

# 1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



# WATERLINES

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*AGM Edition*

## *G.S.L.'s Report*

It has been quite a year for 1st Sandleheath! The combination of no headquarters to meet or store equipment in, the field being out of use due to it being a building site, the changing of age ranges and programmes for the sections and building of our new hut (!!!) have combined to make the normally busy scout calendar hectic and at times manic!

It has however been an exciting year - especially watching the new scout centre take shape. The Executive Committee has been busy, but we must thank Matthew, Krysia and Colin for all the extra work they have taken on to make sure our new headquarters is everything we want it to be. We are grateful for the support Mr and Mrs Clark have given us in developing the field. The work has not finished yet however, as over the next year we will have to make sure that procedures are in place to ensure the building is maintained to the highest standard.

We must also congratulate our Leaders, who have managed to maintain wonderful programmes for their young people in very difficult circumstances. We still have waiting lists of young people we can not accommodate. We are all looking forward to having modern facilities, somewhere to store the equipment we use week by week (we all lug large boxes around at the moment), side rooms to do "quiet activities", the field available whenever the weather is suitable, some new equipment (it has not been worth buying any whilst we have no-where to store it) and our very own walls to put notices, posters and pictures on. We will then be in a position to take on more scouts and think about opening up another Beaver Colony and Cub Pack.

We have been looking ahead and planning how our Group is going to develop. We have introduced D. of E. awards (thanks to Pat Savage who is running this) and regularly use our older Scouts and Venture Scouts to help with the younger ones. The Scout Association is bringing in a Young Leader scheme which will acknowledge the part these people play in the move-

ment. We are to have a specialist Water Activities Explorer Unit based at Sandleheath and are currently modernising our aging fleet of dinghies and canoes. Two new Laser Picos, six new plastic canoes and paddles and 24 new buoyancy aids are the start. We are no longer content to make do with everyone's dilapidated cast offs!

Our young people have had the opportunity to sail, canoe, row, go caving, hiking, swimming, backpacking, cycling, climbing and camping. They have taken part with great success in incident hikes, football, sailing and canoeing regattas, a First Aid Competition and a survival camp. We had two Scouts go to the Lake District at Easter Hill-walking and have 2 Scouts, a Venture Scout and a Leader who are going on the next World Jamboree in Thailand.

The future at Sandleheath looks exciting. We hope you are all going to be a part of it.

Ros White - Group Scout Leader



**Sandleheath Scouts with the Pat Cross Trophy**

# Beaver Report

Another busy year packed full of fun activities and games!

We have now had over a year of meetings in the Sandleheath Methodist Church Hall. Whilst we are very grateful at having been able to continue to meet in Sandleheath, we have found the hall a bit too small and it sometimes limits the games and activities we would like to do.

That said we have made new friends and said goodbye to some old ones as both new Beavers join the colony and old ones swim up to Cubs. We now have a fairly young colony of Beavers with just three older grey Beavers to take a lead role in activities and games.

We have enjoyed our visits out of the Church Hall to the Fire Station (huge thanks to Harley's dad Steve Waine for showing the Beavers around), to Sandleheath Common for night hikes and litter picks, Moors Valley, canoeing at Spinnaker, Beaver Challenges at Fordingbridge Scout Hut and the St George's Day Parade.

We had a fantastic Christmas Fancy Dress Party and enjoyed the Christmas Carol Concert at Forres Sandle Manor.

Most of our Beavers are now wearing the new, blue, Beaver uniform. It looks brilliant and is so much better than the dull grey old uniform, and more practical. We have seen the end of holes in the knees of grass stained, grey, shapeless and thin, jogging bottoms!

The Beavers and their Leaders are so looking forward to moving into the new Scout Centre. What fantastic new opportunities it will give us!

With one full colony and long waiting list I do wonder if perhaps someone else might like to start up further colony on another evening? We could share ideas and planning and have some joint activities. Of course we are all 'too busy' but a second colony would not be as time consuming as just running the first. Someone out there must want some more fun! Come along and join in!

Nigel Hall - Sandy (Beaver Scout Leader)

# Rotary Club

A very big thank you must go to Fordingbridge Rotary Club who have given us the magnificent amount of £5000.

# Gift Aid

Thank-you to everyone that has filled in the gift aid forms. We expect to be able to recover £900. This money will be invaluable in helping pay some of the costs associated with starting to use the new H.Q. - such as insurance and utility bills.

