



3rd Hayling Group Annual Report 2016 - 2017

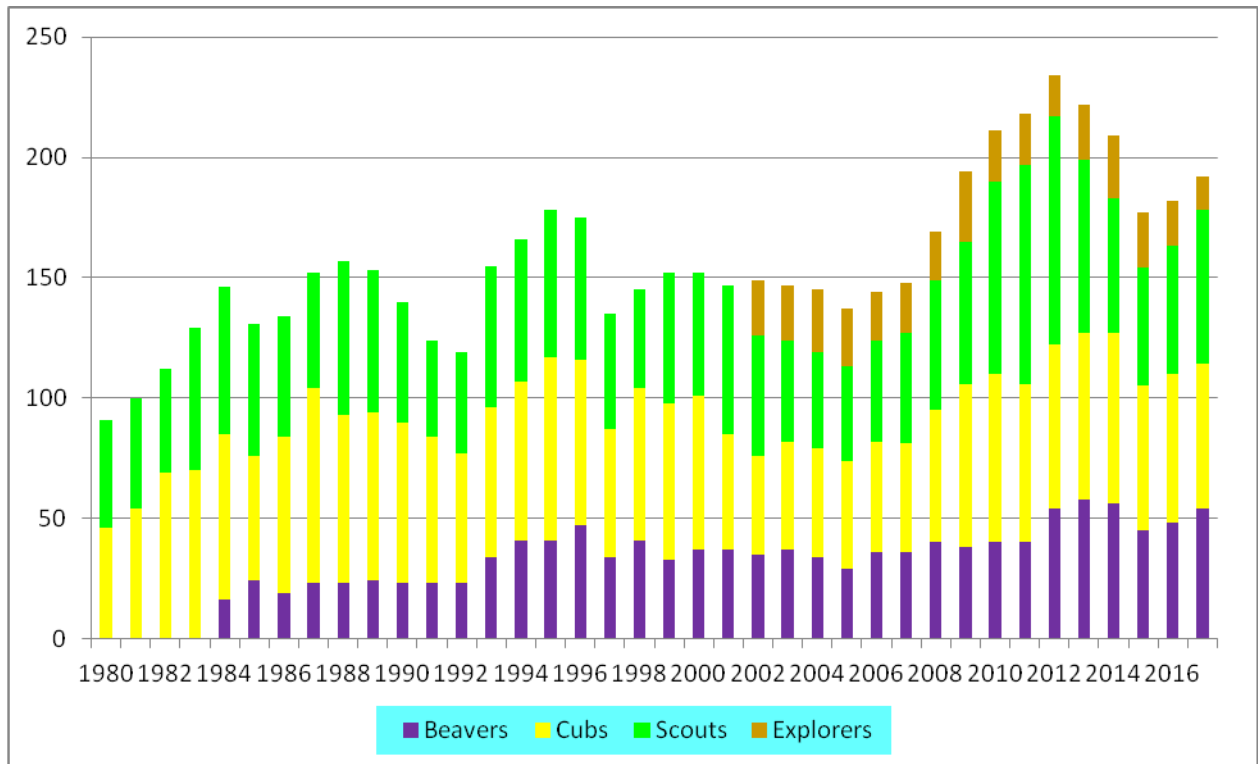


Remembrance Day Parade Hayling - November 2016

100+ people in lines of 3 makes for a long queue of walkers. You can see the front of our contingent with the Beavers, with the red arrow indicating the end

Youth Membership

at 31st January 2017



Roll of Honour 2016 / 2017

Beavers - Chief Scout's Bronze Award

| | | | |
|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Toby Barber | Aspen | Adam Hatrak | Redwood |
| George Bennett | Redwood | Tom Hookway | Aspen |
| Freddy Bostock | Aspen | Jack Mann | Redwood |
| Lucas Claxton | Redwood | Elliott Rogers | Maple |
| Lucas Gannon | Aspen | Finlay Wells | Aspen |



Cubs - Chief Scout's Silver Award

| | | | |
|----------------|---------|------------------|----------|
| Matthew Bailey | Saturn | Harry Fraser | Saturn |
| William Balch | Saturn | Jack Hammond | Saturn |
| Tegan Barrett | Jupiter | Noah Jeacock | Saturday |
| Jack Bobby | Jupiter | David Jones | Saturn |
| Callum Bond | Jupiter | Jacob Robinson | Saturn |
| Rory Buchanan | Jupiter | Theo Snell | Saturn |
| Alfie Finch | Jupiter | Barnaby Tambling | Saturn |
| Cameron Fox | Jupiter | | |



Scouts - Chief Scout's Gold Award

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Clementyne Barrett | Lions | Henry Shepherd | Lions |
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Nexus Explorer Scout Unit

Chief Scout's Platinum Award

Dominic Allgood
Hannah Kirby



Queen's Scout Award

Victoria Edwards



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

James Lambert

Tom Randall



Leader / Adult Training Award – Wood Badge

Rebecca Hawke
Mervyn Haines
Linda Hunter

Tom Lincoln
Jordan Reed
Simon Rigden



Group Development Committee 2016-17

Group Scout Leader

Ian Hawke

Assistant Group Scout Leaders

Mandy Hawke

Officers

Chairman

Dr Aaron Pycroft

Treasurer

Mary Pike

Secretary

Position Vacant

Specific Roles

HQ Manager

Pete Rowson

HQ Projects

Andrew Harrison

Quartermaster

Peter Goddard

Book Sales

Dr Philip Blosse

Badge Secretary

Nigel Kenny

Transport Manager

Clive Allgood (p)

Group IT / Wish List

Kevin Richardson (p)

Subs / Gift Aid

Diane Stanway (p)

Dave Stanway (p)

General Reps

Sam Griffiths

Ian Griffiths

Alan Scutt

Uniformed Representatives

Beaver Scouts

Aspen Colony

Fiona Jordan-Harrison (p)

Maple Colony

Kerry Rogers (p) / Jen Ford (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

Andrea / Abi / Barney

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

Group Supporting Roles 2016-2017

Finance Team

Subscriptions Secretary

Diane / Dave Stanway

Gift Aid Coordinator

Diane / Dave Stanway

HQ Team

HQ Coordinator

Pete Rowson

HQ Support

Alan Perfett

HQ Projects

Andrew Harrison

Caretaker

HQ Cleaning

Explorers

Grounds

Alan Scutt

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

Philip Blosse

Quiz

Mandy Hawke / Billy Ault

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, Wolf Clostermann

Air Rifle Team

Jamie Bray, Tom Lincoln, Aaron Pycroft

Walls & Towers

Paul Jackson, Tom Lincoln, Jordan Reed

Group Support 2016-2017

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

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

"Thank You"

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

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

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| Valerie 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 |
| The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Hayling Branch) | For their financial support. |

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

Also those who each year support our Christmas Post Service:

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Hayling Hardware | Bentley 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

No Boring Scouting Here!

When I took over as Chairman at the last AGM from Phil Blossie it was with a mixture of excitement and trepidation along with a considerable sense of responsibility as the group has flourished during his 31 years as Chairman (would I be David Moyes to his Sir Alex Ferguson?). Well fortunately for me (and everybody else) due to the robustness of the structures in place and the commitment and enthusiasm of the members of the GDT and the Leadership Team the whole thing has not come crashing down (what's more neither have we resorted to boring scouting - sorry for the continued Man Utd analogy!).

