



WATERLINES

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Autumn Edition

Sailing Report

My chief hope is that all Scouts have enjoyed this 1996 sailing season and learned something about the way boats sail. Also that they have learned more about themselves and each other.

Mostly on Troop nights we had better sailing conditions than last year.

Breezes were stronger, many evenings we had to fit smaller sails to the Enterprises. This gave the boats enough power to ensure that helms had to maintain concentration to sail effectively but with maximum safety.

It was very pleasing to see some of our younger and lighter Scouts gaining confidence as their boat handling skills increased. The older Scouts built on the techniques learned over the previous seasons with Alleyne. Well done everyone.

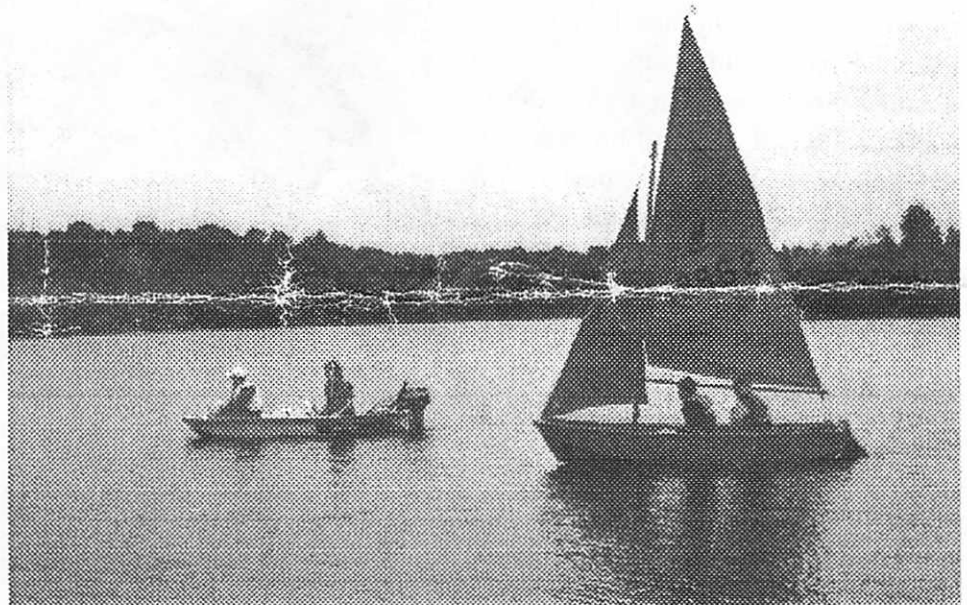
At the Scout Water Activities Centre on the Thames we learned how to use Canadian type canoes and to row six oared Gigs.

Reports of two out of the three regattas that we competed in have been reported previously and the Marchwood event is described elsewhere in this issue. Competitions such as these do give a focus to the practice and training and enables Scouts to measure their own development and progress.

The fleet increased by an Enterprise, a Mirror and a Falmouth Bass Boat on temporary loan. Many thanks Parents. We would be very pleased to try

other types of boat next year. Any ideas or offers? Our own boats are in need of some attention after a fairly hard season. The Mirrors which are wood need some repair, paint and varnish and the Enterprises need glass fibre repair. We need volunteers, skilled or novice, to help with the work, and we would prefer to get the boats indoors. Would you take a boat home for a few weeks this winter?

As usual I have to say that water activities could not



take place without the help of many Parents and several friends of Scouting. Nigel Mills and Chris Douce spent a deal of time most Thursdays helping crews get afloat. Our special thanks also to Hywell Morris for being our safety boat driver.

