



3rd Hayling Group

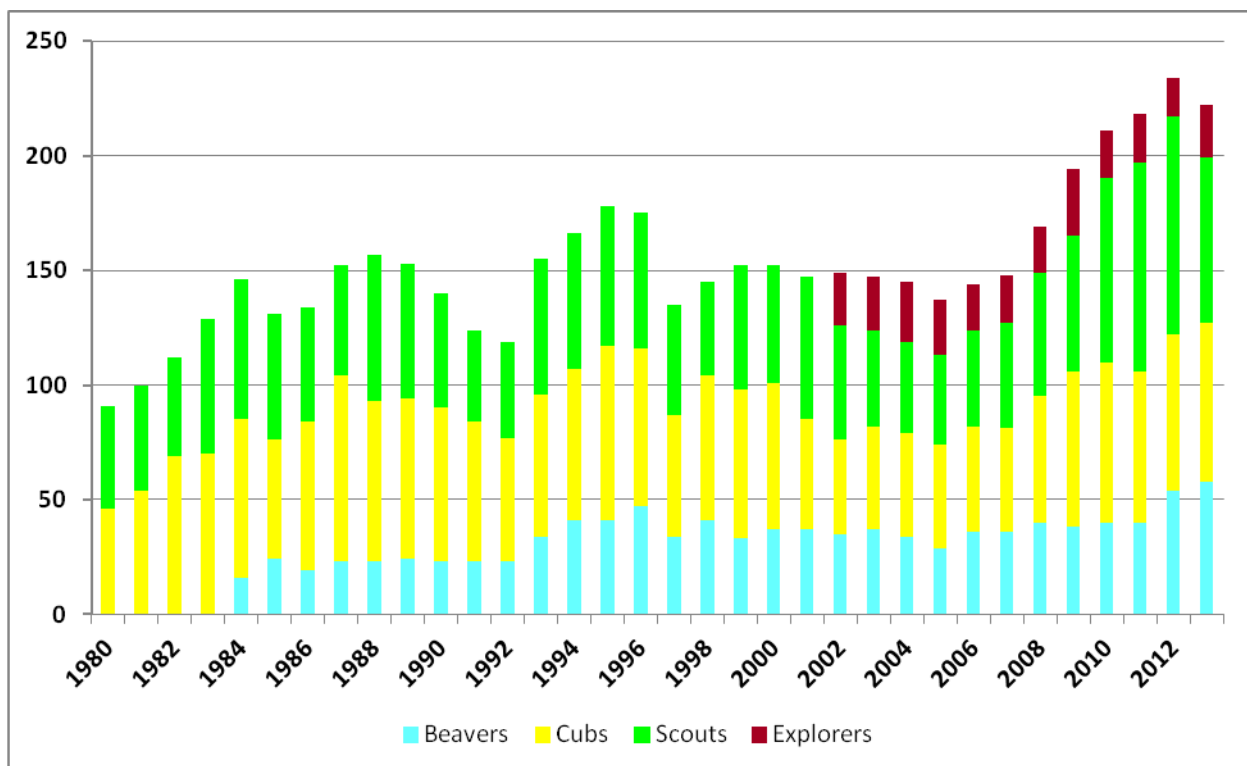
Annual Report 2012 - 2013

Hayling Scouts **Pathway to Adventure**



Youth Membership

at 31st January 2013



Roll of Honour 2012 / 2013

Albert Brown	Redwood	Wyatt Humphries	Redwood
Noah Cruickshank	Aspen	Joseph Stacey	Redwood
Isabelle Day	Redwood	Max Trueman	Aspen
Libby Day	Redwood	Joshua Tyler	Redwood
Alex Graham	Aspen	Luke Verney	Redwood

**Beavers
Chief Scout's Bronze
Award**



Joshua Avenell	Saturn	Sam Johnson	Saturn
Oliver Boniface	Saturn	Jack Mardell	Jupiter
Patrick Brown	Jupiter	Joseph McCue	Saturn
Jack Capaldi-Tallon	Mars	Hazel Parke	Jupiter
Edward Charlton	Saturn	Zaach Rodriguez	Saturn
Elliott Cotton	Jupiter	Henry Shepherd	Jupiter
Tivka Dillner	Saturn	Cameron Simpson	Jupiter
Edward Dyer	Saturn	James Taylor	Saturn
Joshua Hobbs	Saturn	Dominic Thompson	Mars

**Cubs
Chief Scout's Silver
Award**



Harry Cassidy	Sharks
Ben Day	Eagles
Bethan Day	Lions
Stuart Godwin	Eagles
Jamie Gray	Eagles
William Kenny	Lions
Edward Mill	Eagles
Jack Rocket	Eagles

**Scouts
Chief Scout's Gold
Award**



**Explorers
Chief Scout's Platinum
Award**



Barnabas Pycroft
Genny Davis

**Explorers
Chief Scout's Diamond
Award**



James Hooker
Matthew Welch
Joe Spellor

**Explorer Scouts
Young Leader Belt**



Jamie Bray
Abi Peett
Sylvi Rigden
Steph Rosam
Mitchell Webb

**Leaders
Wood Badge**



Tony Baker

For Services to Scouting of an
exceptional nature.

Award of Merit



Dominic Howell

For distinguished service to Scouting
over many years.

Silver Acorn



Group Development Committee 2012-13

Group Scout Leader

Ian Hawke

Officers

Chairman

Dr Philip Blossie

Treasurer

Mary Pike

Secretary

Position Vacant

Specific Roles

HQ Manager

Pete Rowson

Quartermaster

Peter Goddard

Service Crew

Geoff Hick (p)

Badge Secretary

Nigel Kenny (p)

Transport Manager

Clive Allgood (p)

Parent Representatives

Andrea Crossland (p)

Nicola Jenner (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

Scouts

Eagle Troop

Ed Harrison

Lion Troop

Jamie Bray /

Tom Lincoln

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 2012-2013

Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary

Karen Wells

Gift Aid Coordinator

Kim Sparling

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

Promotions & Events

Book Sales

Position Vacant

Quiz

Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault

Promotions

Andrea Crossland

Leader Support Service Team

Activities Support Team

10 Names

Drivers Support Team

Robert Bond

Transport Manager

Clive Allgood

QM Support

Alan Scutt

Leader Support Skills Team

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 2012-2013

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
Stoke Fruit Farm	Sponsorship of our Annual Quiz

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	Cards 4 Occasions
Belmont Barbers	Stoke Fruit Farm
Country Foods	Red Cross Centre

There are those who played a significant role in our new Hall.

Peter Rowson	Shawn Lambert
Keith Hellyer	C&G Building Contractors
Hazlewood Flooring	Jones Brothers (Roofing)
Peter Goddard	Andrew Harrison
Hayling Hardware	

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

A Sense of Adventure

Our Chief Scout, Bear Grylls, regularly uses the word 'Adventure' whenever he tries to describe the appeal of Scouting to the youth of today. We may interpret 'Adventure' as ambitious hikes over challenging terrain carrying overnight camping gear - or perhaps being part of an expedition overseas such as our Explorer Scouts' expedition to Kandersteg in Switzerland in July 2013.

For many of our Scouts, however, even the more basic activities present a form of adventure. Mixing flour and water into a sticky dough and cooking it over a smoky fire with eyes streaming is a surprisingly popular activity and a new experience for many. More surprisingly, they will then eat their burnt offering with relish - yet refuse to eat more appetising food at home cooked by their parents!



As they progress through Scouting, they may have to prepare their own menu and then go shopping on a fixed budget to select and purchase their items - a challenge that many will not have experienced before. At the same time, they will also learn the realities of the cost of different foods and how to manage their allocated budget.

Some form of leadership role, such as a Sixer in Cubs or a Patrol Leader in Scouts, can be a significant 'adventure' and a challenge at such a young age - taking responsibility for a team, and learning the essential skills of managing activities and people. When they succeed, they then appreciate the personal satisfaction and reward of a job well done.

These activities are the often unrealised or 'hidden' benefits of Scouting today. You only have to read our Annual Report to see the amazing range of 'adventures', some simple and some quite bizarre, created by our Leaders.

For me, these activities generate the buzz that I get from my involvement with the 3rd Hayling Scout Group. As Chairman, I don't have to endure the perils of camping under canvas in pouring rain or take part in a hike in sweltering or freezing temperatures. My satisfaction comes from being part of a Group Development Team (GDT) whose purpose is to provide the essential support for our Leaders, so that they can create the adventures and challenges of Scouting.