The evidence for exciting scouting is to be found in this Annual Report which gives just a flavour of the remarkable programmes of activities that are provided to our member's week in and week out. The sheer creativity, imagination and energy on the part of our leaders is both humbling and inspiring; but that is why we are a successful group with the 200+ young people between the ages of 6 and 18 keeping coming back for more each week and the 50+ adult volunteers engaging with then to provide those activities and the inspiration. Scouting is contagious and as one leader said 'it gets under your skin' and it certainly does precisely because it is something unique and provides opportunities for young people and leaders that stand out in the modern world. It is not something which once started it is easy to let go of which perhaps explains why some of our leaders have been scouts themselves and others just keep on scouting.

Anybody who has been involved with scouting will know that weekly section meetings (whether Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers) hover on the edge of chaos, where anything is possible (and probable); an evening is really what happens whilst the leaders are planning other things! Each section is different, with different leaders and young people with themselves having differing ideas and resource requirements. Within this organised chaos the role of the Group Development Team (GDT) overall is to provide both a semblance of structure and accountability but essentially to provide the Group Scout Leader and the Leadership Teams with the resources that they need to deliver their programmes.

Over the last year we have as a whole group been working on a new plan for the next 3 years that focusses on the core values and activities of scouting namely adventure, character and community. This plan is now in place and being launched at the AGM and demonstrates our commitment as a Scout Group to continue with the vision of Baden-Powell in providing challenging and adventurous activities that allows for the child to become the best person that they can be in scouting and to provide service to the local community.

The role of the GDT in facilitating the development of our forward looking vision involves a range of activities in administering finances, fundraising, maintaining facilities and equipment, the use of IT and social media and transport. You will see the membership over the page and areas of responsibility and my thanks goes to each member for their on-going support and hard work. Also we are very conscious that scouting on Hayling is community based and can only exist with the support of parents, families, businesses and other organisations; so to all of you a very big thank you from Third Hayling.

Finally none of this is possible without our excellent Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Helpers and our Group Scout Leader who provide remarkable opportunities to our children and young people. One of the great things about scouting and its community base is that it is accessible to all so if you want to join in the fun (and it is fun which is why we do it) then however much or however little you can offer than please come and talk to us, you are very welcome.

Dr Aaron Pycroft

Group Scout Leader's Review

So another year goes by without much happening. Only:-

- 1500 nights spent away from home, either in Camp or with Sleepovers
- 30 top awards, including 1 Queen's Scout Award
- 1200 badges presented
- Nearly 200 at our Romans vs Sith Camp
- £5500+ Profit from Book Sales

Of course and as I always state it is what takes place each week in the HQ that really matters and Hayling Island is so fortunate to have a large dedicated team of adults who provide an amazing variety of opportunities for young people - which is why they keep coming back.



A great example of this are our bi-annual Group Camps which apart from the young people, generate a lot of excitement amongst the adults. June 2016 was no different as you can from the effort from one of our Leaders on the poster.

Many of the activities are the same, although each camp inspires Pete Goddard to come up with a novel activity, in this case with a theme of "The Roman's vs the Sith". It was amazing how the two chariots were in use the whole weekend with all ages finding some interesting and different competitive challenges.



The weekend was a challenge with the weather which consisted either hot sun or drenching rain, but to pinch and adapt a great line from Kerry one of our Leaders with Maple Beavers (see their report), "With Scouting, there is no such thing as bad weather, simply bad clothing". However as always you can rely on someone finding the best way to keep dry, whilst others (mainly Leaders!!) spend their time making sure everything is secure.



The success of these events is down to the outstanding leadership within the Group and especially the amazing cooperation and teamwork that exists across our Group.

During any year we say goodbye and hello to this team of adults. This year we have said thank you and good luck to Francine Shaw (Redwood Beavers) who is taking a well deserved break and Kaj Carter (Saturn Pack) who has joined the Navy. At the same time, we welcome John Bray and Annabel Kennard (both Maple Colony) and Sam & Ian Griffiths (GDT) to our expanding team.

Our values are very clearly demonstrated in each of the section reports and show how innovation and imagination can provide activities that help develop multiple skills for those taking part. The flexibility and continuing willingness to try out new ideas is also very evident in these reports and our Leaders deserve our highest praise for what they achieve with the young people.

Our team also extends beyond the Leadership to include our Group Development Team under the chairmanship of Aaron Pycroft. In his first year, Aaron has developed a 3 year plan through a series of combined Leader / GDT meetings which will ensure the continued strength of the Group and further promote Scouting across Hayling Island. This combined team has identified our key priorities, each of which has a designated owner. They did not always agree on the approach but compromise and commitment are two words that exist in abundance in our vocabulary.

Our core running costs exceed £20,000 including membership fee, badges, printing, insurance, utilities and the maintenance of our HQ and equipment. Whilst our subscriptions and Gift Aid cover 75% of this, it is a combination of fund raising and donations that make up the difference and enable us to meet the cost of new items and projects. Our three most important events continue to be our book sales, our Quiz and our Xmas Post delivery service (founded in 1982). Together these raise in excess of £7500 and my thanks go to everyone involved with these events.

Similarly donations, represent an important part of our links to the community, whether this be the anonymous £10 given to a Leader or the targeted donation to purchase new tents as is the case from the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

Each year something happens that reminds me why I still believe in the importance of organisations such as Scouting, or gives me a real sense of pride or just makes me chuckle. The past year is no different:-

- The stories from the Explorers of their expedition to Kandesteg in Switzerland demonstrates the opportunities available to the young people who belong to our Group.
- The raw enthusiasm when Beavers, Cubs and Scouts raided the Sith base at our Group Camp showed how the simplest activity can generate so much pleasure
- Solar Panels feeding an electric shower at Lion Troop camp (see their report)
- 100+ people joining in the Hayling Island Remembrance day service and the positive comments we received on the number and behaviour of our contingent.

- Although he did the hard work, to hear that Jordan Reed has been invited to join the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in America as a contingent Leader for Hampshire.
- Every time we invest someone into the Group for the first time
- Visiting our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers in camp and observing the impact of these events!!



Finally, I would like to say a huge thank to my wife Mandy, who will be the first to point out that I am not very organised. Her support, understanding and putting up with my endless visits to the HQ, or meetings with Aaron or wherever is very much appreciated.

Jan

Treasurer's Report

Income for the year again exceeded £35,000, including the cost of camps and expeditions which are shown in the accounts under the "Money Exchange, camps and trips" line items.

Our main income sources continue to be Subscriptions, Gift Aid and Fund Raising, with the latter providing an income of nearly £8000. 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, 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 The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes (Hayling Branch) and Andrew Harrison.

