fun Scouting, but of course this covers a diverse range of activity. Fund Raising, promotion, maintenance, planning and innovation are all part of the combined characteristics from this small but willing team of people and I know that their efforts and successes are well respected by the Leaders, so on everyone's behalf a huge thank you to you all.

I started this year's review about the thought of "why do I do this" and I end knowing that the pleasure I get from an active involvement with the development of young people is the reason - actually as I always say I do this so I can behave like a teenager!! This would not be the case without the encouragement and support I get from my home life as well, so thank you Mandy.

Jan

Treasurer's Report

Income for the year totalled £35,000 down by £5000 and we showed a deficit of expenditure over income of £1300. Removing the specific fund for attendance at the World Scout Jamboree (£4000), the main difference was the reduction in our claim for Gift Aid which was reduced from 28% to 25%.

Expenditure, without the World Scout Jamboree remained very similar although we did see a shift away from equipment towards our new Trailer.

With the annual membership fee approaching £9000, badges at £1000, the cost of insurance and utilities nearly £5000 and general maintenance of £1500 our budget plans require us to identify £17,000 just to provide the basic facility, and before we include equipment, section running costs, training and other expenditure.

Following an analysis of our costs we found it necessary to increase subscriptions from £72 per year to £90 per year. This is the first increase since 2009 and took effect from April 2012.

Fortunately the hard work of many with our Book Sales, Quiz, 100 Club and Xmas Post continue to make £4000 profit for the Group. It is as a direct result of these events and other generous donations that we have been able to keep our annual subscription at £72 for the past 3 years and despite the increase we have found that our subscription continues to be below that of many other groups and well below that for many other organisations and hobbies.

My thanks to Karen Wells for managing the subscriptions across the Group and to Kim Lovegrove for dealing with Gift Aid and 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

3RD HAYLING ISLAND SCOUT GROUP

Charity No. 308136

Year ended 31st March 2012

Income and Expenditure Account

| 2010/2011 | Income | 2011/2012 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 13437.00 | Subscriptions | 12616.00 |
| 50387.28 | Legacy from Irene Day | 0.00 |
| 1795.23 | Donations | 133.00 |
| 195.26 | Bank interest | 465.30 |
| 3769.54 | Gift Aid | 2743.95 |
| 5.10 | Photocopying | 102.00 |
| 4240.21 | World Jamboree | 0.00 |
| 300.00 | Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme | 0.00 |
| 100.00 | Badge Sponsorship/Facilities hire | 0.00 |
| 2457.50 | Transport Fund | 3901.30 |
| 735.00 | Fundraising: Quiz | 1078.00 |
| 917.99 | Christmas Post | 888.53 |
| 2093.01 | Book Fair | 1801.66 |
| 1586.00 | 100 club | 1512.00 |
| 728.45 | Other events | 655.85 |
| 82747.57 | Total | 25897.59 |
| 8897.69 | Money exchange,camps & trips | 10358.57 |
| 91645.26 | | 36256.16 |
| 1584.00 | Less: Explorer subs(District) | 1224.00 |
| 90061.26 | Total | 35032.16 |
| FUND STATEMENT | | |
| 61414.89 | COIF fund | 61880.19 |
| 43.77 | Deposit account | 43.77 |
| 1992.59 | Current account | 5378.17 |
| 3053.72 | Cash in hand | 0.00 |
| 66504.97 | TOTAL | 67302.13 |
| 1956.13 | less: o/s cheques | 1076.57 |
| 64548.84 | TOTAL | 66225.56 |
| 60858.78 | Less: money held on account | 64241.61 |
| 3690.06 | | 1983.95 |
| | Plus: deficit | 1706.11 |
| | | 3690.06 |

| 2010/2011 | Expenditure | 2011/2012 |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 7923.00 | Capitation | 9256.05 |
| 1310.51 | Section Allowances | 1315.48 |
| 305.59 | Competitions | 145.26 |
| 1024.50 | Badges | 1585.00 |
| 147.40 | Leader Uniform & Training | 403.39 |
| 580.22 | Photocopier | 786.54 |
| 1113.13 | Insurance | 1150.24 |
| 1139.45 | General expenses | 1416.98 |
| 2046.88 | HQ: Services | 1794.95 |
| 1553.08 | HQ: Maintenance | 96.00 |
| 3664.08 | Equipment | 1693.10 |
| 5994.45 | World jamboree | 300.00 |
| 385.92 | Duke of Edinburgh expenses | 62.36 |
| 272.70 | Fundraising: Quiz | 295.00 |
| 204.96 | Book Fair | 247.52 |
| 1200.00 | 100 club | 900.00 |
| 469.11 | Other events | 400.00 |
| 29334.98 | Total | 21847.87 |
| 0.00 | New Trailer | 2250.00 |
| 11329.31 | Money exchange,camps & trips | 10481.57 |
| 40664.29 | | 34579.44 |
| 1584.00 | Less: facility use (explorers) | 1224.00 |
| 39080.29 | Total expenditure | 33355.44 |
| 11455.00 | Less: money held on 01.04.11 | 60858.78 |
| 60858.78 | Plus: money held on 31.03.12 | 64241.61 |
| 1577.19 | Less: deficit | 1706.11 |
| | | 35032.16 |
| Money held on account | | |
| 2457.50 | Transport Fund | 4882.33 |
| 2319.00 | Activities Fund | 2872.00 |
| 2000.00 | Scout Development Fund | 2000.00 |
| 50387.28 | Irene Day Legacy(restricted) | 50387.28 |
| 3313.00 | Camp & sections Funds | 4100.00 |
| 382.00 | World jamboree | 0.00 |
| 60858.78 | | 64241.61 |

I have examined the books and papers presented to me and in my opinion they represent a true and fair statement of affairs.

C. Driscoll F.C.A. Auditor May '12

Aspen Beaver Colony

In the year since last May Aspen Beavers have had the weekly opportunity to take part in a variety of activities. Plus additional Aspen, Group and District events. We hope the Beavers have enjoyed the variety.

Many of these experiences are leading them towards Challenge Badges. These include Promise, Health, Faith and Creativity. Completing these has led to many of our Beavers gaining the Bronze Award, the top Beaver award. Congratulations to Eric, Tivon, Ethan, Cameron and Christien.

So what have we done since the last award ceremony?

Last summer included craft and cake making (food is always popular). A "bring a parent evening" making aqueducts - craft, competitive parents and water, what could possibly go wrong? Well nothing, the Beavers showed great leadership skills when instructing the big Beavers (parents and one Grandpa). There were outdoor activities along the Hayling Billy Trail and 2 trips to the beach - one was a barbeque with Redwood Colony - more food! The other beach trip (in July) was a howling gale, freezing rain lashing the beach - yes, they still went in the sea (and so did the leaders).