As a team, we try to project our requirements in a 5 year plan but in the 3rd Hayling Scout Group, life is not always very predictable. In our plan 'Looking Outwards,' created in 2007, we did not expect membership numbers to increase significantly and defined our resource requirements accordingly. In fact, we grew at 10% per year and had to open new Sections. As a result, we ran out of space for Section meetings and had to use School Halls to meet the demand, a contingency of great help but not ideal. Eventually we took the major decision in 2012 to create a new hall in the HQ by merging two rooms, using the legacy from Irene Day to fund the project - and we have named the hall 'The Day Hall'. I think Irene would be proud of this smart, new facility which incorporates features not normally found in Scout 'huts', such as LED lighting, controllable high-output heating and good thermal insulation.

There was another necessary deviation from our 5 year plan concerning transport requirements. We launched a fundraising appeal for a Transit van for transporting equipment and goods to camps and activities. The appeal raised £8,000 and we thank all those organisations, retailers and individuals who helped



to raise this sum in just over one year. It became apparent during this appeal that the insurance costs, driving restrictions and maintenance costs of a van did not compare favourably with hiring, when required, a van of suitable size. We therefore redefined our needs. With part of the fund, we were able to purchase an additional trailer. The fund has also been used to pay for professional training and testing of Leaders or helpers who did not have the class E entitlement on their driving licence - an essential legal requirement for towing heavier trailers and loads. The fund will also cover on-going costs of servicing, repair and maintenance of our trailers.

What about the future?

Now we have the challenge of trying to predict what will happen over the next 5 years and how to plan the resources accordingly. We do not anticipate the need for major developments in or around the headquarters (possibly famous last words?) We are the largest Scout Group in Hampshire with a membership of 250 and a turnover typically in excess of £50,000. The Scout Association requires our accounts to be audited annually and, as a registered charity, we also have to submit a report and accounts to the Charities Commission every year. We therefore have to manage our organisation like a business and ensure that our management structure continues to evolve to meet current and future requirements. It is the job of my Group Development Team to structure and plan accordingly.

We have already established good relationships with many of the local Schools and we wish to extend this involvement, as we all have the shared objective to train, educate and assist the development of our young people. We also maintain good relationships with many local organisations, businesses, churches etc. and aim to develop our involvements further as part of our service and contribution to the local community.

Compared to many Scout Groups, our subscriptions per term are quite low, enabling children from families on limited income to benefit from Scouting. To achieve this, we have to raise income from other sources such as fundraising, gift aid, sponsorship and grants. This financial commitment to keeping subscriptions low means that we will have to continually appraise the most suitable ways of generating income, ideally without placing demands on Leaders' time.

Finally, I would like to thank members of my Group Development Team for their hard work throughout the year and we look forward to supporting the Scout Group through another successful year.

Dr Philip Blosse
Chairman

Group Scout Leader's Review

In any one year there are great moments and those a little less positive but always plenty of change and the past year has been no different. Once again:-

- Over 1200 nights were spent in camp
- 36 Top Awards were presented along with nearly 1500 activity and challenge badges
- An ever increasing range of activities on offer across all age ranges
- Two double decker buses required to get us to the St Georges Day Service
- A brilliant fun day with some novel activities

Just take the time to read the individual section reports and I am sure that like me you will be amazed at the innovation, inspiration and imagination of the Leadership teams

Our numbers are slightly down this year, the first drop for 6 years. When we looked into the details it was clear that the biggest challenge was with the Scout sections. The leaders took the time to understand the possible causes and have started to put in place some minor changes that I am confident will turn this around during the next couple of years.

We also said goodbye to some of our Leaders during the year, although in most cases they did have to move away from Hayling to achieve this. Jim Simpson who joined us in 2001 and made a tremendous contribution to Lion Troop and the Group left us in September when he, Lorna (who also helped us with the Beavers) and family moved to the other side of Hampshire. They are all still involved in Scouting nearer their new home. Alistair Harris, also a leader with Lion Troop has left us for University although he still helps out when he can. Lydia Wilson, leader with Mars Pack also left us when her employment took her to Andover and more recently Diane and Dave Stanway have decided to take a break from the weekly commitment, although they will still be around to help when required.

Tom Lincoln and Jamie Bray have now taken over the reins with Lion Troop with the continued support of Merv Haines, Rob Durrell and Liam Holden when he is back from University.

One of the toughest decisions for the year was to close Scorpion Scout Troop. Dominic Howell continues to be very active in Scouting organising County events for Scouts and Alan Scutt and Tony Baker continue to provide support on Hayling. Every Scout had the opportunity to transfer to another troop and they have now settled in with their new section. I would like to thank Dominic, Tony and Alan for their great work with the Troop and the foundations they have laid for the Scouts.

Congratulations to Dominic on being awarded the Silver Acorn by the Chief Scout for his exceptional services to Scouting over many years.

We held two group activities last year. Our fun day postponed from June to September after I found two herons wading in the field, was based on an Olympic theme but with some great traditional activities supplemented with some new ones. Crate Stacking proved to be very

popular as did Pete Goddard's home grown assault course in the woods. We ended the day with all 120 young people taking part in a tug of war.

The second event was the annual "Jamboree on the Air" event when members of the movement from all over the world communicate either by Radio or the Internet. The weekend was made more fun by Jamie Bray, Tom Lincoln, other members of Dreadnought and Leaders by providing another set of activities. Over 100 came along at some point throughout the weekend to wade through the puddles and communicate with Scouts across the world. Thanks to Robert Bond for hosting both of these events and to Pete Willingham for giving up his time to run the Radio station.

In addition to the weekly section programmes there are District and County events some for fun and others competitive. It is great to see all of our sections taking part in many of these. Well done to Saturn Pack on winning the District Cub Football event and to Eagle Troop for winning the trophy for composite patrols at the District Camping competition and also for winning the Observation event at the County camping competition.

What was really pleasing was to see our new Hall in use from January. The planning started in November 2011 with Pete Rowson and Sean Lambert leading a requirements and design exercise to identify how best to use the existing space to provide a second meeting hall. Planning permission seemed to take forever but eventually we received the "go ahead" and in September 2012 Keith Hellyer and his company C&G contractors started to pull down walls, remove part of the roof and start the rebuilding exercise. Although the plaster took ages and lots of warm air to dry, by Christmas the major work was complete including lighting, heating and new flooring. Although we had a few hiccups along the way and of course a few changes, the new hall is now in full use and looking great!

Of course one of the problems of combining two rooms and a hallway is the loss of storage and Pete Goddard, Jamie MacCallum and Andrew Harrison have done a tremendous job in providing extra storage through the building of boxes, cupboards and increased shelving in various parts of the HQ. There are still a number of projects to complete of course!!

A big thank you to Andrew Harrison as well for building new trestle tables that will be used at camps. We used to have 6 trestle tables with separate wooden legs and in the past year the Scout Leaders have come to recognise the benefit of these. We spent hours searching the Internet and ebay for these to no avail so maybe there is a possible future business opportunity for Andrew!

We have also decided to incorporate a permanent Air Rifle shooting range in the new hall and Pete Goddard has been using his design skills along with Jamie and Tom two of our qualified instructors to make it easier for them to run this activity in the future.

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. A special mention to Jo Hawley who stood down from this team after many years. Thank you Jo for all your help and support. I would like to welcome Nicola Jenner onto this team and she is already making a difference.

So, what about the next 12 months?

Our number one priority will continue to provide safe exciting Scouting that offers a good balance of fun and achievement to the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in the group. To achieve this we always have to look at what we offer and what we can offer. This places demands on our Leaders and also our Group Development Team and therefore we need to ensure we remain totally flexible and to utilise the skills and time people have to offer. This in turn will have an impact on what we can do, the timeframe in which we can do it and what financial support is required.

I have already mentioned that we have further improvement projects underway and others on our "to do" list and I want to increase the number of people who are able to support these projects and therefore reducing the dependency on the few currently involved.

It is for this reason that we are increasing our emphasis on our Service Crew which will help reduce the demands on the Leaders and provide a significant benefit to all of us involved with the 3rd Hayling Scout Group. (See the next page!).

22 Explorers and Leaders are getting very excited about their expedition to Switzerland in July and I would like to thank Kerry & Darren Rocket, Sam Mill and Colin Reed for their hard work in coordinating fund raising events to help offset the cost.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our Chairman Phil Blosse for his tireless efforts in moving the group forward and especially to Mandy who puts up with my endless visits to the HQ, or Phil or wherever this great movement takes me.

Jan

Our Service Crew

The Scout group in Hayling Island is one of the largest groups in England, the group continues to grow enabling the youth of Hayling to join one of the most successful youth organisations in the UK. I'm sure you will agree that your son or daughter gains an immense benefit from belonging to the organisation.

