



3rd Hayling Group

Annual Report

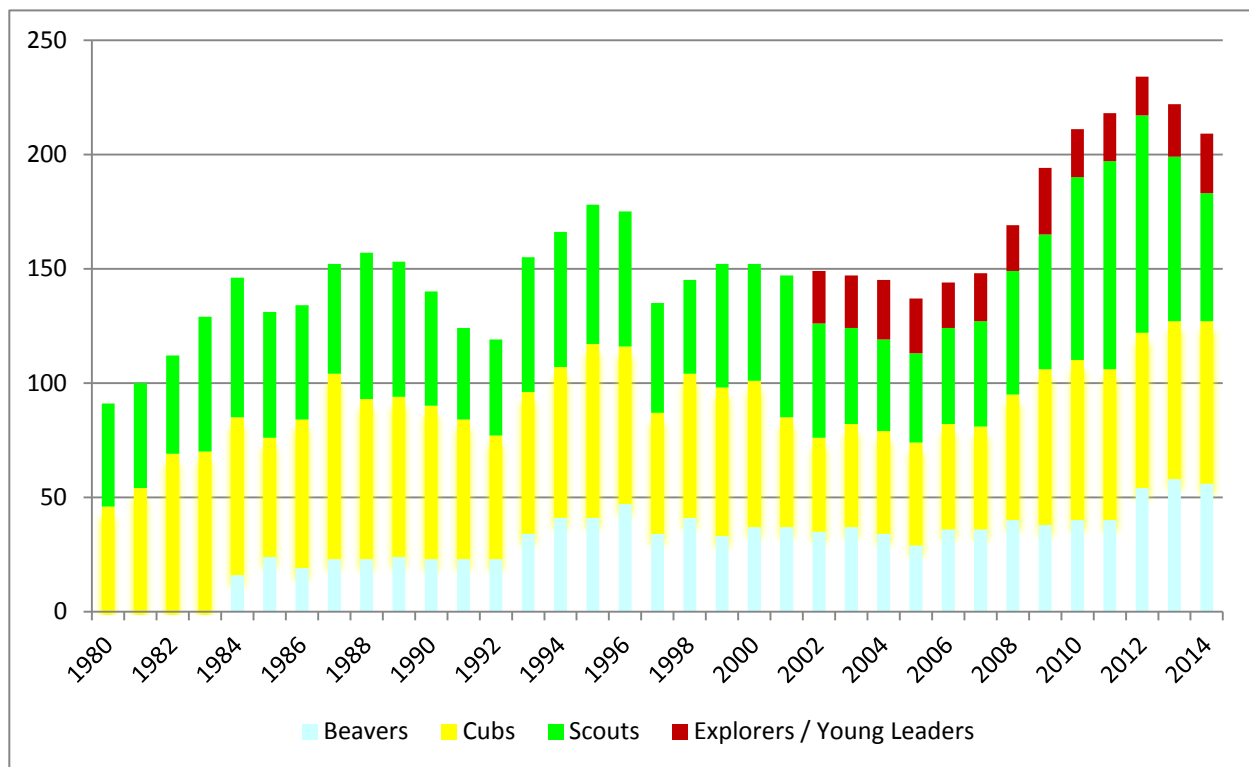
2013 - 2014



Celebrating 85 years of Scouting on Hayling

Youth Membership

at 31st January 2014



Roll of Honour 2013 / 2014

Matthew Bailey	Redwood	Noah Jeacock	Maple	Beavers Chief Scout's Bronze Award 
Luca Baker	Redwood	Davy Jones	Maple	
William Balch	Maple	Thomas Law	Redwood	
Jack Boby	Aspen	Sebastian May	Maple	
Calum Bond	Aspen	Joe Poulton	Aspen	
Kian Burns	Aspen	Theo Snell	Maple	
Tovi Dillner	Aspen	Fynn Stokes	Maple	
Alex Germain	Aspen	Barnaby Tambling	Aspen	
Monty Jacques	Maple			

Luke Bailey	Saturn	Ruben Hutchinson	Mars	Cubs Chief Scout's Silver Award 
Alfie Baker	Jupiter	Oliver Lister	Mars	
Lucas Bradshaw	Jupiter	Joshua Marsh	Jupiter	
Alfie Clarke	Jupiter	Toby McNally	Jupiter	
Ryan Cooper	Saturn	Dylan Price	Saturn	
Ollie Culnane	Jupiter	Sunnie Morrison	Saturn	
James Ferguson	Jupiter	Lee Wnchester	Mars	
Jason Hughes	Saturn			

Dominic Allgood	Eagles	Scouts Chief Scout's Gold Award 
Phillip Graves	Eagles	
Megan Hick	Sharks	
Aza Howell	Lions	
Matthew King	Sharks	
Jack Kinsella	Eagles	
Freddie Steel	Eagles	

Kaj Carter	Explorer Scouts Young Leader Belt 
Josh Day	
Harry Hick	
Alex Kinsella	

Group Development Committee 2013-14

Group Scout Leader

Ian Hawke

Assistant Group Scout Leaders

Mandy Hawke

Aaron Pycroft

Officers

Chairman

Dr Philip Blossie

Treasurer

Mary Pike

Secretary

Position Vacant

Specific Roles

HQ Manager

Pete Rowson

HQ Projects

Andrew Harrison

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 / Shawn Lambert (p)

Steph Rosam

Scouts

Eagle Troop

Ed Harrison

Lion Troop

Jamie Bray / Tom Lincoln

Shark Troop

Jordan Reed

Explorer Scouts

Nexus Unit

James Perfett

Young Leaders

Mandy Hawke

Active Support Unit

Dreadnought

Tom Lincoln

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

Group Supporting Roles 2013-2014

Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary

Karen Wells

Gift Aid Coordinator

Kim Lovrgrove

HQ Team

HQ Coordinator

Pete Rowson

HQ Support

Alan Perfett

HQ Projects

Andrew Harrison

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 / Fiona Jordan-Harrison

Promotions

Position Vacant

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 2013-2014

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 Blossie	Photocopying & various other duties
C.N. Clarke	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

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 Report

Birthdays can be like 'Marmite' - you either love them or hate them. In 3rd Hayling Scout Group, we absolutely love them, especially Big Birthdays such as 85 years. They give us the opportunity to let our hair down and have a real party. We even design and produce a badge for every Scout and Leader to wear - not just for one day but for a whole year.

Details of the celebrations for our 85th birthday up to the 31st March 2014 can be found in this year's report. Later activities will be issued next year. Behind all the fun and activities, it is important to remember that Scouting on Hayling has thrived and grown, despite the dramatic changes that have taken place over the years since 1929. Think of Hayling back in those early years - we had a wooden and somewhat rickety toll bridge for vehicles, a steam railway between Hayling and Havant, the Royal Hotel to provide sumptuous seaside holidays for visitors, a cinema etc. These have all gone or been replaced - but 3rd Hayling Scout Group remains as strong as ever.

