

# 1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



# WATERLINES

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## *Chairman's Brief*

Reviewing all the Emails and reports from the past year cannot help but leave you greatly impressed with the range of achievements that have been accomplished. Just recently we have a beautiful new shed at Spinnaker Club, all equipped with storage shelves and ready for the new season on the water. A number of the dinghies, canoes and kayaks have been replaced so we are very well equipped with modern, low maintenance craft. Additionally we have been able to buy a lot of ancillary equipment, trailers, etc... as well as increasing our capabilities with more camping equipment. Although there is, of course, a programme to constantly upgrade and improve our position we are one of the few organisations that is in a very healthy state, especially considering the current economic situation.

None of this would be possible were it not for the great success rate that Mandie Dawson has had with the numerous grant applications and we extend our very grateful thanks for everything that she does. It has involved a lot of forms, telephone calls and constant badgering but she really has done a superlative job. Our Treasurer, John Broderick has kept us straight and ensured that the funds are spent

wisely and well and we are equally appreciative for all his efforts in meticulously maintaining our sound financial basis. The 'shopping list' is so well organised and prioritised on behalf of the whole group by Ros and she has ensured that our resources are used in the most efficient way for the benefit of the Group.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme continues to flourish and the Group has achieved remarkably well and enabled our youngsters to discover new strengths and capabilities that they never realised they had and to develop their personal potential. All credit to Pat Savage for everything that she contributes to organising this excellent activity.

The Scout hut and facilities are something of which we are rightfully proud and Paul Adams has ensured that they remain in tip top condition and available for us to allow others in the community to benefit from and create some useful additional revenue. Many thanks to Paul for this 'behind the scenes' work which enables the Scouts to continue to enjoy such a marvellous facility and to Jacqui for all the administration and arrangements for other users.

Over and above the Team above there are a whole host of Leaders, Instructors and Helpers of all kinds without whom the Group could not possibly operate so successfully. It is all too easy to take this for granted and we want all to know that all the efforts and your own time that you put in really is appreciated and worthwhile. The contribution that each and every one of you makes is essential to the success and well-being of the Group and I know that the youngsters and parents alike would like to express their gratitude for everything that you do. However the leadership and guidance of Ros is the one element that has brought all these different strengths together into one closely knit and highly professional and motivated team and without Ros at the helm, we would all be rudderless and up the creek without a paddle! Our sincere thanks to her for a lifetime of commitment to the Group.

Sandleheath Sea Scouts is a Group that one can be proud to be associated with and is a credit to the effort that goes in and to the commitment of the



**The Group's Laser Bahias sailing in Poole Harbour during summer camp**



Left & Below: the new shed at Spinnaker (and its contents)



youngsters who gain so much from it. But any organisation needs constant refreshment and we are always looking for new volunteers and helpers so, parents, please come forward and see how you can be part of the success story. You will find it rewarding and worthwhile and certainly appreciated!

Unfortunately, due to increased commitments, I will not be able to continue in the role of Chairman. I would like to express my sincere thanks to all for the splendid support that I have enjoyed over the last 18 months and to wish the Group every success in the future. Certainly the Group is left in very good hands with the excellent Team in the Executive Committee and I wish you all well.

David Hales – Group Chairman

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

Last year was another good year for our Scout Group. Once again Mandie secured a number of grants enabling us to improve our equipment. Our boating equipment is superb and so we spent a lot of money last year improving our camping equipment. We also now have a super new shed at Spinnaker to keep all the boating kit in. Our next aim is to improve the Scout Field. We have already started this at the Spring Clean, tidying it up, now we want to plant up the top end with shrubs and make a camp-fire area further down.

We have a super team of Leaders, helpers and Committee members who work together to provide some excellent Scouting.

David Hales took over from Nick Bunt as Chairman and as we have all appreciated the way led the Executive Committee over the last year. Unfortunately he has had to stand down due to other commitments, so we are looking for someone to take over.

Our main difficulty this year has been finding enough Leaders for the Beaver section. Chris Muldoon has been working hard to provide a good Beaver programme, but as he can't be there every week and has different helpers every meeting it is difficult for him. Thanks to Nigel, who still has to take Beavers when Chris can't. A few volunteers to help regularly at the meetings would really help Chris.