The Leaders who week in week out run the meetings do a fantastic job in maintaining the enthusiasm and energy of the Scout movement on Hayling something I do not have the time or patience to do, but what I can do, is volunteer the time I have, to support the Scouts and more importantly the Leaders by doing those jobs that are not linked directly to the weekly meeting.

We need a team of parents which we call the "Service Crew" to support those occasions when a different skill other than "Scout Leader" is required. This includes preparation for the beginning and end of camps, maintaining the fabric of the Scout HQ, gardening to keep the front of the HQ tidy and weed free, the list goes on.

We usually meet at the Scout hut on a monthly basis for routine maintenance and as required for support when groups are heading off or returning from camp or other events such as the yearly Book sale.

If you have any specific skills, plumbing, electrician etc. or just able to give your time to assist with moving and shifting, cleaning and weeding we would like to hear from you. Please consider becoming a member of the Scout Service Crew. To join please contact Geoff Hick on 07831 815 686 or email ganddhick@hotmail.com.

Some of the typical activities currently on our list are:-

- Repainting the main hall in the HQ
- Clearing out the guttering and tidying up behind the HQ
- Building storage space (woodwork)
- Simple maintenance e.g. replace soap and towel racks

Please help us where you can for as little time as you can give. Thank You

Geoff Hick

On average our Leaders spend 3 hours a week giving freely of their time for the young people of Hayling Island. If every parent could give 3 hours a year, we could achieve everything we need, to support our Leaders. How will you give your 3 hours?

Treasurer's Report

Income for the year totalled £45,000 up by £10000 mainly due to the income and fundraising by the Explorer Scouts for their Summer 2013 expedition to Switzerland. This is shown in the accounts under the "Money Exchange, camps and trips" line items.

Our objective is that the income from subscriptions should cover the cost of the annual capitation to Scouting HQ, section running costs, books & badges, Leader training and specialist equipment and 75% of the HQ costs (Insurance, Utilities and Maintenance). The increase in subscriptions from April 2012 has enabled us to achieve this objective.

The period from September 2012 to March 2013 was a period of major expenditure, following the decision to create a new hall in the HQ to enable all section meetings to take place at the HQ. The Irene Day legacy funded the majority of the improvements although the General fund was required to cover some of the additional items.

Removing the income from the Suisse 2013 expedition and the significant expenditure on the HQ improvements, our income and expenditure balanced.

There remain a number of improvement projects to be completed in the next 12 months so our regular fund raising will be key to maintain our financial stability.

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 our annual subscription at £90 remain 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. At this time, these accounts are unaudited, but I am sure the draft represents a true summary of our financial affairs.

Mary Pike

Income and Expenditure Account

2011/2012	Income	2012/2013	2011/2012	Expenditure	2012/2013
12616.00	Subscriptions	16571.50	9256.05	Capitation	8968.00
133.00	Donations	713.50	1315.48	Section Allowances	1665.80
465.30	Bank interest	380.79	145.26	Competitions	123.22
2743.95	Gift Aid	2565.64	1585.00	Badges	770.00
102.00	Photocopying	78.80	403.39	Leader Uniform & Training	180.96
0.00	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	10.00	786.54	Photocopier	866.88
0.00	Facilities hire	100.00	1150.24	Insurance	1183.91
3901.30	Transport Fund	107.84	1416.98	General expenses	1243.75
1078.00	Fundraising: Quiz	800.00	1794.95	HQ: Services	1752.63
888.53	Christmas Post	1046.61	96.00	HQ: Maintenance	54.48
1801.66	Book Fair	1781.18	1693.10	Equipment	3705.25
1512.00	100 club	0.00	300.00	World jamboree	0.00
655.85	Other events	729.18	62.36	D of E expenses/Trailer expenses	998.00
25897.59	Total	24885.04	295.00	Fundraising: Quiz	149.05
10358.57	Money exchange, camps & trips	22549.57	247.52	Book Fair	340.39
36256.16	Total	47434.61	900.00	100 club	0.00
1224.00	Less: Explorer subs(District)	2070.00	400.00	Other events	551.00
35032.16	Total income	45364.61	21847.87	Total	22553.32
			2250.00	New Trailer/HQ New hall	52014.40
			10481.57	Money exchange,camps & trips	16926.62
			34579.44		91494.34
			1224.00	Less: facility use (explorers)	2070.00
			33355.44	Total expenditure	89424.34
61880.19	COIF fund	12259.64	60858.78	Less: money held on 01.04.12	64241.61
43.77	Deposit account	43.77	64241.61	Plus: money held on 31.03.13	18318.00
5378.17	Current account	13281.19		Plus:surplus income over expenditure	1863.88
0.00	Cash in hand	328.80			45364.61
67302.13	TOTAL	25913.40		Money held on account	
1076.57	less: o/s cheques	3747.57	4882.33	Transport Fund	3549.00
66225.56	TOTAL	22165.83	2872.00	Activities Fund	1941.00
64241.61	Less: money held on account	18318.00	2000.00	Scout Development Fund	2000.00
1983.95		3847.83			
	Less: surplus income over expenditure	1863.88	50387.28	Irene Day Legacy(restricted)	0.00
		1983.95	4100.00	Camp & sections Funds	10828.00
			64241.61	Total	18318.00

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

C. J. Driscoll Auditors May '13

Aspen Beaver Colony

The best moments of the last year have been the simple things. Those moments when Beavers find (often unplanned) activities with minimal preparation, organisation or leadership.

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. I know the Beavers have enjoyed the variety and challenge because they come and tell me.

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 Noah Cruickshank, Alex Graham and Max Trueman.

My focus is on providing group play, challenge, cooperation and sharing. So what highlights this since the last award ceremony?

We took a mini bus of Beavers away to Ferny Crofts in the New Forest. The day was themed around the Outdoor Challenge Badge. With organised orienteering, adventure course and climbing tower.



We had the sunny day, there were deep puddles from previous rain fall - these offered an activity in themselves. The shallower puddles provided opportunities for sticks and stirring up mud.

One larger puddle with a rope swing provided opportunities for wet Beavers and stirring up mud.

Most of the wild life disappeared as the Beavers turned up, except for the dead squirrel - a cause of great excitement. Overall a day of boundless energy.

Jacko provided an Archery evening - excellent practice at listening (Jacko is meticulous on safety) and then following through with the activity. He ran a further archery session over 2 meeting in the Spring term.

The Young Leaders organised an evening and the following week ran wide games at Copse Meadow Farm. The Beavers followed a trail through the woods - a bit like our very own bear hunt - but with mosquitoes instead!

The District organised Beaver Olympics - a bright sunny day if not a bit windy. An opportunity to see Beavers as more than just a local activity. They are always surprised to see friends from school. Commemorative medals were awarded.

The Autumn term:

The Group Funday (themed around sports from long ago) mixed the Beavers with the other sections. And the sun shone on us yet again.

Farm visit, the popular tractor and trailer ride to meet the cows. A tour of the milking parlour. A video of how the delicious Northney Ice Cream is made and the obligatory tasting. For Halloween we had a spiders evening with our very own David Attenborough (Sylvie). Some good questions and answers and a chance to hold the spiders. They were particularly interested in the skins shed by spiders. To add a craft aspect there were model spiders from black pompoms, googly eyes and pipe cleaners to make and take home.

Junk modelling (or upcycling is the new trendy name) is always a popular way for leaders to dispose of 6 months collection of interesting shaped boxes. You can never go wrong with glue, sellotape and paint as a programmed activity.

We were invited by Jennifer the Church Organist to visit St Mary's. To look around the Church building and talk about the Christmas story. All the Beavers were respectful, asked interesting questions and sang Away in a Manger accompanied by Jennifer on their new electronic organ.

The Spring term:

The Young Leaders rose to the challenge again by organising the torch game, an obstacle stalking game using the Day room. The room was in darkness so the Beavers were unaware of the low level obstacles and suspended plastic containers all monitored by Young Leaders on ladders. Great excitement for Beavers and Young Leaders.

The Young Leaders are also essential for putting up the Indoor adventure. This uses all aspects of the room - patrol boxes, ropes, chairs, benches, tarpaulin and ladders. Arranged from floor to rafters and wall to wall. This provides something to challenge everyone with, balance, crawling and climbing skills.

The police station visit was organised by our Young Leader Bryn. Aspen Beavers got to try on Police hats, stab vests and high vis jackets. As usual the most interest was shown in the police issue torch, truncheon and handcuffs. The boys were shown the custody suite and were fascinated by the toilet, why? The evening was finished off by going in a police van and having the barred door shut on them and concluded by the siren.



