



*3rd Hayling Group*  
*Annual Report*  
*2014 - 2015*





# Colin Vaughan 1932 - 2014



Colin was involved with Scouting on Hayling Island for over 70 Years as a Cub, Scout, Senior Scout and Rover Scout. He was one of a unique few who completed the requirements of the "King's Scout Award" but was presented with the "Queen's Scout Award" due to the change of Monarch in 1952.

Colin was an active Leader from the age of 20 as a Scout Leader and Group Scout Leader until he stood down in 1991. He retained strong links to Scouting as a member of the District Fellowship, as a Vice President of Havant Scouting but always maintained an active interest in Hayling Scouts, attending meetings and events whenever he could.

In 1989 at our 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday camp (centre above) Colin was awarded with the Silver Wolf, the personal gift of the Chief Scout and the highest award that can be received by an adult in Scouting.

He was recently presented with his 60 year Adult Service Award, during which time he made a positive contribution to the lives of thousands of young people.

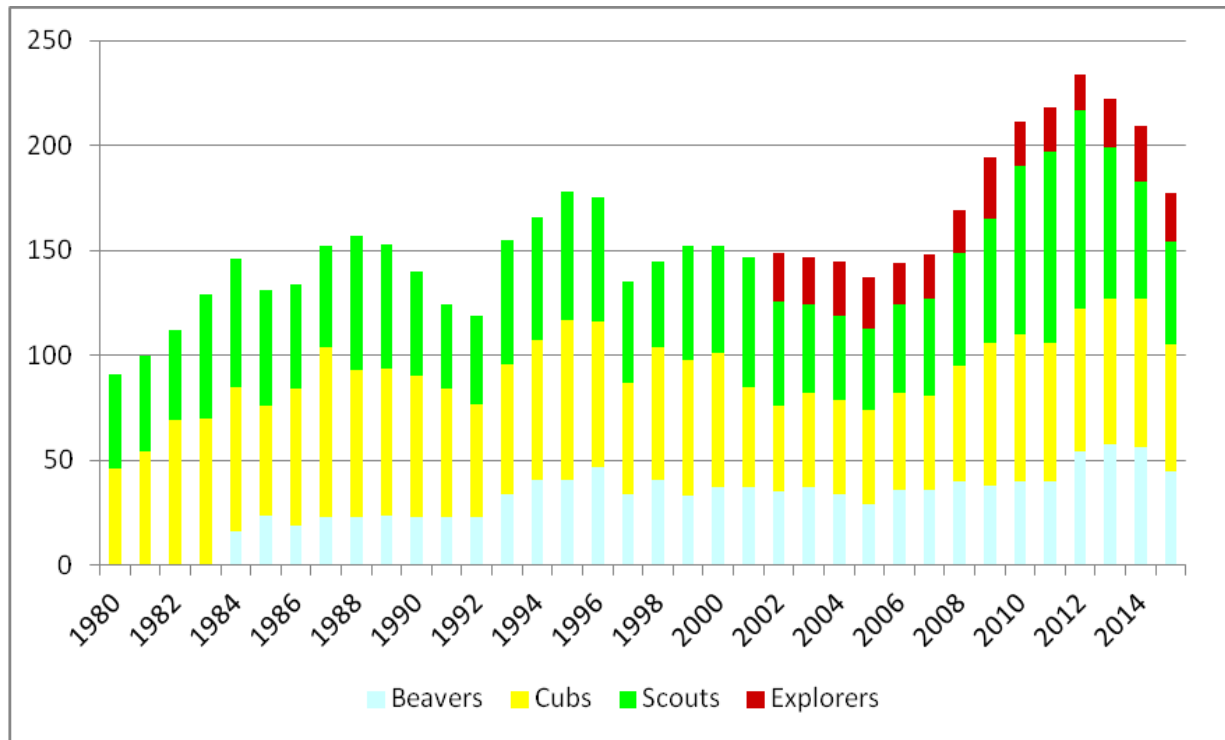
It was a real privilege for me to have been involved with Colin in Scouting on Hayling.

Ian Hawke

All of us involved with 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Scouts are very appreciative that Gillian and Dominic Vaughan chose to make the Group a beneficiary for donations in memory of Colin. These donations are to be used to renew our Marquee Roof sections that will benefit existing and future members of the Group for many years to come.

# Youth Membership

at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015



# Roll of Honour 2014 / 2015

## Beavers - Chief Scout's Bronze Award

Ptolemy Allgood	Redwood	Arthur Hookway	Aspen
Tegan Barrett	Redwood	Charlie Milton	Redwood
Harvey Davis	Redwood	Kyle Rainbird	Redwood
Callum Easom-Taylor	Aspen	Enzo Richardson	Redwood
Jack Hammond	Aspen		



## Cubs - Chief Scout's Silver Award

Dylan Baker	Mars	Alex Graham	Jupiter
George Boxhall	Mars	Tom Jenner	Mars
Finlay Buchanan	Jupiter	Sandea Jones	Jupiter
Kian Burns	Jupiter	Ethan Lewis	Saturn
Eric Cassin	Saturn	Ashley Maccallum	Mars
Mckenzie Checksfield	Jupiter	Harrison Mears	Jupiter
Joel Claxton	Saturn	Van Page	Mars
Peter Clostermann	Jupiter	Ella Robinson	Mars
Noah Cruickshank	Jupiter	Jack Trowbridge	Mars
Isabelle Day	Jupiter	Joshua Tyler	Saturn
Libby Day	Jupiter	Ellis Wheeler	Saturn
Joseph Duckworth	Jupiter		



## Scouts - Chief Scout's Gold Award

Hannah Kirby	Sharks	Matthew Pickles	Eagles
James Lambert	Sharks	Charlotte Saunders	Sharks
Adam Opie	Eagles		



## Nexus Explorer Scout Unit

### Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Kaj Carter  
Harry Hick  
Alex Kinsella  
Karl Ward



Victoria Edwards



## Nexus Explorer Scout Unit / Young Leader Unit – Young Leader Award

Ben Day	Will Kenny
Bethan Day	Matthew King
Nathan Bond	Edward Mill
Megan Hick	Karl Ward



## Leader / Adult Awards

### Training – Wood Badge

Michelle Lynch



### Award of Merit

James Perfett



### Bar to Silver Acorn

Mandy Hawke  
Dr Philip Blosse



# Group Development Committee 2014-15

**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**

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**

Sarah Bailey (p)

### **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 2014-2015

## Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary  
Gift Aid Coordinator

Karen Wells  
Kim Lovegrove

## HQ Team

HQ Coordinator  
HQ Support  
HQ Projects  
Caretaker  
HQ Cleaning  
Grounds  
Lettings Coordinator

Pete Rowson  
Alan Perfett  
Andrew Harrison  
  
Explorers  
James Perfett / Richard Card  
Ian Hawke

## Leader Support Team

Badge Secretary  
Secondhand Uniform  
Duke of Edinburgh's Award Coordinator

Nigel Kenny  
  
Terry Brinnen

## Promotions & Events

Book Sales  
Quiz  
Promotions

Philip Blosse  
Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault  
Position Vacant

## Leader Support Service Team

Activities Support Team  
Drivers Support Team  
Transport Manager  
QM Support

10 Names  
Robert Bond  
Clive Allgood  
Alan Scutt

## Leader Support Skills Team

Archery Team  
Air Rifle Team  
Walls & Towers

Paul Jackson, Jamie Bray, Wolf Clostermann  
Jamie Bray, Tom Lincoln, Aaron Pycroft  
Paul Jackson, Tom Lincoln, Jordan Reed

# Group Support 2014-2015

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
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
Identity Hairdressing	Stoke Fruit Farm
Country Foods	Red Cross Centre
Sandy Point Stores	

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

The Scout Group certainly took the opportunity in 2014 to celebrate enthusiastically 85 years of Scouting on Hayling, with the highlight being the Group Family Camp in June. Camping has always been, and I am sure will continue to be, one of the features attracting young people to Scouting, with simple activities such as cooking their own food over an open fire - and then eating the burnt offering, even though they probably wouldn't even touch it at home! But when parents and family join the camp, it takes on an extra special significance. The true fun and enjoyment of camping becomes evident to the whole family and for some parents who have not been involved in Scouting in their younger years, it can be quite a revelation - in a very positive light. It also gives parents the chance to behave, quite unashamedly, like children! But you don't have to wait until the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations to enjoy the fun because, as you can see from this Annual Report, there are so many fascinating activities taking place every week in the various Scouts Sections.