We took the decision at the end of last boating season to split Scouts and Explorers for water activities. The numbers have grown and it was becoming more and more difficult to provide equipment for them all and to manage the numbers. Scouts will still be at Spinnaker on Thursdays, whilst Explorers will now do water activities on their winter meeting day, Monday. Although this makes organising qualified leaders for them more complicated, it means there will be the whole range of equipment available to each section.

Parents, please support the section leaders. The parent rotas for helping not only help with more hands and eyes at meetings, enabling more interesting activities, but it also gives you the opportunity to see what your young people do at Scouts. You may be able to put forward helpful ideas too. We are not professional (even though we are expected to act as such), we are all volunteers and welcome any help you can give.

Finally, as always, thanks you to the young people, our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and Avon Valley Explorers. It is rewarding to see them progress through the sections and brilliant to see those I once knew as Beavers and Cubs, go on to be Young Leaders then Leaders, proud to be putting something back in to Scouting because they feel they have benefited from it.

Ros White – Group Scout Leader



**Fund Raising:** We will be fund raising at the Fordingbridge Show this year by having a cake stall, so can each family please supply at least one home-made cake/biscuits/scones etc... More information will be provided nearer the time, but the date is the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

## Grants

We were very grateful to receive support from Kathy Heron, our local county councillor, with a grant towards camping equipment, new cooker, fridge, tables, pots, pans and many more items for camping.

Fordingbridge Town council kindly helped with a grant for equipment for our Duke of Edinburgh scheme.

The Trinity House fund provided half the funding for our new shed at Spinnaker Lake to store our sailing equipment in.

The Lottery fund, gave us a grant to purchase new kayaks and accessories.

We are very grateful to all of the above and thank them for their support.

Mandie Dawson

## Treasurer's Report

The accounts continue in a healthy state with the balance at the end of the financial year standing slightly lower than last year at £20,600. This includes £13,667 in a savings account, which is the reserve of one year's operating costs, with the remaining £7,000 split fairly evenly between the 100 Club fund raising account and the Current Account.

Income and expenditure have been carefully managed and were roughly equal at approximately £30,000, which is half of last year's £60,000. This is due in equal measure to last year's Switzerland camping trip and very exceptional grant application spending.

Grant applications have again been successful this year, with over £6,000 coming into our finances from Mandie Dawson's splendid efforts, which are reported elsewhere.

Other costs and expenditure have remained broadly similar to last year.

John Broderick – Treasurer

## Beaver Report

Our grateful thanks go to Chris Muldoon (Mac) for stepping up to take over Beavers this year. But again we are in the situation of needing more adult helpers that are willing to take out a warrant. And it is such fun! Mac continues to run a balanced programme of activities based on having fun and making friends. From games to crafts, from challenges to singing our favourite Beaver songs, the Beavers love to join in.

So what have our Beavers been up to? Well, they have been cooking and canoeing, having a fantastic day out at Paultons Park (including a visit to Father Christmas), planted bulbs and seeds, gone on hikes, had a Christmas fancy dress party and played lots of team games such as Commando Crawl, King Ball, Captains on Board, Giants and Wizards and Elves.

So what would it mean if you were to join the team? Well apart from the fun you would have and knowing that you were doing something worthwhile, being a warranted leader would also mean helping to plan and supervise Beaver meetings. And that's not hard. So why not join us and help to ensure our Beaver colony continues to grow?

Nigel Hall – Sandy

## Subs. & Gift Aid

Thank you again to all the parents, who when applicable, take the time to complete the Gift Aid form – as this year we hope to receive £2791.00.

A huge figure when you consider we can purchase a new dinghy for the fleet, and accessories, for that amount.

So please do continue to complete the forms at the bottom of the subscription letter, it is so worthwhile.

Mandie Dawson



Left: Beavers invested last month (Robert, Tiernan, Joshua and Luke)

# Cub Report

The last twelve months in the Cub section has seen an eclectic mix of activity being delivered by an even more complementary mix of leadership.

Writing in mid March 2009 I am glad to say that our adult leadership is more stable and we are looking forward to planning the summer term as a team.

David Albury has joined with the intention of becoming a warranted Assistant Cub Scout Leader and I am now back as a permanent fixture once again. Thanks is extended to all parents who have help out with special reference to Ann Ringrose and Pete Doherty who have been more evenings than not over the last two terms. Thank you, cubs would not have been able to deliver its program without you. Also thanks to Jo Liddon who has also been a valuable asset to the pack for sometime now. Also I know that David would like a special thank you to go to Ros for filling in when I could not make it.