Sleepover - for the Leaders this is a bit like having jet lag but without the palm tree at the other end. This is an extended opportunity for group activities and sharing - a chance to build enormous collaborative Duplo structures. The indoor swings are always popular. With the excitement of eating and sleeping in the HQ and invariably going home with somebody else's clothes. This gives their first nights away badge and the sleepover fun badge.

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.

Thanks to the team who are still regularly giving their time: Sandra, Jean and Don as leaders, Bryn, James and Matt as young leaders.

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



These are Aspen Beavers at a District Fun Day based on a theme of Pirates. A very special thank you to Steve Morrison for making lots of Pirate Swords to add to the occasion!!

Maple Beaver Colony

Maple Beaver colony has had a very successful first year. We are now at full strength with eighteen beavers on roll, five leaders and a young leader; Bethan. The leaders collectively provide a varied and interesting weekly programme which sees the boys having fun each week and learning some new skills along the way!

We have been busy throughout the year with our wide ranging activities which have included: card making, biscuit decorating, musical instrument making, packing rucksacks, and first aid to name but a few.



The weather permitted us to enjoy an evening treasure hunt on the Billy Trail and also to take part in the Langstone Harbour Walk. We walked from Langstone Bridge to the Station Theatre and were joined by some Mums, Dads and brothers for this Sunday morning stroll.

In May several of the boys attended the district Beaver Olympics. The boys from the colony joined other 3rd Hayling Beavers at Trosnant Junior School. Team Italy happily waved their green, white and red flags at the opening ceremony.

The competitive events started with a cross country race followed by running races, sack races and egg and spoon races. After lunch there was opportunity to try out the school adventure play area and burn up any energy that was left. The day concluded a medal presentation with everyone going home exhausted from their day in the sunshine.



The remainder of the summer saw the colony pitching tents, tasting healthy foods, learning about exploring and finishing the summer term with an outdoor games night with our families.



The autumn term was busy with more activities including: health and fitness, an evening learning about the children's author Roald Dahl, paper aeroplane making and plenty of game playing. At our Hallowe'en themed evening we discovered that eating doughnuts on strings was not that easy after all!

The term finished with our Christmas party. One of the most popular games was the Santa Dress Up. The Beavers raced in lodges wearing Santa hats and adult wellington boots. There was lots of laughter and this was quite the funniest thing that the leaders had seen all year!

At the end of January we celebrated our first birthday with a small party where we played games and the obligatory birthday cake complete with jam and buttercream. Our other winter activities included making edible campfires, pancake making, making sundials, building with Duplo, building a marble run as well as lots of energetic games.

In February some of the colony members went to the district Beaver party where they enjoyed fun as Pirates on a cold and rainy afternoon. Cutlass decorating and hat making was added to a bouncy pirate ship for lots of swash-buckling fun. Hot dogs and jelly were the victuals supplied for these salty sea dogs.

In March we spent an afternoon at Hi Rock at The Hayling College learning how to climb and how to work as a team to keep everyone safe. The afternoon concluded with some fast games with everyone going home exhausted yet happy.



In spring our first beaver swam up to cubs. Whilst we were sad to say goodbye to Michael we were pleased to see him continue his Scouting journey with 3rd Hayling Scout Group.

Over the coming months Maple are hoping to get out and enjoy the great outdoors. Some of our planned activities are crabbing, building sculptures on the beach and exploring the Billy Trail. Our end of term event will be a games evening at Mill Rythe Junior School field.

Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to the colony leaders for their dedication and hard work in running Maple Colony. She would also like to thank the parents for their continuing support as both taxi drivers and of course sewing on those lovely badges.

Go team Maple!

Helen (Kingfisher)

Redwood Beaver Colony

I thank my lucky stars that I have the support and assistance of wonderful people, my team, my family and friends and of course the wider Scouting community. In January I was fortunate enough to go on an adventure to India knowing that I left behind a group of people who would run Redwood Beavers smoothly and passionately. It gave me the opportunity to enjoy myself without worrying about what was going on back home. Being a Scout Leader is fun, challenging and totally enjoyable, but with it comes responsibility and often hard work. The knowledge that everyone in Scouting feels the same way is reassuring and comforting. We may all do things differently but we all have the same goals, making sure the young people we are in charge of are stimulated, motivated, challenged, kept safe and above all have fun.

With those values in mind we have been very busy this year working towards a vast array of badges starting off with the Fitness Challenge. For this we played team games in the hut, quick cricket and a variation of football. Another week we met in West Town Park and went through a series of fitness activities spending 1 minute at each. The Beavers really enjoyed this and hopefully the parents were pleased because by the end of the evening everyone was exhausted and ready for bed!!



For the Outdoor Challenge we tied ourselves up in knots trying to master the reef knot. If not for the very skilful assistance of Emma Brown this evening could have been a disaster. Dave and Di Stanmore organised a very successful Treasure Hunt on the Beach near the sand play area. They had hidden ducks along the beach and surrounding area and working in teams the Beavers had to follow instructions and clues to find them. We all really enjoyed this evening and our compass skills were put to the test.



Part of the Creative Challenge Badge work comprised of a cooking evening making flap jacks and hot chocolate and a how things work evening run as 4 separate bases including electrical circuits. We also enjoyed a 'night at the opera' where we listened to some classical and opera music and played games on the theme.

The Friendship Challenge had Beavers celebrating the Chinese New Year making Chinese lanterns and trying a variety of Chinese food. We joined the Cubs from Mars Pack to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, decorating the outside of the hut with union jack flags and bunting and enjoyed a traditional tea party complete with jelly and ice cream. The weather was glorious and everyone had a wonderful time.

One very noisy evening was spent making drums out of quality street tins and marching around the room to music trying to drum in time. I don't know how Dave and Di stay so slim as they brought in 20 empty tins!! I am sure the parents really appreciated these wonderful instruments. This evening went towards their Global Challenge as did our Fair Trade evening which was arranged by Emma Brown.

Our resident D J Dave the Medallion Man put on another fantastic Disco evening full of games and competitions. The Beavers really 'got down' to Gangnam style showing off fantastic moves which left myself and team gasping for breath.

We had a fun trip to the Station Theatre where we were given a guided tour and then we put on a short show for the parents. We also visited the Hi Rock Climbing Wall at Hayling College which was our first time there. The Beavers really enjoyed this and all would like to do it again. Once again in December we visited the residents of Cheyassa Lodge and sung carols and entertained everyone. This trip is one of our best as it really enables the Beavers to gain much from mixing and chatting with the older generation, bringing joy to the residents, staff and themselves. They always make us so welcome, so much so we are planning a Summer Camp Fire visit this year.

When we go out on visits the Beavers are expected to be on their best behaviour and I am pleased to say that everywhere we go we are congratulated on having such polite and lovely Beavers.

Activity badges gained this year include Health and Fitness, Adventure, Imagination and Emergency Aid 1 when Dennis Tickner a 1st Responder came in and run an evening for us.

Other evenings included making sail boats out of plastic trays and sailing them. Each Beaver took theirs home and sent in photos of places they had sailed their boats these ranged from the bath, plastic bowls, lakes and paddling pools. Craft is always a favourite with the Beavers and of course cooking and playing games.



One of my favourite evenings comprised of making a large house complete with roof out of lego and seeing how many Beavers could fit into it at one time. I think we got up to about 17. We all worked together to make the house and everyone was really proud of it, although I think smashing it up at the end was the best part for some.

We have of course joined in with the District Beaver Scouts visiting Paultons Park and the Olympic Day. Also our group Olympic Fun Day was hugely successful with the sun shining and plenty of budding Olympians running amuck around Rob Bonds field.

I say now with sadness a fond farewell to Dave and Diane Stanway who are stepping down as leaders. They have been fantastic and I wish them well. However, they have volunteered to do the odd Disco and help out when needed, so we will still see them occasionally.

Emma, Kate and Roberta are still going strong though and I thank them whole heartedly for their support and commitment. Here's to another fun filled, noisy and exhausting new year.

Linda Hunter

Jupiter Cub Pack



Thank you Jupiter cubs and their supportive parents. We've had another fantastic year that could not have been done without the help and support of the leadership team. Planning the program nights are always a source of enjoyment and enthusiasm is at its peak as ideas flow to produce a fun filled program of challenges and activities for the forthcoming term. So what have we done?

The summer term started with a scrap heap challenge using recycled boxes and a roll of sticky tape resulting in replicas of Eifel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pizza and the Taj Mahal... Absolutely inspired! An assault course followed and work towards the first aid badge.

We had a great evening at Northney Farm where you can see the tree Jupiter bought and planted at the Tea Rooms in celebration of the Queens Jubilee, followed by a trailer ride round the farm and tour of the milking sheds and cows. Thank you to Mary for a great evening.