The birthday celebrations didn't stop us continuing to improve the facilities for our Leaders so that they can carry out their very important role. My Group Development Team (GDT for short) consider both short term and longer term needs. We have completed most of the improvements to the storage facilities and have started redecorating the internal areas to give them a fresh look. Some of the camping equipment has been replaced or supplemented, and we now have a fleet of four trailers to provide the vital transport facility for camps and other activities. We even had a 'decluttering weekend' when we discovered that many items had been kept in store, thinking that they might be useful at some time in the future, but had never seen the light of day for many years. So it was time for a good clear out, which also had the benefit of making valuable space for actively used items.

The new Day Hall has made it possible this year to move the secondhand book sale from the URC Halls to the Scouts HQ. The sales take place during every school half term week when the Sections do not meet. This move not only reduced costs and effort but also allowed us to hold the sales over four days instead of just a Saturday morning and the end result was a doubling of our profit. Additionally, when the public come to the HQ, they see our facilities and get a better understanding of what Scouting today on Hayling is all about.

One sad piece of news this year was the death of Colin Vaughan who had been involved with Scouting on Hayling Island for over 70 years as a Cub, Scout, Senior Scout, Rover Scout and then a Scout Leader. He was one of only a few Scouts who completed the requirements of the "King's Scout Award" just before the death of King George VI in 1952, but was actually presented with the "Queen's Scout Award" on the accession of our present Queen. Colin was an active Scout Leader from the age of 20 and later became Group Scout Leader until he stood down in 1991. He retained strong links to Scouting as a member of the District Fellowship and Vice President of Havant Scouting yet, even after retirement, maintained an active interest in Hayling Scouts, attending meetings and events whenever he could. I felt privileged to be asked by his wife Gillian to deliver the eulogy to

Colin at his funeral. He set a very high standard of Scouting on Hayling and we will continue to maintain this standard, as reflected in the activities and achievements presented in this Annual Report.

Although the Annual Report is primarily intended to show historically what has been achieved over the last twelve months, we also like to give some insight into future plans for the Scout Group over the next three to five years. With that in mind, we are currently planning a major refurbishment of the kitchen which will be of great benefit to the Leaders and I am sure there will be other important changes in the next five years. What should always be retained, however, are the basic values of Scouting that for more than 100 years have helped in the development of our young people to give them a good start in life.

My thanks to so many people who have contributed to another successful year and we look forward with enthusiasm and optimism to the future of Scouting on Hayling.

Dr Philip Blosse  
Chairman

# Group Scout Leader's Review

"Its so we can run around like teenagers and get away with it". This is the phrase I and others will use when responding to the question, "why do you do this Scouting thing?".



The proof was clearly demonstrated last June when we descended on the Lyons Copse camp site near Shedfield for our 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Camp. Even the parents camping with us, realised that they could safely take part and no-one would else would care!!

It is also amazing how you can capture the imagination of all people, young and old. The truth is that the activities are very similar each time, but the story line can create some amazing ideas to change the theme. This time, the Vikings had all of the Explorers building their Viking ship (see front cover), deciding what dress code their ship required and then deciding how best to ensure everyone (including themselves) ended up soaking wet! And who ended up with the biggest grin - a Leader of course!



The hard work put in by the Leaders and support teams for these events is always rewarded by the feedback and also knowing that each young person taking part has had the opportunity to try something new. We always encourage everyone to take part and have a go, because normally once they have done it once, they realise that we are all "mad". And of course we always go home tired and happy - although this young Cub had not even left the field before he was asleep!!



These events, independent of how much fun and enthusiasm they generate are not in themselves the reason why 200 young people on Hayling Island turn up to Scouts each week. It is the efforts of the Leadership teams across the 10 sections that provide the programmes of fun, adventure and achievement that really count.

Hayling is very lucky in having such strong Leaders even though circumstances often mean that some will move away or have to take a break for other reasons. During the past 12 months we have said goodbye to Mick Balch, Stef Rosam, Sylvi Rigden and Jake Whistlecraft. Thank you to you all for your contribution to the success of our Group and remember if you ever get bored..... During the same period we have welcomed Sarah Bailey (Saturn Pack), Dan Easom-Taylor (Saturn Pack), Francine Shaw (Redwood Beavers), Kinnett Mears (Jupiter Pack) Leigh Hunter (Nexus Explorers), Karl Ward, who joined as a Cub and is now a Leader with Nexus Explorers and to Wolf Clostermann, who had never tried Archery before the Group Camp and now is on the way to becoming an Archery Instructor. Martin Tyler has also offered to help us with our senior Scouting and Duke of Edinburgh awards. Thank you all for coming forward and I hope your time with us will be both enjoyable and rewarding.

During the year:-

- Over 2000 nights were spent in camp (and sleepovers), on Hayling, at our Birthday camp at Lyons Copse and as far afield as the Normandy Beaches in France.
- 42 Top Awards were presented along with 1500+ badges
- 8 Young Leader Belts were awarded to recognise an amazing commitment for those aged 14 to 18, completing training in 11 areas plus helping at one of the younger sections for periods of over 18 months.

However our 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.

Every Leader and Helper deserves our fullest praise for the outstanding contribution they make to the lives of so many young people.

Each year the turnover of our Group seems to grow. In the year 2000, the income was £14,000 (plus £9000 from Camps and Expeditions), in 2009 it was £19,000 (plus £11,000) and this year £30,000 (plus £13,000).

The management of these sums requires a very professional approach from our Treasurer, a job made more complex with 10 sections to track (and I know that we do not always provide the correct information at the appropriate time!), as well as the overall financial management of the Group in terms of the building and equipment.

Mary does an outstanding job for us and never fails to amaze me with her knowledge of the detail and control she provides to keep us honest. The help she receives from Karen (subs coordination) and Kim (Gift Aid) is really appreciated and collectively these roles help ensure that the Group Development Team, under the Leadership of Phil Blosse are successful in one of their main aims - "To ensure the Leadership have the equipment and facilities they require to deliver fun Scouting. The aim, however simple to state is not so straight forward to deliver and covers a broad and diverse range of actions.

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.

It is often the small ideas that seem to make the largest impact:-

- Last year Phil Blosse decided to try using the HQ for our Book Sales to make savings on hall and van hire and to significantly reduce the effort in moving 8000+ books up and down the Island. What he had not considered was the considerable

increase in income, the simplicity introduced for sorting, the reduced need for people to help at the sale and that the visitors seemed to enjoy visiting the HQ and recognised that the sale was for the benefit of Scouts on Hayling.

- James Perfett for some time had been suggesting we introduce effective shelving in the container located to the rear of the HQ. Pete Goddard took control of this and not only did this mean that the equipment stored was much more accessible, but somehow he found additional space to store many of the tables and benches that previously occupied the stores.
- Linda Hunter who for some time has managed the craft equipment for the Group, proposed that we re-organise the Leaders Den, sorting out what is stored and giving all items a clearly labelled location. So, after the St Georges Day Service we spend a couple of hours in the Den and the results are amazing.