In the pre-war years, the Group used to meet in a wooden YMCA hut in Elm Grove and camped in huge, heavy and leaky bell tents. We moved to the present location in the 1940s - but it was still a wooden hut with very basic facilities. Today we are very proud of our substantial brick-built 'Headquarters' (still affectionately known as the 'Scout Hut' by some) with facilities previously unimaginable in those early years such as central heating, fully insulated roof with no leaks, LED lighting, showers, broadband internet, etc. Our equipment store contains not only the familiar and trusty Nijer patrol tents but also a range of lightweight tents and an adaptable marquee. We also have archery and rifle shooting equipment with our own fully trained instructors. But one thing hasn't changed - that is the basic values of the Scout Movement such as leadership, helping others, team work and the development of young people to become responsible citizens. At the same time, we make it fun and enjoyable - especially when there is a birthday to celebrate.

As Chairman, my task is to ensure that the Leaders have the necessary facilities and finances to perform their very important role. My Group Development Team (GDT for short) consider both short term and longer term needs or wishes. Sometimes we have to react quickly to an urgent problem - for example, several years ago, the original asbestos roof was leaking badly but we were able to initiate a fundraising campaign and complete the installation of a new and fully insulated roof in less than 12 months. More recently, we were running out of space due to the increasing size and number of Sections in the Group - so we converted the rooms at the rear of the Headquarters into a large and modern second hall, named the Day Hall, as it was funded through a legacy from Irene Day.

In the last twelve months, storage facilities have also been addressed and we now have bespoke shelved storage areas, cupboards etc. to ensure that equipment is easily accessible and protected. Thanks in particular to GDT members Andrew Harrison and Peter Goddard for their handyman skills, as well as a team of Leaders and helpers who sifted through, thinned out and sorted an array of materials and equipment accumulated over decades!

We have also been able to landscape and pave the ground at the rear of the Headquarters to make it suitable all year round for activities such as cooking and firelighting. This project was supported by a donation from Hayling Island Lions Club and we thank them for their continued interest and support of Scouting on Hayling.

Transporting equipment for camps and activities is a major requirement and our transport project initiated two years ago focussed on the use of towed trailers. As a result, we now have a 'fleet' of trailers including three box trailers and two open trailers, managed by our GDT member Clive Allgood. Not forgetting also a group of willing helpers who offer to use their vehicles for towing.

As the largest Scout Group in Hampshire, our financial turnover exceeds £45,000 and we have to manage our finances in a professional manner with audited accounts and reporting our activities annually to the Charities Commission and the Scout Association. Our Treasurer Mary Pike has done a fantastic job in converting our account management and banking arrangements into a very effective and computerised system.

This year, we have also completed a project to produce a 3-year financial review using an Excel spreadsheet, thanks to the computer skills of our GDT member Pete Rowson. This document identifies in detail the various types of expenditure and the predicted increases or decreases over the next three years. It is a 'live' working document which is regularly updated and will enable us to budget more accurately and make informed decisions of the income required from sources such as subscriptions, gift aid, fundraising etc.

This year I was surprised and honoured to be awarded the Bar to the Silver Acorn by the Chief Scout. Whilst this is a personal award, I see it as a recognition of the success of Scouting on Hayling by a fantastic team of Leaders and helpers, led by our Group Scout Leader, Ian Hawke. I simply enjoy being a part of this dynamic organisation that has one simple but vital role - the development of our young people to give them a good start in life - as it did for me when I was a Scout 'a few years ago'!

I would urge any if you who want to have a bit of fun and enjoyment, than come and talk to us about the wide range of activities we can offer you - maybe just helping at a single event to get a taster or an hour or so every week as a helper. If you would like to join our Development Team, please don't hesitate to contact me or Ian Hawke. We can always find a suitable role to suit your skills or interests.

Dr Philip Blossie
Chairman

Group Scout Leader's Review

One of the challenges of a very large Scout group such as 3rd Hayling is to minimise the unintended chaos and disruption caused when we arrive anywhere. For example each April when we arrive at the Church for St George's Day Service in two double-decker buses which has now become our required level of transport, or when 120 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers arrive at Thorney Island Army base for a fun day.

Once we managed to get everyone onto the base, those taking part had an amazing day of activity, much of which was along the traditional lines of Scouting, but the location and support we received from the Army meant that we also had some unusual things to try out.

These group based events are important. They not only allow us to pull our resources together for a day or weekend of activity, but also allow the younger members of the group meet and work with the older sections - and in our case a chance for the Leaders to get to know each other better!

There are many ways to measure the success of a Scout Group. Some are numbers based, for example:-

- Over 1200 nights were spent in camp
- 39 Top Awards were presented along with nearly 1500 activity and challenge badges
- Over 250 different activities on offer across all age ranges
- 120 members in uniform, on two double-decker buses arrive for St Georges Day.
- 130 take part in a brilliant fun day with some novel activities

However the real test is "do our young people keep coming back". The formula for this is very simple. Great programmes with a balance of Fun, Adventure, Challenge and Achievement. 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 to make this happen.

During the year we have said goodbye to Emma (Redwood Beavers), Nikki (Shark Troop), Dave (Maple Beavers), and Liam & Rob (Lion Troop), but at the same time welcome Libby, Chris and Adam (Shark Troop), Becky C (Jupiter Pack) and the return of Becky H (Saturn Pack) and Abi (Nexus Explorers), although Abi is about to leave us for the next phase of her life working with school children bringing a combination of adventure and conservation to their lives.

Thank you for your support to Scouting on Hayling and you leave with our best wishes for your futures. Of course if you ever get bored in the evenings, I am sure Hayling or any other Scout Group would be more than happy to hear from you!

After many years, Mandy Hawke has decided to step down as leader of Saturn Pack, but remains as part of the group as Assistant Group Scout Leader and also providing support guidance to our Young Leaders. Mandy has also taken on a District Appointment supporting new adult leaders into Scouting. I know Mandy's enthusiasm and organisation will be missed

but she has left really strong foundations and I know with the new team the Pack will thrive.

One of the nice parts of the GSL role is to visit our sections when holding camps and sleepovers. It is great to see the young people having fun, without the need for television and computer games and usually trying something different. It is also amazing how often the same activity can be used for all ages, often with a twist to make it a bit more challenging. Duplo is a perfect example of this, when often all that varies is the height of the tower or bridge and the weight it must support as part of the challenge.

Camping continues to be an important part of Scouting and an activity that differentiates this movement from other organisations. During the past year our Scouts have been to Hayling Island, Broadstone Warren (East Sussex), Braggers Wood (Dorset), Devon and Switzerland. The younger sections have made use of the facilities we have access to on Hayling Island and also Rowlands Castle.

The Young Leader scheme has really developed on Hayling over the past 3 years. This provides an opportunity for those aged between 14 and 18 to work with the younger sections and also complete 11 training modules relevant to this work. Mandy Hawke coordinates this within the group, working with the young leaders and also the section leaders to ensure that we offer the appropriate opportunity for development and achievement. This is vital for Scouting in the future as these are our potential Leaders in the years to come.

Last year we were using our new "Day Hall" and during this year we have continued to make changes to the HQ to improve storage and hence the management of our equipment. Peter Goddard our Quartermaster estimates the total value of our camping and activity equipment to be in excess of £25,000 which is why the management of it is so important. Andrew Harrison has continued to carry out a number of building tasks for cupboards and shelving and we spent a good weekend in the Easter Holidays checking everything we had for serviceability and also took the opportunity to dispose of items that we no longer required.

None of the above would happen without the enthusiastic and dedicated team of adults who continue to give freely of their time each week. The planning of programmes and activities, the weekly meetings, the camps and sleepovers, the working weekends for the HQ and the support given by the leaders to each other is without doubt the reason why Scouting on Hayling continues to be so strong. I would personally like to thank every Adult Leader and Helper who make this all possible.