We then had evenings crabbing, working on personal and home safety, a wheels night (skateboarding and cycling) completed our athletics badge and took part in a mini Olympics. To top the term off we had a sleepover (or wakeover as we like to call it!!!) in the hut and a day out at Amberly Museum and Heritage Centre, which is highly recommended for a great day out. The term ended on a real high with Hayling Scouts fun day, packed with outdoor activities to entertain and challenge everyone. Thank you Rob.



As the nights set in and evenings are darker programs change tack slightly to accommodate. An evening at Havant pool resulted in stage swimming badges 1, 2 and 3 being presented. A night of wilderness cookery, mackerel and nettle tea followed by an apple and blackberry crumble..... Yummy! A great evening setting trails and following tracks through the woods at Rowlands Castle as the light faded was quite a challenge. An evening spent in the hut building Go Carts putting our lashings techniques into practice was a hysterical evening as parts of carts began to drop off.... More lashings practice needed! The rest of the term was Camp fire building and outdoor cookery, a Halloween fancy dress night with apple bobbing and fun and games in the warmth of the hut.

As winter really set in this year it didn't stop the intrepid Jupiter pack from their range of activities both indoors and out. Another scrap heap challenge with Scorpion Scouts, a Chinese New Year cookery night, a personal safety night, a pancake night, home safety, BBQ and wide games filled yet the term and all of a sudden you discover another year has gone by in the Scouts calendar.

At the end of each term we present badges that have been achieved throughout the term and I am always amazed how many we manage to present. Challenge badges and some activity badges are achieved through the program activities but many badges are awarded through the hard work and commitment of the cubs in their own time. I'd like to say well done to each cub that has achieved these awards and especially to those.... You know who you are.... That achieved their silver award this year. You should all be very proud of yourselves and what you have achieved in the past year. Now you just need to get them all sewn on. There is a badge for that as well!!

Each term cubs move on to scouts and beavers join us which sometimes changes the dynamics of the pack and as leaders the program has to be flexible to suite these changes. From what was essentially a pack with a lot of older cubs in the summer and autumn terms, to quite a few younger cubs, in this new winter term there were many challenges for the leadership team and the help of the young leaders is vital. Many hands are needed to help youngsters with the new skills to be learnt...lashings, building fires, knots, cookery and games..games...games. As part of the young leadership training, our young leaders, Kai and Josh run their own evenings and we help them out. Kai ran a great evening using knots and lashings and pioneering poles to build sedan chairs that the cubs then raced with. It was a well organised evening and resulted in great fun for everyone. Well done Kai. Josh has run several evenings during his training proving his skills in organising both outdoor and indoor activities. A night of Pizza making and wide games night, to name just a couple. Josh has completed his young leader training and has been awarded his Young Leader belt which we are very pleased to have helped him to achieve and very proud of Josh for staying with it and indeed staying with Jupiter to continue in his young leader role. Becky is a great asset to our pack and organises games and activities as needed. She did leave due to work commitments but just couldn't keep away. The Jupiter pack pull is too great to resist. Thank you Becky for coming back and all your help over the past year.



The final thank you from me is a very personal thank you to Sylvia, Karen and Simon. Without you it all would fall apart. We have a great team and I am very privileged to be part of it. Long may it continue?

Andrea heath
Jupiter Pack

Mars Cub Pack

We have had another exceptional year in Cubbing. Our numbers are still growing as Mars Pack enters its fifth year. I can't believe I started with 7 cubs way back in 2008.

What makes an exciting year in Cubs? Well I think it may have something to do with camping, cooking and fire lighting.

Last summer we camped at Rowlands Castle in tents and enjoyed fire lighting, whittling and cooking. We also hiked around Rowlands Castle and chopped fire wood which seemed very popular - I think the axes helped! At that camp 8 Cubs achieved their Outdoor Challenge which shows their willingness and perseverance to accomplish something to be proud of.



I always say to my Cubs that trying something new at Cubs is as important as turning up every week. In the Autumn term we tried French food at international night and this included snails and Brie. JOTI/JOTA was new to some Cubs and they enjoyed their day at Robs field particularly having a go on the zip wire.

The 2012 Olympic Fun day in September was amazing and I certainly had a good time and tried out new activities like tossing the wellington and throwing the caber. The Cubs also enjoyed themselves with the relay race and the immense effort put into the tug of war - which I think had every member of the group pulling! This was a celebration of the olympics games which everyone enjoyed - I can't wait for Brazil.

This February we had our sleepover at HQ we had a busy evening working on Road Safety badge and Cubs went out and put into action information they learnt in the evening. We had pasta bake and apple crumble for dinner and I think some Cubs may have participated in midnight feasts. In the morning after a cooked breakfast the Cubs went home - from speaking to parents they were all asleep on their sofas by 3.00pm. 13 Cubs were awarded their Road Safety Badge the next week and again it shows committed and enthusiasm for Cubbing.

We have also been: walking on the Billy Trail, swimming, fire lighting, shooting, trying out on the climbing wall, singing Christmas carols at The Wedge Nursing Home, wide games, barbequing, knotting, visited the Fire station and maintained bicycles.



Besides this, we worked towards our challenge badges and this involved cleaning St Marys Church, compass work, Bring and Buy Sale, First Aid, Golden Jubilee party, visiting the Coastguard Station and our international night.

The Bring a friend night was very popular as was the interactive parents evening and I think the Cubs really enjoyed showing their parents and friends what they got up

to at Cubs. It was interesting to see how competitive some of the parents became as well!

At the end of the autumn term we had a skittles evening at the British Legion - another fun evening and the Cubs enjoyed playing skittles which for some was a new experience. They had their supper there and then played more skittles - excellent!

Our Summer Term finished with skinning Rabbits - an amazing experience which the Cubs got really stuck into. They learnt how to skin, gut and cut them up, and we cooked some of the meat and it was lovely - something they all tried (another new experience!!)

We have said good bye to Calum, Clementyne, Dominic and Jack who have all moved up to Scouts. We congratulate Clementyne, Dominic and Jack who completed their Chief Scout Silver award - well done!

I have also awarded this year, 16 chefs badges, 5 swimmers 1, 1 Reader, 7 nights away, 1 cyclist as well as 9 Community Challenges, 12 Creative challenges and 1 Promise Challenge I would have to say that our Cubs show willingness and hard work to achieve all these badges.

Without the help of Michele Jacko and Lydia and the many organisations and individuals who give their time, patience and generosity we would not be able to deliver such exciting evenings and adventures so thank-you to Andrew (Rowlands Castle), Jamie for shooting, Jacko for archery, Jake Whistlecraft, Mike Kenny for rabbit skinning, Hayling Fire Station, Hayling Climbing Wall, Terry Brennan compass work, Coastguard Station, The Wedge Nursing Home and The British Legion.

Finally I like to say how much I enjoy scouting and the activities, fun and adventures we have, I have a great team and we love thinking up new and different cub evenings to put into the programme. When I tell people I am a Cub Leader people always reply that Scouting is such a good experience for young people and they learn so much about life and skills to help them through life so here comes another year of fire lighting, camping and cooking!!

Akela Mars Pack Leader
Jan Allgood

Saturn Cub Pack

We have had a great year of fun and challenges.

We have had the usual scouting activities of firelighting, wide games, food, imitative tests and badge work.

We tried our hands at acting at the Station theatre and saw all the brilliant costumes and props, had a great trip around Northney farm riding on a trailer and tasting the ice cream.



We had a visit from the ambulance service and were able to explore what is inside an ambulance and also visited Havant police station and found out more about the police service including being locked in the cells, in police vans and handcuffed!

We visited St Andrew's church to hear about the Baptist church and how they worship and had a visit from a Muslim who told us about his religion; explaining the similarities and the differences.

We joined in the Group fun day, getting the opportunity to meet the other sections and the chance to try something new, including the crate stacking that was really popular. These events where the Cubs work with the older and younger sections are great for showing them what Scouting is all about.



We had a Jubilee party to celebrate and everyone enjoyed a huge assortment of food and our Christmas party started with lots of food and we then joined Shark troop in games.

I have to say that the move back into the Scout HQ in the latter part of the Autumn term was brilliant. Most of the Cubs had only been there for the occasional meetings but we were now able to get back into doing some more scout like activities again as we had easy access to the equipment. We are grateful to Jan Randall for hosting us for over three years at Mengham Infant School but as I know she understands, the HQ is much more suitable for classic Scouting.

The pack entered the District football competition and won it. They were expected to represent the district at the county finals but the weather meant it had to be cancelled- a first in living memory!