Plus 2 trips to Lyons Copse. One for the Hayling Group Smash camp. The other was with the Havant District celebrating 25 years of Beaver Scouting in the UK. Noticeable for the District camp was the organised traditional activities of fire lighting, adventure course, bouncy castle, craft etc. Plus the traditional unscripted activity of wading through the deep puddles and poking muddy stones with sticks. All followed by a traditional birthday tea. Rain did not stop play.

The Autumn term:

The Beavers stocked harvest baskets for St Andrew's Church - well actually they were boxes and we suspect the parents did the shopping. The Beavers were proud to deliver them to the service.

There were outdoor activities - a wide game at Rob Bond's field, the Hayling Billy Trail in the DARK. A family trip to Paulton's Park "Winter Wonderland" with County Beavers.

We had a talk from Jean and craft and climbing and water and singing. A return to St Andrew's for Christingle - Beavers and lit candles - another low risk activity.

And of course to finish the term a Christmas party with Redwood joining Aspen - did I mention that food is always popular?





The Beavers made calendars and craft and pancakes and healthy eating (that's food twice in a term). They found out about emergency aid skills. We welcomed Cub leader Sylvia with her snakes (hands on for this - if you are brave enough!).

There was the District Beaver Party (that makes food 3 times). The theme was circus an opportunity to spend time off the Island, meeting new Beavers from across Havant

District.

We were invited to St Mary's Church by Mrs Baggett for a tour and a show and tell of the interior of the church. Of special interest to the Beavers was the stained glass window of St George and his dragon and the new steps in the middle of the church. All the boys were presented with a booklet on the history of the church. Even there and back was fun carrying a rope to create a line of Beavers moving together.

The annual sleepover and the Beavers actually did sleep. Either side of the sleep there was playing and excitement and food (what food again?). Always a challenge for first timers, away from home with a sleeping bag and carry mats on a concrete floor. As leaders we plan for lots of activities but as usual the decision is lead by the boys and their choice is very much group play and taking it in turns to hang from the rafters on the rope swing.

Looking at the rest of this term it includes wide games, the Group fun day, food (always popular) and the sea - just the kind of breadth and variety we want to achieve.

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. Particular thanks to Lorna we will miss your leadership and knot tying skills. But also thanks to the team who are still regularly giving their time: Sandra, Jean and Don as leaders, Bryn, James and Matt as young leaders. Perhaps this is the point to mention the effect of the Young Leaders - the new approach to training and developing these young people is providing Aspen with an enthusiasm that is fabulous to see.

Each term Aspen leaders get together to plan a themed programme to link in with badges and award work, but looking back it is the unplanned and spontaneous that stick in the mind and give me the memories of Scouting to cherish.

This report only gives a taste of the fun and activities that has been happening on a Monday evening at Aspen - the best people to ask about what goes on are the Beavers - and it will make you smile.

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison, Beaver Leader, Aspen

Maple Beaver Colony

Maple Beaver colony held its inaugural meeting on Wednesday 25th January with ten eager boys and five new leaders.



Following on from their investiture in February the colony has grown from strength to strength. The boys have enjoyed a number of fun filled evenings with topics including pancake making, fruit kebab making, paper aeroplane flying, bird feeder making and a plane journey to Paris, to name but a few.

No Beaver meeting would be complete without lots of fast and furious games with the leaders soon learning which games the boys do and don't

like!

Seven of the boys attended the St George's Day service enjoying not only the very exciting double-decker bus ride to Havant but the opportunity to see other Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from across the district.



The summer term will see the colony getting out and about in addition to welcoming more boys to this small yet perfectly formed group.



In keeping with the Scouting traditions all of our leaders have taken special names, in our case those of Birds of Prey. I would like to say a huge thank you to Charlotte (Kestrel), Tony (Hawk), Mick (Kite) and Dave (Merlin) for their support and hard work in starting up Maple Colony. It has been extremely successful, if challenging at times, and we are looking forward to many more fun filled weekly meetings!

Helen

(Kingfisher)

Redwood Beaver Colony

Another year, another batch of Beavers passes through our Colony. We must be doing something right as we never seem to run out of new recruits.

This year as always we have been busy gaining badges and pushing ourselves to offer more exciting and challenging things to keep the Beavers happy and fulfilled. I have a new team of leaders who are wonderful and keep me on my toes, they are enthusiastic and motivated and full of bright ideas. These leaders are Kate, Emma Brown, Dave and Diane Stanway and Roberta Allgood our young leader. We had to say a fond farewell to Zack Allgood who went off to university and as much as we miss him and wish him well, we are equally pleased to welcome Roberta his younger sister to the fold. We also lost Jacko, my games superstar. He is still available for me to call on when needed and is invited to all our BBQ's and parties as they are not the same without him.



We started the year off with a wonderful Street Party in the hut where we joined Mars Cub Pack for traditional party food and games. We decorated the hut in red, white and blue bunting and flags and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The term continued with lots of outdoor activities including fire lighting, making pictures out of stones, tug of war and a favourite, water in a bucket game. Also a cycle/scooter ride from Eastoke Corner to the Play Park at the end of the

esplanade. This yearly event consists of most of the Beavers and leaders riding off into the distance with me bringing up the rear, usually pushing or carrying some-ones bike. I scooter and this year decided my knees won't take the hammering anymore so I think someone needs to push me next year!! We went to Mill Rythe School playing field to learn a new sport Tag Rugby. We had a smashing man from Havant Rugby team come along and run the evening, which even the girls in the colony enjoyed. We finished the term with our yearly family BBQ with Aspen Colony on the Beach. The weather held out for us and we had a very large turnout with everyone enjoying themselves.

We continued going out in the Autumn term with a scavenger walk on the beach and keeping fit at Eastoke Gym. We visited Chaybassa Lodge where we sang Christmas songs and chatted to the old folks. We took decorations which we had made earlier as gifts and chocolates to share. This evening always goes down well with young and old alike. We held a Halloween fancy dress party, made firework pictures and learnt about Fair Trade. We ran an experiment evening and of course cooked and ate lots of different food. We finished off this term with our joint Christmas party with Aspen which of course was full of fun.

The new year came and we celebrated Burns Night with verses performed by Dave and St David's Day with Welsh cakes and daffodil making. We also visited Langstone Technology

Park where we took part in a telepresence conference with students in Dallas. The Beavers really enjoyed this, asking lots of questions and sharing their stories. We also visited the Hayling Fire Station where we were shown around the fire engines and given a very informative talk on safety in the home and what to do in an emergency. We held a Bring a Friend Disco where we had 43 children dancing away to Dave's Mobile Disco complete with flashing lights. Prizes were given out for the coolest dressed, best dancer and winners of the games and fizzy pop and snacks consumed, a really fun evening.

Our annual sleepover was on the theme of water this year. We decorated fish using a variety of pulses and pasta, glitter and glue and painted a huge picture of an underwater scene. We decorated biscuits, watched fishy films and ate fish fingers and chips for tea with jelly sea and fishy sweets for pudding. All the Beavers behaved themselves and everyone slept so that was a bonus.