These 3 simple ideas have not only helped us all, but have also generated other potential improvements that can be made.

It is the innovation that exists across the whole Leadership and Support teams that continue to help Scouting on Hayling move forwards - and long may it continue.

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*

# Treasurer's Report

Income for the year again exceeded £43,000, 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 capitulation 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 slightly 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.

The past year has seen far less expenditure in both equipment and HQ activities although during the next financial year there are some key projects planned, including the replacement to our Kitchen to bring it in-line with today's Health and Safety requirements for public use buildings, the replacement to our Marquee Roof sections, now showing their wear after 15+ years of high level use and the replacement of other camping equipment again after many years in service. As Pete our Quartermaster points out, our camping equipment is in use most weekends from May until September and at many other times throughout the year.

All of these are accounted for thanks in the main to very generous donations from Gillian Vaughan, The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Hayling Branch) and Andrew Harrison.

My thanks to Karen Wells for managing the subscriptions across the group and to Kim Lovegrove for dealing with Gift Aid and to C. N. Clarke 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

**3RD HAYLING ISLAND SCOUT GROUP**

Charity No. 308136

Year ended 31st March 2015

**Income and Expenditure Account**

<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2013/2014</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>
15108.50	Subscriptions	13252.00	8262.00	Capitation	6915.60
3215.06	Donations	5770.00	1371.23	Section Allowances	1276.34
51.76	Bank interest	53.74	83.12	Competitions	102.62
2663.58	Gift Aid	2572.84	1105.38	Badges	1050.00
10.00	Photocopying	29.70	203.95	Leader Uniform & Training	392.40
30.00	Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	0.00	930.05	Photocopier	990.68
100.00	Facilities hire	0.00	1218.59	Insurance	1254.31
0.00	Transport Fund	0.00	1058.14	General expenses	787.81
874.00	Fundraising: Quiz	704.00	2151.05	HQ: Services	2787.14
1039.76	Christmas Post	984.16	996.00	HQ: Maintenance	597.00
3712.43	Book fair	3453.27	1804.61	Equipment	183.96
448.24	Other events	700.53	3600.50	Day Hall fitting out/Miscellaneous	261.28
1760.00	World Jamboree	2907.00	1403.40	Transport expenses	13.50
29013.33	Total	30427.24	0.00	Fundraising: Quiz	304.80
16802.97	Money exchange, camps & trips	13120.00	157.50	Book Fair	115.63
<b>45816.30</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>43547.24</b>	937.63	Other events	178.03
2340.00	Less: Explorer subs(District)	1440.00	900.00	World jamboree	3000.00
<b>43476.30</b>	<b>Total income</b>	<b>42107.24</b>	<b>26183.15</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>20211.10</b>
			2436.00	HQ New hall/Outside area	0.00
			17811.46	Money exchange,camps & trips	16332.78
			<b>46430.61</b>		<b>36543.88</b>
			2340.00	Less: facility use (explorers)	1440.00
			<b>44090.61</b>	<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>35103.88</b>
			18318.00	Less: money held on 01.04.14	17689.00
			17689.00	Plus: money held on 31.03.15	17813.00
				Plus:surplus income over expenditure	6879.36
					<b>42107.24</b>
	<b>FUND STATEMENT</b>			<b>Money held on account</b>	
12311.40	COIF fund	12365.09	2063.00	Transport Fund	2050.00
43.77	Deposit account	43.82	1842.00	Activities Fund	2052.00
6675.10	Current account	16779.99	2000.00	Scout Development Fund	2000.00
26.00	Cash in hand	0.00	860.00	World jamboree	767.00
19056.27	TOTAL	29188.90	10924.00	Camp & sections Funds	5944.00
2495.25	less o/s cheques	634.02	0.00	Building Fund	5000.00
<b>21551.52</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28554.88</b>	<b>17689.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17813.00</b>
17689.00	Less: money held on account	17813.00			
<b>3862.52</b>		10741.88			
	Less: surplus income over expenditure	6879.36			
		<b>3862.52</b>			

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

A part of Scouting is meeting people and making friends, both within and outside Scouting. Beavers is the start of the fun that this brings.

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 Bronze award, the top Beaver award.

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 started with a visit from West Leigh Beavers - a chance to meet another colony and share our facilities with them. We were away from HQ for an adventure day at Ferny Crofts, wide games at Copse Meadow farm, a visit to the RNLI, Group camp at Lyons Copse, visiting the Fire Station and paddling in the sea.

The autumn term we visited those friends we had made at West Leigh Beavers. We met Eagle Scout troop who ran an evening for us. JOTA camp - for Beavers a day visit but with a chance to meet with Scouts around the world using radio and internet.

We met other Beavers from across Hampshire at Paultons Park (to be honest the activities and Father Christmas are the main attraction). We met Mrs Hooking and her guide dog to learn about being blind. We met Mrs Vyner to find out about Hanukkah. For our sleepover we invited Maple to join us, Beavers are always surprised to find that the other colony includes their friends. In between we had a spider evening, and a torch walk along the Billy trail.

Spring 2015, some classic pairings Healthy Eating and the following week pancakes or Simnel cake and next week Teeth. We were invited by the United Reform Church to welcome us into their church and show the Beavers around the building and had the history explained and then the Easter Story beautifully told. The sleepover (when the clocks change - so an hour less - as

one of the parents noticed) was on a smaller scale with just Aspen, the same amount of fun and enthusiasm but with more space for sleeping bags and lost clothing.

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 Aspen leaders who are still regularly giving their time: Sandra, Jean and Don plus our young leaders, Bethan and Dan who are just starting out on their journey of leadership.

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison, Beaver Leader, Aspen



# Maple Beaver Colony

Maple Colony has enjoyed another busy year of Beavering. Our varied programme has included some time honoured favourites and some new challenges.

It would be impossible to record all the activities that we have got up to over the year but below you will find some highlights.

Always relish the opportunity to have fun in the kitchen we have made pancakes both in the kitchen and outdoors, mothers' day cookie jars and have decorated biscuits. It is so hard when decorating biscuits not to munch on the jelly beans and dolly mixtures. We also had an interesting evening trying to identify fruits only by their taste. It is incredible how many fruits boys are allergic too!

We learned about how to stay healthy through exercise, healthy eating and hygiene. We used glitter on our hands to show how germs spread and made our own gigantic cold virus to take home.



We have particularly enjoyed our inter-lodge challenges when we have worked together in our three lodges: Squirrels, Woodpeckers and Yellowhammers. We have competed to make the longest tube, tallest Lego tower and fly a plane the furthest.

In June several of the gang spent a fabulous weekend at Shedfield at our Group camp. The weather was glorious and the boys had fun camping for one or two nights with their families.

The weekend saw Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers working together and was the chance for the youngest members of the Group to see what older sections can do. The activities ranged from archery to branding to the making of armpit fudge. Who knew that al fresco Lego could be so much fun?



The weekend concluded with a fight against the marauding Vikings in their longboat. The fearsome beavers successfully rescued their slimy snake.

A fun time was had by all with beavers and leaders wending their weary way home on the Sunday afternoon ready for a bath and bed!



Weather allowing, we spent time away from the HQ. We walked along the Billy Trail keeping our eyes peeled for any wildlife and solving clues in a quiz. Another highlight was working towards our Global Challenge by undertaking litter picking at Mill Rythe Junior School.



Armed with gloves, black sacks and litter pickers we collected five sacks of rubbish that had blown across the school site. We even had a thank you letter from the Headteacher, Mr Bowen praising our hard work.

We spent two evenings in the company of Jan from the RSPB. At our autumn meeting we made bird feeders using tubes, lard and seeds. In the spring we made Little Tern shelters covering corrugated tubes in glue, soil, sand and straw. Both activities were really messy - so obviously we loved them both!