My thanks to Diane and Dave Stanway for managing the subscriptions and Gift Aid across the group and to Driscolls who continue to audit our accounts each year without charge. 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 2017

Income and Expenditure Account

| 2015/2016 | Income | 2016/2017 | 2015/2016 | Expenditure | 2016/2017 |
|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 13553.50 | Subscriptions | 13067.00 | 6770.40 | Capitation | 7334.40 |
| 3521.00 | Donations | 1350.00 | 1676.21 | Section Allowances | 1489.31 |
| 56.01 | Bank interest | 48.20 | 68.77 | Competitions | 74.20 |
| 2317.94 | Gift Aid | 2814.04 | 1545.00 | Badges | 1200.00 |
| 124.56 | Photocopying | 0.00 | 439.56 | Leader Uniform & Training | 46.99 |
| 0.00 | Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme | 0.00 | 1089.74 | Photocopier | 1657.81 |
| 0.00 | Facilities hire | 0.00 | 1336.95 | Insurance | 1392.04 |
| 581.00 | Fundraising: Quiz | 753.00 | 1148.47 | General expenses | 1712.21 |
| 645.00 | Other events | 805.50 | 2480.04 | HQ: Services | 2737.92 |
| 758.45 | Christmas Post | 949.10 | 754.76 | HQ: Maintenance | 1207.68 |
| 4860.33 | Book fair | 5554.97 | 1946.96 | Equipment | 895.53 |
| 85.00 | World Jamboree | 0.00 | 373.06 | Transport expenses | 123.54 |
| 26502.79 | Total | 25341.81 | 139.00 | Fundraising: Quiz | 110.00 |
| 13862.54 | Money exchange, camps & trips | 10985.45 | 549.22 | Book Fair | 189.44 |
| 40365.33 | Total | 36327.26 | 1007.39 | Other events | 711.72 |
| 1710.00 | Less: Explorer subs(District) | 1260.00 | 450.00 | World jamboree | 0.00 |
| 38655.33 | Total income | 35067.26 | 21775.53 | Total | 20882.79 |
| | | | 3398.45 | Kitchen Refurbishment | 4200.00 |
| | | | 8873.45 | Money exchange,camps & trips | 15929.49 |
| | | | 34047.43 | | 41012.28 |
| | | | 1710.00 | Less: facility use (explorers) | 1260.00 |
| | | | 32337.43 | Total expenditure | 39752.28 |
| | | | | Less: money held on 01.04.16 | 20608.00 |
| | | | | Plus: money held on 31.03.17 | 12614.00 |
| | | | | Plus:surplus income over expenditure | 3308.98 |
| | | | | | 35067.26 |
| | | | | Money held on account | |
| | | | 1690.00 | Transport Fund | 1566.00 |
| | | | 2034.00 | Activities Fund | 1543.00 |
| | | | 2000.00 | Scout Development Fund | 2000.00 |
| | | | 0.00 | World jamboree | 0.00 |
| | | | 10782.00 | Camp & sections Funds | 7505.00 |
| | | | 4102.00 | Building Fund | 0.00 |
| | | | 20608.00 | Total | 12614.00 |

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

C. N. Clarke Auditors

Date.....

Aspen Beaver Colony

Autumn 2016 as leaders we have been making more of an effort to link in the Aspen Beavers evenings with the badges and awards. Each leader selects and implements a badge evening giving the Beavers more variety. The Beavers have a greater sense of achievement (and more badges) as a result.

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

The Summer term included 2 evenings for specific badges plus evenings where individual Beavers were leading for their Bronze award.

We had an excellent tennis evening at Hayling Park. We are very grateful to Emma Boucher of the Lawn Tennis Association who gave her time and lent her equipment to share her skills with our Beavers.

The term finished with our traditional Beachlands paddle in the sea. We were joined by First West Leigh Beavers perhaps it was them who brought the sun and warm sea. The highlight was the dead fish floating in the sea, all were convinced it was a baby shark.

The Autumn term had events away from HQ with the Havant District, 1st West Leigh Beavers, the United Reform Church in Mengham (URC) and the Hayling Billy trail (by torchlight).

The URC invited for the Beavers for Harvest this enabled us to take part and to think about those living locally who would benefit from our food collection. We made up 3 food hampers thanks to the generosity of Aspen parents. We completed a day of Beaver activities with a picnic at QE country park followed by den building and team games.

Finley for his friend to animals badge ran an evening at his stables - a beautiful warm evening learning all about pony care. Finley also demonstrated horse riding and jumps. Pygmy goats added to an enjoyable evening.



A sleepover at HQ gave an intense (and tiring) Beaver experience. An abundance of craft was created in a very cold HQ as the heating had broken. Have a look at our Snowmen - one seems to have survived in the hut.

The Spring term included our second sleepover of the year. An innovation was the Friday night start. For next time we must remember that 2 groups meet on Fridays! A shared supper helped rebuild the bridges with Lion Troop. The Beavers worked particularly well, individually, in small groups and as a team. There were planned activities such as building with marshmallows and kebab sticks, unplanned duplo and completely free format scripting and performing a play complete with dressings up and props. Plus food and swings and sleep.



During the term we also found time to build a Chinese dragon, he looks quite impressive on the HQ wall. Many from Aspen Beavers went to the District Experiment day - warm and sunny (can that be right?) and a variety of activities and demonstrations, a great way to earn a badge with fun and friendship. Another walk on the Billy trail finished the term.

As adult leaders we don't always see it from a Beavers point of view. When Helen ran a first aid evening which included resuscitation, bandages and Elastoplast. The evening started with Helen performing role play. With Resusci Annie face down she gasped and asked the Beavers what might be wrong. 3 hands shot up "Her legs have dropped off". When pressed further they spotted that "Her arms were missing" and finally "She had no clothes on". Very little interest in her being face down and not breathing. The highlight for them was wiping her face with medi swabs and applying the out of date bandages to each other. These moments make a leaders evening.

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 regularly giving their time, experience and enthusiasm: Pippa and Helen. We work as a team sharing responsibility for programme planning and delivery.

It's been an honour.

Fiona Jordan Harrison, Beaver Leader, Aspen



Maple Beaver Colony

Well it's been a busy year with Maple Colony. Dragonfly and (I) Tigermoth have settled into our roles as Beaver Leaders and have thoroughly enjoyed running our programme this year, putting our own stamp on the Colony.

We are lucky to live in such a great location and we make good use of the local area and have enjoyed many places on Hayling Island. The Beavers enjoy discovering different things about the Island, (such as the best Blackberrying spot, the history of the military defences) and often take their family back there, to show there new knowledge.

With Beavers there is no such thing as bad weather, simply bad clothing and as such we have walked along the Billy trail in pouring rain, finding the deepest puddles and the muddiest mud, the simple joy of wadding through a puddle to see how far up the welly boot it goes is something, I feel, has been lost in this computer age.

Maple Colony had a joint sleepover with Redwood Colony, which challenged the Beavers to spend their first night away from family, a daunting task for some children. It is an opportunity for a first rung on the ladder of independence and although 'sleepover' is an oxymoron, the sense of pride the Beavers had in the morning was superb.



Pets at Home hosted Maple Colony for an animal care session where the children were able to handle different animals and learn about Petcare.

This year as always we have lots of varied activities at the base, the Beavers have learnt basic semaphore and have tried archery. We are very creative and have made kites, trebuchet's from Lolly pop sticks and have grown plants from seeds. We have made healthy noodles and smoothies, and unhealthy cakes and rice crispy Trees. At Christmas the Beavers treated their parents to tea and a Carol concert?