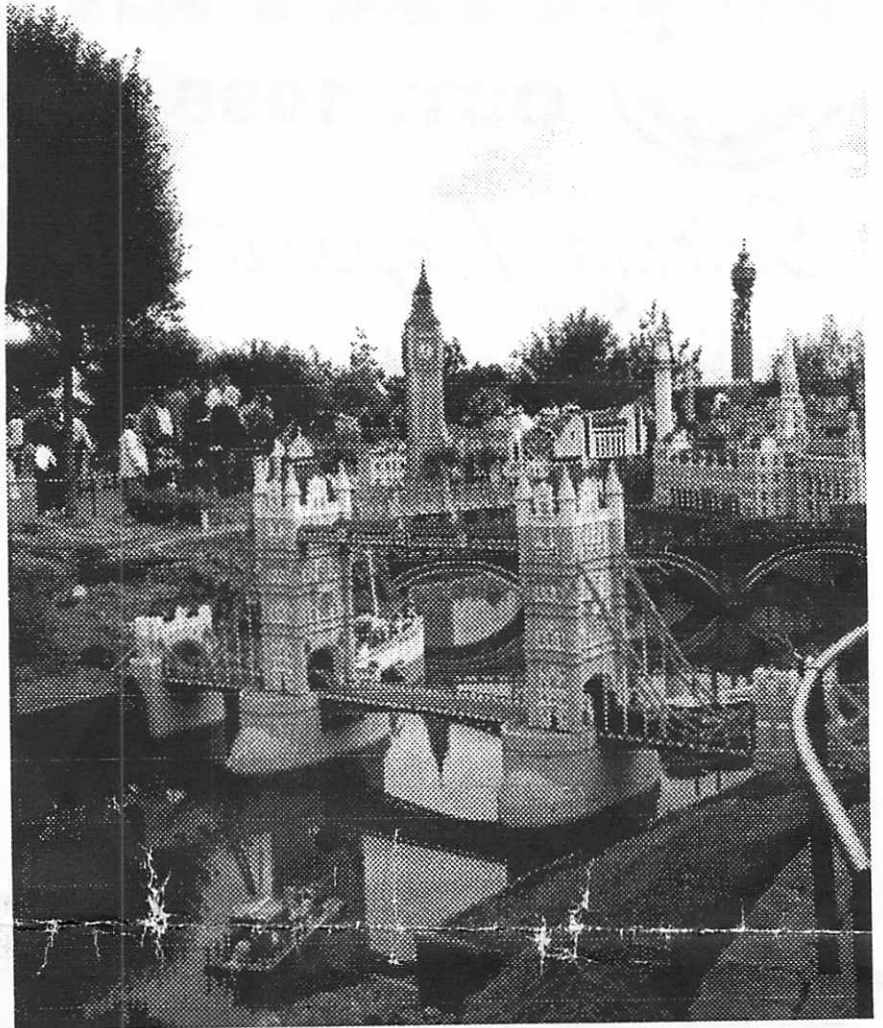
I have enjoyed this season immensely and I was very proud to be associated with the Group after the superb performance by everyone involved at Marchwood.

John Douce (Sailing Instructor)

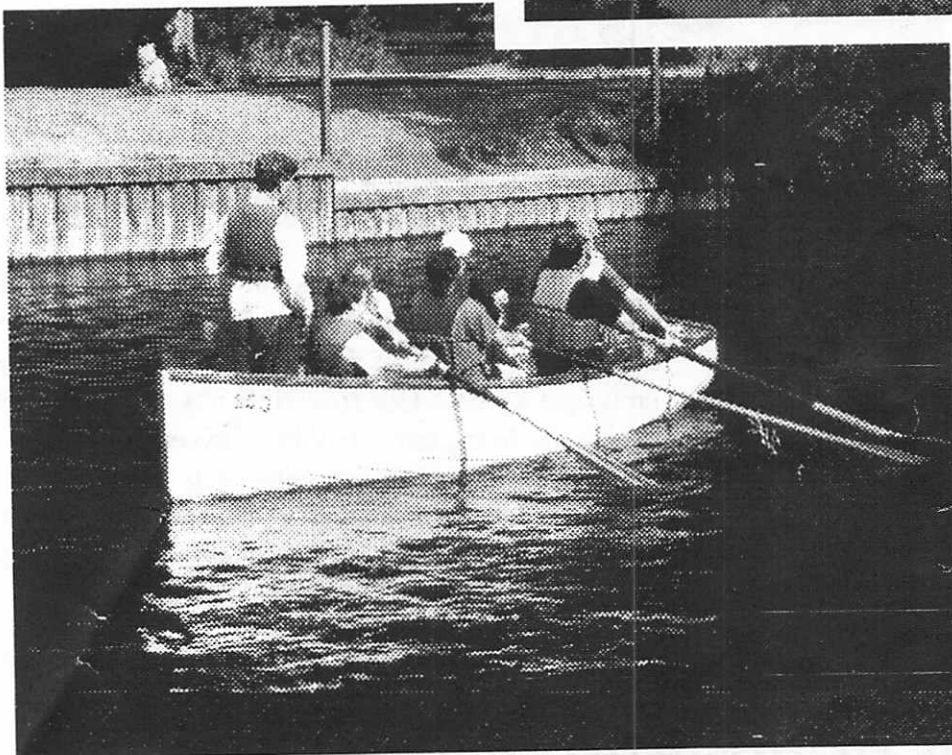
***We came 3rd in the Marchwood Regatta,
full report on page 5.***

Scout Camp at Longridge and Legoland!