In November Aspen and Maple colony had a combined sleepover at the HQ. This was a great opportunity for the sections to spend time together and for some new friends to be made. A busy evening of craft and playing was rounded off with supper and the film Polar Express. Some of the boys fell asleep during the film whilst others managed to stay awake until midnight. Thankfully the earliest risers only appeared at 7 am so several hours kip were had by all.

We have spent many hours using our endless energy to play games. North, South, East and West continues to be our favourite although we did enjoy the St George's version of duck, duck, goose.

As always the colony can only run with the support of leaders and parents. Kingfisher would like to say thank you to everybody who has been involved with the colony this year. The support of parents, who have come every week, has been invaluable. In particular she would also like to thank Hawk for his continued commitment - she recognises that it can be very hard running an evening at beavers after a hard day at work.

Finally Kingfisher would also like to say thank the beavers, who continue to provide the noise, silliness, rough, tumble and smiles and, without whom the section would be very dull.



# Redwood Beaver Colony

This year has been a cracking good year for redwood beavers. My two young leaders Matthew King and William Kenny were both awarded their young leader belts for finishing their training which I have had the great pleasure to help them obtain and I really do think that both young men are a credit to their families and of the scouting movement.

I did have Sarah Bailey for a term helping before moving on to run Cubs. She was a great help but her talents were needed elsewhere so we wish her every success. Kate Jones is still with me and I would like to thank her very much for her help and support. Dominic Allgood has now joined our team working on his Young Leader Training and he is shaping up to be a fantastic team member. We did have a term when we were short of helpers and we ran a parent rota. Thank you to all of you lovely mums and dads who gave up your time and mucked in. It was especially lovely for Kate and I to get to know you and we were very encouraged by your enthusiasm and kind comments. We now though have a new parent, Francine, who is helping on a regular basis and she is settling in very nicely and we Thank You most wholeheartedly.



As usual we have tried to give the Beavers a well balanced and fun program. This year saw the redevelopment of the badge system with a large portion of programming going back to basic scouting principles. There are a number of new and exciting Activity Badges and the Challenge Badges (which are the ones needed to attain the Bronze Award) have been completely remodelled and renamed.

My young leaders are in charge of the Activity Badge work and have chosen and run evenings on Communicator, Photography and Space. These were all new badges and required a lot of planning and imaginative ideas to make the evenings run smoothly and successfully. We are proud that so many of our Beavers attain the Bronze Award and we believe that the new Challenge badges are meeting the needs of today.

Here are a few of the things which we have been up to this year. Junk modelling, Halloween Disco run once again by our wonderful Dave Stanway, camp fire songs and toasting marshmallows, making paper flower bouquets for mothering Sunday gifts, creating cards and sweetie bags for father's day, experiments, cooking stir fry's, cakes and biscuits, games, games and more games and then there were the visits. Cheybassa Lodge where we wowed them with new Christmas Carols, Synagogue Trip in Southsea which was absolutely fascinating. Ferny Crofts Adventure Day, Family BBQ on the Beach which was a tremendous success as the sun shone and everyone relaxed and made new friends and of course our group Viking camp which was tremendous fun.

We also held our annual Redwood Sleepover on the theme of Christmas at the hut. My husband made a wonderful Roast dinner complete with Christmas pudding and custard. We tie dyed T Shirts using marbles and elastic bands, and they were brilliant and everyone

took one home. We decorated and assembled chocolate Christmas trees and watched videos and had fun fun fun. Santa had called overnight and left presents for all the Beavers and everyone had a super time. We had an additional helper for the Sleepover, my daughter Shona who I would like to thank for all her hard work and for dealing with the Beavers who were up in the night.

Each year I like to mention one of my highlights and this time it is our Burns evening. We learnt about Robert Burns using an animated internet site and listened to ode to a mouse after which each Beaver stood up and read a line out. We prepared a traditional meal of haggis neeps and tatties and served it up with a drink of Iron Bru. Every Beaver tried the food and drink and some really loved it and had seconds. Beavers and adults equally enjoyed the evening, finishing off with tossing the caber and haggis hurling. Here ends another annual report. Thanks to everyone in Scouting for helping me and my team in our Scouting endeavours.

Yours In Scouting  
Linda Hunter (Badger)



# Jupiter Cub Pack

Each year seems to speed by faster than the last. First I'd like to Say a huge thank you to Karen, Simon, Becky and Kinnett for all the work and enthusiasm they put in every week which makes JUPITER CUBS such a successful pack, attracting not only the best young leaders and helpers but also a fantastic mix of children. We have been very fortunate to have Megan, Charlie and James choose Jupiter to undertake their training with. They bring youth, a zest for life and great potential for our future. Thank you and keep up the great work.

Sadly we said Goodbye to Sylvi this year as she retires to Ireland, although I have heard that there's a strong probability of a news cubs section opening in Sheepshead!! Thank you also to Lydia for her help.

So why is Jupiter pack so popular again this year? We like to think that we have managed to deliver a balanced program, catering for everyone's needs and abilities in the pack. The reality is that we have all just have fun, learnt new skills and tried out activities that we may not have got a chance to do in our day to day life.

I promise that I will do my best,  
To do my duty to God  
and to the Queen,  
To help other people,  
And to keep the  
Cub Scout Law.



We always encourage children to help each other, think of others before themselves. Everyone does their best, not every week, but we all try very hard all the time. We have introduced 'Snowey' our mascot, who is taken home each week by a child that has demonstrated these core values. It is amazing what an influence such a small snow leopard has!

Traditional scouting skills such as backwards cooking, fire lighting, shelter building, knots, pioneering, map reading and hiking was core to our program again this year. We have been out of doors as much as the weather has permitted and even when it didn't we weathered the rain. Other activities this year have include water rockets, rifle shooting (Thanks to Tom), water pistols, crabbing, swimming, egg box challenges and DIY, all interspersed with a few traditional Jupiter games such as Exfile Doughnuts, bench ball, tag, NSEW to name but a few.

Cub Scouts always do  
their best,  
Think of others before  
themselves,  
And do a good turn  
every day.



All the activities we do culminate in the children achieving activity badges and challenge badges. They should all be very proud to wear these on their jumpers as they are worked hard for. In the past year we have completed our Backward cooking ,Disability awareness , Camp badge, DIY, Athletics, Pioneering, Fitness Challenge, Home safety, Home help, Astronomer, Entertainer,

Chef, Fire safety, My Faith and the Global challenge. Many cubs also have achieved badges independently, such as hobbies and animal carer.

We have raised funds through cake baking and biscuit making which were donated to Hayling Fire Station (funds not cakes and biscuits)

We have visited Lyons Copse for the Birthday camp which was a blast and was the first camp for many of our cubs. Visits this year also included The Coast Guard station, The Fire station and St Mary's church.

As some of our cubs move onto Scouts we are very proud that many of them achieve their Chief Scouts Silver award. A big congratulations to Joseph Duckworth, Sandea Jones, Peter Closterman, McKenzie Cecksfield Libby Day & Isabel Day who got their awards in January 2015 and to Harrison Mears, Finlay Buchanan, Noah Cruickshank, Kian Burns & Alex Graham, who got silver award in March 2015.

We are looking forward to another great year. Thank you again, to all those that have helped Jupiter in the past year. I'm sure there are some people I have forgotten to name.....sorry, but you know who you are.

Andrea Heath  
Jupiter Cubs

# Mars Cub Pack

I have been a cub leader now for 7 years. I took on the role as I had some wonderful experiences in Guiding and with my love of camping I wanted to give something back to scouting and impart some of my knowledge and experience with children who are keen to learn and enjoy new activities in the same way.