Throughout the year we have joined in with the District on several occasions including a party and an activity day held at Lyons Copse. These events give us a chance to swop ideas with other Beaver leaders and for the children to meet and make new friends. We also visited Paultons Park to meet Santa and enjoyed all the facilities and rides on offer there. We also joined in Hayling Group SMASH Camp at Lyons Copse. The theme was James Bond and the activities were varied and fun. The weather was kind and we all had a wonderful time.

One of my highlights this year was our adventure walk in the dark up and down a stream with only our torches for light. It was a clear night and relatively warm for the time of year January. We all wore our wellies and warm clothing and had much fun trying not to get too much water in our boots, climbing over the branches of trees and keeping warm. We ended the term with a hunt for glass pebbles in my garden and the giving of Easter eggs.



I received my 10 year service badge this year and am looking forward to the next 10. Thanks to all the parents, helpers and children who make being a Beaver leader so much fun.

Linda Hunter (Badger)

Jupiter Cub Pack

Jupiter has had another fantastic year. We have grown in numbers to our ideal size of 24 children.

Each term beavers are invested into Jupiter and we say goodbye to our Cubs that move on to Scouts. We are very proud at the number of Jupiter cubs who achieve their Chief Scout's Silver Award when they leave which is a reflection of all their hard work and commitment during their two and a half years in Cubs. Many are not sure how they achieved their Silver Award but through a hugely varied program of activities the leaders ensure that all the challenge badges are obtained enabling the children to work toward their Silver Award. Planning the terms activities is, we find, far more successful over a glass of wine which helps the creative juices to flow and some fantastic ideas evolve to ensure we deliver the best possible program for the children.



In the past year we have been on Group Camp with a James Bond theme which never fails to thrill the children and exhaust the leaders. We have had a sleepover in the hut for the older Cubs during which they were set the challenge of planning their meals, shopping, cooking and building tents to sleep in. They were also set a trek challenge of photographing themselves outside 3 x supermarkets, pubs and churches so had to plan their route to achieve the challenge. They even pulled a trek cart round the route and managed to collect nearly £50 in donations from the public on Hayling.



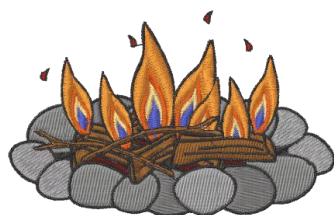
We have been in the hut for some activities and outside for others. Each term is full and varied and we aim to include activities to cater for the youngest to oldest of the children to keep their interest and enthusiasm. To give you an idea, our outdoor activities have included a graveyard walk to Warblington church, crabbing outside the Ship Inn, wilderness cookery of nettle tea, mackerel and baked fruit over open fires, a wheels night of skateboard, scooters, inline skates, a night of wide games, tracking at Stanstead, swimming at Havant pool and a church visit to St. Patrick's.

Indoor activities have included games of which measles and x-file doughnuts remain the favourite, cookery, pancakes to celebrate Pancake Day, Chinese for Chinese New Year, Indian food as part of our Global challenge. We built trek carts from pioneering poles and ropes and practiced our lashings and knots. Halloween was celebrated in fancy dress with a craft night. Children were invited to bring in their pets and talk to the others about care



and feeding of their pets. During a woodworking night we used traditional and ancient tools to create woodworked pieces of art. We completed the Local Knowledge badge with maps and compass work. Had a night of archery (thanks Jacko), a games night where children created and ran games, a treasure hunt, a healthy eating evening with taste testing of milk with differing fat contents. The list could go on and on but I think you can see the variety of activities we offer.

As leader of Jupiter I am hugely thankful and reliant upon the other leaders and helpers. Without Sylvia who keeps us organised and Simon who supplies the muscle, recently uniformed and invested, Karen and our young leader Becky, who achieved her Young Leaders award this year, the evenings would be impossible to run successfully. Thanks also to Josh who is undertaking his young leader training and helps run activities and also Matt and Alex, two Scouts who joined us for a period of time this year as part of their Chief Scout's Gold Award.



Last but by no means least I want to thank the children of Jupiter who turn up every week and enable us to be children as well. The activities we do are to enable the children gain their awards and have experiences and do activities they may not otherwise get the chance to do, but they also enable us adults to take part in activities that we would otherwise not do. When did you last build a tent out of sticks and rope, cook bread on a fire you built, went crabbing..... Thanks kids.

Andrea
Jupiter Pack

cubs

Mars Cub Pack

Well I can't believe another year has passed in Mars Pack. We have had another fun filled year of fire lighting, cooking and camping among copious amounts of other things!!

We kicked off with Royal Wedding Celebrations last April with our own indoor street party which we jointly held with Redwood Colony. We had jelly and sandwiches to eat and made Royal Crowns and Union Jacks. We played games and joined in the festivities of Harry and Catherine's Wedding.



We have also visited the Lifeboat Station, HIADS and enjoyed evenings of Archery and Air Rifle Shooting. We have enjoyed cooking over fires at the hut and cooking in the hut from fruit kebabs, sausage rolls to marshmallows over the fire. Cubs love to build and light fires and we certainly like to practice!

Last July we all took part in another amazing Group Camp - for a lot of our Cubs it was their first time camping as Cubs and away from their parents! The activities offered were fun and some Cubs had never enjoyed catapulting before that camp! The weather may have been a bit damp at the beginning but it cleared up and the rest of the weekend was amazing! (Even for me - as a Leader!!!!) They all had a great time even though they were totally shattered and ready to go home on the Sunday.

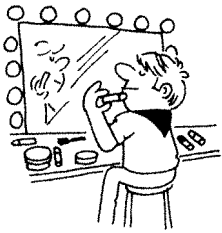
We have also exercised and kept healthy over past year with completing Fitness Challenge, and enjoying tag rugby, athletic evening, swimming and, to ensure we all stay safe, first aid night!! We have been visited by the PSCO Officers tying in with Home Safety and a particular highlight for us all was our visit to Pets at Home. The Cubs all enjoyed petting the rabbits and hamsters but I think they most loved petting the bearded dragon - and of course they all wanted to take one home!

We have opened our doors to parents with our interactive parents evening and got parents to join in flag break, play games and take part in activities of team work and lateral thinking challenges. Technology night and junk modelling night involved Cubs being re-created into robots and Leaders listening to Cubs talk about their favourite item of technology from a light bulb to the invention of the mobile phone!!

The experiments carried out for the completion of scientist badge involved Cubs working out how electricity is made, chemical reactions of bi-carbonate of soda and vinegar worked and on Jakes night how much fun goo, soap flakes, and Jake erupting film cases and blowing up water melons could actually be.

We have hiked from Langstone to Emsworth and trekked down the Hayling Billy trail, climbed trees and got extremely muddy! The Cubs learnt how to tie reef knots and got all tied up themselves!