# Cub Report

Can it really be another year gone?

Highlights during the year have been our visit to the Poole Lifeguard Station, where we all got to sit in a rescue boat whilst it was lowered into the water and some got to dress up in the full rescue kit. District camp at Ferny Crofts where we had a great time on the assault course. A couple of visits to Spinnaker, a very enjoyable Christmas sing along at Forres Sandle Manor and some exciting walks across the forest.

We have done quite a lot of badge work including: Science, Writer and Communicator.

We currently have a full pack of 26 cubs with 3 on the waiting list.

We are looking forward to getting back to our own hut and field, but are very grateful to Fordingbridge for accommodating us for the past couple of terms.

I would like to thank Sam Bennett, James Hunt and James Bennett for all their help during the year. Special thanks to Jaqui Haugh, Julie Wilfort and Richard Savage without whom the last couple of terms would have been very difficult.

Hester Hammond - Cub Scout Leader

# Scout Report

This year has been a successful one, with our scouts taking part in District and Group events, including camps, hikes, and competitions. We competed in two regattas, held at Spinnaker Lake last year, two incident hikes, one day and one night, football and first aid competitions, and attended the District weekend camp.

We had an energetic summer camp in Dorset last summer, with cycling, climbing and canoeing on the programme, and a very well attended caving trip last autumn.

I would like to thank Fordingbridge for letting us use their headquarters all winter again, and especially thanks go to Tony Parker, who has made us very welcome.

We are looking forward to a full summer programme out on the water, and, at last, the opening of our new H.Q. this summer.

Sue Chase - Scout Leader

**Below: evacuating the casualty after the rescue**



**Above: Scouts between bases on the Pat Cross Trophy incident hike**

**Below: Richard Ward, James Hall, Josh Cleall and Michael Chase rescue David Ward during a survival camp weekend**



# Hill-Walking Badge

The Lake District

## **30th March 2002**

Set off from Yately Green Nr Camberley at 08:15hrs with a Mini bus full of scouts from all over Hampshire.

Including Ed Morris from Sandleheath Sea Scouts and myself Josh Cleall.

After a long journey with countless stops for lunch, coffees etc we arrived at Keswick at approx 16.00.

Where upon arrival I realised I had left my coat in Hampshire, with the rain at this stage pouring and forecast was it was going to continue pouring, I had to reluctantly spend some of my precious pocket money and buy a waterproof jacket. Fortunately the Sales were on and I managed not to part with too much of my much needed tea room money, as the week went on I realised that this money would be much needed as the older members of our party plotted the course via the tea rooms.

We eventually arrived at our Mountain Hut, (notice the word hut). Firstly we had to cart our gear up the mountain slope, then dig a hole, well semi dig a hole, for the latrines, and check that there were no sheep dead above our Mountain Stream, but I am not sure that 200yds above stream represents clean drinking water free of giardia and Dead Animals.

Dinner was pleasant, spaghetti Bolognese followed by custard and fruit. We then changed our watches to Mountain time, which I had never heard of previously, two hours were added to our time, one because the clocks changed that night and another to ensure we were up on the mountains before all the other climbers got up in the morning.



**Josh with Edward Morris on Hellvelyn**

## **31st March, Day two, Easter Sunday**

Where were the Easter Eggs? Today we went on a navigation exercise at High Rigg. We only managed to get lost once, which wasn't bad, trying to find a spring. (As there is many of them, you would think that would be easy). The First part of the hike was up a steep slope following a wall, which was great, and then we walked for 8k. The hike was worthwhile as the views from the top were brilliant. The weather was okay but with a few showers in the afternoon.

In the evening we worked on our route cards ready for tomorrow.

## **April 1st, day three, Aprils Fool Day**

Today we walked a low level walk near the river Derwent and surrounding area through Seatoller, Rosenwaite and Watenlath. Today it was absolutely chucking it down with rain - we never took our waterproofs off but even so we still got wet. What were once trickling mountain streams became Gushing Torrents. That evening we prepared route cards for the next day

## **April 2nd, Day four**

Today it appears not to be raining for a change. We were dropped off at Hawes End and walked over Cats Bells, High Spy and Maiden Moor. We managed 9.8km and finished at Seatoller via the coffee shop for hot chocolate and fudge cake (recommend this) before going to Bowder Rock, as its name implies a large Boulder in the ground.