Every week when I come to Cubs the children are excited and ready to have fun. Another reason why I enjoy cubs so much is when the Cubs say some interesting things; one of my leaders asked the cubs if they wanted to play another game or abstain. There was silence (which does not often happen in cubs!!). The leader asked them if they knew what it meant; one of the keener cubs stuck his hand up and said "is that when you climb down a cliff with a rope attached!!" We certainly do have fun!

Looking back over the past year we have had lots of fun and exciting activities and outings. I will start with the sleepovers. We had 2 last year.

In October we went bowling in Chichester then had a late lunch there and then travelled back to HQ by train and bus to fun activities and games and a movie to finish the day.



In February we travelled by bus, train and ferry to Gosport Submarine museum. We went around HMS Alliance and investigated the rest of the museum. We had lunch there then made our way back in the afternoon to HQ where we did other activities accomplishing local knowledge badge. The Cubs had a fantastic time and I think they enjoyed the journey over to Gosport and back as much as the submarine and museum!

Last summer we had our 85<sup>th</sup> birthday camp themed on Vikings! I was unable to attend due to family commitments but my leadership team reported that it was amazing fun and the cubs had a really good time on all the activities and bases that were available. When I arrived on Sunday morning activities were in full swing (striking camp) and everybody had a smile on their sunburnt faces and the children looked exhausted but happy! The final day's activity of the invasion with the Viking ship (well done explorers) was awesome and the wet battle commenced with gusto and certainly challenged all the sections!



We have also been: swimming, balister firing at Rob Bonds field, Ghana talk, wide games at gun emplacements, walking on the Cinder path, RSPB work in Langstone, Mother's day activities, walking in Northney, fire station visit, Halloween activities, air rifling shooting, thanksgiving activities, Bingo night, Scout night of pioneering, celebrating Burns night, PSCO, First Responders, map reading and pioneering.

Besides this, we worked towards our challenge badges and this involved carrying out first aid, PSCO work with Neil Roberts, map reading work, and thanks giving day work.

We have also covered several activity badges and these are home help, pioneering, map reading, local knowledge and artist badge.

George Boxall, Ashley McCallum, Ella Robinson and Van Page have all moved up to Scouts and together with them Dylan Baker, Jack Trowbridge and Tom Jenner have achieved the Chief Scout Silver Award. Congratulations.

Activity badges awarded in the last year: Animal carer 2, local knowledge 10, physical recreation 4, artist 17, sports enthusiast 6, martial arts 4, pioneering 15, map reader 10, my faith 14, hobbies 5, entertainers 8, camper 5, cyclist 1, home help 16, equestrian 1, collector 1.

Staged badges awarded last year: stage 1 and 2 emergency aid 13, stage 1 IT 8, stage 1 musician 1, 5 nights away 10, 1 night away 6, stage 1 swimmer 1.

Challenge badges awarded last year: Global 7, promise 21, outdoor 7, community 15, fitness challenge 1, creative 14.

Long service awarded last year: 1 year 7, 2 years 3, 3 years 6, and 4 years 4.

With the continuous developing and evolving within the scouting movement there have been some exciting amendments in challenge awards and an introduction to some new activity badges which we will try out this coming year.

As with any volunteering organisation people leave and move around and Mars Pack has had a change of leadership in the last year. We said good bye to my assistant leader Michelle who has moved on to new challenges in scouts and Ed Mill who has worked hard and achieved his Young Leader Belt and has decided to move on to Scouts for a new challenge.

and Rachel Stanway who helped when work permitted and has also gone off to sunnier climes to advance her career. Thank you.

And hello to Linda who wanted to try out cubs has become my assistant leader and Marlon and Tom my new young leaders who will work towards their young leaders belt in the coming year.

Without the help of Jacko, Michelle and Ed for the last year 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 Jamie and Tom for shooting, Jacko for archery, Clive, Sylvie, Di and Dave for your help at sleepovers, Hayling Fire Station, Peter Swift Hayling Climbing Wall, Terry Brennan compass work, Terry Brennan and Leigh Hunter for pioneering, Neil Roberts PSCO, Shona Hunter with her Ghana experience talk, The First Responders, Simon Rigden and Rob Bond for use of his field.

I like to say that I have a great team and we love thinking up new and different cub evenings to put into the programme. With all the new exciting changes happening we will have even more fun and opportunities to think up new challenges and activities to get stuck into.

We are very fortunate on Hayling to have the support from organisations, leaders and parents so that the young people can have such a varied experience of adventure and opportunities and are part of a worldwide youth club!

Finally as I close my report for this year I would like to say with all this going on and much more I will have another year of fun, excitement and adventure. With another opportunity to laugh with the cubs and leaders and have some lasting experiences when we camp and encounter whatever activities we do.

Thank you!

Akela Mars Pack Leader  
Jan Allgood

# Saturn Cub Pack



Summer term 2014 started off with a bang at 3<sup>rd</sup> Hayling Island Scout's group camp. It was a fantastic weekend where I visited as a parent Redwood Beavers and now with Saturn Cubs has been brilliant! The cubs at camp were involved in countless activities such as fire lighting, putting up tents,

archery and pizza making. A new experience to most was arm pit fudge which made them all roar with laughter. The highlight of the 2 night weekend was a massive water fight on the last day alongside an impressive Viking boat where not only the cubs got soaked but so did everyone else.

During the summer term Saturn pack have been involved in all sorts of activities and spent much of the term outside enjoying our Island. They designed and built a golf course, had a visit to our local coastguard and many evenings of fitness and exercise which often sent the Cubs home very tired to the relief of the parents. Saturn pack spent a very enjoyable evening crabbing, the boys thought it would be funny to name them after the leaders much to our amusement!! The annual Halloween haunted hike was a eventful night and full of excitement and very tired boys.

Saturn pack has continued its strong relationship with the RSPB and at the start of the Spring term we decided it would be a good idea to hold a bring and buy sale to raise money for the charity. The cubs worked well as a team sorting organising and auctioning the items for sell, to raise over £80 for a worthwhile cause. Following on from the evening we had a



representative from the RSPB who came in to thank the boys personally. We had lovely evening making apple feeders and paper birds. We found out how the money had been spent locally to ensure the wellbeing of the Terns in Langstone harbour.

In scouting it is important for Cubs to find out things about other cultures and religions. We were fortunate enough to be able to visit Portsmouth Synagogue. I am proud to say Rabbi was delighted with how well behaved they were and he was impressed with the interest shown and intelligent questions asked .Well done boys!

Snakes!! Even through this is not my idea of fun the cubs had a brilliant time, some of the boys were very apprehensive at first but by the end of the evening they were wearing them like scarfs!



Pancake day is always an event the Cubs enjoy and I think we may have a master chef in the making. The boys showed off the skills of making pancakes unfortunately for the parents the boys had eaten them all in no time and were gone by the end of the evening. Continuing the culinary skills achieved by boys this year we celebrated Chinese new year in style with Chinese food, chopsticks, fortune cookies, learning the language and Chinese lettering and again the scout hut was full of a wonderful aroma!

During the year all the Cubs have worked towards achieving the top Cub silver award they have worked incredibly hard we are proud to say the following have achieved this Joel Claxton, Ellis Wheeler, Joshua Tyler well done boys !

We are always very grateful for all the hard work the young leaders contribute to a evening its was sad to say goodbye to Harry Hick whilst he takes a short break on his studies all this help has been much appreciated . Kai Carter has been a invaluable with already having his young leaders belt his continued hard work has been brilliant. We have also welcomed Hannah Kirby and Craig Cooper the enthusiasm they shown already is very promising. Thank you!

We have had some big changes this year in the leadership team I took over has Cub Scout leader (Alkea ) in January. Steph who has been with Saturn pack for many years has left have have a baby we wish her all the very best and thank her for all the hard work she will be greatly missed! I would like to thank Shawn and Becky for the continued hard work every evening you really make a difference thank you !