The Beavers this were invited to take part in the Hayling Island Remembrance day parade. We were very proud that Maple Colony turned out and marched smartly in such an important occasion.

The Outstanding event from this year however was definitely the Scout Camp. Beavers came for a day and what a day. Four seasons experienced, rain, hail, sun and wind all came down. Singing around the camp fire after trying Archery, Branding, cooking S'mores there were some very tired happy faces. Shouting the song words at the top of our voices whilst looking around at Maple Colony all doing the same was a wonderful experience.

We are very proud that three boys have earned the top award for Beavers, the Bronze Chief Scout award. This was an achievement due to their commitment and trying hard to gain all the badges they could. Most of Maple Beavers have moved up to one of the three Cub packs this year, and we have welcomed new Beavers.

We have also gained three leaders Bumblebee, (John), Grasshopper, our new young leader (Clementine,) and Centipede (Annabelle).



Our priorities as leaders are always to provide as varied scouting activities as possible and offer the children new experiences, and along the way we even earn a few badges. We are always busy however, the most hectic of sessions always ends with the coming together for the flag ceremony.

Both Dragonfly & I are looking forward to the next year, it is a privilege to be part of Maple Colony and to know that the Beavers come each week because it is important to them.

We are adventurers, we are cooks, we are inventors, we are Beavers, WE ARE MAPLE

Kerry

Redwood Beaver Colony

Writing this report is one of those things that I am not so keen to do each year, but once I start to reflect back on the past years activities and events it brings back so many happy memories. I am reminded of why I still run Beavers and why Scouting has become such a big part of my life.

Each term I send out an itinerary listing the activities we are planning on doing. Sometimes we divert from the list and go "off piste" due to circumstances beyond our control, mainly the weather, but the parents and Beavers never moan they just go with the flow. Flexibility and compromise are just a couple of the life skills we learn at Scouts without even knowing we are learning anything!!

We encourage everyone to try new things and get the best out of each session from sampling food they are not too sure of to tackling new activities like archery, rock climbing and stream walking in the dark. We spend time on walks looking at nature and discovering wildlife. Abi run a mini beast evening on the foreshore collecting bugs and sharing interesting facts about the bugs habitat. Firelighting, crabbing and beach combing are top of the outdoor evenings we have.

We have made bird feeders, grown tomato plants, made robots from junk and marble runs from tubes. We have held log chews where the Beavers give us ideas as to games and activities they would like to cover. It was amazing how many things we already do that they all want to do again. I suppose that's why they keep coming, fun and friends.

We held a sleepover with Maple joining us where everyone including leaders wore their onesies or pyjamas and watched films and ate sweets and popcorn. We did get some sleep and after a traditional cooked breakfast the children were collected. Everyone had great fun and although for some children this was their first time away from home they all stayed the night and all received their nights away badge.

Many Redwood Beavers joined in for the day at our Group camp at Lyons Copse. They were able to experience a huge number of activities and learn skills whilst having the freedom to roam the field with their friends and to feel part of the bigger wider circle of Scouts. They also took part in the District Christmas party where they made friends with other groups around the area.

At Christmas we held a joint traditional party with Mars Cub Pack. All the children got on so well playing pass the parcel, musical statues and musical bumps. Cakes and crisps were consumed by the truck load and everyone including the leaders joined in with enthusiasm. It was another way of introducing the next stage of Scouting to the Beavers and hopefully when they move up to Cubs it won't be so daunting.

One of the most enjoyable visits was to Flip out in Portsmouth. Having grown up children I do not get to visit this type of place and I can see why it is so popular. The Beavers just bounced and jumped and flipped for an hour, only stopping for a quick drink as they didn't want to miss out on the fun. Everyone wants to visit again and I certainly thought it was excellent.

On a much quieter evening we made Smilestones as part of the challenge badge work. Each Beaver was given a few pebbles and they decorated them with smiley faces using brightly coloured nail varnishes and marker pens. They took them home and the idea was to leave a stone somewhere that a person would find it and it would make them smile. A teachers desk, on the doorstep of a neighbour, under mum and dads pillow. The next week everyone came back with tales of where and who they had left them for and it gave them such pleasure seeing the great big smiles on everyones faces. Such a simple idea but so effective, spreading a little smile.

There are certain activities and celebrations that we cover every year from fireworks, St Georges Day, Halloween and Christmas. Each year we try new and different activities as part of these celebrations but sometimes the old ones are the best. Sparklers, apple dunking and doughnuts on a string are a must.

Making and giving things are a large part of what goes on at Beavers. Making gifts for mothers day and fathers day. We visit Cheybassa Lodge and sing carols with the old folks and made beaded icicle tree decorations for them. This evening is always a huge success and everyone gets such a lot of joy from visiting. An added treat this time was the Beavers were given party bags to take home with sweets and cake.

This past year has been extremely enjoyable due mainly I believe to the wonderful team I have who give their time, passion and energy to running the evenings with me. They are enthusiastic and dedicated and I am so very thankful to them all. They all have individual special qualities. Francine is mothering, caring and sympathetic, Abi chilled, calming and totally organised, Matthew is quiet, kind, soft spoken and thoughtful and Dominic is energetic, playful and authoritative when needed with his big booming voice. I believe we work well together and it is with a heavy heart that I announce Francine's departure leaving us at the end of May. She will be sadly missed but we wish her all the best and hopefully we can find another team member soon.

Thank you also goes to the parents who support us, my family who help me and all the other leaders and volunteers who come to our rescue when needed.
Happy Scouting for another year!!

Thank you
Linda Hunter (Badger)

Jupiter Cub Pack

Jupiter has had a fantastic year which can only be put down to the continued support and enthusiasm from our leaders, Karen, Simon and Becky and our committed young leader James and, not forgetting, the wonderful children that join us each week who try very hard to keep the promise they made when they joined us.

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.



Every term we put together a program of activities that fulfil specific requirements and enable the children to obtain badges of achievement. I'm not always sure they realise that what they do on a weekly basis is working towards obtaining these badges but there is definitely an air of delight and achievement when they collect them and then display them with pride on their uniform. The program of activities is tailored to suit the needs and abilities of all the children. As leaders we see the children grow and develop over the 2 years they are with us in both ability and confidence which gives us the satisfaction that we must be doing something right, helping them grow into children with a 'can do' attitude to life. Wanting to take part, to help, to share, to do their best and become a valued member of their wider community.

The seasons and annual celebrations often mould the program of activities, with dark evenings in the winter turning to lighter in the summer we tailor our program accordingly.

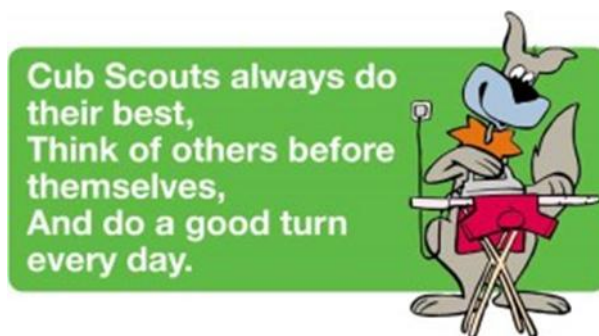
Our spring program started with a treasure hunt based around local knowledge, enabling the children to familiarise themselves with our unique community on Hayling Island. We had an evening of painting with our feet, making sandwiches with one hand and leading each other blindfolded to increase our awareness of the challenges that people with disabilities have and how the disabilities are not barriers to inclusion. We learnt new games from cubs all over the world, celebrated Chinese New Year with cooking and eating Chinese food, and celebrated Lent with cooking and eating pancakes. We planted sunflowers and made birdseed feeders to mark the end of winter and the start of spring. We visited St. Patrick's Church and found out about the Catholic faith how the church celebrates Easter. We ended the term with a night of air rifle shooting....and then took breath and planned for the following term!