The summer term, which had an outdoor Scouting theme, is always dominated by Cub Camp, was held at Ferny Crofts with an "I'm a Cub Scout Get Me Out Of Here" theme. The weather yet again was miserable, but thank goodness the campers were not! George O'Reilly won camp champ with all the Cubs participating in archery, a bug hunt, climbing wall and camp-fire.

Autumn term had a day and night theme with the Cubs building a scale model of the solar system in the scout centre from fruit and veg, a very successful evening spotting constellations, planets and satellites and a not so successful telescope evening which was plagued with clouds and technical hitches (you can't win 'em all!).

The first term of 2009 was all about bridge building and local knowledge, with talks from a real civil engineer, many models and the real thing being built. For local knowledge we had a very comprehensive town centre treasure hunt and a visit to Fordingbridge fire station.

The pack is in close contact with the Beaver section to manage the guaranteed places offered to them. Cub numbers are at capacity with its current leadership resource and unfortunately is running a double digit waiting list. I am also working with the national cross sectional programme and development team on their life issues campaign, developing some finance and money activities using the programmes online service.

Richard Farr – Cub Scout Leader (Akela)



Above: Cubs at the Ferny Crofts climbing wall  
Below: Dominic receiving his Chief Scout's Silver Award



# Scout Report

This has been another great year with some outstanding performances and events.

The Solent Sea Scout sailing regatta was looking good for us with most of our sailors relishing the strong wind and some excellent results up to lunch time when it was decided to abandon the event in the interests of safety. While some were devastated to lose their chance of a prize, the consolation for us was an afternoon of high wind sailing after the event.

We were invited to take a team to Aldershot for the first canoeing competition in the Hampshire & I.O.W. Youth Games. We faced three other regional teams, all canoe clubs, and came a creditable third in the pool slalom. After the competition we returned to the free fun area where competitors were free to enjoy a rugby challenge, ice skating, fencing etc. An excellent day out for all.

Summer camp at Cleavel Point on Poole Harbour was an opportunity for superb paddling and sailing from the campsite, supported by two RIBs provided





**Activities on summer camp: climbing in Hedbury quarry (left) and rowing in Poole Harbour (right)**



**Right: caving in Singing River Mine in February**



and run by our sailing team. Climbing run by Dave Chadwick and Stephen White at Dancing Ledge gave everyone the chance to push their limits in idyllic weather and spectacular scenery. Other activities around camp kept everyone busy during the week, plus walks and a bike ride to Studland Beach and a seaborne assault on Brownsea Island to see where Scouting began.

The canoeing and pulling regatta produced some good individual and overall troop performances from our team, while our leaders and parents pulled well above our weight in helping to run the event. While we are unlikely to match the big groups, we have talent and with a bit more training and participation could produce better results.

Jimbo offered nominated Scouts and Explorers a prize of a power-boating day as a reward for their effort and achievement. Even a few leaders managed to get a seat. I doubt that many knew what was in store as we set out into The Solent in three high powered RIBs (around 250HP each!) strong winds and waves. This didn't deter, or significantly slow our three fully qualified drivers (Jimbo, Richard & Andy) from showing what the boats could do, or from letting everyone else have a go.

September found us at the Scout Dragonboating competition at Marlow. The weather was good and although we didn't come away with any prizes this time, we were faster and with consistent times in

our races. We camped overnight, and after being variously amazed or horrified by John Hinton's perfect fried bread ("it's just bread fried in fat!"), we moved on to the Basingstoke Canal Challenge canoe & kayak time trial. We fielded our biggest team yet of Scouts, Explorers, Leaders and parents, but despite impressive times from all (OK, mine wasn't too impressive), we missed the group trophy by under half a minute.

Remembrance Day is one of our few formal occasions, and a good turnout and behaviour brought compliments from members of the public, including an ex-Wren officer. The Christmas bag pack at the Co-Op was another chance to meet local people and spread good will.

Ashore through the winter our larger Leader team has improved activities by allowing us to run smaller groups and more but shorter 'work' sessions with games between. I think this has been to everyone's liking.

In addition to the regular indoor winter activities and evenings on the forest, Andy Brooks air rifle shooting sessions were very popular, we enjoyed climbing at Wimborne, an evening visit to Lymington RNLI station organized by Jimbo and thanks also to Lee for sign language as part of the disability awareness evening.