To days walk was excellent, the views fantastic and weather improving. Also we had Curry for dinner it wasn't bad either.

#### *April 3rd Day four*

Weather good, much drier, which is a relief when you have a small, bunk with the corner that has a small hole in and lets the draughts and water in. Today we walked over to Whiteless Pike up to the col and then on to Craghill and along the ridge to Sail and then down to the col and back to Braithwaite. On Crag Hill there was snow to my delight.

#### *April 4th Day five*

At this rate I will go back with a suntan as the weather has been really warm today and we have all caught the sun on our faces. The walk up to Green Gable and Great Gable was fantastic, the view from the top was the whole of the Lake District, we had a tourist map and we could sit and pick out all the hills and mountains from sitting

there and looking around.

A Hard walk but worth it.

#### *April 5th Day six*

Climbed Hellvelyn, snow on top, very windy today so we decided not to do striding and swirrel edge in case we were blown off it, not such good views today as hazy so we returned to the hut eventually and managed to clean it and had a huge meal of all the food left over, no point in bring it back.

#### *April 6th Day seven*

Long journey home but we arrived back about 5.30 to go home and have a bath! A Really good Trip I would recommend it to any scout.

Many thanks to John Dohoo who was prepared to take me and my parents for driving me up and down to Hook for the training.

Josh Cleall - Scout

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## *Venture Report*

Over the last few months the Venture Unit has mainly concentrated on planning a cycle ride to France.

We aim to leave on the 26th August to cycle to Poole where we will catch a ferry to St. Malo, before cycling to Concarneau then heading home. The trip will last 9 days, finishing on the 4th September.

Two Bingo evenings have been held in Tarrant Gunville to fund raise for the trip to France. Both were successful. This year the Venture Unit has grown with the investment of Nick Cutter and the future investment of Fiona Ritchie.

Our hopes for the future are firstly have a successful trip to France and secondly to be successful in the summer regattas.

Finally the Venture Unit would like to say "thank you" to all the parents who have allowed us to have Venture evenings in their gardens and homes.

Jo Bailey - VSU Chairman

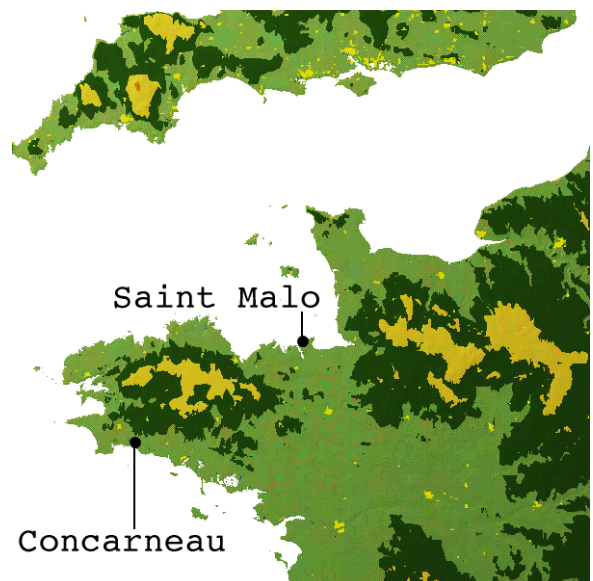
This year has been very successful with fundraising for the ventures. We have had several Bingo evenings at Tarrant Gunville, which has raised funds for our expedition. We must a big thank you for the Gill Bailey

for organizing these evenings for us.

For our expedition this year we are planning to Cycle from St. Marlo to Concarneau on the west coast of France. We are planning to take 10 days to complete the venture and also to use this for our Duke of Edinburgh expedition for Silver.

We are hoping to plan a Quiz evening in June to help raise funds for the Expedition as well so look out for the details.

Richard Savage - Venture Treasurer



# D. of E. Award - News

As you may remember, anyone between the ages of 14 and 25 can register for the Duke of Edinburgh Award and we can even look at registering those who are not quite 14 yet. So, if any Scouts or Ventures who have not already signed up, want to get involved with the Award just let me know and join in with the fun!

Things are progressing with the group of 10 Scouts and Ventures who are currently working towards their different award levels for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Of course GCSEs and AS level exams make things a little more complicated but the Award makes allowances for important milestones like that.

Karen Pickering has just got back from seven months in Ghana where she has been doing voluntary work. Some of this will qualify her for her Gold Residential Project and it is hoped that she may also be able to qualify for her Other Adventurous Project (Expedition section).