Our last sleepover was just outstanding - Bagheera (Michele Lynch) provided the Cubs with actual planetary constellations that were going to be seen above Hayling that evening. We all went down to the school and fortunately the night was clear and they saw the stars and they were amazed!! So was I! We created a solar system and went on a night hike. They all achieved their Astronomers Badge - well done Cubs!



However I think by far the funniest night was our hairdressing night - it was a blast. Thanks to Sam Lister. Sam managed to borrow hair straighteners, gel, wax, hair extensions for the Cubs to experiment with - and boy did they have fun. I think the boys had fun gelling hair into spikes, Mohicans and slick backs and the girls enjoyed doing it to them more!!!! One of the Cubs kept their hair style in and wore it to school the

next day!

Of course all these amazing activities would not have happened without the help of my Leaders, Jacko, Michele Lynch (Bagheera), and parent helpers Sam Lister and Lucy Hawkey. Thank-you. A big thank-you to Community Police, HIADS, Lifeboat Station, Aaron for air rifle shooting, Tony for First Aid, Dean Wells for lifeguarding, Jake Whistlecraft, and Lucy Jameson for tag rugby - without your time our Cubs wouldn't be able to have such fun and a varied programme.

We have had Nina Watson, Harry Jobber, Ben Grainger and Joshua Biddle all move up to Scouts - well done and hope you are enjoying Scouts. Nina, Harry, Ben, and Harvey Smart have all showed their commitment to scouting and achieved their Chief Scout's Silver Award - another well done!!

What a year of fun - I am always astounded at what we get up to and what we achieve! We are always trying to expand our scouting knowledge and skills and I think we certainly have a good go! Really looking forward to what next year will bring!

Jan Allgood
Akela
Mars Pack

Saturn Cub Pack

We have had a busy year, learning new skills and enjoying ourselves.

We visited James at his garage and saw how car engines worked, went to the Lifeboat Station, Pets at Home in Havant. The Beach Wardens showed us how the sea shore is being damaged, having a very interesting evening on the shoreline.



We were invited to Hayling Golf Club and had the chance to learn some pitching and putting. We also, undertook the Home Help badge and what a challenge it was, particularly sewing on badges!

We did our yearly crabbing event which was very eventful as a Cub, a Scout and Mandy had to be pulled out of the mud and all were very muddy after their little "paddle!"

We made use of Robert Bond's field for some games and fire lighting - thanks Rob, it is such a pleasure to use your field as you say yes to anything!

We did the usual knots, treasure hunts around the village, wide games, fire lighting on the Billy Line, and mapping. We had a visit to the Scout HQ where we were able to cook a meal and eat it.



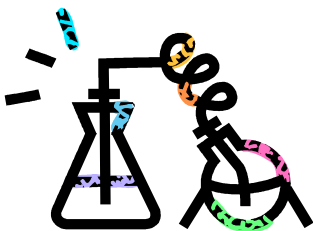
We had a great night making lanterns from twigs and lighting them; they really were a challenge but all looked really good when alight.

We also made some musical instruments from junk so are planning to make our fortune on Britain Has Talent as there was a lot of talent demonstrated that evening!

We had a parents evening where the parents joined in making Lego towers; some parents were very competitive!!!! It kept them busy most of the evening!

We joined in a Harvest Festival and Christingle service. We went to Mill Rythe pool and had swimming fun as well as some Cubs doing their swimming badges.

We took part in the District Six a Side football and came fourth.



The highlight was, of course, the camp with the rest of the Group. What fun everyone had with lots of opportunities to try new challenges and skills. Cubs love the chance to be awake all night (!!)

so a sleepover at Rowland's Castle HQ was also another fun session, where we did the Astronomers badge and the Science badge.

Eight Cubs gained their top award - see the Roll of Honour. Well done Cubs, this is a great achievement.

We gained 15 Animal Carer, 20 Home Help, 6 Physical Recreation, 6 Sports Enthusiast, 1 My Faith, 12 Chef, 14 1st stage Swimmer, 5 2nd stage Swimmer, 2 Book Reader, 3 Martial Arts, 2 Water Activities, 1 1st stage musician, and 13 Outdoor Challenge, 8 Outdoor Plus, 9 Community, 7 Creative, 12 Global, 10 Promise and 21 Fitness.

All in all another fun year. We have said goodbye to Oli Tonkin as he joined the Army and Jack Allison who both completed their young leader training with us. We also had Ben Day for 6 weeks to do his Scout service. We welcome to the team, Scott Hickman, Joe Speller and Reece Chapman. As usual Steff, Shawn and Jacko have given hours of their time to make sure the Cubs have had a full and challenging year. My thanks to you all for all your efforts to make sure Saturn Cubs have had some fun and new challenges.

Mandy



We were all very proud to see Jacko receive the Award of Merit from Adam Jollans, County Commissioner for Hampshire Scouting. The award is presented for outstanding service to Scouting.

Eagle Scout Troop

The Scout Group I grew up in is going from strength to strength, new sections opening, new leaders, and building developments to support this all. However, on a Tuesday night, Eagle troop are oblivious to this all. Scouting awesomeness continues with enthusiastic Scouts and the same team of great, slightly mad, leaders.

The summer term's evenings were filled with activities preparing us for the exciting camps that were upcoming. Tent pitching, axe and saw work, pioneering and cooking on fires, to name a few. These were all demonstrated brilliantly by the three patrols who took part in the district camping competition. Harry Hick led Raven patrol to win the Gunnel and earn themselves a place at the county Emlyn camping competition. The standard set by all the patrols was extremely high and I was proud they were representing 3rd Hayling.



Group camp was its usual epicness, a fine blend of Nijers, camp fires, crazy activities and the infamous "attack a blue tarpaulin structure whilst the Explorers blast us with water and flour".

Summer camp is always my favourite week of the year and for the first time as a leader, we were camping at my favourite place in the world, Broadstone Warren. The week was a patrol

competition between East, South and West tribe. We also brought along a couple of Mercenaries (SPLs) for comedy value. Activities included; Pot holing, swimming, orienteering, hiking and some of the best wide games ever. The two highlights for me were the bivis and the food auction. All the patrols constructed impressive bivvis and slept in them that night. At about 5 in the morning, 24 hours of solid rain commenced. It took about an hour and a half before the water soaked through the ferns and it started to rain inside. 4 bedraggled patrols emerged from the woods with soaked sleeping bags over their shoulders!

The food auction was also great, a chance for patrols to spend their hard earned counters. It's possible everyone was picking on Harry and Alex, the mercs. By bidding against them, they ended up spending almost all their money on an apple pie, leaving them with enough to get a cauliflower and a sweet potato. They subsequently got distracted and their pie ended up burning. A massive thank you to all the leaders, parent transporters and Rob (who looked after the leaders with 5 star dining). We return to Broadstone Warren this year!