Our four sixers joined the rest of the district sixers in a new event, challenging them in outdoor scouting skills. It was a great event and will be repeated again as it gave the older cubs a chance to push themselves and also a taste of what Scouts do.

We also had four cubs, Jason, Ellis, Tivon and Sam, who represented us at the district chess.

Dominic and his team from Scorpions ran an evening making carts from wood, screws, saws nails etc. it was a great evening and lots of fun racing the finished products.

We held a bring and buy evening and raised £140 which was split between The Rowans and Water Aid.

We were able to have Jacko for two sessions of archery. While one group did archery the others did firelighting; testing out some new ideas that Shawn and I had learned at a training session run by Aaron!

Nine cubs have gained their Silver Award- the top cub award. This is a pleasing achievement as it shows the commitment they have to make to achieve it.

Saturn pack has welcome Jack Allison back as a leader; Jack had done his young leader training with us and after a break came back to enhance our team. We also added to our team with Alex Kinsella and Harry Hick joining us to start their Young Leader training. Joe Speller has completed his training and has been awarded his Young Leader Belt; we said goodbye to him as he now has to turn his energies to his GCSEs - good luck Joe and many thanks.

Stephanie and Shawn continue to be the backbone of the pack; turning up each Monday ready to step into any challenges they are faced with as well as always offering ideas and support- thank you so much.

Lastly a huge thanks to the parents who stick with us taking cubs to various meeting places; offering support when needed and giving the odd encouragement to their son when needed.

Here's to another year of fun.

Mandy

Eagle Scout Troop

I finished last years' report with the following 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.

With this in mind, this year I have started this report before the deadline, Ian won't quite believe it. I can confirm the field was water logged, so we pitched the tents in the hut. The number 6 mallet is partly forged and currently marinating in awesomeness. I successfully got Clare Harrison to sign a marriage certificate and we are expecting our first child in September. I have entered it in the Gunnel competition next year, don't tell Clare. As for the bivis, we choose the wettest night of Summer camp to sleep in them and they worked... sort of.



We finished the Summer term last year with troop nights that prepared us with plenty of camping skills. Our weekend troop camp was a great success, we had a go at crate stacking, went hiking to buy dinner and rediscovered Frisbee golf. The Scouts prepared a joint feast for our last evening meal. Dominic Allgood had seconds on the most chocolaty pudding I have ever seen, he then proceeded to stick his head out of the tent, in the middle of the night, throw it up and then go back to sleep.



A few weeks later we returned to Gunnel to defend our title. Stuart led Peewit patrol to win the composite trophy with their expertly ran patrol site. Their choice of pudding for the cooking competition was considerably better. Despite everyone having seconds and thirds, they all slept peacefully. Well done Stuart, Warren, Dom, Edward and Ben.

Summer camp saw us return to Broadstone Warren. The week was a fine blend of awesome activities and patrol camping. We did the usual fires, cooking, widegames, pioneering, food auction and bivis. We joined Scorpion troop for laser quest, a hike and an evening banquet. A visit to Broadstone wouldn't be complete without pot holing and a round of "Turd watch uk". The highlight this year for me had to be the cooking competition. The patrols shopped for their own menu and invited a leader to join them for dinner. Good food, great location,

awesome company, what's not to like. A massive thank you needs to go to Rob Bond for his assistance again with transport and on camp. Towards the end of camp we were worried he was really ill when he turned down a cup of tea, thankfully he battled through and we put the kettle back on. All in all a brilliant camp.

The start of the Winter term saw our Gunnel winning patrol go on to the county competition, Emlyn. Ben, Dom, Warren, Luke, Soren and Jack did Hayling proud, being judged the 12th best patrol in Hampshire. They also followed the tradition set the previous year of bringing home a challenge trophy, this time for having keen observation skills.



The rest of the term had a variety of activities including; wide games, cooking, spooky hike, fire lighting, animation, building trebuchets and frisby golf! We also took advantage of the British weather and went mountain biking in heavy rain, very extreme. Many of us joined others from the group on Jota/Joti, a great success despite being knee deep in mud. It's quite surreal pioneering over a swamp one minute and chatting to someone the other side of the world on the internet the next.

In the spring term we saw 6 of our senior scouts depart to Explorers. This meant that we appointed new assistant patrol leaders and patrol leaders to lead our troop to new found glory. The terms programme was focused on developing the new patrols under their new leadership. We ran patrol challenges, navigation and cooking.



The winners of the patrol cooking competition went on to compete at the district competition. They came second, despite only having 3 in the team. Well done Dom, Freddie and Barney.

Towards the end of the term we gained some new members who transferred from Scorpions when the section closed down. They have been a great addition to Eagle troop and we now have a sting in the tail!

As usual, I end my report as the camping season really gets going. This term we are looking forwards to a troop camp, Gunnel, the Fun Day and Summer camp on the horizon.

A massive congratulation to Daniel Wells, Stuart Godwin, Jamie Gray, Edward Mill, Jack Rocket and Ben Day, who all gained the Chief Scouts Gold award this year.

Despite miserable weather, political upheaval and economic recession, I am pleased to announce that Eagle troop has continued to be awesome. I would like to thank all the leaders and scouts for making this happen.

Edd

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 Jim Simpson and his usual mix of fun activities and scouting skills. These ranged from knots and lashings, camp gadgets, basic first aid, small and large pioneering, map and compass, cycling and of course nija pitching.



During the summer term Lion Troop Patrol Leaders joined others from the Hayling Troops for a skills training weekend. Despite the wet conditions, the weekend saw some great activities and Scouts working in their teams of all ages in the various activities.

This year one patrol attended The Gunnell (The District Camping Competition), our patrol consisted of, Bethan Day, Michael Dyer, Aza Howell, William Kenny and Douglas James. The patrol worked very well together and did themselves and the troop proud.

For our summer camp 2012 we went to Corf Scout Camp Site on the Isle of Wight. We joined up with Shark Troop, after meeting the leaders in Portsmouth Wightlink ferry port the scouts boarded their ferry and were on their way. Once on the island the first challenge arose, getting 17 scouts, 4 Leaders and their kit on the bus to the camp site. After the scouts had reached the camp site we set up traditional patrol areas including a nija tent and a dinning shelter with their cooking and eating equipment inside. During the camp they made camp gadgets, cooking in their patrols and for the leaders, kayaking, rafting, Ariel runway, "round the island" quiz, light house visit, visit to blackgang chine and much more.

The last camp of the term and final camp for Jim was our traditional hammock camp at Pinsent Scout Camp Site. This turned out to be a rather wet weekend, as each scout found their trees and set up their hammocks the skies opened and drenched anything that wasn't under cover (unfortunately this happened to be quite a bit of kit) a few pleading calls to parents for fresh kit later everyone was happy. On the Sunday we had beautiful sunshine, just the thing to pack away kit to and a perfect way to close the camp wishing Jim good luck with his new Scout troop.

The winter term saw the departure of Jim Simpson due to moving house and Jamie Bray and Tom Lincoln to take on the role.

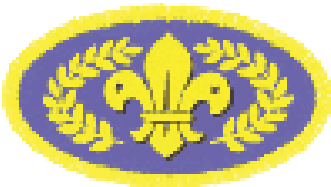


The term started with Pioneering, knots, Games, Camp preparation, Camp cooking, Archery, J.O.T.A camp, Cycling around Hayling, Group fun day, Group fireworks display, a night hike planned by Aza Howell, Hand Axe, Knife and saw bases, Fire lighting a joint end of term party with Nexus Explorers and of course wide games.

During the winter term the fun and activities continued with the whole group at the group's fun day held at copse meadow farm. The day saw some great activities and Scouts working in their teams of all ages in various activities.



2013 saw the arrival of several new scouts with that in mind we wanted to start with team challenges, wide games, map and compass training, Easter camp at Broadstone Warren scout camp site for 4 nights over the bank holiday weekend. Where a range of activities were enjoyed, some of these included low ropes, grass sledging, fire lighting, gadget building, log splitting, pot holing, cooking, orienteering.



This year has seen two of lion troop achieve their Chief Scout's Gold award. This is great achievement and shows a big commitment to scouting, our group and Lion Troop. This award has been presented to William Kenny, Bethan Day and in the coming weeks of May, Aza Howell. Well done to the three of you it is well deserved.

What next?

This term will see the investiture of 4 cubs into the section, several badge opportunities for the troop, with hiking and summer camp on the plans of events. We plan to run several one day hikes as training towards the fitness badge and then one major hike over a night or two to complete the badge. Summer camp this year is in Christchurch with a wide selection of activities and the opportunity to complete more of the challenges that are core to Scouting.