Richard Ward and James Hall have almost completed their Service Section for Bronze Level by doing First Aid and Richard has completed his Skills section by improving on his singing. Well done to both of you.

Sophie Chambers is learning to drive for her Skills Section at Bronze Level and Richard Savage has now passed his driving test for his Skills Section at Silver Level. (Watch out everyone!) Sophie is planning to help at Beavers for her Service Section and Richard is also helping out at Cubs for his Service Section and hopes, as a result to try to obtain his Warrant.

Paul Pickering has improved his guitar playing for his Skills Section at Bronze Level and is hoping to improve on his football techniques for Physical Recreation.

Jo Bailey plans to learn power boating for her Skills Section at Bronze Level and perhaps improve on her Squash playing for Physical Recreation.

Paul Pickering, Richard Ward and Sally White accompanied by Richard Savage, Michael Chase and David Ward went on an overnight practice hike for the Expedition Section at Bronze Level on 5 and 6th April. We dropped them off at Martin on Saturday morning and they then hiked back to Ros White's home at

Frogham (carrying all their tents, sleeping bags and cooking gear etc etc.) to camp on her lawn overnight. On the Sunday made their way over the New Forest to Fritham where I met them in the garden of the Royal Oak Pub! They all now know how heavy a fully laden rucksack is and that it is very important to measure the route beforehand. They only needed to cover 15 miles but, did a few more due to an excess of enthusiasm when planning the route and also having to do a circuit of a bog in Ringwood Forest!

Anyway, well done all of you and hope you are looking forward to the qualifying hike at Bronze Level on 22 and 23 June 2002!

Colin Ritchie, Chairman of our Scout Executive is planning on attending the Bronze and Silver Expedition Trainers' weekend Course in May to enable him to become registered as a Trainer with Hampshire County Council. Good luck Colin.

Finally I too, have been training for DofE. I went on a weekend course for New Award Leaders at Calshot at the beginning of March. It was very intensive in the training room but we also had to try putting tents up blindfolded, make our own juggling balls with balloons and rice and then actually juggle with them and also have a go at unicycling. Needless to say I declined the last bit! We also had to show how unfit we were by having skipping sessions (took me back to my school days!). It was good fun and I think my brain has managed to retain some of the masses of information we were given.

As you can see taking part in the DofE Award is great fun and if you want to know more or could offer a couple of hours or so help at any time, just give me a ring or e-mail me and we can give you more information.

We are especially keen to hear from anyone who has a particular skill (eg. calligraphy, enamelling, astronomy, woodworking, bell ringing, sewing, juggling, roller blading, tennis, squash, chess, model making, car maintenance, darts, film and video production, signing for the deaf, reading Braille, conservation, IT - in fact virtually anything - and who would be able to pass this skill on to any Award participants. Also we will be needing extra manpower to assist in Expedition work etc. If you are a Duke of Edinburgh Award holder yourself at any level please let me know - your experience will be invaluable to those currently working for the Award.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Pat Savage

# *New Headquarters & Official Opening*



**The main hall in the new H.Q. (looking South)**

Our new headquarters, “Sandleheath Scout Center”, is well on it’s way to completion in early June. South Coast Construction have told us they are on target to complete the works and the building is looking fantastic. The building will be officially opened on Saturday 6th July at 6:30pm. All are welcome. There will be a Hog Roast and Barbecue.

We would also like to invite old members of the Scout Group to attend. Do you have relatives, neighbours or friends who used to come to Sandleheath Scouts? Please let me have their names and addresses so that they can be invited.

In the meantime, here are a couple of photographs to show current progress. Don’t forget the next site visit - right before the A.G.M. on Monday 27th May.

Inevitably there have been some hiccups along the way and our contingency fund is all but spent. We do however expect to come in on budget for the building which is just as well as the Community Fund cannot provide any more money for this project!

Kryisia Chambers



**The new headquarters**

# Fundraising Report

Firstly a big thank-you to all who have supported us, whether by helping, attending or contributing at events.

The Fund Raising Committee is small and we desperately need new members. However despite this we have had a number of successful F.R. events.

The annual barbecue, following our regatta, was as popular as ever and raised £230.02. The Turf Cutting ceremony attracted a large number of people. We were delighted to see such interest and enthusiasm. We launched the Smarties Appeal. Over half of the tubes were returned and £397.98 was raised. This is an excellent result and we shall certainly be repeating this fund raiser.