Caving trips took place in and around the Mendips, courtesy of Ros, Sally, Dave C, and the Hampshire Scout Caving Club. One question – is caving an indoor or outdoor sport?

Several of our white water kayakers paddled the Upper R. Dart this winter, coached and led by Graham. This is a very challenging stretch of river. Others also widened their horizons on numerous kayak trips on more local waters, including the Upper Hamble.

For the International evening, Sharon brought JJ from Korea and from Oscar Spain, who gave us a very interactive introduction to their language,

countries and culture. This was an enjoyable opportunity for them to meet English scouts and to use their new language skills.

The music evening this year was outstanding, both for the number and standard of musicians in the troop. A key factor was Jimbo's ability to bring together talented musicians, both parents and friends from Portsmouth plus their instruments. I was astounded by both the quality and number of musicians at Sandelheath.

Katrina has taken advantage of the county (John Dohoo) organised Lake District hillwalking week for the third time and was invited to join the three week Hampshire Scouts expedition to Uganda in August.

Looking forward, we are re-structuring watersports on the lake to give better and more fun activities – with smaller groups and more time with each Leader, therefore reducing wasted time at the beginning of each session. We also plan to have more sessions away from the lake.

More generally we would like to increase participation in activities both at group and county level and to increase the input of our scouts to the planning and running of the troop.

All these activities are made possible by the huge team of Leaders, helpers and parents giving their time and special talents. Where the incredible equipment comes from, or how people are recruited I almost dread to ask, but I have to conclude that Scouting is held in very high regard.

Finally, a very big thank-you to all the parents who have helped by turning up for their duties at the lake and at the headquarters, running activities, driving, etc... The parent rota is an essential part of our activities, especially during the summer at Spinnaker Sailing Club.

This year can all parents ensure they turn up for their duty or arrange to swap with someone else and let Ros know of the change. Without you to look after the shore we have to take Leaders off the water to man the club house to supervise young people when they need to go ashore, which means fewer activities for your Scouts.

David Miller – Scout Leader

Please make a note in your diary that on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm there will be at The Sandelheath Scout centre a quiz and supper. This quiz is aimed at adults/teenagers. So please keep that evening free and support this event. This event is to help fund raise for one of our Explorer Scouts to go to Nepal this year, working towards their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

**Right: Andy on a bike at the Moto Guzzi event**

# Avon Valley Explorers

There are around 30 young people who took advantage of the water activities on Thursday evenings and land based scouting activities offered throughout the year. Most took part in the BCU and RYA training and gained awards thanks to the help and dedication of the instructors and leaders helping out. Many attended and took part in the county regattas winning prizes and high placing in their categories.

Twenty Explorers are taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme which meets on the first Monday in the month and is run by Pat Savage with the help of Ros and Doug Hardie working with the Explorers and planning expeditions which go towards gaining their Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and Scouting Awards.

The Summer camp last year was a joint camp with the Scouts at Cleavel Point, Poole harbour and with favourable and windy conditions a good time was spent on the water. Trips away from camp included cliff climbing and a “drop off” in the Purbecks. This year, a number of Explorers will be taking part in the Suisse Adventure summer camp based at Kandersteg, Switzerland – we look forward to hearing about it on their return!

Many of the Explorers helped out with the Moto Guzzi weekend, which is a good fund raising opportunity for us which has paid for two new air rifles and a shooting range at the Scout Centre. As on previous years, we provided breakfasts, dinner, cream teas, and a guided walk and even arranged a rustic sports competition which they enjoyed. The





motor cycle enthusiasts, who love visiting Fordingbridge and surrounding area appreciate what we do for them have now supported us for a fourth year, and want us back this year!

From October we reverted to a land based program meeting on Monday evenings that has included activities and task evenings out on the forest, Quaser, skating at Sandy Balls, cooking competitions, Scrapheap challenge, Discover Scuba diving, air rifle shooting, New age curling and other sport and social evenings, attendance has been excellent.

Mark and I are very grateful for all the support and help of parents on occasions when either Mark or I have been unavailable, owing to work or personal commitments. We really do need more help and another warranted leader in the group to enable us to run the group and continue to deliver a good varied program. If anyone knows of anyone who may be interested please talk to Mark or myself.

It has been a great year, thanks to Sandleheath's team of instructors and an even bigger thanks to the Explorers and parents for their enthusiasm and contribution to make the group the success it is.