The winter term saw almost as much outdoor evenings as the summer. We met up with Rowlands Castle scouts for some joint wide games, the greater the number of people, the greater the wide games! We joined Dreadnought Jota camp, never have you seen a camp which had both wild cooking and a tent with a super-fast internet connection next to each

other. A great chance to speak and type to Scouts from all around the world. We had a great turn out to Remembrance Parade, over half the procession was made up of members of 3rd Hayling Scout Group who were there to show their respect.

During the Winter term Harry Hick, Jack Kinsella, Edward Mill, Jack Rocket and Dan Allen represented 3rd Hayling at the County camping competition. They worked hard and showed their best teamwork and camping skills. This earned them 8th place, the highest ranking patrol from Havant district in over 10 years. They also won the orienteering trophy!



(Probably best not to judge them on first impressions!)

The PLs planned all of the Spring term, with bizarre evenings from D.I.Y to geo cashing. Of course they planned in fires, pioneering and cooking as well!

This Summer term is once again all about preparing us for the upcoming camping season. We have our title to defend and Gunnell, a weekend camp at Ferny Crofts and our return to Ashdown forest, Broadstone Warren. We have already fired up our pioneering, orienteering and fire lighting skills in the first 4 weeks. Other exciting activities coming up include Kayaking, the Lions Walk (Extreme trekcart style) and the Group fun day!

Some of the greatest Scouts I have known have earned the Chief Scout's Gold award in the last 12 months. Roll Call: Alex Kinsella, Harry Hick, Karl Ward, Hakan Ustabas, Matthew Wells, Dan Allen and Nathan Bond.

If you knew the Scouts I know, if you knew the Leaders I know, you would understand why I think Scouting is the greatest organisation in world.

Edd

Summer To Do List:

- ~~Write section report (due in two weeks ago).~~
- Check location for tent pitching next Tuesday isn't still water logged.
- Create new "Number 6" mallet.
- Get married to amazing woman who tolerates me returning from Scouts smelling of smoke.
- Build bivis that can withstand torrential thunder storms.

Lion Scout 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 the usual mix of fun activities and scouting skills. These ranged from tent pitching (Nijers, our big green patrol ridge tents), wide games, a night hike, an evening chopping wood for a friend of Andrea's (the Jupiter Pack Leader), fire lighting, our annual cycle ride, raft building near Funlands and finally the great Lion Troop tradition of the end of term Beach BBQ and mass water fight.



During the summer term once again Hayling had a fantastic 'Bond themed' group camp. It had everything from learning spy skills to raft building, rock climbing to badge making and even 'mocktails' with the evening meal. I even ended up at the camp fire in a dinner suit! A fab weekend was had by all.

This year we sent one patrol to The Gunnell (The District Camping Competition), our patrol of 'Lionesses' entered the composite competition. After a very windy start our all girl patrol, lead by Sian did very well and were highly commended by the judges. Well done to Sian, Bethan, Alex and Aza.

For our summer camp 2011 we went to Broadstone Warren Scout Camp Site. We followed on from Eagle Troop which was great as when we arrived the Leaders area was already set up and Rob Bond was in place to complete his second week under canvas helping Lions. The camp was the usual mix of skills training and fun including artificial caving, grass sledging (or maybe I should call it 'haring downhill on a grass sledge to crash into the bushes/ferns/ditch at the bottom'), a hike to the 'Pooh Bridge' where we all played 'Pooh Sticks', a walk to visit the 'Pooh Tree' (there seems to be a lot of Winnie the Pooh about this camp?), playing on Pete's Ariel Runway, Bivie building and a day at Laser Combat. This year we were helped by Fiona from Aspen Colony and Lorna, my wife. This meant that my two sons, Cameron and Ewan spent the week with us terrorising the Scouts and learning 'The Duck Song'. We think this was started by Will Kenny and is a YouTube video that all the Scouts and the younger leaders were singing or quoting all camp. ('Got any grapes?')



The winter term started with a Marble Run challenge, Sedan Chairs, cooking evenings, two weekend training camp at Rob Bond's field (two patrols at a time), a night hike at Kingley Vale, JOTA/JOTI camp, an Egg Drop Challenge, Dan's games night, pioneering and more fire lighting. The term finished off with a fancy dress skittles evening in the hut and a night ice skating at Gosport.

2012 started in usual Lions' style with an evening of short challenges, a senses test evening, wide games, a spy night, map and compass training, a walk down the Billy Trail planed by Alex, a science evening and an Easter Egg trail.



This year has seen nine Lions gain their Gold Chief Scout's award. This is a fantastic achievement and shows a great commitment to Scouting, the Group and Lion Troop from them all.

The award were gained by Joe Speller, Reece Chapman, Dominic Reed, James Hooker, Hannah Graves, Lily Chevalier-Watts, Kaj Carter, Conway Parke and Alex Diment. To gain these awards the scouts not only had to gain their Challenge Awards but also completed community service including, helping with the younger sections within the Group, helping with training sessions at Hayling Sailing Club, service at Queen Elizabeth Country Park and re-painting the fence around the Hayling Community Pre-school's garden.

The awards were spread out over the year with Joe, Reece, Dominic and James being presented with their badges following our rafting evening just before the summer break and Hannah, Lily, Kaj, Conway and Alex all being presented between January and Easter. This has been a great achievement for them all and once again I would like to congratulate them on their hard work and dedication.

This year has seen 7 investitures, 10 Scouts moving up to the explorer section / young leaders team and numerous activity and staged badges (including Model Maker, Sports Enthusiast, Artist, Nights Away and Hikes Away), Challenge Awards (including Expedition, Outdoor, Outdoor Plus, Adventure, Creative, Community and Fitness) and not to forget our nine Gold CSAs.

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 Merv, Tom, Alistair, Liam, Dan and Rob, without their hard work and dedication Lion Troop would not run as smoothly. A big thanks goes to Rob, Fiona and Lorna for all their help making this year's summer camp a success.

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 Group's Fun Day, Summer Camp (this year with Sharks on the Isle of Wight) and not to mention cycle rides and water fights and another Hammock Camp. So if you can't wait until next year's report why not come and join in on the fun.

This year's report has not been the easiest for me to write as it will be my last one. We are leaving Hayling over the summer to move to Hedge End ending my ten year run with 3rd Hayling and Lion Troop. I'll miss you all and wish you and the Group every success for the future. But I will say you haven't seen the last of me as I may still pop up at any event Ian invites me to. Thanks for all the fun!

Jim Simpson

Scout Leader Lion Troop

Scorpion Scout Troop

Scorpion Troop was started just over a year ago and over the last year we have continued to develop the Troop.

In the Summer of 2011 on a warm summer evening the troop did a fun chip shop survey around Hayling buying a portion of chips from each chippy to compare the size, quality, quantity and of course the most important - taste!



Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol have attended a weekend training course where they learned how to lead their Patrols and run Troop night programmes and from this Summer they will be putting this knowledge into practice.



Our Summer Camp was held at Lyons Copse and included rafting, survival cooking and cyclecross. We also attended the County's Survival Skills Badge Course weekend and Winter Camp.

In September, Scouts from the Troop attended the Survival Skills Training Course where they had the opportunity to complete the Survival Skills Badge. They built their own shelters, cooked on open fires and learned how to skin rabbits and gut fish. They also learnt survival first aid, being able to signal and identify edible foods in the wild.



A sleepover at the HQ in January focused on completing the Chefs and Mechanics Badge.

For the Chefs badge the Scouts created their own menu, bought the food and cooked it. The Mechanics Badge included being able to change a wheel and to be able to check and maintain a car.

In early March 4 Scouts attended the County's Winter Camp for Scouts from across the County. They took part in a high octane mix of activities including climbing, archery, shooting and cyclecross.

In March the Scouts were challenged to complete a night hike over Butser Hill and through the QE Country Park. The Scouts completed the route without getting lost although at one point they found it a bit challenging to find their way in the dark. They did much better than their leader who got lost on his way to the start of the hike!

Over the first part of this year during the cold Winter evenings the Troop completed the Creative Challenge which include problem solving, performing and constructing a model.

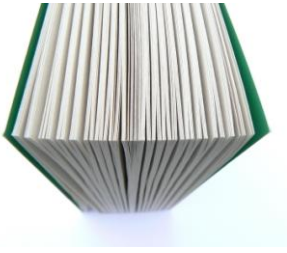
Over this Summer Term the PLs and APLs will be planning and running many of the weekly programmes which will put many of the skills they have learnt over the last 18 months into practice.

Thank you to Tony, Alan and Dan for all their help and support to the Troop.

Dom

Shark Scout Troop

On discovering that an adult can read on average 250 words a minute I decided to challenge myself to write a section report that takes the same amount of time to read as time allocated to scouting last year. On discovering that we provided scouts with over 405 hours of activities last year I've decided to quickly abandon my challenge of writing just under 6.1 million words. Even if I wrote just 1 word for every minute of scouts last year this report would still exceed 27,300 words, the equivalent of reading a quarter of the novel "to kill a mocking bird".



You will be relieved to know that I have not asked Harper Collins to publish this year's report but I hope it quantifies the number of hours dedicated to scouting last year alone. Of course this is only ever possible with the overwhelming enthusiasm from the scouts as well the commitment from our volunteer leaders so I thank you all for making 400 plus hours of last year a little more exciting than the rest.

My first year as the section leader of Shark Troop has definitely been a rewarding experience, one I wish I could have shared with you all personally as I have become very proud of all the individuals in the Troop as I'm sure you are. Mine and Abi's proudest moment was of course the Troop's success in last year's Gunnell camping competition when the composite team of patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders valiantly achieved a trophy for the most improved patrol of the weekend. Despite not achieving a spot on the winning podium the determination these young adults showed and demonstrated was commendable, even more so that this was our first time of entering. I'm already being challenged about this year's competition which is as good enough of a gauge as any to the competitive spirit of the individuals we have in the Troop.

Matthew and Aaron were the first scouts to join shark troop when it was founded three years ago so naturally seeing them leave was a substantial milestone in the development of the troop. After they both received the chief scouts gold award (the top award in scouts) I'm expecting some commendable achievements in their new sections which are Explores for Aaron and Beavers for Matthew (Young Leader Training Scheme), and it wouldn't come as a surprise if they become part of the adult leadership team in the not too distant future.

After a very extreme year, I have made a few clinical observations that need to be published for everyone's safety and welfare. If there is one activity where I've never seen more of a shambles in my life, it is without a doubt, scout volleyball. Shark troop has the natural ability to attempt play this game with hand in their pockets and if the ball does come in contact with a body part it's usually booted at, through or around the net at some considerable force. The concept of keeping the ball inside the court isn't really a concept.



My second observation comes in the regard of cooking pancakes in combination with an assault course relay.

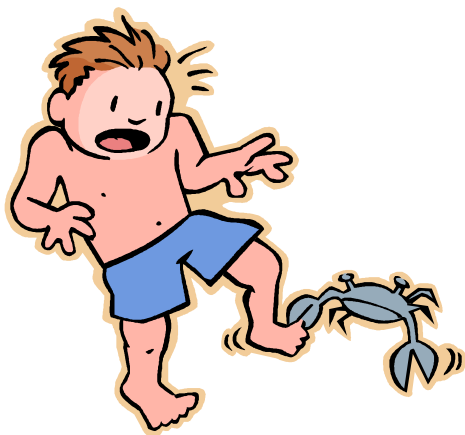
The idea of cooking pancakes works and an assault course works, but not really together. Due to sharks competitive nature the cooking of the pancake became ever so close to non existent as it quickly caught on that a part cooked pancake saved time in the relay section of the event. In hindsight we should have got the scouts to eat their own pancakes at the end of the race rather than the

leaders as I feel this could have also encouraged their very "rare" appearance.

Regardless of the volleyball disaster our later summer camp at Cricket campsite on the banks of the Hamble river was a fantastic success especially as none of the Scouts had ever been there before. We seized the opportunity to use the climbing wall and caving complex available on site accompanied with some traditional campfire cooking and lazing around in hammocks to pass away the weekend. On the second day we decided to explore the surrounding country park at night in the form of a small expedition only to discover an amazing adventure playground next to the country park visitors car park. As soon as the Scouts were in smelling distance it was much like a moth being attracted to the light, except no-one could see anything.



The following day when the weather was flawless we decided to return to the site for lunch. The problem was that the entire population of Southampton had exactly the same idea. We definitely had the correct idea of walking to the adventure park as when we arrived the car park was beyond bursting, only to realise that we needed to park the car as it contained all of the consumables.



speedy exit.

Lunch provided us with some leftover ham and we found some string from somewhere I can't actually remember where, all with intention of undertaking some extreme crabbing on a small pontoon beside the River Hamble. Because of the weather the pontoon was already overloaded with a considerable amount of children, prams, bikes and adults. The volume and the excitement of the Scouts pounding onto the pontoon only resulted in the semi submersion of a section of the pontoon, isolating everyone onto a small platform. We decided to make a

I was very humbled when I was asked to take over the running of the Troop last year and I'm delighted that Aaron has returned to the Troop bringing with him his trademark energy infused personality that we have all missed. The last year has also seen Nikki Eaves join us after a long break from her scouting roots as a section leader from Coventry. With a knowledgeable and passionate leadership team that Sharks are so lucky to have the next year will be one not to miss.

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Jordan Reed

Shark Troop Section Leader

Nexus Explorer Unit

Once again this has been an amazing year. Not only was our programme full of new and exciting things (as well as the old faithfuls of course!) We have welcomed 14 new members, achieved many different awards and most excitingly have an awesome future looming on the horizon!