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.

As you will see from her report, Mary our treasurer is now managing accounts that involve a turnover in excess of £45,000. I always find this a very frightening number and means that we have to be very professional in our planning and management of money. Mary provides the necessary control, but always with a positive view that the Leaders should have what they need to provide the excitement to their members. Peter Rowson has spent time this year developing a simple but effective spreadsheet to help with our budget planning.

Our prime income continues to be from Subscriptions and Gift Aid and the control of these provided by Karen Wells and Kim Lovegrove means that we maximise the opportunity provided by this income stream.

So, to all of the GDT and the many others who help to support the Leaders in their roles - a huge thank you.

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.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our Chairman Phil Blossie 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.

It is very appropriate that both Phil and Mandy were recognised in the Scouting St George's Day Awards with the award of the "Bar to the Silver Acorn".

Jan

Treasurer's Report

Income for the year again exceeded £45,000, including the cost of camps and expeditions which are 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). We are currently behind in this objective and will review what action, if any, needs to be taken during our November Executive meeting.

Our main income sources continue to be Subscriptions, Gift Aid and Fund Raising, with the latter providing an income of nearly £6000. 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.

We continued with the fitting out of the "Day Hall" and thanks to a generous donation from "The Lions Club of Hayling" were also able to complete the landscaping of the area behind the HQ.

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

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

C. N. Clarke Auditors Date.....

Aspen Beaver Colony

The key points from the last year are play and friendship. All the activities and achievements would be hard work and dull without these.

Over the year we have the weekly activities plus additional Aspen, Group and District events. The aim is a challenging variety of opportunities. Read on and see if we succeeded - or, better still, ask our Beavers.

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 Chief Scout's Bronze award, the top Beaver award. Congratulations to Kian Burns, Alex Germain, Jack Boby, Callum Bond, Tovi Dillner and Joejoe Poulton.

Our programme is intended to provide a variety of evening activities at HQ but there is also the challenge of activities beyond this format. This could be the Hayling Billy Trail in the dark or JOTA in a field in Northney or the extended time of a sleepover.



The summer term included the Park Activity evening - the programme says "wear a coat". The next outdoor event was the Group Fun Day on Thorney Island - how exciting is that! There were 2 more outdoor activities - wide games at Copse Meadow Farm and Paddling in the Sea. Copse Meadow Farm gives the Beavers the opportunity to play in a big space the wide games organised by young leaders are just a bonus. Paddling in the Sea is subject to a certain

creativity in interpretation, a Beaver paddling can get very wet and/or dirty!!.

The autumn term had Harvest Festival where we invited to the URC. The Global Badge was out and about. Some Beavers went to the JOTA camp for the day - a wet weekend in a Northney field. Each year there is the County Beaver event at Poulton's Park, a whole day with other Beavers (and Father Christmas) and that evening the adventure of an Aspen sleepover at HQ. Torches were needed for the Hayling Billy Trail in the dark. One Beaver reported seeing a tiger. Are there tigers on Hayling? He assured me that he had one living in the tiger hole in his garden - we learn something new every day.

Spring 2014 had an evening on the Trim Trail along the sea front with Easter eggs at the end - this may be a contradiction to a healthy lifestyle. The HQ activities covered a wide variety. Two evenings led by the young leader, who enjoys these the most? a close call but probably the young leaders. Jacko provided Archery thanks from all of us for his efforts. There were 2 food evenings Pancakes and Simnel cakes.



The Chinese New Year had a dragon (the head is still up in the rafters) and Chinese lanterns to take home.

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.

Many of the evenings rely on the young leaders either to set up (and take down) or to run the evening. Indoor Adventure turns the HQ into an obstacle course. They create a different challenge for the Obstacles in the Dark in the Day room. For the Cart Obstacle Course they arranged a circuit of boxes and then teams of excited Beavers climbed onto the trolleys and made their way round without their feet touching the floor.

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

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison, Beaver Leader, Aspen

Maple Beaver Colony

Maple Colony has enjoyed another fun and exciting year of Scouting. We have tried both old and new activities, having fun and also learning some things along the way.



In the spring we visited Kite and William at their home in Northney. We were able to meet some of the animals on the farm, feed some lambs and collect eggs laid by the hens. It was interesting to meet the livestock and to learn where some of our food comes from.

When possible and weather permitting we got out and about. We had a treasure hunt along the Billy Trail and enjoyed a fun evening on the beach where we found a precious patch of sand from which to build a huge sandcastle.

In June some of the gang attended the Group Fun Day at Thorney Island. We had a fabulous day outdoors and especially enjoyed crabbing, climbing on the assault course and making paper aeroplanes. We had a windy boat ride down Chichester Harbour though Kingfisher wasn't too keen as she got soggy bum!



In July we had our first sleepover with the theme of space. Everyone onboard Space Station Maple tried various activities before retiring to our space pods (sleeping bags) with the last astronaut falling asleep at



around midnight!



For our last meeting of the summer term we spent a very special evening at the Langstone Harbour Nature Reserve with Jaz and her RSPB team. We hunted for bugs, used binoculars to look at the Terns and Gulls on the reserve. We had a great time.

The autumn term meetings included tasting foods for around the world and a spooky Halloween party. The game "Wrap the Mummy" was a fun game with loads of loo roll being used to create a Beaver Mummy.

In November we learned about the North American Holiday of Thanksgiving. We heard the story of the Pilgrims and Native American Indians and learned the traditions of this special American festival. We also drew round our hands to make turkey pictures, just like children do every year all across the USA.

The spring term started with planting of freesia bulbs. Some of us were able to plant these out in our gardens later in the year. We also celebrated the Chinese New Year by making our own Chinese Dragons and proudly parading them around the HQ.



One Saturday in May some of the colony joined Beavers from Aspen and Redwood for an activity day at Ferny Crofts in the New Forrest. We tried some orienteering, climbing, played the parachute game and played in the woods. The chattering boys that travelled with Kingfisher slept all the way home. A great day was had by all!

Over the year we have also been busy in the kitchen. We have made some fabulous edible creations including stained glass window biscuits, pancakes and bug pots. The bug pots were delicious - all completely edible but looking like a pot plant complete with jelly snake. How many Mums and Dad thought it was potting compost?

We have been fortunate this year to welcome other 3rd Hayling leaders to our colony meetings. Mandy joined us to run a Cub style evening where the boys made towers of spaghetti and marshmallows. Unfortunately as the marshmallows were so yummy there weren't that many left for building!

Aaron joined us for an evening to teach us some new games and so that we could exercise our singing voices. Sylvie joined us for our friendship evening and taught us a new game called hedgehogs - a Beaver was hidden beneath a blanket and we had to identify who was hidden. This proved really tricky even with a small group of boys.

Our youth supporters this year have been Bethan and Matthew. Bethan enjoyed leading an evening on constellations and light. Matthew joined us from Eagle Troop to complete his Scout service. His help was invaluable and the Beavers enjoyed having a Scout join their weekly meetings. He also loved to play chase with the Beavers or was that the other way round?

Kingfisher would like to say a huge thank you to her team of leaders for their continued support and hard work in running Maple Colony. Their dedication and enthusiasm ensures that we provide a fun and varied programme for our youngsters. Kingfisher would also like to thank all the Beavers both old and new for making the colony such a fun place to be. You are all stars!