Yours in Scouting,

Andy Brooks & Mark Davison – District Explorer  
Scout Leaders

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## Sailing Report

The 2008 sailing season started in style, with the arrival of two brand new grant funded Laser Bahias. For those of you that don't know the Bahia (pronounced ba'ha, bar-he-er, ba-hurgh, bar-high-er, bl-ergh depending on your mood) they are another modern roto-moulded dinghy, big enough for three Scouts and one instructor comfortably, or two or three Explorer Scouts. They have asymmetric spinnakers, roller furling headsails, and slab reefing mainsails. These have proved valuable and popular additions to the fleet, enabling us to move on the little used enterprise and 420. We have also moved on the toppers, as they were totally unused over the season.

With two new large boats, and a huge number of helpers giving up their time for the Thursday sailing sessions, our less experienced Scouts and Explorers have benefited from some intensive tuition in a dinghy with an instructor or experienced sailor on board. This has provided a much



quicker transition up the learning curve, and it's great to see Scouts that were previously new to sailing tacking and gybing like pros. The easily rigged and handled asymmetric kites provided regular end of session fun, usually when the instructors and Scouts reached a point of mutual attention span closing, and needed some extra comedy! As part of a rolling programme at the start of the season, all Scouts experienced sailing at least once, and it proved a popular choice on subsequent weeks.

Our more experienced sailors were pushed hard for the Sailing Regatta, and were taken through a series of race clinics and techniques. More on the regatta itself later! Some of our Explorers are becoming extremely competent sailors, and I am very much hoping they will be prepared to give some time helping coach others – some of them already have been assisting, and have proved valuable assets.

As well as the hard work above coaching beginners and experienced sailors alike, a fair proportion of the summer evenings were spent enjoying the sunshine, and some sailing related games. Some of these were cleverly designed to teach boat handling and seamanship skills, others were just designed to get people soaked. A special mention here to Alex Crossley, for proving that Jimbo is always right, and it is indeed possible to climb to the top of a Pico mast before any part of the rigging breaks the surface of the water. Impressive dive.

Hopefully some pictures will accompany this article, but for more, you can check out the Sandleheath Sea Scout website at [www.sandleheathseascouts.org.uk](http://www.sandleheathseascouts.org.uk), join the Facebook group (search 1<sup>st</sup> Sandleheath Sea Scouts), or view some video clips at



**Pictures as requested!**

**Above and left: sailing after the Blashford regatta was cancelled**

www.youtube.com/DaviesCoaching. For information on how to add your own photos/videos, please get in touch with myself or Stephen White.

The regatta gave us a chance to show our mettle to Scouts from Christchurch, Lymington, and Hamble, and unusually we were also able to have a contested network match or two. Despite the regatta having to be shortened due to high winds, the results showed off our prior hard work, with victories for Andy Wibroe in the Network fleet, Bryn Phillips and Ellie Stacey in Explorer Double Handed (twice), Tom Collings and Tom Madgwick in Scout Double Handed, Katrina Miller in Scout Single Handed, and Jack Muldoon in Scout Single Handed.

Summer camp was held at Cleavel Point, overlooking a stunning blue Poole Harbour. We took all four Picos with us, and two Bahias, and sailed most days. A separate camp report exists, but highlights of the week included the opportunity to have a go at trapezing on a bahia, and our day sail to Brownsea Island.

On the final evening at the lake, we were planning on running some shore based activities, but with only three Scouts present, this turned into a model boat-building/racing competition. Alex Goodwin, Jack Muldoon, and Joe Liddon all constructed elaborate racing machines, complete with sponsorship and branding. Alex and Joe's fine craft unfortunately broke up, and a clear winner was Jacks brig, sponsored by "Muldoon Sails".

Some special mentions for sailing this year, based on either achievement, improvement, behaviour, and willingness to help: Amelia Phillips, Joe Liddon, Alex Crossley, Bryn Phillips, Katrina Miller.

We have had a huge number of skills instructors giving up their time in varying conditions over the summer of 2008, and in no particular order thanks are due to Rich Savage, Andy Wibroe, Peter Quinn, Les Radford, David Chadwick, Andy Brooks, David Miller, Martin Ingram, and Trevor White, for helping us out afloat and ashore (often with the never ending behind the scenes work) in a sailing capacity, sometimes having been supervising other activities and just helping with the packing up.