In a blink of an eye we were into the summer term and that meant outside on bikes and scooters for a lesson in road safety, reading maps and following orienteering directions. An evening making junk models of St Paul's Cathedral, The Taj Mahal, the Colosseum... very impressive! We made wooden picture frames for Father's Day, prepared for Camp, completed the Athletics badge, made bivouac huts in the forest, had an evening 'crabbing' at Langstone and ended the summer term with a BBQ and water pistols night at the gun emplacements.

The summer term ended with celebrating with everyone who belongs to 3rd Hayling joining together for our group camp. We celebrated 100 years of cub scouting and our theme this year was an adaptation of the previous camp theme but with Romans this time. Jupiter's roman name is 'King of the Gods' and indeed we were. We created lots of activity bases around the theme and the children were encouraged to have a go at many activities that they otherwise may not had a chance to do. Oh and there was water and more water....and a battle..... and more water...oh.... and water bombs... oh yes and a water slide and did I mention water!!! The camps all begin to merge into one due to a lack of sleep and a lot of hard work setting up the camp and activity bases then taking it all down after the weekend but the highlight of the weekend each and every time for the children and most leaders.....is the final battle.....with water.

The Autumn was now on us and the nights were drawing in but that didn't stop us from being outside playing traditional ball and rope games in the park, creating and cooking pizzas, making and racing go-carts, creating faces out of fruit, going on a night hike to Warblington church, lighting fires and cooking marshmallows, balloon modelling, a show and tell evening, a treasure walk along the beach, making salt dough models and as it was now dark, a Jupiter favourite, x-file doughnuts, finishing the term with a Christmas jumper party.

For me it's a privilege and an honour being a Cub Scout leader. Thank you to the Jupiter team and to all the other leaders of 3rd Hayling for all your support and for all your efforts in making 3rd Hayling a success over the past year, but the biggest thank you goes out to the children that have joined us every week which has made that effort worthwhile. To the next year!!!



Thank you!!!
Andrea Heath
Jupiter Cubs

Mars Cub Pack

We have had another exciting year in Cubs as Mars Pack enters its ninth year. I can't believe I started with 7 cubs way back in 2008.

Last year Cubs celebrated 100 years - Mars Pack completed many activities connected with 100 i.e 100 skips with a rope, listing 100 boys and girls names and clapping 100 times - quite a challenge at times!

I always say to my Cubs that trying something new at Cubs is as important as turning up every week. In the Summer term we went to HIADS theatre, completed Scientist badge, Emergency Aid 2, naturalist badge, backwoods cooking, Father's day activities, crabbing at Langstone, shelter building at Queen Elizabeth Park, swimming at Linda's beach hut, skittles night, and completed outdoor challenge.



Our May sleepover started with a trip to Tangmere Air Museum in the mini bus. We spent the day at the museum with helpers giving us a guided tour of the museum and a behind the scenes visit to the Anderson shelter they have on site. The guides were flying veterans and it was a real treat to listen to their flying stories and bravery in the skies as some had seen action in the war! We travelled home and had dinner, made paper aeroplanes and flew them then settled down to watching Planes continuing our flight theme. The Cub were awarded their Air Activities stage 2 for their hard work over the weekend.

This term we also celebrated our group camp at Lyons Copse. What a weekend! We had The Sith and Romans all over the place. The cubs tried cooking, rafting, ballistas, branding, crafting and of course our great British weather which was very challenging! However we had an amazing hot camp fire which was enjoyed by all with the sketches and skits performed by all!! The Leaders definitely enjoyed drying wet socks and boots later when the cubs were in bed!

The highlight of the weekend was the mammoth battle between the Sith and the Romans on Sunday morning. This involved water, time travel, water, running, water, battling, water, waves of warriors, water, fun, water and more water until eventually The Sith were defeated and the Romans were victorious and everybody was very wet.

The Autumn Term we completed our skills challenge as well as walking in Northney, making para cord bracelets, completed communicator badge, went climbing at Hi Rock climbing wall, had a junk modelling night, halloween activities, Remembrance Day activities, Christmas cooking and activities, DIY badge, joint Christmas party with Redwood Beavers and finally the District Christingle Service and 100 years of Cubs celebration party.



November saw our second Mars Pack sleepover. This time we had a joint one with Saturn Pack. We got the train from Rowlands Castle to Chichester and walked to the Observatory to have a very interesting talk on the night sky over the Chichester area in the auditorium. It was very dark and the seat were from aeroplanes and very comfortable - some might say too comfortable! The Cubs behaved really well and the talk was really well done. We then walked to the bowling

complex and had 2 games of bowling and the Cubs had their dinner there. We then walked back to the train station and reversed out trip back to Rowlands Castle. At the HQ we did astronomy activities, games and watched Planet 51 after dinner. Then the Cubs settled down to a good night. After breakfast we all cleaned up and went home for a well deserved rest.

In December the Cubs attend the District Christingle Service then afterwards had a party to celebrate 100 years of Cub Scouting. It was amazing about 80 Cubs retook their promise at exactly 7.16pm and had an indoor camp fire with camp fire songs. The Cubs had their tea then we all had a slice of cake, certificate and a cub book provided by District Scouting.

The Spring term 2017 saw us all returning after Christmas to a splattering of snow on our first night back. The Cubs were very excited I'm glad it was a games evening. The term then consisted of nights of completing navigator badge, celebrating Chinese new year, valentines day crafting, swimming at Mille Rythe junior school, completing backwoods cooking badge, pancake day activities, Mothering Sunday crafting, cleaning St Mary's Church and finishing the term with an easter egg hunt on the Hayling Billy trail and incorporating environmental issues.



This year we have said good bye to Kaii, Cameron, and Kai Hensby, Kye, James who have all moved up to Scouts. We have also said good by to Tom Randall our Young Leader. We congratulate James Burroughs who has completed Chief Scouts Silver award - well done!

Without the help of Abi, Jacko and Charlotte 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 Leigh Hunter and Clive Allgood for DIY badge, Jacko for archery, fireman at Hayling Fire Station, Tony Allen at Hayling Climbing Wall, staff at HIADS theatre, Susan Lake and team at St Mary's Church, Dave Stanway for driving the min bus, Linda Hunter - craft activities and beach hut and Josh Day - lifeguard.

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

Wow, what a busy and fulfilling year Saturn pack have had and I couldn't have achieved it all without the help of my wonderful leadership team. I would like to say a huge thank you to Kate, Danny, Kaj & Pippa you have all been amazing.



Throughout the year we have undertaken many pioneering projects, these have included large friction bridges, Totem poles, cooking frames & even a raised bed for their leaders. We told them it was comfy - what do you think?