We must thank Jim for all he did before escaping from Hayling Island and especially to Merv and Rob for their weekly commitment and also to Nathan our young Leader. Lion Troop could not survive without you

Jamie Bray and Tom Lincoln
Scout Leaders, Lion Troop

Shark Scout Troop



Following weeks of planning, the Shark and Lion Troop Geodesic Dome finally took shape in preparation for our joint Summer Camp. Made up from triangular wooden frames that remarkably slotted together and covered in a good waterproofed material we stood back and proudly admired our handy work. We then dismantled our masterpiece and loaded it onto the trailer ready for camp!

As gale force winds battered the south coast in June 2012 the intrepid scouts and leaders from 3rd Hayling were of all things discoing the night away to 50's music inside a marquee on the Isle Of Wight. As the wind speed increased so did the volume of the music until the effects of the wind could only be seen and not heard. Guy ropes snapped in quick succession and metal stakes were uprooted from the ground, calling for urgent structural improvements. Temporary marquee pegs were fashioned out of 2 inch thick pieces of timber from the building centre, which along with heavy grade rope and a few ingenious knots secured the marquee in position throughout the night.

When the scouts and leaders finally retired to bed the heavily fortified marquee and Geodesic Dome remained standing and we had every confidence that both would still be standing when the morning broke. This was a foolish assumption!

Summer Camp took its first casualty, the Geodesic Dome and thankfully not the marquee.



Utilising the water surrounding the campsite we challenged the scouts to build and race rafts, which soon evolved into a "sink the raft" activity orchestrated by the water phobic onlookers. Later in the week in torrential rain the scouts from both troops took to the water again, this time in canoes with the sole objective of capsizing each other. The onlookers took refuge in the marquee out of the rain.

Making the most of our weekly bus tickets we travelled the length and breadth of the Island visiting Blackgang Chine, and Robin Hill Country Park as well as St Catherine's Lighthouse and Sandown Pier in the latter half of the week. We were a regular feature at Newport bus station by the time we left, and knew the times of every bus arriving and departing on most routes.

In July Megan Hick and Bailey MacCalllum, Patrol Leaders for Curelw and Seal Patrol led Shark Troop from the front to an impressive 2nd place victory in the Gunnell Camping Competition after only our second year of entering. The patrols had to camp without any leader assistance for the weekend and take part in various activities and challenges to gain point for the competition. Both Patrols worked incredibly well as a team, and it was a pleasure to see them rank one of the top after all the hard work they put in. Well Done



At Christmas, Shark Troop joined forces with Saturn Pack engaging in a massive game of pass the parcel and traditional party games, which as I recall involved blowing up hundreds of balloons only for the scouts and cubs to pop them in less than 2 minutes flat. With the help of our parents, and a variety of takeaway containers of food we served a Christmas banquet in style, amongst the building work of the new meeting hall.



What other way would you celebrate Pancake Day without attempting to cook an enormous pancake over the fire, using only tin foil and a grill. We soon discovered that no matter how many hands you get to hold a ridiculous number of spatulas you still cannot flip it quickly enough before it burns or catches fire. The Patrol Leaders also found that cooking pancakes from 2 meters away from the cooker an even harder challenge, resulting in more pancake mix on the floor, than there was in the pan.

Last year was filled with a whole array of traditional scouting skills including cooking on fires, pioneering and tent pitching as well as a number of unusual activities like building the Geodesic Dome, brick carving and Finnish log stoves. Awesome activities that engage both the scouts and the leaders are always a winner and I'm looking forward to trialling out some of my latest ideas in the coming months.

Finally a huge thank you to Nikki, Jamie, Mike and Adam plus Aaron when available for their help and support during the year. We would not have achieved so much without them

Jordan

Nexus Explorer Unit

The main focus this year in Explorers has been preparing for Suisse Adventure. We have had a dozen new explorers join us bringing the unit up to strong numbers. We have held many fundraising events in order to buy new tents and equipment, as well as for personal activities. These events have included; car parking, running a BBQ, a balloon race, bag packing and putting the skittles up at a competition at Mill Rythe holiday camp. Thank you to all who have supported and helped us during this time!! The money that has been raised so far has been split between the Explorers and used to pay off their instalments for Suisse Adventure. However an amount from some activities has gone towards new tents for the trip and necessities such as a decent potato peeler!!

During Explorer evenings we have had our usual activities including food, food and more food.. Oh and of course fires! Other more exciting and unusual evenings have been learning to juggle and unicycle at a circus skills evening, making, flying and then burning hot air balloons, stand up comedy sketches and Easter egg racing. Of course the usual Scouting favourites have featured frequently in our program with mountain biking in the dark, pioneering, rafting, climbing, crabbing and casino evenings being particular highlights. Our program is Explorer led so all activities were thought of and then arranged by the Explorers, except the really random ones. They were normally James' ideas.

Many of the explorers have almost achieved their Chief Scout Platinum award, so well done to all of you for your hard work and commitment and we look forward to writing about your next achievement. Congratulations to Karl Ward, Harry Hick, Alex Kinsella and Kaj Carter for completing your awards. Duke of Edinburgh has been popular with groups at all stages starting and being completed this year. Terry has done a fantastic job with expeditions heading out to Dartmoor and the New forest. Duke of Edinburgh is strongly linked with the Chief Scout award and each Explorer does something different and works to their own ability with skills and services varying from grave yard maintenance to sailing coaching to helping at an old Cub pack, but the result is the same with a fantastic achievement! As well as this some of our Explorers have been busy working on their Young Leader award helping at all different sections for varying lengths of time and assisting the leaders with games and activities.

Sleepovers have been popular this year due to the cold and wet weather, but no time was wasted with cooking, duplo building, ping pong playing and film watching featuring heavily each time! However when we have been able to get out great things have happened. For example after working hard at the fun day the Explorers were able to enjoy the field to themselves for a while before heading down the beach for a BBQ and a daring few even braved a dip in the sea!! More recently "bench camp" was held at Cricket campsite.



If you are wondering where the name came from, it all started by a silly suggestion to take a photo of a bench whilst out on a stroll through Manor Farm Country Park. This then evolved into a project to photograph every bench and then to carry a camp bench throughout a 5 mile night hike!! However it showed great determination and resulted in some fantastic team work, better than any team building activity we could

ever think of!! When the Explorers weren't carrying benches around the countryside they were engaged in a fierce competition of rounders. On the Sunday morning everyone woke up early and went to Bursledon car boot sale. Here they were put into 2 teams and given £5 to bag themselves a bargain. Both teams did really well and haggled the prices down! These items are on auction tonight. All these camps and sleepovers have given the Explorers nights away to add to their already vast collection. These nights away are an important part of the Chief Scout awards so camps are important not just fun!!



Once again thank you to all who have helped with our fundraising efforts, congratulations those who have achieved an award, good luck to those who are soon to complete one and most importantly only 3 months to go until Suisse Adventure 2013!!!!!!



Young Leader Training Programme

We run a Young Leader Training award for our young people who want to help out with the younger sections.

The programme requires a big level of commitment from our young people. They select which section they would like to help out at and then have to attend the weekly meetings, taking on various tasks and leadership roles.

They have to be responsible for organising and leading three indoor activities and three outdoor activities. After each activity is completed they have to validate what they have learned with their section leader and the scouts in the section. They, also, have to be responsible for some organisational aspect of the section. It is expected that these Missions - as they are called - will take about one year to eighteen months to complete.

In addition to this there are eleven modules to attend. Most of these are done once a month on a Sunday evening at the Scout HQ. These modules cover first aid, safe guarding children, risk assessment, planning programmes, teaching skills and managing behaviour. As you can see a very full and comprehensive challenge that has seen some great young people who have demonstrated that they are up to the task. I have no doubts that the foundations we lay at Beavers about taking some responsibility for their selves and caring for others lays the foundation for these skills to be built on through cubs and scouts.

The section leaders have a big role to play in mentoring our Young Leaders, giving them support, encouragement, guidance and the opportunity to have a go to develop their leadership skills during the weekly meetings. I am very grateful for all they do to ensure our Young Leaders are challenged and we end up with the cream - who hopefully, one day will be our leaders!



During the year we have presented Matthew Walsh, James Hooker, Joe Speller, Sian Howell and Joshua Day with their Young Leader Belts. Well done to you all and we look forward to hearing you are warranted leaders at 18!

One measure of the success of this scheme is the number of Adult Leaders in our Group who completed the Young Leader Programme. Roberta Allgood, Becky Chapman, Liam Holden, Abi Peett, Jamie Bray, Rob Durrell, Jordan Reed, Jake Whistlecraft are all Leaders and there are others who still help with our sections when they are back from Uni.

Mandy Hawke

Do Dah Days – at a Scout HQ near You!