With our sessions afloat being split for 2009, with Explorers on Mondays and Scouts on Thursdays, this help is going to be increasingly valued, and we will also be welcoming to Spinnaker a few new faces who have volunteered (or been volunteered) to help occasionally. The new shed has been constructed at Spinnaker, and I've already started filling it, the boats have all been taken down, we hope to be an RYA Recognised Centre ourselves this summer, we have plenty of helpers, so all we need is fair winds, flat water, and some sailing enthusiasm!

James Davies – Sailing Instructor

# Canoeing Report

Summer of 2008 seems a long time ago now – and I am sure that there are a large number of scouts and Explorers that are as pleased as I am that the new Spinnaker season has started. This last year witnessed a growing fleet of good kayaks and a growing number of accomplished kayakers and canoeists within the group.

The changes in the BCU (British Canoe Union) award structures gave us a few headaches. It is now necessary for Scouts/Explorers to be skilled in both Canoeing and Kayaking to achieve BCU recognition. This coupled with the large numbers on the water on Thursday nights, lead to some confusion over the delivery of the 'stars' (BCU awards). But this didn't dampen any enthusiasm and, as always, we had a lot of laughs, some riotous games and learnt loads in the process. There's a lot more to canoeing/kayaking than the 'stars'.

We had penciled in six possible white water trips over this last winter for Scouts/Explorers. Unfortunately water levels were either too high or too low or it was too cold and, by the end of the winter season, we had only managed three trips. These, of course, all proved excellent adventures and introduced some of our skilled boaters to the challenges and excitement that rivers can provide. Raffi's eyes were wide as saucers as she pulled through the *Washing Machine* and Ben's eyes were shut tight as he boofed *Euthanasia*, Bryn put the loop demons of 2007 to rest with a blast down the Walkham. Jake and Jacob surfed themselves silly in every hole and wave they could find.

We have even more boats to enjoy this year, with three more 'Dynamos', an Ina zone and two Dagger Approach kayaks (these latter open up some opportunities for possible kayak overnight expeditions). We will all have to adjust to the Explorer / Scout split (to Mondays and Thursdays) but, hopefully, smaller group sizes and more boats will mean more opportunities to have fun. We have a great group of enthusiastic Scouts, instructors and leaders and so I am looking forward to another great year of boating with Sandleheath.



Graham Bland –  
Canoe Instructor

Left: Ben Collings on Euthanasia





Left: the pioneering base on S.A.L.L.I.E. (sorry, no pictures of Sally's car on "fire"!)

# S.A.L.L.I.E.

The 2009 SALLIE was held in the New Forest from Wilverley Cottage, just outside Burley. This annual activity gives the Scouts and Explorers a good opportunity to take part in a long night exercise with night navigation.

There were both Scout teams (accompanied by an adult) and Adult teams (consisting of Explorer scouts) and in total 7 Scout teams and 6 Adult teams were entered into the event. Sandleheath entered 3 scout teams and 3 adult teams into the event.

As usual in the SALLIE there were a number of different bases located throughout the area of Wilverley enclosure and surrounding area. These included first aid, pioneering, team challenges, cooking and finding unmanned bases. The event lasted until 2 am for the scout teams and 4am for the adult teams.

All the Scout and Explorer Scout teams enjoyed the event with the range of different activities that had been set up for them.

A big thank-you for organising the event to Dave Chadwick and Ros White and to all the helpers that walked with the Scout teams along with all the helpers that ran bases throughout the night.

Congratulations to all teams who took part in the evening as there were some great results scored throughout the bases.

Richard Savage – Assistant Scout Leader

## Adult/Explorer Results

| Place | Team                               | Points |
|-------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 1     | A5 (Avon Valley: "Racing Stripes") | 1206   |
| 2     | A2 (Barton: "The Tanks")           | 1126   |
| 3     | A1 (Avon Valley)                   | 847    |
| 4     | A6 (Lymmington: "Noble Geckos")    | 773    |
| 5     | A3 (Avon Valley: "Pink Hikers")    | 703    |
| 6     | A4 (Barton: Half and Half)         | 610    |

## Scout Results

| Place | Team                                 | Points |
|-------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 1     | S7 (Lymmington: "The A Team")        | 695    |
| 2     | S6 (Lymmington: "Hyper Hikers")      | 668    |
| 3     | S5 (Sandleheath: "Lolly Pop Ladies") | 646    |
| 4     | S1 (Sandleheath)                     | 606    |
| 5     | S3 (Sandleheath)                     | 592    |
| 6     | S4 (Fordingbridge ("The Lads"))      | 574    |
| 7     | S2 (Fordingbridge: "Cheese")         | 570    |