The pack have also done lots of outside visits over the year. At the start of the term we visited the police station HQ in Waterloo. 'It was a fair cop' the cubs were taken in a police van, processed through custody, had their fingerprints taken & were then locked in a cell! (hopefully their one & only time). It was a really informative evening & the cubs had a wonderful time.

Local visits on Hayling have included a trip to HIADS during which the cubs visited the backstage area, the lighting box & costume room. We were lucky enough to watch the talented actors in their final dress rehearsal. On another trip we visited Northney farm. It was such a busy evening starting off with climbing onto a tractor trailer for a trip around Northney's roads & fields. We had some budding farmers who were able to identify all the crops growing in the fields. The evening was rounded off by seeing newly born calves & eating the Farm's ice cream which is made on site, it was delicious!



In June, we visited the Lifeboat station where the cubs learnt invaluable lessons about safety at sea. The cubs also got to try on the uniforms and were amazed at how heavy they were also how quickly they have to get dressed. During the evening Lesley (DC) presented silver awards to Mathew, Barnaby, Will, Noah, Theo, Davy & Owen - It was a very proud moment.

The Hayling Island First responders visited the group and taught them all very important lifesaving skills. I would like to say thank you to Rosie and her team for taking the time to share their knowledge.

One of the most exciting events of the year was when we teamed up with Mars cub group for an unforgettable sleep over at Rowlands castle. We firstly caught the train to Chichester, then went to the Planetarium. It was an amazing to learn about the planets & see shooting stars right before our eyes. We explored the museum and found out some very interesting facts. The cubs were also lucky enough to have not one, but two, games of bowling ! It was the first time for some of the cubs to have ever been on a train - so it was an extra special



weekend for some.

The cubs completed their Faith badge by taking a visit to our local church, St Marys. Our cubs tried on the robes and looked very smart. Jenny the vicar was very impressed with both the behaviour and knowledge of the boys.

Saturn pack spent an evening in Fort Purbrook where they partook in various initiative tests, which even the leaders found quite challenging! All the cubs worked hard as a team and completed all tests. They also did a blind string trail where they took off their Neckers & tied it round their eyes so they could explore the fort in pitch black - it was a thrilling adventure.

In the autumn term Saturn pack had a sleep over at HQ, during which we took the cubs to Hi Rock. I was really proud of them. Some cubs were apprehensive, but by the end of the evening they had scaled the top. A real example of team work it was lovely to see all the encouragement the boys gave each other! We continued our evening back at the hut with team games and activities, supper hot chocolate and marshmallows the evening was finished relaxing in their sleeping bags and watching a film together. The leaders even managed to get some sleep !



The year has been full of some fantastic moments and we have done all sorts of activities; disability, (the cubs painting using only their feet was a lot of fun) chariot racing, crabbing, making pancakes, healthy living, Chinese traditions and cooking, home safety, puppet shows, birdhouses, making some impressive wooden snowmen, backwards cooking, flag making. We also learnt about the environment, which even included cleaning the islands beaches (it's amazing how much rubbish a cub can find in an evening), Easter party, Christmas party, BBQ's and Swimming - we have even had a sports day, Mothers Day tea and cake lots of wide games and many more entertaining evenings - the list could go on.



We have also taken part in all community events, which included; Remembrance parade, Christingle & St Georges day - all of which are a very important part of scouting.

We have awarded many activity badges and challenge badges over the year, and I am very happy to say that as well as the cubs mentioned already Jacob and Jack have also gained the highest award in Cub scouts - the Silver award. They have all now moved on to the Scouts, where I wish them every success in scouting.

I would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for your help and continued support, also to Saturn Pack Cubs themselves. You make each week fun and exciting, and it would not be Saturn pack without you.

I look forward another very exciting fun filled year we have so much planned already!

Yours in Scouting

Sarah Bailey
Akela Saturn Pack

Eagle Scout Troop

Last year's Summer term was filled with a combination of adventurous activities and camp training. We kayaked, shot rifles, geocached, mountain biked and had a water fight (not all on one night!). To prepare us for the camping season we cooked, pitched tents, lashed pioneering poles, chopped wood and burnt it.

Armed with mallets and frying pans, we sent an elite team to represent Eagle troop at Gunnel camp. Despite their haircuts and inconsistent kneckers, they made us proud. Their campsite was well pitched and their menu executed brilliantly - bringing home the trophy for second place! Awesome work Dan, Lucas, Josh and James.



Group camp was 47 hours and 40 minutes of great activities and 2 downpours of rain, approximately a year's rain in each 10 minute burst. We learnt a valuable lesson about tents



without inbuilt groundsheets. The river that appeared ran back up hill, looped back over the top of the groundsheet and drenched all the personal kit. A first for me was when Finlay said he hadn't got any dry clothes, he said there was nothing in his bag. I told him to bring me his bag. It was indeed empty; he had lost every single one of his belongings. They were discovered over 4 square miles. The other first,

we built a trebuchet that actually worked. It could fling a water balloon 200m.

Summer camp was awesome. Cooking on open fires, pot holing, wide games, food auction and so much more. The scouts' sites were of the highest standard that we have seen in years. Well pitched tents, mighty gateways and immaculate kitchens. We tricked the patrol leaders into thinking they were required to help search for lost Swedish guides. They didn't realise that the guides didn't exist until they were half way on the hike back to the site.

The winter term had a few of the usual Scout evenings, but we threw a "chip shop survey", "build a banger" and "casino night" into the mix. We also spent an evening creating our own comedy clips, they were actually quite funny! Eagles had a good turn-out for remembrance parade, with everyone looking smart. Several of us attended the County Winter Camp, now a firm fixture in our scout calendar. Good food, good activities and good company.

Our eccentric selection of evenings continued into the Spring term. I shall list a few and let you speculate about their meanings; "micro fires", "treasure island", "whacky woggles", "whistle whittling" and "MI5 Training". Wide games with the other troops was enjoyed by all and backwoods cooking was delicious.



We ran a service weekend/sleepover at the hut mid-February. The grounds, building, rafters and roof got sorted and scrubbed. Once the hard work was done, the scouts prepared their own 3 course meals and then we relaxed with a film or two.



The Summer term has half of our evenings planned outside and of course we will be sending a patrol or two to try and bring a trophy back from Gunnell. Our Summer camp this year will be at Bentley Copse, following on from Shark Troops' recommendation.

In a time when there are troops that are in desperate need of leaders, we are lucky enough to have an incredible team. I am grateful that they continue to let me be a part of it!

Edd Harrison

Lion Scout Troop

Another busy year and another section report, Maybe next year we will get it in on time (sorry Ian).

This year we have had 8 scouts move up to our section this has enabled us to make up 3 patrols. Since our last report we have had another summer camp, we have been Kayaking, visited flip out, taken part in a district night hike, Patrol leaders camp, troop sleepover at the scout HQ. All this on top of our normal Friday meetings where we have had a varied programme consisting of activities and challenges such as Patrol cooking, stop frame animation filmmaking, patrol cooking, fire lighting, knife, axe and saw work, map and compass activities, paper bridge building challenge, indoor and outdoor pioneering, camp gadget making, carving, Archery, Air rifle shooting, Swimming and wide games. While all this has been going on all the scouts have been completing some of the requirements towards activity, staged and challenge badges.