Redwood Beaver Colony

After writing so many of these yearly reports I was beginning to toy with the idea of submitting an old one rehashed. As I started to think about it more I realised that yes we do cover a lot of the same activities and badges each year and celebrate lots of the same festivals and occasions. We often use the same programmes each year adding and taking away bits, but in doing this there are always subtle differences, the Beavers themselves.

Each term the dynamics of the group change with different personalities and different perspectives. One year we might run an activity which worked really well the year before and then we do it again and it isn't so successful. A perfect example of this but in reverse was the Imagination Badge work evening. Last time we ran this we asked the Beavers to get into groups and act out a short sketch from their favourite Disney movie. This one simple task turned into a nightmare evening with not much getting done and showing that I especially was probably out of date with what most children watched. This year our two explorer Scouts made up a short sketch with specific things for them to follow and it worked so much better.

These changes each year are what keeps Scouting fresh, you may have done something a hundred times before, but you can never tell for sure if it's going to work the same the next time.



When I first started out as a Beaver leader the evenings were often of a very simple format. I remember drawing out sheep onto a piece of paper and the Beavers just stuck wool onto it and that was it for the evening with a game or two thrown in. Now expectations are much higher. The craft is far more varied and challenging with new skills being taken on. Badge work is more interesting, especially now we have even more varied badges to cover. We go out into the community a lot more and enjoy learning outdoor skills and doing adventure activities.

This year we have enjoyed again amongst other things archery, led by Jacko, our joint Christmas party with Aspen, a disco with Dave Stanway our resident DJ and numerous trips to the beach, Hayling Billy and park. Easter was celebrated with a hunt round my garden and of course we have made Easter, Christmas, Mother and Fathers Day gifts.

We were disappointed that we could not visit Cheybassa Lodge this year because they had a stomach bug in the home and were worried that the Beavers might catch it. We had worked very hard on learning new Christmas Carols and obviously were sad not to be able to perform them, but everyone brought in food stuff for a hamper which I took round on Christmas morning, much to the delight of the residents.

We have just visited Pets at Home in Havant and I was delighted to be told by the staff that our group was one of the best they had seen. The ladies said what well behaved and sensible Beavers they were and were impressed at the type of questions they asked and how interested the Beavers were in all of the animals.



Our Sleepover this year was on the theme of Cowboys and Indians. We decorated the hut with all of the things the Beavers made, including very glittery cowboy boots and snakes. We also made a fantastic totum pole which Sylvi from cubs had designed for us. One of the highlights of the sleepover was when Sylvi brought in one of her snakes for the Beavers to hold and stoke. Everyone at least touched the snake, even Kate, who was absolutely terrified. We really enjoyed this sleepover, everyone was well behaved and we did get some sleep.

Another evening which was a big success was our cake decorating and selling night. My daughter Shona was going off to Ghana and we raised funds for her to buy things for the children in the orphanage there. She came in and supervised the Beavers to decorate 3 cup cakes each which their parents kindly came in and brought. We raised £30 which was a fantastic figure.

I end my report on giving a well deserved THANKYOU to my right hand Leader Kate and to the two young leaders Matthew King and William Kenny who are absolutely fantastic. They have stepped up to the mark and from just turning up each week (which is wonderful) to running evenings and really making sure things run smoothly every session. I know I could not do it without them and I really do appreciate all they do. I also have to thank everyone else who comes in and helps whenever needed, Mandy Hawke, Sylvi Rigden, Jacko and Ian Hawke. All the parents who rally round and support us and the biggest thank you goes to the Beavers themselves who make each week special.

I look forward to another exciting and challenging year ahead.

Yours In Scouting

Linda Hunter (Badger)

Jupiter Cub Pack

I hope I can type this report at the same speed that Jupiter Pack races through the year...their feet don't seem to touch the ground!

Jupiter Pack started the new Scouting year with a team building exercise to get them all working together in their Sixes. The challenge was to create a package to protect an egg when dropped by a Cub standing on a table. The floor was duly covered in black plastic bags, and cardboard, paper, sellotape and eggs were dished out. Cardboard prototypes were made and tested ready for the final judging. After a lot of excitement, noise and scrambled eggs everywhere a Six was proclaimed the winner. What a mess! But a lot of fun and the Cubs worked together well sharing ideas and trying them out. It is a good way to start a new year with lots of fun and the cubs all getting to know each other better.

We then started work on the Global Challenge Badge doing projects on recycling and the environment.



An evening at Rowlands Castle saw the Cubs bivouac building in the woods. This is a popular activity amongst the Jupiter Cubs and they have a great time building shelters and playing in the woods.....we do try to send them home cleanhonest!



We continued with the Cyclist Badge on the Seafront, and then did a Havant to Hayling Billy Track walk for our Hikes Badge. Jupiter Cubs are lucky to have some young adults helping out. These Young Leaders are Scouts and Explorer Scouts working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Gold Scouts Award. They have to plan some of the Cub meetings and participate in some of our term activity planning nights. Kai, Josh, Megan and Lydia showed lots of enthusiasm and organised a compass challenge evening, some games nights, wide games on The Billy Track, and a challenge night. We all had fun doing 'Round the World' cookery towards the Global Challenge, cooking 4 different recipes from 4 different countries - Spanish Sangria (non alcoholic!), French Toast Sticks with syrup, Banana-Que Bites from the Philippines, and Australian Fairy Bread.



In June we all met at Thorny Island for the Hayling Scout Fun Day. What a great day we had! The Cubs did all sorts of activities including assault courses, mountain biking, and crabbing..... Lucas will especially remember the Crabbing as he decided to forgo the bait and line and investigated the crabs in their natural environment up close!..... My sincere apologies here for being stuck on a boat and not standing on the jetty with my camera poised!



Jupiter's summer continued with the Cubs continuing to work hard at their badges and they also found time to do water rockets, beech combing, crabbing, and fire lighting on the shore along the Billy Track.



To finish the Global Challenge the Cubs made cakes and had a cake sale making £60. This money was to be donated towards a world charity of their choice. The Cubs learnt about 4 different ones and then chose their favourite which was the World Wildlife Fund. They decided to sponsor a Snow Leopard and join the Go Wild Club. 'Snowy' named by the Cubs came to join Jupiter Pack and he goes home with a Cub after each evening.

During the autumn term we did work on the Map Readers Badge and The Entertainers Badge. The Cubs are very talented with their singing and music making, and in their Sixes they also had to create a modern dance which we all watched with lots of applause and feet stamping! We played wide games down the Gun Emplacement, and had an outdoor cookery night cleaning trout, making bread and trying not to burn our apple & blackberry crumbles.....the Cubs all said it tasted wonderful!



Jupiter Pack Sixers and Seconders teamed up with Mars Pack for a sleepover. This included a day trip out at Staunton Park travelling there on the bus. We had great fun looking at the animals, doing a Halloween treasure hunt and listening to a spooky story.....



Back at the hut, they made dens to sleep in, played games and watched a film.

The Cubs have to try some new sports for their Fitness Challenge Badge so Jacko kindly came and did some Archery with them. We had a trip to Pets At Home for the Animal Carers Badge, went on a treasure hunt in the dark and completed the Air Activities Badge.

We finished the year with The Chefs badge, The Communicators Badge, cooking and craft for Chinese New Year and pancake racing over an assault course. In between all this we managed to play lots of games, make lots of noise, and generally have a lot of scouting fun!