We held a barn dance in December which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who came (profit £322.99). We hope to run another barn dance in the autumn in our own premises, so watch out for the date.

We continue to run about 3 bag packs a year, which are very financially worthwhile, over £700 profit per year. They also raise our profile in the community and let people know who we are. We are grateful to the Scouts who pack the customers shopping so will-

ingly and cheerfully.

Running the New Scout Centre will be expensive and in addition to our current costs and so F.R. is going to assume an even more important role in the group. As I have already said WE NEED YOU. PLEASE PLEASE could we have some volunteers to help us on the F.R. Committee. It is not so arduous, 4-6 meetings a year in congenial company. We NEED some new ideas and would welcome you on to the committee.

If you feel you could help I would be delighted to hear from you.

## **DIARY DATES:**

Annual Barbecue Saturday 15 June 6pm at Spinaker Lake following Scout Regatta. Details to follow.

New Scout Centre Opening Ceremony Saturday 6 July Helpers needed at the Opening Ceremony :-

- One or two families to run a raffle, prizes provided.
- Volunteers to run a barbecue alongside the Hog Roast, again this could be 1 or 2 families.

Please contact me on 01425 656250 if you can help. We look forward to hearing from you.

Caroline Morris - Fundraising Committee

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## Editorial

Thanks to everyone who supplied photographs and articles for this edition. While on the subject of credits I'd like to acknowledge the FlightGear project (<http://www.flightgear.org/>) whose scenery database provided the map that accompanies the Venture Unit report.

Articles for the next edition of Waterlines, with full reports of all the summer's activities, should be sent to me or Ros by Monday 23rd September.

Stephen White - Waterlines Editor



**Roger, Adam and Jason Marsh at the Portsmouth 'Festival of the Sea'. The funniest caption for this photo sent to me before the next edition of 'Waterlines' will receive .. nothing actually, but I couldn't find a better place to include this photo.**



# Group Programme - 2002

<b>May</b>	Saturday, 25th Monday, 27th Monday, 27th Tues, 28th	District Jubilee Event New H.Q. site visit, field, 6:30pm Group A.G.M., Avonway, 7:30pm Scouts - canoeing at Keyhaven (TBC)
<b>June</b>	Sunday, 9th Tuesday, 11th Friday, 14th Saturday, 15th Tuesday, 18th Tuesday, 18th Sat 22 - Sun 23 Monday, 24th Wednesday 26th Saturday, 29th	First Aid Course (contact Ros for details) Beavers on water, Spinnaker, 5:45pm Venture Unit A.G.M. Group Regatta (all day) & Barbecue (6pm) District A.G.M. Cubs on water, Spinnaker, 6pm D. of E. Bronze hike Scout Cooking Competition, Harry's Island, 7pm Cub Cooking Competition, Harry's Island Solent Sailing Regatta at Spinnaker (Scouts & Ventures)
<b>July</b>	Monday, 1st Saturday, 6th Monday, 8th Thursday, 9th Thursday, 25th - August 1st	District Leaders Canoeing, Spinnaker, 7pm New H.Q. opening ceremony, new H.Q., 6:30pm District Executive Meeting Scouts canoeing at Christchurch  Scout Camp, Devon
<b>August</b>	Monday 26th - Sept 4th	Venture Exped.
<b>September</b>	Monday, 9th Tuesday, 10th Tuesday, 17th Thursday, 19th Saturday 21st Friday, 27th	District Executive Meeting Cubs on water, Spinnaker, 6pm Beavers on water, Spinnaker, 5:30pm Scouts canoe on Avon at Fordingbridge, the Rec., 6pm Solent (main) Regatta, Spinnaker (Scouts & Ventures) District Scout Football
<b>October</b>	Thursday, 3rd Saturday, 2th Tuesday, 15th Saturday, 19th	Scout meetings return to H.Q. District Cub/Scout Swimming Gala, Ringwood S.W. Area Water Activities Meeting, Southampton, 7:30pm Chick Law Trophy - pioneering, Sandleheath 2pm (Scouts)
<b>November</b>	Saturday, 2nd Sunday, 10th Saturday 16th	First Aid Course (contact Ros for details) Remembrance Day Parade & Service District Eggo (Ventures & Leaders)
<b>December</b>	Monday, 2nd	District Carol Service

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