Night hike

The first week in October saw our scouts take part in the district night hike, Scouts from all groups in the district had to hike a set route with several team building challenges to complete on the way, once they had finished the hike they were allowed to go back to the local scout hut for some well earned rest.

PL Camp

At the end of October we took the patrol leaders to Northney farm for a patrol leaders training camp. During the camp the leaders helped our patrol leaders set up, run and maintain a patrol site, from pitching a patrol tent, setting up a dining shelter to site layout and cooking.

Summer camp

This year's summer camp was spent at Caddihoe in Exeter. For those who don't know, Caddihoe is an excellent but rather basic camp site, It has a cold shower fed from a well, generator for power and Ticks. Ok maybe the last bit isn't so great. Naturally as this was such a basic site, we decided to bring 21st century technology with us.



We pioneered a hot water shower, had mains power for running the laser printer along with internet and laptops.



As we were camping in Exeter we thought it would be an ideal opportunity to wild camp on Dartmoor, so Jamie and Tom did a recce and found a site to camp for the night



Unfortunately as this is Dartmoor in the UK when it came to the actual hike the weather was rather predictable and we ended up with some cold wet scouts so the overnight stay was abandoned.



Along with attempted camp on Dartmoor we also visited the local swimming pool, Anyone who has camped at Caddihoe will know this pool is river fed and unheated (much to the scouts surprise and disappointment)

The highlight of the week will have to be Digger Land and we all agree that this made up for the cold pool and wet hike.



Winter camp

We also attended the County Winter camp at Lyons Copse where there were a variety of activities such as Laser tag, it's a knockout, ice skating rink, laser mission, surf board simulator, adventure course, bouncy castles, archery, mountain biking, pedal carts, chill out zone, climbing and air rifle shooting.

About Us

Lion Troop meet on Friday evening at 19:00 until 21:00, our Leaders are Tom Lincoln, Jamie Bray, Mervyn Haines and Michele Lynch with help from Cam MacCallum and Liam Holden when they are not at Uni.

We have lots planned for this year so far as leaders and the scouts have come up with some great idea that will last us 5 years or more!

Tom Lincoln and Jamie Bray

Scout Leaders, Lion Troop

Shark Scout Troop

After a tremendous Summer Camp in 2015 we felt hard pushed to top it last year, then we literally stumbled into Tom Cruise and that was the end of that.

As it was our first time camping at Bentley Copse, on the outskirts of Guildford, it gave us the perfect opportunity to explore the countryside by taking part in a spot of Geocaching which involves using GPS devices to locate hidden boxes cleverly concealed around the forest, containing surprise items. They are always a surprise that's for sure.

The first few boxes contained what I can only describe as "junk"; even the Scouts weren't very amused by the excessive number of pencil rubbers, bouncy balls and Christmas cracker items either. We were set on finding gold, or at least some food as a compromise.

Continuing through the forest the bright sunshine was replaced by thick dense fog, well at least we thought it was fog. As much as I'd like to say we'd taken weather advice from BBC weatherman Michael Fish, we had not, and in fact had stumbled into a very smoky film set.

Curious, the Scout spoke to the film crew and discovered that Tom Cruise had been filming for his new film, The Mummy, which explained the helicopter circling overhead all day and the upturned ambulance we found in a ditch. This was without a doubt my strangest encounter in my 7 years a Scout Leader, especially when we got hastily ushered off the set for walking on a genuine public footpath. The film is released in July, and we are hopeful our appearance will be worthy of an OSCAR.



Opening the camp we were given a superb home-made cake in the shape of a Scout patrol tent which looked exceedingly tasty. I say it looked tasty as the following morning it was no-longer edible due a late night raid from a Badger, and his squirrel accomplice. We swiftly went about constructing anti-theft devices to save the rest of our food becoming ravished by these crafty cake connoisseurs.



Later in the week at the Guilford County Show we reported this cake crime to the rural policing unit who took statements from the Scouts and have conducted a full investigation however they were unable to identify the perpetrators.

One of the more unusual activities we took part in last year was a visit to Chichester Golf Club, however we didn't actually take park in any form of

conventional golfing Tiger Woods would recognise. Scouts took on the Jungle Paradise, a fiendishly difficult crazy golf course involving water obstacles and a large gorilla in a cage. Needless to say we were all hopeless unless you accept the large water obstacle as an alternative 18th hole?

After the crazy golf came footgolf which is somewhat closer the original game than the later, however you have to kick a football into a slightly larger hole which is actually significantly more challenging than you would think, especially when you've got two left feet like me.

The Scouts on the other hand really enjoyed hoofing a football as hard as they could across the golf course, but the delicacy required to get the ball into the hole was somewhat lacking.

My highlight of the evening was when the course sprinklers came on towards the end of the evening and the Scouts got soaked, which was brilliant until the parents came to collect 24 very drenched young people.



In October we commenced a refresh of our Scout patrol system, whereby we appointed Ryan, Luke, Ethan and Jack as Patrol Leaders for the newly renamed patrols of Narwhal, Swordfish, Barracuda and Eel. The PL's, who picked the names themselves, wanted them to reflect our aquatic background and I'm delighted that all four of them have been inspirational and energetic in creating a rejuvenated Patrol system for Shark Troop.



These four individuals have shown immense leadership, direction and training for the other Scouts and I have no doubt they will go on to become fantastic Scout leaders of the future. Well done, this is a very commendable achievement.

Over the course of the last 12 months we've also carried out more traditional scouting activities like pioneering and map reading but also some less conventional ones like communicating with Semaphore, constructing bird boxes, and cooking a meal via text message. We also run an evening about DIY safety, and you can see from the photos below we could have the making of a winning Britons got Talent act!



The success of Shark Troop is undoubtedly down to the enthusiasm and dedication of the amazing leadership team that I'm part of, so I'd personally like to thank Jamie, Chris, Matt, Adam and Hannah for their continued support in providing great Scouting opportunities for the young people of Hayling Island.

I have no doubt that the next year will be as exciting and adventurous as the last, and we are exhilarated for the challenge that 2017 will bring.

Jordan

Section Leader, Shark Troop

Nexus Explorer Unit

A Year in the life of a Explorer scout

Hello. Since last year we have been camping, climbing, lighting fires, cooking, eating, cycling over to Portsmouth using the Hayling Ferry, walking, night exercises, swimming, scalextric, Blind food tasting some probably shouldn't have been eaten !.

Group camp last year was held at Lyons Copse Scout campsite and was themed on Romans v Dark Star. The Explorers built a sophisticated working rocket with which to do battle with the Romans and although we did our best to keep everyone dry through torrential showers on Saturday, we routed the Romans by giving them a good drenching on the Sunday. An outstanding victory for The Dark Star! The Explorers also provided an opportunity to brand badges and wooden medallions with appropriate symbols. A perfect weekend - water fights and fires.



.Last August our summer camp was a two week long expedition to KISC (Kandersteg International Scout Camp) in Switzerland. We had an amazing time swimming in glacier fed lakes, hiking, eating, paragliding, mountain biking, shopping, seeing the bears in Bern, white water rafting, scaling vertical rock walls in thunderstorms



called the Via Ferrata at 1500ft high. We meet and made friends with people from all around the world inc Germany, Far East ,America.