The Cubs have to do 6 Challenge Badges and a personal challenge to achieve the Cub Scout Silver Award. Jupiter pack awarded 7 Silver Awards during this scouting year so very well done to those Cubs!

Jupiter Pack is run by a team of very inspired Leaders. Andrea and I would like to thank Karen, Becky, and Simon for all their hard work over the year; we couldn't do it without you! We also want to thank Young Leaders Kai, Josh, Megan and Lydia for all their help too.

Our Cub parents are great so a big thanks to them for all their support.

Andrea and Sylvi.

Mars Cub Pack



We have had another exceptional year in Cubbing. We have had lots of fun doing all sorts over the year. 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 had lots of fun camping at Rowlands Castle in tents and enjoyed fire lighting, whittling and backwards cooking of eggs in an orange and dough sticks. We also hiked around Rowlands Castle and enjoyed a good camp fire with camp fire songs. At that camp 13 cubs achieved their Outdoor Challenge which involved lots of willingness and perseverance to accomplish something to be proud of.

I always say to my Cubs that trying something new is as important as turning up every week. In the Autumn term we tried mexican food at international night and this included wearing moustaches and making ponchos. JOTI/JOTA was again an amazing activity for Cubs last year. They not only talked to other scouts/cubs across the world they also managed to make dough sticks and eat them, play Frisbee golf and practice their branding! I think this was an excellent activity run by Jamie and Tom - thank you.

The 2013 Fun day awesome and I certainly had a good time - even though it was slightly blustery! The cubs enjoyed BMXing, crabbing, the assault course and making model aeroplanes. The army vehicles that visited were interesting and the large gun firing was even more amazing and deafened us all for a while!



This year we have had 2 sleepovers one in October and February at HQ. The first one we had a movie night and chilled out watching movies and eating popcorn. We also had a competition - which cub wore the best onziel!!! Our next one covered entertainer badge and we invited Silly Scott to our evening and he showed the cubs how to do some magic tricks, which they performed to the pack - they were really good, well done cubs.

We have also been: walking on the Billy Trail, swimming, fire lighting, RSPB activities, assault courses, air rifle shooting, visiting the farm, wide games, barbequing, visiting a synagogue, church cleaning, baking for charity and a disco.

We have said good bye to Ruben and Oliver who have moved up to Scouts and congratulate them on completing their Chief Scout Silver award - well done!

I have also awarded this year, 8 creative challenges, 1 cyclist, 21 promise challenges, 5 swimmers stage 1, 15 fitness challenges, 7 global challenges, 12 outdoor challenges, 12 nights

away, 11 hikes away 1, 11 nights away, 1 physical recreation, 13 my faith, 1 hobbies, 3 martial arts, 8 entertainers and 2 sports enthusiast. Phew! What an achievement well done cubs.

Without the help of Michele, Jacko and Edward Mill our young leader since the autumn term and Bailey Mccallum for his help and support 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, Hayling Climbing Wall, Wez Smith and Jan Atkinson from RSPB, Jamie Mccallum for the use of his pool, Jake, Dave and Diane Stanway.

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 a another year of fire lighting, camping and cooking!!

Akela Mars Pack Leader
Jan Allgood

Saturn Cub Pack

This year has been filled with countless activities and challenges.



To start the year off we visited B & Q, where we were hosted by the staff for an evening of woodworking.

Each cub made and took home a fabulous bird box.

What a brilliant evening.

Shortly after we had a visit from RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds), where the boys had a great time learning how to care for the birds as well as making shelters, earning their DIY badge.

During the summer term we spent a lot of our time outside, doing activities such as fire lighting, crabbing, treasure hunts and getting fit with the athlete's badge. To earn their cyclist badge the Cubs learnt how to look after and maintain their bikes, followed by a cycle ride down the Billy Track. All of these activities contributed to the Cubs gaining their Fitness badge. With our new fit and healthy lifestyles the Cubs took part in the District Football Competition and came an impressive runner up, despite battling the weather conditions. I'm sure we will be seeing some of our boys in World Cups to come!!

With the sun still making an appearance (kind of!) the boys also took part in a Funday at Thorney Island, which was enjoyed by Cubs and leaders. The sixers also took part in a District Day full of challenges and new adventures.

With Christmas fast approaching, the Cubs had fun cooking sausage rolls and mince pies with Angie Driscoll and Jane Wallis. They gave them the task of baking something at home, with the chance of winning a cookery book to show off their new skills, resulting in the Cubs gaining their Chef's badge.



To get us into the Christmas spirit we took a trip with Father Christmas and the Lions Club to raise some money and spread some Christmas cheer. We rounded off this term with a Christmas party where in true Cub style they stuffed their faces with chips and sausages. In the new term the boys tried exciting activities such as yoga (thanks Liz McCue), making and playing musical instruments and becoming the perfect salesmen with a Bring and Buy, raising over £100 for Syria.

During the last year we have had two pack sleepovers one with an 'I'm a Celebrity' theme where they had to complete challenges such as eating unusual foods (don't worry, no bugs were harmed in the making of this). The second sleepover saw the boys and leaders attend in animal onesies, to show respect to The Jungle Book and where it all began! Despite already being dressed for bed the Cubs thoroughly enjoyed the sleepovers despite the lack of sleep!

Throughout the year many of our older Cubs worked towards achieving the top Cub award. To do this they had to complete numerous tasks in and out of their comfort zone. We are delighted to say that the following Cubs all achieved this prestigious award; Ryan Cooper, Jason Hughes, Dylan Price, Sunnie Morrison, Luke Bailey- Well done boys!!

The leadership team are always grateful for the hard work the Young Leaders contribute to the evening. This year we welcomed Alex Kinsella and Harry Hick who's enthusiasm and potential were much appreciated. Their continued hard work paid off, as they both achieved their Young Leaders Belt- Congratulations! However, we had to say a sad farewell to Alex as he moved to Australia where we wish him all the best. All was not lost as we have welcomed Karl Ward to the Pack, where he is already showing what a great leader he can be.

The biggest change in our leadership team this year, is of course Mandy leaving us after many wonderful years. She will be greatly missed but the new leadership team; Stef, Shawn, Becky and the young leaders, will try our best to fill her shoes and use all that she has taught us to hopefully continue to make Saturn Pack a success.

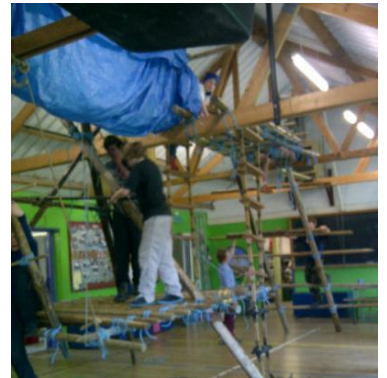
Finally we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and Cubs for their continuing support and participation; after all there wouldn't be a Cub Pack without you! Let's make this year just as good as the last.

Steph, Becky and Shawn
Saturn Pack

Eagle Scout Troop

Last years' camping season threw a few challenges our way. The first was the weather. Our Troop weekend camp was due to be at Rob Bond's field, however this had been turned into a lake with all the rain. At last minute we relocated the camp to the Scout hut. We pitched hike tents indoors and went about making the hut look like a camp. The best part of the weekend was creating an "Ewok village" in the rafters out of pioneering poles.