When you stop and think of what it takes to run a scout group comprising of 250 young people every week it is quite phenomenal in terms of not just the physical resources required, but also the skills and knowledge to implement a full and varied programme that both meets the needs of and challenges those young people to achieve their badges and awards.

In the Group we now have 40 adults involved in a variety of roles all of whom along with their enthusiasm and commitment bring a variety of skills and knowledge to those roles. With the demands of a large group the challenge has been to create a forum in which adult leaders, helpers and executive members can actually meet and get to know each other and at the same time share knowledge and skills to learn from each other.

The obvious answer (for any sensible person at least) to this need was of course to create a series of "Do Da Days!" In any other organisation these would probably be called Adult Training Sessions but in Scouts we have to bear in mind the essential ingredient of having fun and also to find ways of catching the attention of busy people! The genius of Baden-Powell was to recognise that people learn best when they are having fun and are enjoying themselves and this applies to adults as well as young people - so Do Da Days is what they are!



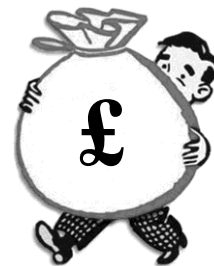
We have had two sessions so far with the first focussing on fire lighting techniques and back woods cooking and the second on knots and simple pioneering. In the near future we will be creating our own Games Consul (unlimited players and the numbers of games only limited by imagination), and also navigation skills. We do not use evaluation forms or tests of key competencies but rather an adoption of a typical leader pose comprising of a cup of tea in one hand, and the casting of a critical eye over whether the tower has stayed up, the knots held, or the sausage cooked to perfection. If they have then all is well and dandy in Scoutland, and if not well it was somebody else's fault anyway!!

So why not come along and join in the fun?

Aaron Pycroft

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 nearly £1,000. Thanks to the Explorers who sorted the cards, to the shops and locations that sold our special stamps and installed our green and yellow post boxes, to many parents and their children who delivered the cards and to our 'postmaster' Ian Hawke.

Similarly, the Quiz Night proved to be very popular again and raised £800. Thanks to Mandy Hawke for organising the event, to our markers and scorers, Eddy and Ann Ault, to our regular quiz master Billy Ault, to Mandy, Fiona and Jo for a well-received hot supper and to Stoke Fruit Farm for their continued sponsorship of this event. The Raffle was organised by our Explorer Scouts and raised £348 for their expedition to Kandersteg in the Swiss Alps in July 2013 for which they also organised a Table Top Sale in the Scouts Headquarters and a Supermarket Bag Packing session.

Our Book Sales, held twice a year, are considered to be amongst the biggest and best in the area with over 8,000 books on sale, all sorted and classified, and at very reasonable prices. Our book sales this year raised over £1,300. Thanks to all those who helped in sorting, selling and other essential tasks.

Our fundraising appeal for a Transport Fund was formally closed this year having reached a total of £8,000. 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. We purchased a medium sized trailer during the appeal and the remainder of the fund will now cover on-going costs for the servicing and maintenance of our trailers, training of drivers for E licence entitlement for towing heavier loads and purchase of additional trailer(s) when required.

We also received donations throughout the year in appreciation of assistance at various local events as part of our community support programme. For example, we helped again with the set-up of the Businessmen's Club Annual Barbecue. The Explorers provided car parking support at the VW BeachBuggin event in Southsea in August at very late notice and the organisers were delighted how our Scouts carried out their duties. They also sold balloons at the Northney Farm Open Day as well as organising the car parking, cooking the BBQ, helping in the tea rooms, managing the queue for tractor rides and running a tuck shop.

At the end of this Annual Report you will find a table of individuals and organisations that 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.

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.

 DIY Cub	 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

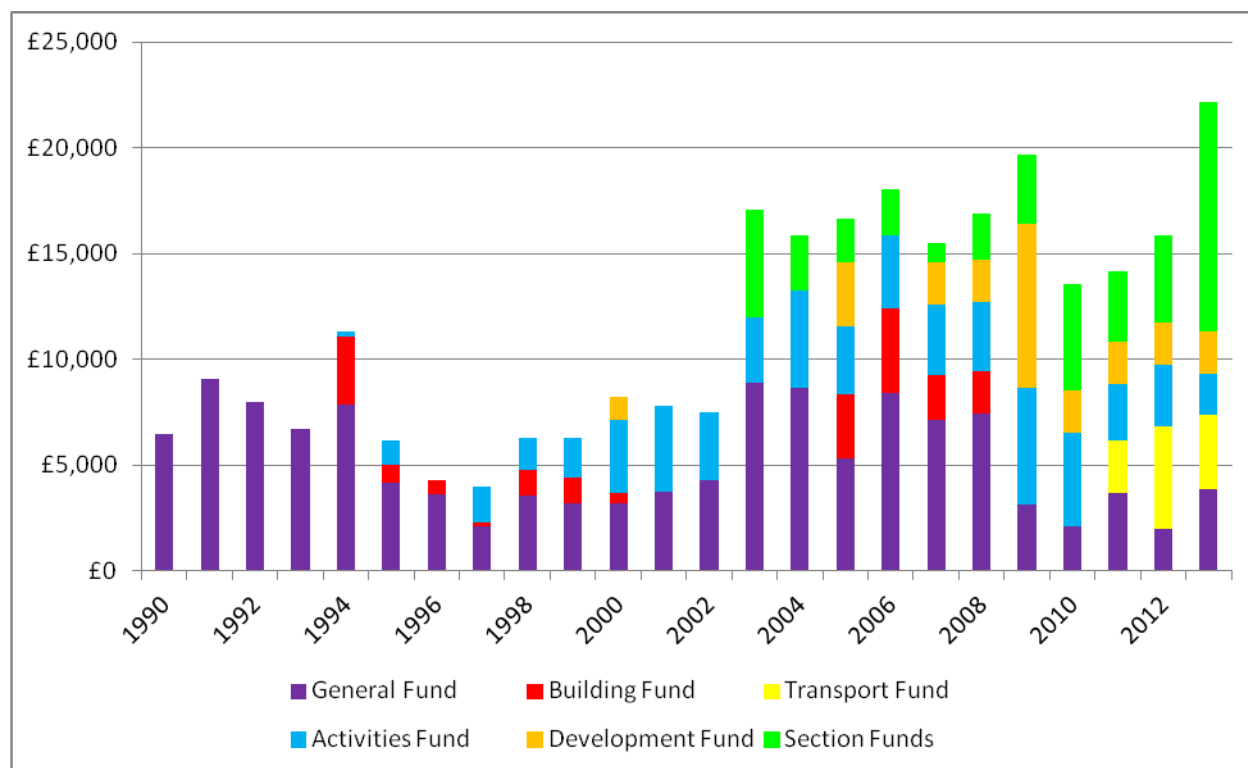
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The companies, organisations and individuals mentioned on this page have supported the Hayling Scout Group in the form of a loan of equipment and facilities, financial support, donations, working with us on specific projects and activities, or by choosing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

 Lifeboats RNLI Hayling Branch	 Lions Club Hayling Branch	 Mengham Infant School	 JP Tree and Garden Services	 Mill Rythe Junior School
 Hayling Island Businessmen's Club	 Hayling Island Community Association	 Association for Charitable Endeavours	 Bentley Walker Ltd Elm Grove	 Mill Rythe Holiday Village
XERETEC Xerox Office Supplies	Stoke Fruit Havant Road	<i>Hayling Hardware</i> Elm Grove	 The Hayling College Specialising in Maths and Computing The Hayling College	Country Pets Eastoke Corner
HAYLING ISLANDER Hayling Islander Local News	 Heating Engineer	Northney Farm Northney Road	 Meyrick Mobile Gents Hairdressers	Hayling Red Cross Centre Elm Grove
<i>Cards 4 Occasion</i> Mengham	 Awards for All	Rae's Butchers Mengham	 James Perfett Havant	<i>Hayden's Vehicle Hire</i> Station Road
 Julian Dyer Home	 Hayling Island Bookshop	Simon Rigden Mobile Mechanic		<i>Hayling Flower Club</i>
 Hampshire County Council Frank Pearce	 Richard Card	 Robert Bond	Stanley's Butchers West Town	 The Langstone Hotel

Statement of Funds

at 31st March 2013



Notes:

- This summary does not include the “Restricted Fund” of £50,387, the legacy from Irene Day which was reserved in 2010 for the provision of a Camp Site or activity field and used in full to fund the HQ improvements as agreed between the Leaders and Executive Committee and confirmed by the trustees in September 2012.
- The Section Fund includes a sum of over £5000 that has been accumulated towards the Explorer expedition to Kandesteg Switzerland later in 2013.