The Explorers enthusiastically joined the "Smash Camp", leading mixed teams of Cubs and Scouts in a series of initiative challenges on the Friday and taking part in the many activities available on the Saturday.



The highlight of this camp was the challenge for the Explorers to build "Smash Castle" and then prepare the defences ready for the expected attack by the Cubs and Scouts in search of the "Golden Potato Peeler" the following day. The attack started and our defence systems of a water cannon and flour bombs kept us in control - at least until our water supply was exhausted! Eventually our army of 12 were defeated by the continuous attacks from the 150 Cubs and Scouts who were

armed with water and flour bombs.

During the same term, our programme highlights have included; BBQs on the beach, rafting in stormy weather using more modern pioneering techniques - cable ties and ratchet straps - mainly due to the strong winds and choppy waters.

We carried out our Annual service project helping the Hayling Island Businessman's Club with their family BBQ.

For our Summer camp we had a small camp over August bank holiday weekend just staying on Hayling so that those working could come and go as they needed. One day was spent at Butlins at Bognor with fairground rides and swimming being the activities of choice. We then took a day trip to the Isle of Wight going by hovercraft, a first for many, and then some went shopping, whilst others went to tea rooms for afternoon tea. We all met up later on for Ice Skating at Ryde then for an ice cream on Ryde beach.

In the autumn we held treasure hunts, wide games, air rifle shooting, cooking and hand and feet painting which turned into that very messy but fun activity of complete body painting!! For Christmas we went ten pin bowling at Havant.

During 2012 we have held joint meetings with Scorpions as we start to share the HQ more often. These have included off the ground obstacle courses and a casino evening.

For a slightly warmer, drier version of raft building the Explorers were instructed to build ships. The only catch - they were to be built out of 200 lolly sticks and 3000 match sticks AND had to fit into a glass bottle.

Obviously being Explorers a lot of the evenings need to revolve around food so we also have cooked pancakes over open fires and created a 'chip shop challenge' where portions of chips from all over Hayling were purchased and scored against each other by price, weight and taste. To help you choose the best chips in town, the results are included below.

| Chip seller | Cost | Weight | Quality | Chip seller | Cost | Weight | Quality |
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| Whistler's Chippy | £1.35 | 445gms | 6 | Nobbie's Chippy | £1.45 | 427gms | 7 |
| Kebab Planet Pizza | £1.25 | 165gms | 4 | Jeera Tandoori | £1.70 | 260gms | 4 |
| Seaview Chippy | £1.40 | 375gms | 7 | Papa Pindie's | £1.10 | 369gms | 5 |
| Elliot's Coastguard Chippy | £1.40 | 380gms | 7 | Dolphin Chippy | £1.40 | 528gms | 6 |
| Pepa Pizza | £1.50 | 290gms | 4 | | | | |

We have held two activity sleepovers, most recently involving a day out to Calshot Activity Centre for rock climbing, ringos, giant swing and a chance to drive a boat around the harbour!

Throughout this year there have been various expeditions and several new award groups being formed. Speaking of awards we would like to congratulate those that achieved their Chief Scout awards this year.

Chief Scout's Platinum Award - Barney Pycroft, Genny Davis and Nathan Martyr

Chief Scout's Diamond Award - Barney Pycroft, Genny Davis

Finally to our future.

This year has been the start of Suisse Adventure 2013. We currently have 21 Explorers (or soon to be Explorers) starting to fund raise in order to go on a 2 week expedition to the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

I end my report with a huge thank you to Abi and Terry for their hard work and enthusiasm in giving the Explorers so many great opportunities.

James

Dreadnought Active Support Unit

Right, section report... How do I write one of these?? I know, I'll have a look through the 2011 annual report, I am sure there was something about Dreadnought in there....Nope, ah well I guess I'll have to think of something to write!!

After many attempts to get our own Unit up and running, the past year has seen some great progress. We meet every two weeks (roughly) for our own activities, have helped out in many different ways and have organised four very successful events for the Group.

Our unit is made up of 12, half of whom are actively involved with the junior sections and in the future we hope to attract back those who have been away to University or perhaps left Scouting some years ago.

We have spent our evenings cooking, Ice Skating, Pioneering and planning and have supported the sections and the Group with skills and resources.

Our first major event was our Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) / Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI), where those taking part could try their hand at talking on HAM Radios with other Scout Groups and using laptops in the internet café and to chat to Scouts from around the world who joined in on this annual event.



We ran this event as a camp for the Scouts and Explorers and day visitors for the Beavers and Cubs, with nearly 100 taking part at some point throughout the weekend. Other activities on offer included the plucking, skinning and cooking of pheasant, First Aid and two classic favourites of pioneering and cooking over wood fires.

A big thank you to Nikki and her team for keeping us well fed during the weekend and for everyone who helped to make the camp possible.

In January this year Dreadnought Unit ran a Young Proficiency Scheme (YPS) weekend for air rifle shooting, 12 Scouts took part in the weekend where they all took part in theory and practical lessons and then tests at the end of the weekend to comply with the National Smallbore Rifle Association (N.S.R.A) YPS course.

In February DNU ran a First Aid weekend for some of its members with the help from Haven Ambulance Service. This means that as well as meeting the minimum requirements

for the Scout and Guide First Response course they also qualified with a Full First Aid Certificate enabling them to use their skills outside of Scouting.

In a very wet end to May we arranged a camp for all Patrol Leaders (PLs) and Assistant Patrol Leaders (APLs) from the 4 Scout Troops in the Group, on this camp we worked with them to improve their skills as a PL. The idea being that they can pass this onto their patrol, this was also giving them skills to take to the district camping competition the "The Gunnell Trophy" and their troop and summer camps.

As well as this we had the essential scouting skills like pioneering in the woods or some people preferred swamp, fire lighting, camp gadgets and a member of Dreadnought brought some fresh squirrels to teach those who wanted how to prepare and cook a squirrel. The leader then cooked it and once again those who wanted to tried it and said it tasted like chicken and bacon.



Tom Lincoln

Fundraising & Financial Support

Subscriptions from parents cover only one third of our costs so we are heavily dependent on fundraising and other sources of income. This year, fundraising activities, donations, grants and other sources of income have continued to provide an important supplement to our basic income from subscriptions.

The Christmas Card Delivery Service continues to be well supported and appreciated by the local community. This year we delivered over 5,000 cards, which raised £950, thanks to the efforts of many parents and their children as well as our 'postmaster' Ian Hawke.



Similarly, the Quiz Night proved to be very popular again and raised £750.

Our 100 Club has continued this year with 29 cash prizes and a total payout of £900. We have decided to give our 100 Club a break for a couple of years, but would like to thank everyone who supported this and especially to Lorna Simpson for managing this activity over the past 7 years.