The Fun Day went the other way and was a scorcher! We had a great time exploring Thorney Island, joining in with a variety of activities from BMXing to Crabbing.



Seagull patrol represented us at Gunnel. 3 of the patrol were part of the team that went to the county competition (Emlyn), the September before, so we unlocked the stores and let them get on with it. They demonstrated their camping skills, pioneering, cooking and team work and came first! Emlyn would be seeing Eagle troop again. Well done Dom, Jack, Callum and Warren!

The rest of the Summer term was used sharpening our skills for Summer camp. A great success was an evening of wide game training, followed by a massive 4 troop wide game the following week. This has since become a termly event with all 3 Hayling Troops, Rowlands Castle and occasionally the Hayling Guides attending.

Summer camp last year was in Torbay, a campsite that we had never been to before. The site itself wasn't that big, consisting of a couple of fields and some good facilities. The best bit was the site had a path that ran down a wooded cliff and came out at a cove with its own beach. The sea was freezing and the stones were sharp, but it saved having a wash! The camp got under way with the patrols setting up good sites, pioneering gateways and cooking excellent meals. We also found a large unused dirt bike track that made the perfect wide game terrain.

Unfortunately I cannot report first hand on the camp from Monday onwards as I had to depart suddenly. I got a call from Clare, my wife (7 and a half months pregnant at the time), saying she was having pains, it was probably nothing, not to worry and under no circumstance come back. I arranged for my cousin to go round and with that I went and joined the Scouts for a round of frisby golf. An hour later I got a phone call from my cousin saying the Clare had gone into labour and I needed to get back straight away. Half way into the journey I pulled into a service station and phoned to get an update.



Clare answered and said we were now the proud parents of a baby girl, Eve Beatrice Harrison! She was in intensive care due to being premature but is now doing amazingly. It won't be long before she will be donning a 3rd Hayling knecker.

Mitch, Paul, Dave and my Dad took the reins and ran the rest of the camp exceptionally. Highlights included caving, splash down and more wide games! The rumours that it was better without me are completely untrue. A massive thanks to them all. Also thanks to Jamie from Sharks for collecting the trailer that I abandoned.

Cooking was the highlight of the winter term. We spent one evening deep frying things. This included mars bars, Weetabix and cupcakes. Slightly more healthy was the last evening of term where we successfully cooked an entire Christmas dinner on open fires.

We attended Jota, a dryer experience than the year before. There was a large range of activities put on by Dreadnought and we built an awesome tower using every pioneering pole we own.

At Christmas we said good bye to Jack Kinsella (and ex Eagle Scout Alex Kinsella) who emigrated to Australia. Both were awesome Scouts. Hayling's loss is Australia's gain.



For the Spring term we decided to let the troop plan the entire programme. They wanted some of the classic Scout evenings and some that err weren't. These included, Philip and Matt's crazy cooking combo evening, an evening of record breaking and an evening when we tried to make videos to earn £250 from you've been framed. I think the best evening was the "manly construction evening (bring a hammer)". In two hours every Scout and Leader constructed a bird box. At one point the sound of 20 hammers was deafening.

Which brings us to the Summer term. We have already pioneered obstacles, been kayaking in Gosport and completed speed tent pitching. Group camp is coming up and looks like it might be the best yet, then there is our title to defend at Gunnel. The main event is Summer camp, Eagle troop's return to the Normandy beaches in France. We are doing a similar route to 5 years ago, except this time we are taking Chippenham Scout troop as well. My wife has promised not to have any babies this Summer.

It is fair to say that this year I have been tired and generally useless. Luckily I have a team of leaders who have worked even harder to account for this. They have ensured that Eagle troop goes from strength to strength. My thanks to all the leaders and to the enthusiastic, slightly mad, Eagle troop Scouts for an amazing year.

Edd

Lion Scout Troop

It's been a year already? How time flies when you are having fun.

Scouting for the Leaders of Lion Troop is about making the most of the outdoors and offering as many different activities as we can. This past year has been no different.

During the year many badges were gained by the troop, with Aza Howell being presented with her Chief Scout's Gold Award, the highest of the Scout section. Well done Aza.



We took part in an amazing "Fun Day" on the Army base at Thorney Island, with the Scouts having the opportunity for Cyclo Cross, an Assault Course, boat trips, crabbing plus some more traditional activities involving food, cooking, water, ropes and poles.

One highlight was the display of old army vehicles many of which had taken part in Operation Overlord in 1944.

Two weeks later the troop joined others from the Havant area to take part in the District Camping competition. We may not have won, but the Scouts did the troop and themselves proud.

Summer camp this year we went to the lovely campsite Braggers wood in Christchurch where the scouts enjoyed a wide variety of activities and games. If you were to ask Ben what he enjoyed the most it would undoubtedly be his Birthday where we went swimming at splashdown, enjoyed Pizzas at Pizza hut and then topped of the night with a film in the marquee (So much for no electronics on camp).

One of the evenings we were enjoying a nice little campfire by ourselves where we managed to get into a singing war between a campsite in the next field so in scouting tradition we took our mugs and joined them for hot chocolate and more campfire songs.

Scouts also built and slept in Bivis, spent the last night hammocks and in Line Troop tradition we cleaned the fire circle for our site service.



At J.O.T.A Camp this year we camped in the company of both Shark and Eagle Troop along with Bedhampton scouts in Northney. On the camp the scouts talked to other scouts as far as the Azores over the high frequency amateur radio and all over the world on the monitored internet chat room. Other activities on the camp comprised of wood branding (In the marquee so very popular when it started raining), cooking on fires, geo-caching, outdoor pioneering projects, frisbee golf, aerial runway and Kayaking which got reasonably muddy as the tide went out.

We meet on Friday evening at 19:00 until 21:00, we try and vary our evening activities as much as possible this year we have Indoor Pioneering, Wide games, Evening's run by our young leaders, Nathan Bond and Ben Day, Map and Compass, Team skills, "Cooking on gas", Trading post, Duplo, Skittles, Christmas Party, Hammock setting up, Fire lighting with batteries and flint strikers, basic wood qualities, nijer and hike tent pitching, site layout, shelter building, Basic cooker and appliance setup and use.

What next?

We look forward to a summer camp on Brownsea Island, Dorset in the summer holidays. This home of the first experimental camp in 1907 run by Lord Robert Baden Powell, several badge opportunities will be available for the troop, with Troop camps, hiking trips and hammock camping on the plans of events. We plan to run several camps for the scouts to use the basic scouting skills we have been doing in the HQ recently.

Jamie Bray and Tom Lincoln

Scout Leaders, Lion Troop

Shark Scout Troop

Hovercrafts were first on the agenda for 2014 fashioned from plywood, pond liner and a leaf blower. Having used several rolls of gaffer tape to patch all the holes, we eventually constructed a craft with enough lift to hold one small Scout off the floor for long enough to be pulled across the car park on a rope.

Falcon Patrol; winners of our tri-annual best patrol competition, were rewarded with a trip to the Pyramids swimming pool in February. The word 'reward' was somewhat forgotten when we found out that the pool had reopened that day following a week's closure due to Legionnaires Disease! Falcon Patrol bravely took it on none the less, despite the showers being closed and the air temperature on par with that on the promenade outside. Chips were "warmly" received when we'd eventually finished racing the Cooper family down the Green and Blue slides!