On the 9th of August to the 11th we went on a scout camp. We went to Longridge in Marlow, Buckinghamshire. We met up at Sandleheath Sea Scout hut there was Sally White, Stephen White, Adam Marsh, Thomas Brand, William Martin, Richard Savage, Nick Mowbray, Ros White, Geoffrey White, John Douce, Steve Young and me (Helen Young). It was a two hour journey and we got there at about 8:00pm and it was raining really hard. When we had put up our tents we went into the mess tent and had vegetable soup, bread and biscuits, then went to bed. We got up at about 7:45am and had breakfast we had sausages, eggs and beans. At 9:00am we went down onto the river and went Canadian Canoeing which is a long boat for 2 people. After lunch which was sandwiches, crisps we did



Above: London, made of millions of Lego bricks!



Rowing on the Thames at Longridge Scout Boating Centre

rowing and went and saw the lock open. For tea we had chicken supreme. In the evening we had a bonfire and had marshmallows and chocolate banana. The next day we had breakfast and packed up and headed for LEGOLAND. When we got there we went to Miniland it was fantastic, and there were loads of rides like Pirates fall, Spiders Web and more and at 5:00pm we went home

HELEN YOUNG (Scout)

Scout Report

The summer has come to a close and we are preparing for a change of venue, back at the hut.

Our summer has been a successful one, we took part in Regattas and acquitted ourselves very well. We managed to have a week-end camp at Marlow, where those of us who went enjoyed a good day on the Thames and a day at Legoland.

The summer has been busy, with the Scouts gaining more experience in both sailing and canoeing. I would like to express my thanks to all the helpers and instructors who have given up their time to ensure that the instruction is available to all.

I have now taken over as Scout Leader and would like to thank Mike Giddens for all his hard work in the past. We are not losing Mike, he has agreed to stay on as Assistant Leader which will enable me to continue to use his considerable experience.

Steve Young (Scout Leader).

Flea Market Report

The pressure was on from the end of term. Somehow the five of us on the fund-raising committee had to cover the areas all around Fordingbridge with notelets about the FLEA-MARKET ON SEPTEMBER 7th. One of the ventures exceeded his boundary ahead of time! Phone calls began to dribble in. We twisted the arms of a couple of Mums to do Parsonage Park - more phone calls. The Bennetts' barn was full - we had to start in the H.Q. (that's why we hold it at this silly time of year!!). Posters were printed - Thankyou Roger - adverts went out, more phone calls. By Friday the 6th we were all collecting all day and every day - thanks to Derek Young for his cheerfulness and help.

The BIG VAN arrived at 7p.m. - thanks to Rob Wanstall, and with a bit of reversing practice and the loss of a few trees, not to mention night vision - we went into competition with Coles. Stuart Hunt deserves a special mention here - his van went into

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overdrive transferring the contents of the H.Q down to the Drill hall. A small group of willing helpers came out of the dark to disgorge the mixture of jumble, useful things, furniture and rubbish and began to sort. By midnight we had had enough and nobody had found an alarm clock for Maggie so we locked up and wondered if we would make £500.

At this point it has to be said - just in case you hadn't heard already - that Maggie Dobbs was the first to arrive next morning at 6.01a.m. precisely!!! A band of familiar faces from years past appeared soon after to organise the mounds for the queues of customers at 10a.m. Trade was brisk and argumentative. I hesitate to name names - someone always gets left out - but Ros kept us all awake with coffee and biscuits and John made sure he relieved us regularly of all our money. Thanks must go to James Bennett, Chris Douce, James Hunt, Stephen White, Chris Hirst and Ian Jacobs who seemed to be there just when you needed them and worked tirelessly without a moan. One problem we hit this year (apart from the tables!) was what to do with the leftovers. Sadly both previous recipients have died and we struggled until the last hour to find replacements that weren't going to cost the group. All in all it was a success yet again and at 4p.m., when we eventually finished, more than £1100 made it all worthwhile - and with a bit more still to come in. Most thanks must go to Caroline, Dawn, Karen and Viv and next year we would like to see a few new faces too please!

Why not join us and have some fun (is this some strange usage of the word that I wasn't previously aware of? - Ed)!

Maggie Dobbs (Fund-raising Chair)

Venture Report

Climbing:-

This was the first meeting of the new Venture Scouts and was expected to be a fun event.

We met in the car park at Fordingbridge at 6pm and from there we were taken to Q.E. leisure centre at Wimborne.

We spent an hour and a half on the climbing walls with our expert (?! - Ed) instructors.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the event, although many of us had aching fingers by the end of the evening.

The event gave the new recruits a chance to make new friend and it proved a great success.

I must say, looking at the experts climb up in seconds it seems easy but it is harder than it seems and I'm sure some people will agree with me.

Thanks to Stephen and the Venture account we were rewarded with a drink (coca cola!) at the end, where we discussed our plans for the near future.

I would like to thank our instructors and Steve for making the event a success, and also Stephen for organising the evening.

Vicky Dibden (Venture Scout).