A huge thank you to the parents without your help and continued support. The biggest thank you goes to Saturn pack Cubs themselves you make each week exciting fun and would not be Saturn pack without yo !

I look forward to a very exciting and challenging fun year ahead.

Yours in scouting

Akela Saturn Pack Leader  
Sarah Bailey

# Eagle Scout Troop

Last year's annual report finished just before Camp Overlord; the toughest summer camp we have ever completed. Before we get to that, we finished the term with a selection of great evenings, from kayaking to Kaj's mystery evening (you will have to ask him, I can't remember what it was but I'm sure it was great). We also took part in Gunnel and group camp. The first allowed our patrol to show off their camping skills, whilst the second saw us taking on water pistol armed pirates. Both camps saw us taking pioneering projects to the next level, creating towers that used every pole we could get our hands on.



5 years ago Eagle troop bravely ventured to France for a week long cycling camp, staying at a different camp site each night. It was a physically tough camp, but the sun shone on our backs as we cycled our bikes across Normandy, without a puncture to be seen... NOT THIS TIME.

We were to follow a similar route but this time we were accompanied by Chippenham Scout Troop. With the total number of children and adults over 50 we had to have two support vehicles with box trailers and we cycled in 8 groups. We arrived in France and had breakfast on the beach in the familiar French morning sun. Then the rain started. It continued to rain for seven days, only stopping when we got on the ferry for the journey home. I hate to go on about it, but there were times when everything we wore was soaked; we would have been dryer swimming between camp sites. Moving campsites every day meant we were taking down wet tents and putting them up wet at the next site. One of the trailers contained all of the wet equipment, whilst the other had everything we had kept dry. To add to the challenge, we had punctures galore and bikes falling apart faster than Chad could fix them. Did this stop us? Not one bit.

We visited all the major world war sites along the coast. The visit to the cemeteries is always a moving experience, something the Scouts can't really understand without seeing it themselves. The best part was new this time as it had been dug up since our last visit. It was a system of long range cannons, bunkers and trenches. The owner claimed to have evidence that the Americans had buried it as a cover up and it had only just been rediscovered.

The rain also didn't stop us from visiting cake shops, playing lots of crazy golf and ultimate frisby on the beach with the tide coming in. Despite the challenging conditions, not once did I hear our Scouts moan. They truly did have courage in all difficulties. The Eagles' leaders battled tirelessly to make the camp a success and to keep the Scouts warm, happy

and dry at the end of each day. Dave, Mitch, Chad, Emma, Kaj and Dom worked tirelessly and made me proud to be one of the Eagles' leaders. The biggest thanks though goes to our support team; Andrew, Fiona, Rob and Nathan. They made the whole thing possible and did the work of 4 summer camps in one week. A massive accomplishment by all.



The winter term was filled with lots of classic evenings and a few new ones. The highlights being; Laser quest in the dark at QECP, more giant tower building (ready for Jota) and mini fire braziers. Jota was a great success with the usual mix of old and modern activities to try.

Adam Opie and Matthew Pickles were both awarded their Chief Scout gold award. Their final challenge was to document Summer camp. Do not believe any photos you see that involve sunshine.



I missed the first troop night of the new year and the following week I arrived to a term completely planned by the Scouts with more variety than ever. Eagle troop world records, clothes peg war machines, animation night and beach survivors, to name a few. The beach survival was supposed to be a relaxing evening on the beach behind the Esso. When we arrived, the wind was so strong that you could barely hear the person next to you. We retreated to the trees to plan our next move. In the end, we managed to find a small amount of shelter on the beach which we built up with tarpaulins and got fires going to keep warm. We actually did survive!

This year's summer camp sees us return to sunny Broadstone Warren.

We are all very excited about getting back to basics.

A massive thank you to the Scouts and Leaders of Eagle troop for once more demonstrating the Scout law; 'To do my best.'

Edd

# Lion Scout Troop

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

For Summer camp this year we chose to return to where Scouting began and spent the week on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour. Here the scouts took part in a variety of activities and games and explored this wonderful island. This year we had no birthdays during our time away and unfortunately for the scouts no mains power available either. Our aim for this camp was to complete parts of the original scout programme they used in 1907. Our dates were a day or so out, but not too bad for 107 years later. The program did however involve waking the scouts up ready for an exercise session at 0600. For the leader running the fitness not to be awake himself!

Still we've sent him for some training from the government now. Other than waking the scouts up early our other challenge was making the camp nice and lightweight so embarking



and disembarking the ferry would be quick and painless, this was bad enough going to the island while the scouts were energetic, on the return journey when the scouts were exhausted we may have held the ferry up....

A few days before we were due to leave we saw a couple more

groups arrive from places like Spain, Italy, USA and Poland, our scouts invited them to play games and some of their groups were sent to the UK scouts to find out English names for stuff and also teach our scouts something they didn't know. It's a good thing they knew a little English language.

At J.O.T.A Camp this year we camped in the company of both Shark and Eagle Troop along with Nexus Explorers in a Field in Northney. As usual that wasn't a normal camp as we had both internet and mains electricity during the weekend. The Explorers enjoyed the free WiFi provided for the JOTI stations and used the mains to keep their phones fully charged during the weekend. In the evening after wide games there was a film in the marquee and Edd provided popcorn from his popcorn maker.

On the camp the scouts also 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.

We meet on Friday evening at 19:00 until 21:00, our Leaders are Tom Lincoln, Jamie Bray,

Mervyn Haines and new to the Lion troop team Michelle Lynch and our young leaders, Ben Day and Cam MacCallum. We try and vary our evening activities as much as possible. This year we have Indoor Pioneering, Wide games, Map and Compass, Team skills, "Cooking on gas", Trading post, Duplo, Skittles, Christmas Party, Fire lighting with batteries and flint strikers, basic wood qualities, nijer and hike tent pitching, site layout, shelter building, Basic cooker and appliance set-up and use.

What's coming up?

As well as the above we would like to concentrate on the back to basics of scouting, the skills we need on any camp however can get lost quickly. Our summer term programme will have these skills thrown into our troop evenings with the chance to use them at our summer camp at Broadstone Warren, East Grinstead.

***Jamie Bray and Tom Lincoln***  
**Scout Leaders, Lion Troop**



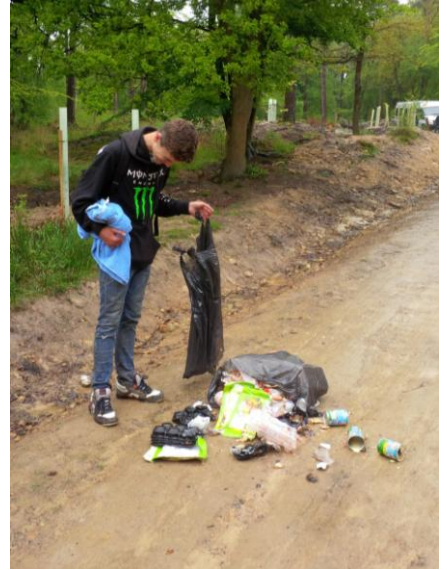
# Shark Scout Troop

I was looking back at all the awesome scouting adventures over the last year (March 2014 to April 2015) when I realised I'd made a catastrophic editorial mistake by reporting about the wrong summer camp in last year's annual report!

Such shocking reporting would never surpass Clark Kent's intense coverage for the Daily Planet, so to make this a good cover-up I've included the extract from last year, so you'll never notice the difference.

Not only did I manage to forget about the whole week at Broadstone Warren (May 2013) but more importantly I didn't get to show you how embarrassed James was when this occurred....