Craig Cooper was one of only two scouts nominated from 3rd Hayling to apply for the 2016 World Scout Jamboree in Japan. It was with great disappointment that Craig didn't make it through the selection camp held at Ferny Crofts last year, but whilst very disheartened he retained pride in what he had achieved with true scouting spirit gracefully accepting an alternative international experience in Iceland in 2015. Craig has been working extremely hard to raise sufficient funds to pay for the trip with weekly cleaning duties at the scout HQ and selling handmade 'Paracord Bracelets' in his Father's shop.

Summer Camp in May was definitely an "educational" experience. It's a fact that a cow can climb upstairs but not down, and that the UK consumes more baked beans than the rest of the world combined. These are just some of the amazing facts we discovered whilst playing card games one evening, but the most baffling of them all came from Hannah who told us that Papa New Guinea is an Island off the coast of Ireland. She also claimed to have personally peeled 300 potato's for our stew, which is somewhat surprising with a broken peeler.

When I suggested the idea of a table tennis tournament, little did I anticipate the enthusiasm and creativity from Matt and Chris who, in record time, constructed a half sized ping pong table from carefully balanced wooden pallets. Needless to say it was definitely more challenging than



the conventional version, particularly the patches of rot, the rebounding net and the downhill slope. Whilst I don't think the Olympic committee will be changing suppliers any time soon, it defiantly was well used by the Scouts over the course of the week to enable break all the balls.

Supplementing the ping pong were a whole host of other activities including high ropes, pioneering, circus skills,

Frisbee golf and not forgetting the adventure course for which Ruben has built an impressive reputation.

Part of the course involves 6 car tyres half embedded in the ground for walking across, which due to the recent rain were semi submerged under water. Of course the challenge to see who would go under the tyres instead of over them was set, preceded with a lot of excuses. Ruben unfazed by the colour of the water, the smell, or the tadpoles removed his shirt and dived under the tyres in quick succession as if he was on SAS selection.

Being in the heart of the New Forest we took the opportunity to get out and about on two wheels with a treasure trail around Beaulieu followed by some geocaching in the forest later that week. Charlotte provided the wet wipes for mud removal, Matt the punchers and Jamie was on hand with bike maintenance to keep us on the road. I'd like to say I was of help but after forgetting my lunch, breaking my chain, and rubbing off sections of the map I think I've lost my touch.



What a fantastic year it has been for developments in the leadership team. Matthew Welsh; a former scout with Shark Troop has finally given in to temptation and returned to the section as a young leader after volunteering with Aspen Beavers. Not only has he brought enthusiasm and skills to the section but it's a pleasure to work with him again having matured into a very capable young man. His scout leader must have done something right!

Adam Saunders has also made progress in the section by commencing an Assistant Scout Leader appointment this year. Well done Adam, you really can't escape now.

Shark Troop has been truly incredible over the last year, developing into what I believe is a great section that I'm personally really proud to be a part of. My sincere thanks must go to my leadership team who without their continued support on a weekly basis wouldn't be as successful as it is today. Jamie, Libby, Chris, Adam and Matthew, I Thank You.

Jordan

Nexus Explorer Unit

What an amazing year we've had. Following on from our group fun day on Thorny Island with the Army putting on some challenges for us obstacle course, sailing, BMX bikes, and more.

The highlight of the year was our four yearly two week expedition to the International Scout Camp at Kandersteg in Switzerland. Twenty one Explorers & leaders made the 700 mile journey and during their stay, camping 5000ft, they experienced blazing sunshine, hailstones the size of grapes and torrential rain that had us digging drainage trenches around our tent at 10 o'clock at night.

We also had good times white water rafting, ice climbing, paragliding, swimming in glacier lakes, Wood fired Sauna mountain biking, star gazing, dawn hike to see the sun rise over the mountains. Over night hike higher up the mountains to sleep in the mountain huts up in the snow during the Summer pretty amazing experience. The campsite can cater for about 1200 scouts camping from all over the world we met Scouts



from Spain, Germany, Japan, Wales, London, Italy, Denmark, Finland to name a few. We had good fun chatting & playing games with these scouts and exchanging neckerchiefs.

The trip took lots of organising & fundraising starting 18 months before we did all sorts Helping out at Mill rythe holiday village with a skittles weekend, Crock smash stall, Helping out at charity BBQ,s car park marshalling Duck racing and more it was hard work but well worth the effort.

Since we Returned from Switzerland we have been camping & evenings on the beach fishing and crabbing at Langstone and the usual cooking on open fires, treasure hunts, foreign cooking, pioneering, casino evenings, wide games, sleep overs, pancake cooking and the other usual scout evening activities,



We were off camping in January this year to Gillwell park Scouting head office when we arrived the fields I mean mud bogs were very looking like something from a festival site full of tents and stranded vehicles still we were ok going properly equipped straight on trailer as well unloaded and pitched camp on the only green piece of field left and at the top of a small hill nice & dry.

We awoke bright and early on Saturday morning to a bright sunny day to let us enjoy a action packed

day of activites with just a quick stop for lunch.

The activites carried on till late evening & Sunday was great too with another dry day we managed to get all the tents down and packed minutes before the rain came.

Explorer Scouting is very much led by the youth members of the Unit and each week the programme is devised and run by the Explorers themselves. Not only does this mean that to a large extent they do what they want to but it also gives them a great insight into what it means to organise and manage activities for young people.

We are lucky at this time to have an amazing bunch of young people who all seem to be friends outside of Scouting and this makes life a lot easier for the Leaders. However the help and guidance offered by Abi (until she left us for her world tour), Terry (who concentrates on the award scheme) and recently Leigh (who does just about anything!) really makes a difference to the lives of these young people.

Thanks to all of you.

James

P.S. We are now in the process of building a Viking boat for our group birthday camp in June celebrating 85 years of Hayling scout group.

Young Leader Report

We have been offering Young Leader training in the group for about 3 years. It has seen some truly remarkable young Scouts taking on the challenge.

This is a big commitment, as it requires attendance at weekly meetings at one of the sections in addition to monthly training sessions at the Scout HQ to do the modules. There are 12 modules. These consist of planning three indoor and three outdoor activities.

Taking part in three planning sessions as well as taking responsibilities for a particular aspect of the section running- this might be running the tuck shop, ensuring cleaning of floor after the meeting and many others that the section leaders think appropriate to help manage the section.

The monthly meetings are about an hour and half long where we cover leadership skills and styles, programme planning, how and why we have games, child protection, communicating appropriate to the age group and how to manage challenging behaviour as well as a full first aid course. As you will see a very comprehensive training that adequately makes sure the young leaders have the correct skills to be part of the leadership team. We hope this makes it an easy step to becoming a full leader when they are eighteen and we are lucky enough to see many of our young leaders doing just that.



It is always a great pleasure to present them with their Young Leader Belts. We presented them to Alex Kinsella, Harry Hicks, Kai Carter and Josh Day. Kai and Harry are still working with their sections and Josh Day has taken up Scouting in Chichester where he has moved for his university course- our loss is their gain. Alex has emigrated

but we hope it will stand him in good stead in his new life.

It is always a good thing to have Young Leaders in the sections as it hopefully inspires our younger members to follow in their footsteps; as well as their young legs being able to play the games with lots of energy that some of us are beginning to loose or happy to abdicate!