Some Explorers went on expeditions with overnight stays in mountain huts where they took part in ice climbing on the glaciers well as descending into ice vast crevasses to carry out ice climbing using crampons & ice axes.

One evening, in the local village hall we were introduced to Swiss culture at a performance of wrestling, yodelling and singing preformed by the local villagers.

The explorers were also responsible for their own shopping & cooking/cleaning during the two week expedition. This involves working out the current exchange rate and keeping to a budget.

This is the highlight of the time any person spends as a Explorer as this trip is only available every four years the next one being in 2020.

Throughout the year Explorers also provided help for the Hayling Island community by helping out at the Businessmen's BBQ preparing the barns & providing & installing lighting, on the night support with car parking, supporting our Scout book fairs at the Hut by setting out all the tables and books and, along with others, sorting the Christmas post.

During the year explorers have gained life changing opportunities & developed important life skills. These skills include the ability to work as part of a team, leadership skills, problem solving skills, communication skills, independence, the ability to run & plan their own program/camps.

An exciting year only experienced by being an Explorer!

James, Terry & Leigh

Fundraising and Financial Support

Our income from fundraising has been focused again on three key activities

- The Christmas card delivery service
- Secondhand book sales
- Quiz night

These three events not only raised over £7,000 this year but also provided a benefit to the local community - an important feature of our fundraising. The income ensures that our Leaders have the necessary equipment and resources to carry out their important roles. This income also enabled the Scout Group to avoid any increase in the parent's membership subscription, which we have held constant for the last six years, despite increases in costs for insurance, gas, electricity, water etc.

The fundraising income, together with parents agreeing to apply Gift Aid to their subscriptions, enables us to keep the membership subscription as low as possible and hopefully make Scouting financially manageable for all families.

Christmas Card Delivery Service

The Christmas Card Delivery Service continues to be well supported and appreciated by the local community, especially as we have continued to hold the price of a stamp at 20p for a 'first class' service! This year we delivered over 5,000 cards, which gave a profit of £900, thanks to the efforts of many friends, parents and their children with deliveries and not forgetting our 'postmaster' Ian Hawke and the Explorers who do the collection and sorting - and of course to the people of Hayling Island for using our Service.

Secondhand Book Sales

Our Book Sales, held every half term in the Scouts Headquarters, now provide the major source of fundraising income and this year we raised over £5,000. This would not be possible without the support of a great team of helpers who distribute and display posters, assist with setting up and sorting of more than 10,000 books, help on the four sale days each half term, and return books to our store in the HQ.

For many of our customers, it is now a regular event that they keep in their diaries and we also receive many visitors who come to Hayling over the half-term week. Using the Scouts HQ for the sales also gives our visitors an insight into Scouting activities on Hayling. Finally, we must not forget those people and organisations who donate books - without these donations, our book sales would not be possible.

Quiz Night

The Scouts Quiz Night, held every October with its own unique format, proved to be very popular again. After a successful trial run last year using the Scouts Headquarters as the venue, we achieved this year a profit of £600. The benefits of using the HQ are now substantial - especially the lower costs and easier management of the quiz - with the added bonus (as with the book sales) of greater visibility of Scouting for those attending. Thanks to Stoke Fruit Farm for their continued sponsorship and to all those who helped to provide a very enjoyable evening and a well-received hot supper.

Finally, we must not forget those businesses, organisations and individuals who have assisted us financially with donations and grants. Further details are presented elsewhere in this Annual Report. It is especially gratifying to know that they see Scouting as a very important part of the local community for the development of our young people, and therefore worthy of financial support.

Philip Blosse

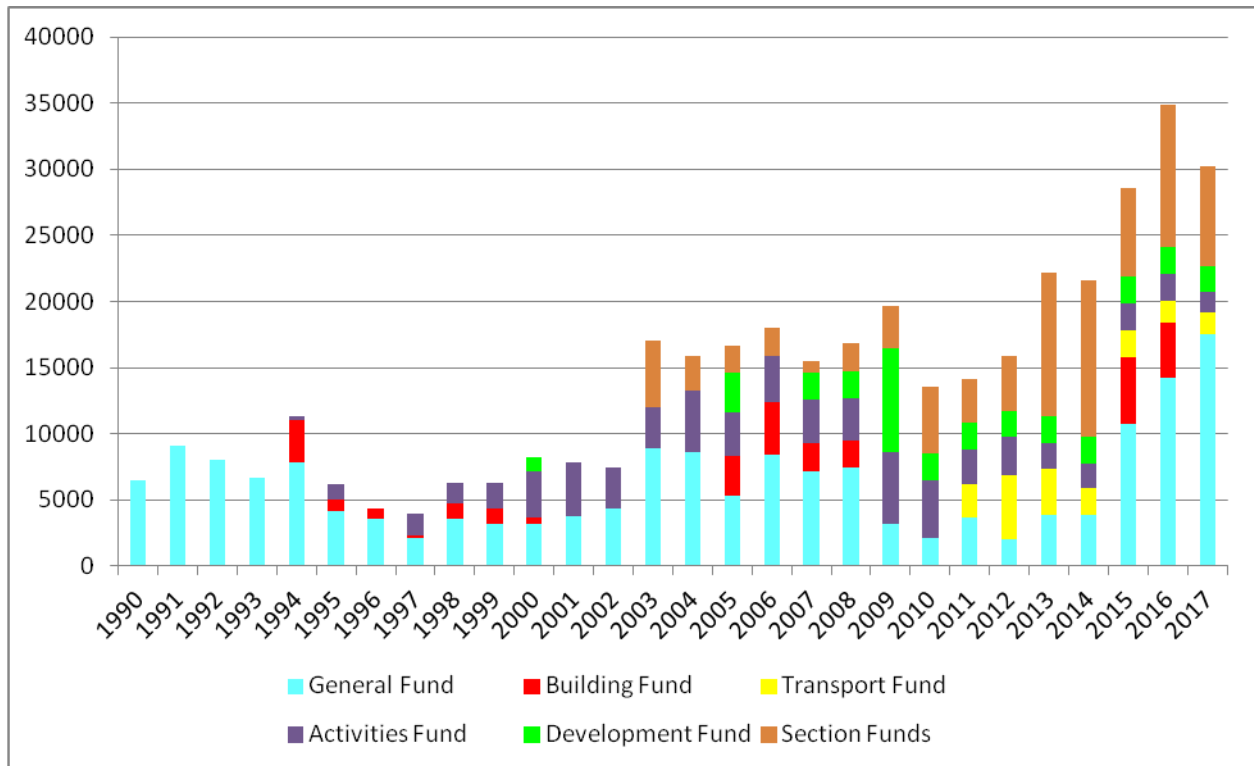
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Statement of Funds

at 31st March 2017



Notes:

1. The building fund is currently set to £0, following the completion of our Kitchen Improvement Project. Following the audit of this years accounts, the next meeting of our Group Executive Committee will consider what monies will be transferred from the general fund in support of future building maintenance and projects.
2. The Section Funds include camp payments for this years camps and expeditions.