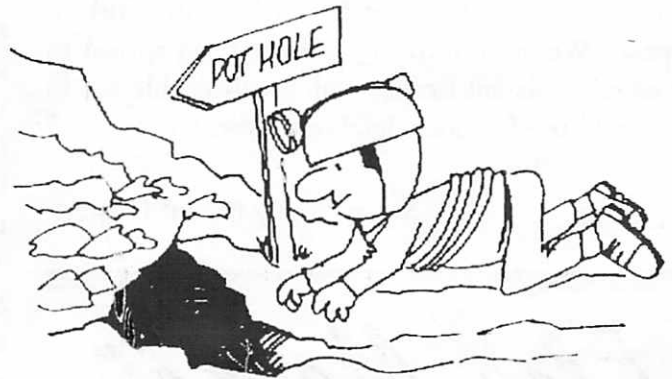


Following the climbing evening the Ventures have been Sailing (and entered the Marchwood Regatta), Caving and climbing on Mendip, night-hiking across The Forest and playing games at James'. Next week we will be cooking in the field (weather permitting).

We have elected a new executive committee with James Bennett as Secretary,

Rosemary Douce as treasurer and myself as chairman - and the other 6 members making the rest of the committee.

Stephen White (Venture Chairman)



Come and help paint the H.Q.!!

We are organising a painting session to paint and decorate the inside of the Scout H.Q. at Sandleheath. Please come along even if you can only spare half an hour!

- Date, Friday 18th October

- Time, 7-9pm

- Paint and brushes provided

Open to all! Wear old clothes! Bring old brushes etc. if you have them, otherwise they will be provided.

Any questions?

Contact Robin Brand (01425) 655559



Remember

**We also need people to
help with
BOAT
MAINTAINANCE**

Marchwood Solent Sea Scout Regatta

This was held at Marchwood on the 14th and 15th of September 1996, and is the highlight of the water activities season for any competitive scout. After many years of entering a few canoeists and coming in 14th or 15th, we have had a real blitz over the last 2/3 years - last year we entered all the canoeing and sailing races and came 7th. We were very pleased, but determined that with a few Scouts prepared to try pulling (rowing to you and me) we could do even better. Our success in the Blashford regatta reinforced this opinion, so this year we entered EVERYTHING. We practised rowing our rowing boats, the mirrors (so the coxes could learn to steer) and the bass boat to get the idea of large oars and a heavy boat. What we didn't practice on were the type of boat used at the regatta - coypus and gigs. We waited with trepidation to see how our oarsmen would cope. Seeing our Under 12½ crew came in 2nd in their first race relieved us of our worst fears and replaced them by considerable hope.

It would be wrong to single out our best canoeist or our best sailor because everyone gave 100%,

Next Edition...

The next issue of Waterlines will be distributed at the beginning of December - so could I have any reports of activities over the autumn BY SUNDAY the 1st of DECEMBER.

Why don't some more Beavers, Cubs and Scouts write reports? It would make a nice change to have a different viewpoint on some of the activities. If you submit reports to your section leader they will get passed to me, and don't worry if your English is bad as I try to correct everything before printing. If you can't write a report, can I borrow any photos? I will give them straight back after they have been scanned.

Stephen White (Waterlines Editor)

everyone was a credit to the troop and everyone did everything that we asked of them (Alex Downing rowing!!). Our splendid U.12½ pulling crew superbly coxed by Adam Marsh went on to win a race and come overall 2nd in their class. There were excellent canoeing results from Tim Poole, Sally White, Chris Hirst and Sam Bennett, 110% effort from Verity Stodart (in the U.15½ age group!!) and Jonathan Shepley, good pulling results from both U14 pulling crews and a valiant effort by our under age U15½ gig pulling team. The sailors enjoyed Saturday with just about enough wind (David Morris and Tom Dawkins proved to be as good at sailing as at telling jokes), but suffered on Sunday because there was absolutely no wind.

We waited at the presentation hoping to improve on our 7th of last year. Everyone knew that 9th Lymington had won yet gain and Barton had a number of winners of individual classes, so it was very rewarding to learn that we had come 3rd behind these troops. In fact we were not that far behind Barton - so we're aiming for 2nd next year.

Well done everyone - we are really proud of you. Thanks to John Douce for all the hours he has given the troop to enable such a result, to Hywel Morris for his safety boat work and all the parents who have helped with water activities and boat repairs.

Ros White (Group Scout Leader)

Overall Results

Group	Points
9th Lymington	249
1st Barton	215
1st Sandleheath	198
4th Hythe	184
4th Netley	183
6th Hamble	180
13th Southampton	145
3rd Portchester	140
4th Eling	136
13th Eastleigh	129
25th Southampton	59
2nd Fareham	20

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