There are six more young people undertaking the training at this time.

I am very grateful to all the section leaders who give their time to bringing on these young leaders. The weekly work that is done is the most important as this is where we see the young people develop their skills and their enthusiasm. Thank you all.

Mandy

Fund Raising Report

Our Scout Group has always aimed to keep subscriptions as low as possible so that every child has the opportunity to join 3rd Hayling Scout Group without financial concerns dominating that decision. This policy has been even more important over recent years with many families feeling the squeeze on costs and income from the government's austerity measures.

In this context, fundraising and financial support from various sources plays a vital role and I am pleased to report that we have had another good year, thanks to the invaluable help from helpers, parents and local organisations.

One important component in our approach to fundraising has been to offer some form of service or material benefits to those who part with their cash in support of our cause. The Christmas Card Delivery Service very much reflects this 'Service to the Community' and continues to be well supported and appreciated by the local community. This year we delivered over 5500 cards, which raised £1000, thanks to the efforts of many parents and their children, as well as our 'postmaster' Ian Hawke.



The Annual Quiz Night, which has its own unique format, proved to be very popular again, aided by our perennial quizmaster Billy Ault and adjudicators Ann and Eddie Ault - and not forgetting the rustic Scout food at the interval provided by Mandy, Fiona and Jo and her team. The quiz, won by the 'Mad Hatters', raised a total of £570. In addition, a raffle was organised by two Scouts, Dominic Allgood and Craig Cooper, who have been invited to represent Hampshire on two International expeditions in Japan and Iceland respectively. The Scouts must raise their own money for these expeditions which also involves a period of Service to the local communities. They raised £270 from the raffle for their fundraising campaign.



Our Book Sales, held twice a year at the URC Hall, have again provided an important source of income and the profit from the June and November sales was £391 and £460 respectively. In addition, we offer local book sellers a preview of our books by special invitation and they provided an additional and somewhat exceptional total of £1510, thanks mainly to a one-off spend by Albert Road Book Shop of over £1000 which will not be repeated.

We were aware of increasing costs, especially van hire, and the substantial effort needed to move 8000 books to and from the URC Halls. So in February we experimented with a 4-day book sale in the Scouts HQ. I have to confess to being highly sceptical of the chances of financial success - even as the instigator of this new approach. How wrong I was proved to be. We more than doubled our profit to £1200 and the effort was substantially reduced.

Most importantly, the sale brought buyers into the HQ where they could appreciate the resources and activities of the Scout Group. At the same time, the atmosphere during the book sale was delightful - quiet (almost like a library), never crowded and opportunity for helpers to talk to and assist buyers, aided by refreshments. As a result of this successful experiment, we will now hold future book sales in the HQ and increase the frequency to three per year at each half term. We now project an annual income of £3500 to £4000.

I must thank Jill Adams of the URC for all her support over the years in supporting our book sales and providing the maximum availability of hall time on Fridays for setting up the books. It would not have been possible to hold the sales without this support.



In May, we organised a duck race in which 1000 sponsored ducks were released into the Hermitage Stream in Havant with a prize of an e-reader for first past the line - as well as a consolation prize for the sponsor of the poor lonely duck finishing last! Much fun was enjoyed by those attending and the event raised £700. The event was organised by our Explorer Section to raise funds for their expedition to Switzerland.

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, Northney Farm Open day etc. We do not expect financial reward for this community programme but are always grateful where donations are made in appreciation of our help.

Philip Blossie

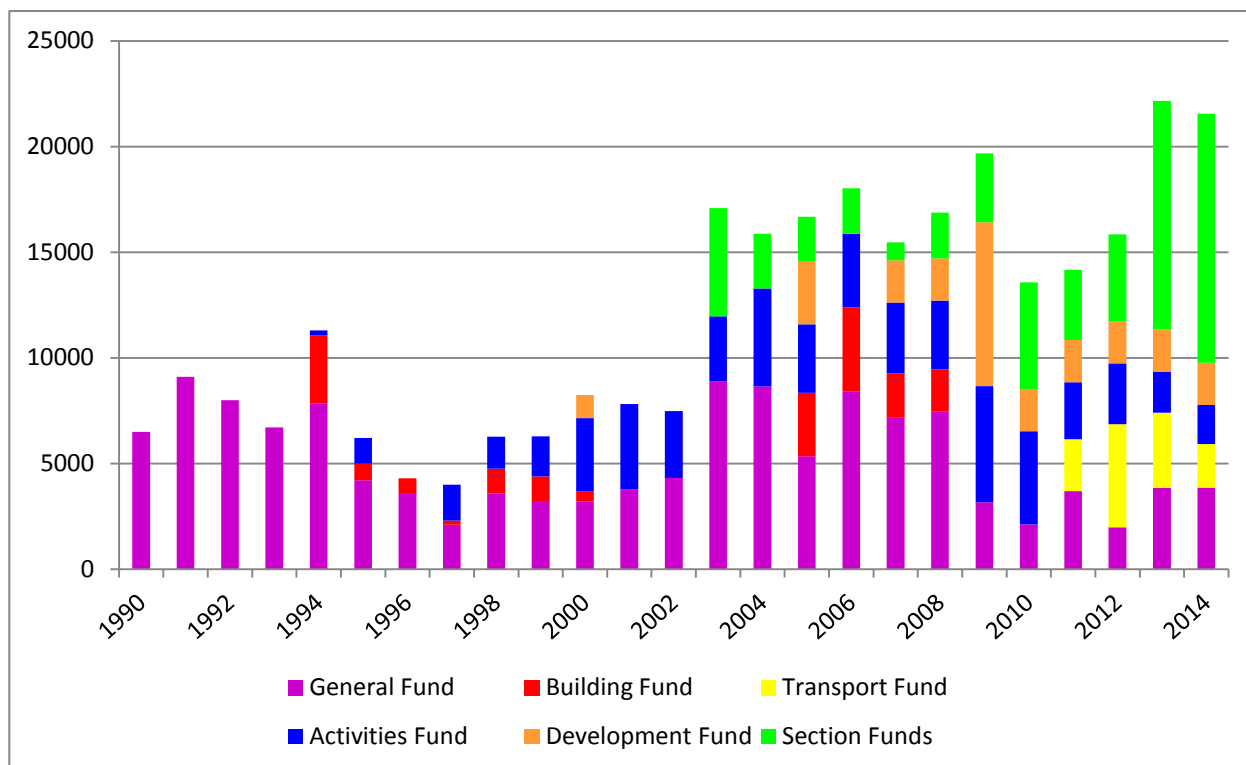
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 <p>Julian Dyer Home Improvements</p> <p>Julian Dyer Home Improvements</p>	 <p>Hayling Island Bookshop</p>	<p>Simon Rigden</p> <p><i>Mobile Mechanic</i></p>	 <p>Bishop's Printers Elm Grove</p> <p>Hayling Flower Club</p>
 <p>Hampshire County Council</p> <p><i>Frank Pearce</i></p>	<p><i>Richard Card</i></p>	<p><i>Robert Bond</i></p>	<p><i>Stanley's Butchers</i> West Town</p> <p>The Langstone Hotel</p>

Statement of Funds

at 31st March 2014



Notes:

- The Section Fund includes a sum of over £2000 that has been accumulated towards camps and expeditions taking place later in 2014 and also £860 towards the World Scout Jamboree and Iceland Expedition taking place in 2015.