You wouldn't believe it from the picture but last year James was made Senior Patrol leader and later moved up to Explorers (with head held much higher) having completed his Chief Scouts Gold Award. James has provided us with some classic moments, and we are still looking for a worthy "James" replacement to carry on where he left off.



Shrouded in secrecy, the "Mole Camp" took place at a secret location in West Sussex last April where Patrol Leaders from Shark Troop were given the ultimate test in problem solving, team work and camp skills to survive the gruelling weekend. Information regarding the effectiveness of the mission is highly classified although leaked reports suggest that all personnel

have returned for future deployment. I'm told some of the camping equipment got air dropped onto an island in the middle of a pond, and the ration packs were locked inside an impenetrable armoured box. Would you believe the bad luck?

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 that she had personally peeled 300 potatoes 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 definitely was well used by the Scouts over the course of the week enough to break all the balls. Supplementing the ping pong there 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 punctures 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 rub off sections off the map I think I've lost my touch.



One of the more unusual activities we took part in last year was a visit to Fort Purbrook, where the Scouts were given the opportunity to take on the fearsome obstacle course and a selection of Crystal Maze inspired initiative challenges. Deep underground, water dripping from the tunnel roof, Scouts worked under a dim

light to cross an acid river on nothing more than some "handy" scaffolding planks to deactivate a bomb using ropes and pulleys before everyone was vapourised. Narrowly

escaping being trapped inside the fort (by the leaders) the Scouts had to climb over cargo nets, crawl through tunnels and swing across a lake to freedom. Serious stuff for a Monday evening!

The Gunnell camping competition was without a doubt my proudest moment of Scouting last year if not the proudest I've been during my five years with Shark Troop. The "troublesome" Saunders & Kirby (Charlotte & Hannah) duo, lead Oliver, Josh and Freddie (on loan from Eagle Troop) to double success at the District camping competition in June. Not only did Falcon Patrol rank first place and win the coveted Gunnell Trophy, but not to be outdone scooped the cooking competition trophy too.



In preparation for Gunnell Charlotte went away to formulate a menu for the weekend. Charlotte wanted to make an extravagant tiramisu for her dessert; whereas I suggested a "boring" desert which was slightly more achievable. The following week I was confronted with a spoon and an ice cream tub jam packed with tiramisu which is when my whole outlook on tiramisu changed. The menu was approved without any hesitation. Who said dessert bribery doesn't work, the judges bought it too.

Without sounding mushy I was extremely proud to see Charlotte and Hannah awarded with the Chiefs Scouts Gold award in December, having continuously demonstrated the Law and Promise in everything they've done over the last four years. They have been a real asset to the section and we've all "thoroughly" enjoyed their singing, tantrums, humour and dam right cheekiness but that in my opinion made them great Scouts and a pleasure to work with. These two girls have made a massive contribution to Sharks and are a real credit to Scouting. I wish them luck in Explorers and every success during the course of the Young Leader Scheme.



Finally I'd like to say a big thank you to Jamie, Chris, Libby, Matt and Adam who have worked tirelessly this year to make Shark Troop a success. Like every year they continue to provide endless support to the Troop and I can't thank them enough for everything they do for our young members.

Jordan

# Nexus Explorer Unit

What an amazing year we've had. Following on from our group camp at Lions Copse themed on Vikings, our challenge as explorers was to build a Viking ship and defend it from being attacked. So we set about thinking how to construct a Viking ship. Our first thoughts were to construct something static in the field but then we were thinking that ships need to move so the idea of a moving ship was born.



So a moving platform was found in the shape of a BMW 525 touring. First job, chop the roof off level with the tops of the doors, the next stage was planning the timber construction around the car base. This involved many evenings at the workshop chopping and cutting, screwing timber and eventually painting and putting up the mast not to

forget the dragon's head.

The ship had to be built in kit form to allow for transportation to and from the camp it was then reassembled in secret behind a screen for us to emerge on Sunday morning.

Last summer Explorers went to Ham Jam 0014 at Buddens scout campsite in Dorset for a week. The massive site was full of thousands of Scouts and activities for them to experience. As well as the old favourites, crate stacking, camp fires, etc., there was Dragon Boating, artificial caving, climbing walls, Zorbing plus many, many more as well as evening entertainment provided by a touring troupe of American Scouts, girls and boys, who entertained us with tales of American Indians and performances of their ceremonial dances. In amongst all that we still managed to arrange a trip to Splashdown in Poole. It was an amazing week that no one there will forget in a hurry.



We took part in JOTA (Jamboree of the Air - a global Scouting event) here on Hayling where it was possible to speak to other Scouts worldwide via radio and the Internet. Indeed it was a fascinating experience to be able to access the Internet from the comfort of your own sleeping bag, tucked up in your own tent.

Winter camp in January this year at Gilwell Park was a bit of a mud bath. The weather was warmer than last year but the site was very wet so we all wore wellies at all times - even in the mess tent, which turned into a quagmire. But, as usual, there were loads of activities for everyone to try out and in spite of the conditions, or because of them, it was a memorable experience,

With many new faces in Explorers this last year, we are able to get the Duke of Edinburgh's Award going again. So we have started at Bronze level which entails doing some Voluntary work, learning a skill and taking part in a physical activity for 3 months as well as planning and going on two, two day expeditions - one practice and one that will be assessed by an outside assessor who the team have not met before. On the expeditions they have to be completely self-sufficient (except with water) and carry everything they need for the two days - tents, stove, sleeping bag, food, etc, A real challenge.

Throughout the year we have been up to fires cooking eating more fires & cooking camping, sleep over's in the HQ night hikes swimming cycling even playing with Duplo.

Our next year will see us camping in hammocks & spending our summer camp sleeping in shelters made with natural materials found around the camp site and cooking all meals using more fire.

We are also planning a 2 week expedition to Switzerland in August 2016.

James, Terry, Leigh & Karl

# Young Leader Report

Our Young Leader training continues to give us some great young people ready to give something back to Scouting. In deciding to take on the challenge of the Young Leader Training there is at least one year's commitment to attend weekly meetings to help a section and monthly training evenings. Most of these young people are also members of the Explorer unit so give quite a few hours a week to Scouting.

They have to attend monthly meetings to discuss various modules covering areas such as, leadership skills and styles, how to teach skills, challenging behaviour, safeguarding, risk assessment, games and programme planning. They are also required to undertake the full First Response First Aid course that all leaders are obliged to keep updated. A very full and varied course that enables them to be part of the leader team.

We hope that this makes the step up to being a full leader at 18 years of age an easy one if that is appropriate for the young Leader at the time. (We have some brilliant leaders who have come through this system so we know it works!)

At weekly meetings they have to organise the games, planning and running activities and taking responsibility for a particular aspect of the section.



It is always a great pleasure to present the Young Leader Belts. We presented them to Matt King, Will Kenny, Megan Hicks, Nathan Bond, Ben Day, Karl Ward and Bethan Day. Bethan, Will, Ben, Nathan, and Matt are continuing to help with their section. Karl has taken out a full leader appointment now he is 18 and is helping with Explorers.

It is great to have Young Leaders in the sections as they are an inspiration to our younger members; as well as their young legs being able to play the games with lots of energy!

There are ten 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

The primary sources of income for the Scout Group are the membership subscriptions that we receive from parents together with gift aid that we are able to claim from these subscriptions. This source of income covers our main expenditures such as insurance, gas, electricity, water etc. as well as the membership fee that we have to pay to the Scout Association for every member of the Scout Group. This income, however, does not cover capital expenditures for camping equipment, improvements to our Headquarters and other special items. In this context, fundraising, donations, grants and other sources of income play a vital role in ensuring that our Leaders have the necessary resources to carry out their important roles.