Our Book Sales, held twice a year, are considered to be amongst the biggest and best in the area with over 8000 books on sale, all sorted and classified, and at very reasonable prices. We had a record year raising nearly £1600. Thanks to all those who helped in sorting, selling and other essential tasks.



The continuing growth of the Scout Group and the formation of new Sections have created a demand for additional transport for camping and other activities. A transport fund and fundraising appeal was launched in January 2011 to purchase a medium size van and an additional trailer. To date, this appeal has raised over £8,000 enabling us to purchase a medium sized trailer. The Leaders are now defining the specifications for a third trailer. The fund has also enabled us to start refurbishing our existing hard-working large trailer and to purchase additional accessories. In view of the practical benefits of having a 'fleet' of trailers, we are now re-assessing the cost-effectiveness of purchasing a van or hiring a van when required. We are grateful to those retailers who have supported this appeal with collection boxes as well as those individuals and organisations who generously gave us donations.



Throughout the year, we provide assistance at various local events as part of our community support programme. For example, we provide marquees and tables, assist with car parking, help with the set-up of events such as the Businessmen's Club Barbecue, etc.

We do not expect financial reward for this community programme but are grateful to those who gave us donations in appreciation of our help.

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

As you can see, we had a very varied and interesting fundraising year. We must continuously re-assess our needs and sources of funds to ensure that our growth and high standards can be maintained for the years to come.

Philip Blosse

Badge Supporters

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

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|  DIY Cubs |  DIY Scout | | Hayling Hardware |
|  Book Reader Cubs |  Librarian Scouts |  Writer Scouts | Hayling Bookshop |
|  Friendship Challenge Beavers |  Caring Challenge Cubs |  Community Challenge Scouts | Hugh Hickman Estate Agents Mengham |
|  Health & Fitness Beavers |  The Fitness Challenge Beavers |  The Fitness Challenge Scouts | Jacqui Gray Homeopathy Hayling Island |
|  Lifesaver Scouts |  Lifesaver Explorers |  Imagination Beavers | Mill Rythe Holiday Village Hayling Island |
|  Entertainer Cubs |  Entertainer Scouts |  Performing Explorers | |
|  Chef Cubs |  Chef Scouts | | Cottage Cuisine Hayling Island |
|  My Faith Cubs | | | Mahala & Julian Dyer |
|  Community Challenge Cubs | | | Iris & John Cottle |
|  Community Challenge Scouts | | | Lions Club of Hayling |
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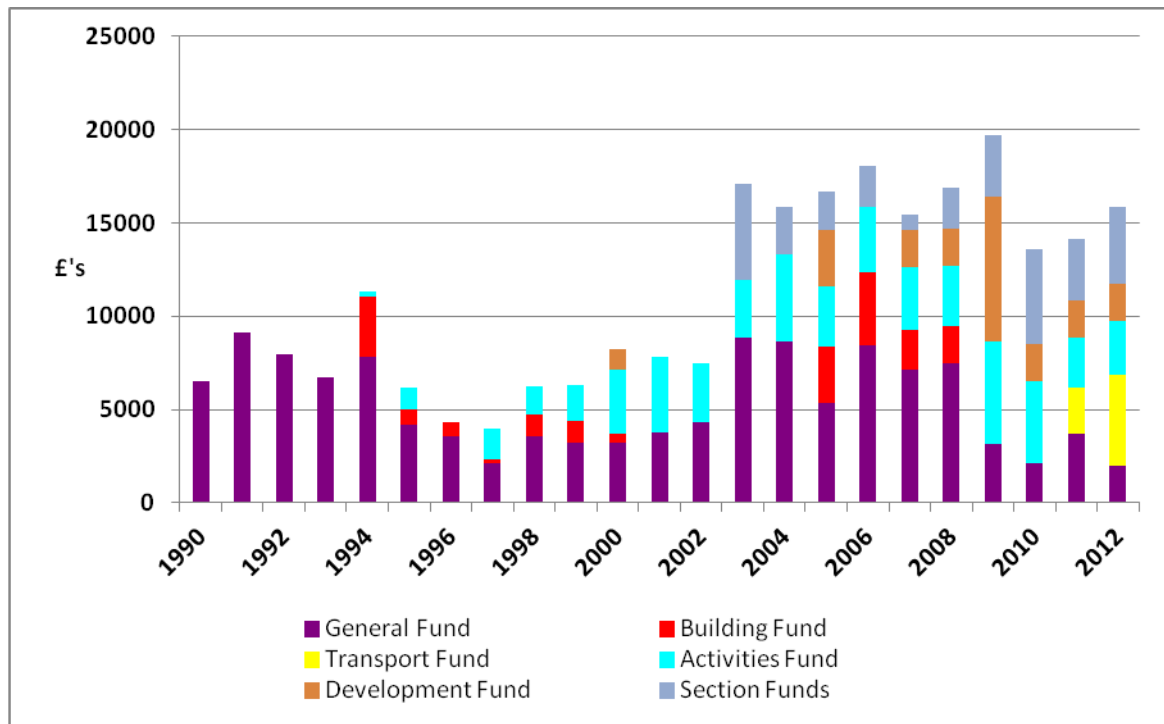
Our Supporters

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.

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|  Lifeboats RNLI Hayling Branch |  Lions Club Hayling Branch |  Mengham Infant School |  Build Centre Station Road |  Mill Rythe Junior School |
|  Hayling Island Businessmen's Club |  Hayling Island Community Centre Association |  Association for Charitable Endeavours |  Bentley Walker Ltd Elm Grove |  Mill Rythe Holiday Village |
|  XERETEC Xerox Office Supplies |  Stoke Fruit Farm Havant Road |  Hayling Hardware Elm Grove |  The Hayling College Specialising in Maths and Computing |  Country Pets Eastoke Corner |
|  HAYLING ISLANDER Hayling Islander Local News |  IVORCOPELAND Heating Engineer |  Northney Farm Northney Road |  Belmont Hair Care Station Road |  Hayling Red Cross Centre Elm Grove |
|  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 |
|  Julian Dyer HOME IMPROVEMENTS Julian Dyer Home Improvements |  HAYLING ISLAND BOOKSHOP Hayling Island Bookshop |  Simon Rigden Mobile Mechanic |  BISHOPS Bishop's Printers Elm Grove |  Hayling Flower Club |
|  Hampshire County Council Frank Pearce | Richard Card | Robert Bond | Stanley's Butchers West Town | |

Statement of Funds

at 31st March 2012



Notes:

- This summary does not include the “Restricted Fund” of £50,387, the legacy from Irene Day which is reserved for the provision of a Camp Site or activity field as agreed between the Leaders and Group Development Team and confirmed by the trustees in September 2010.
- The transport fund was introduced in early 2011 with a target of £20,000 to provide a Van and additional trailer. We have purchased one trailer and we are now defining the requirements for a second trailer.