I am pleased to report that we have had another good fundraising year, thanks to the invaluable support from helpers, parents and local organisations. We have been able to fund various capital expenditures without increasing subscriptions which we have held constant for the last two years.

One very encouraging contribution this year came from the Waitrose Supermarket in Havant. We were chosen in January 2015 to be one of the local charities to be nominated for their green disc fundraising scheme which awards £1000 every month. Three charities are nominated and we were delighted to be informed that Hayling Scout Group had received the largest share of the green discs from customers, namely 42%, representing a donation of £420. This donation will cover the costs for much needed lightweight tents.

As mentioned in last year's report, our book sales are now held every half term over four days in the Headquarters and this has proved to be very successful by reducing costs and increasing sales to achieve an annual profit of over £3000.

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, Jo and her team. The quiz, won by "Quid Nunc" (which is Latin for someone who wants to know the latest news and gossip), raised over £550 profit.



The Christmas Card Delivery Service continues to be well supported and appreciated by the local community, especially as we have held the price of a stamp at 20p for a first class service! This year we delivered over 6000 cards, which raised over £900, thanks to the efforts of many friends, parents and their children with deliveries, as well as our 'postmaster' Ian Hawke and the Explorers who do the collection and sorting.

We also received a very generous donation to fund an upgrade to the kitchen in the Headquarters with stainless steel fixtures and other improvements and the layout is

currently being discussed by the Leaders. The new kitchen will be a great asset and help the Leaders to focus on the favourite subject of our young Scouts - FOOD.

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 and 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.

Finally, this year we were very saddened by the death of Colin Vaughan in 2014 who contributed so much throughout his life to the success and high standards of Scouting on Hayling. His wife, Gill, nominated Hayling Scout Group as one of the organisations to receive donations at his funeral. As Colin was always keen to encourage camping, we felt that an extension to our marquee would be a very appropriate, well used and lasting item in memory of Colin's service to Hayling Scout Group.

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

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

Philip Blossie

## Our Supporters

The local (or local branches) 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.

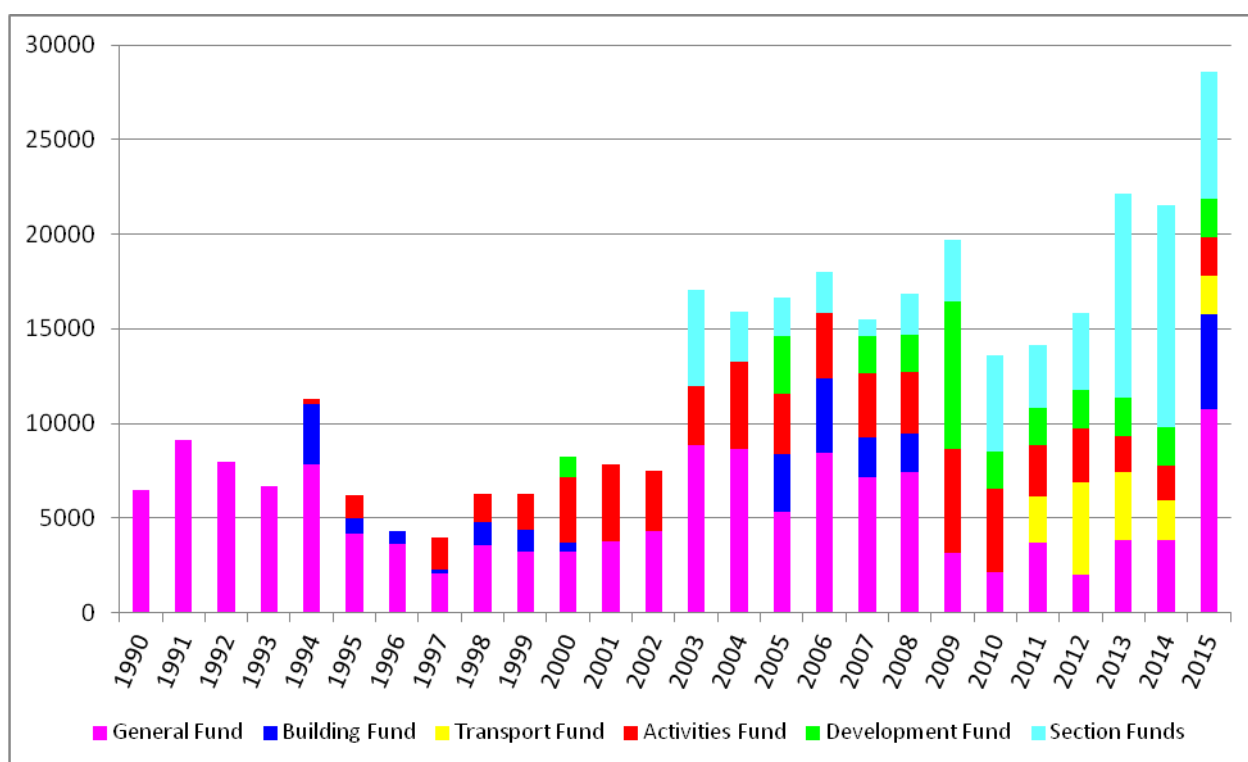
 <p><b>Lifeboats</b></p> <p>RNLI Hayling Branch</p>	 <p>Lions Club Hayling Branch</p>	 <p>Mengham Infant School</p>	<p>JP Tree and Garden Services</p>	 <p>Mill Rythe Junior School</p>
 <p>Hayling Island Businessmen's Club</p>	 <p>Hayling Island Community Centre Association</p>	 <p>Association for Charitable Endeavours</p>	 <p>Bentley Walker Ltd Elm Grove</p>	 <p>The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes</p>
<p><b>XERETEC</b></p> <p>Xerox Office Supplies</p>	<p><b>Stoke Fruit Farm</b></p> <p><i>Havant Road</i></p>	<p><b>Hayling Hardware</b></p> <p><i>Elm Grove</i></p>	 <p>The Hayling College Specialising in Maths and Computing</p> <p>The Hayling College</p>	<p><b>Country Pets</b></p> <p><i>Eastoke Corner</i></p>
<p><b>HAYLING ISLANDER</b></p> <p>Hayling Islander Local News</p>	 <p><i>Heating Engineer</i></p>	<p><b>Northney Farm</b></p> <p><i>Northney Road</i></p>	<p>Meyrick Mobile Gents Hairdressers</p>	<p><b>Hayling Red Cross Centre</b></p> <p><i>Elm Grove</i></p>
<p><b>Cards 4 Occasions</b></p> <p>Mengham</p>	<p><b>Sandy Point Stores</b></p>	<p><b>Rae's Butchers</b></p> <p>Mengham</p>	 <p><b>James Perfett</b> <i>Havant</i></p>	<p><b>Hayden's Vehicle Hire</b></p> <p><i>Mill Rythe Lane</i></p>
 <p>The Royal British Legion Registered Charity No. 219279</p>	 <p><i>Hayling Island Bookshop</i></p>	<p><b>Simon Rigden</b></p> <p><i>Mobile Mechanic</i></p>	<p>Southern Co-operative Elm Grove</p>	<p><b>Hayling Flower Club</b></p>
 <p>Hampshire County Council</p> <p><b>Frank Pearce</b></p>	<p><i>Identity Hairdressing</i></p>	<p><b>Robert Bond</b></p>	<p><b>Stanley's Butchers</b> West Town</p>	<p>The Langstone Hotel</p>

# Statement of Funds

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## Notes:

- The General fund includes donations to the value of £1580 that have been received, and although allocated have not yet been released for specific purchases. These include:-
  1. £620 from the Colin Vaughan Memorial fund that has been allocated to the replacement of our Marquee Roof sections.
  2. £400 from the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes for replacement tents
- The Building fund includes a donation of £5000 from Andrew Harrison towards our Kitchen Replacement Project.