## Avon Valley Explorer Teams:

A5: Louise, Tamara, Will, Calum, Kate

A1: Sam, Bryn, Jacob, Dom

A3: Simon, Liam, Will, Harley

## Sandleheath Scout Teams:

S5: Christie, Jake, Raffi, Amber, Charlotte, James  
(escorted by Peter Quinn)

S1: Chloe, Abbie, Mark, Freya  
(escorted by Barry Deakin)

S3: Lee, Harris, David, Tom, Daniel  
(escorted by Trevor White)

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# The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award has changed!

The DofE programme has been updated and changed. The programme is a real adventure from beginning to end. It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from. You just need to be aged between 14 and 24 and realise there's more to life than sitting on a sofa watching life pass you by.

You can do programmes at three levels, Bronze, Silver or Gold which lead to a Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

You achieve an Award by completing a personal programme of activities in four sections, Volunteering, Skills, Physical and Expeditions (five including Residential if you're going for Gold).

You'll find yourself helping people or the community, getting fitter, developing skills, going on an expedition and taking part in a residential

activity (Gold only). But here's the best bit – you get to choose what you do!

Your programme can be full of activities and projects that get you buzzing, and along the way you'll pick up experiences, friends and talents that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

Each award links and forms part of one of the three Chief Scout's / Queen's Scout Awards.

We have over 40 young people registered through 1st Sandleheath Sea Scouts and during the year Bryony Cleall, Poppy Cleall, Becky McGillveray and Izzy Quicke have all gained their Bronze Award and Richard Savage his Silver Award. We are hoping they will all be able to attend the County Presentation at Ringwood on 7 May 2009 to be presented with their certificates.

Our grateful thanks must go to Paul Murphy for all his hard work on expedition training and organisation etc... and we are very sorry that he is no longer able to continue helping us in this role. Ros White, Doug Hardie and Murray Phillips are also involved in our day to day expedition sections work and if you would like to join them in their very worthwhile work please contact me. Our thanks go also to Ros, Doug, Murray, Stephen White and David Chadwick who have either already undertaken the necessary training courses or who are in the process of doing so to become Supervisors and Assessors for the DofE expedition sections.

So, if you want to join in the fun, want more information or registration forms please contact me on 01725 510397, email at pat@REMOVED or pat.savage@REMOVED and visit the Duke of Edinburgh's Award website at [www.dofe.org](http://www.dofe.org). We normally meet once a month for an hour so get in touch – we'll look forward to welcoming you!

Pat Savage – D. of E. Award Group Leader



**Left & Below:  
Will, Louise,  
Tammy, James  
and Ellie  
during a D. of  
E. Silver  
Practice  
Expedition on  
Purbeck last  
July**



# Online Resources

<http://www.sandleheathseascouts.org.uk/>

Our group website, with lots of photos and previous copies of Waterlines as well as an online booking system for the H.Q.

<http://www.scouts-hants.org.uk/>

Website of Scouting in Hampshire, with online copies of Hampshire Scout News and the County diary (including dates for Leader training courses).

<http://scouts.org.uk/>

Official website of the Scout Association.

<http://scouts.org.uk/pol>

"Programmes Online" activity suggestions for Leaders.

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/>

Library of factsheets, rules, forms and other information. Also has downloadable copies of various Scouting logos and fonts.

<http://www.dofe.org/>

D. of E. Award website, including information on award levels, sections and activities.

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## Aspirin

The newly released, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, of the First Aid Manual includes specific caution against giving aspirin to under 16s. Although this information is new to the First Aid Manual it is actually based on advice issued over a decade ago. The reason for the advice is because, as well as its other side effects, Aspirin may trigger a rare condition called Reye's Syndrome if given to young people.

If a young person does require pain relief then there is no such advice against giving them paracetamol, so that would be a preferable option. However, please remember that the adult dose of paracetamol is only suitable for those over the age of 12. Liquid form (e.g. calpol), rather than tablets, may be more suitable for younger children.

As always Leaders should be cautious about giving young people medication, and should normally only give medication for which they've received specific consent from the parents of the child (e.g. written on an activity or camp permission form).

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# Group Programme

|                                  |                                |   |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>May</b>                       | Monday, 4th                    | Start of water activities (Explorers)                                     |
|                                  | Thursday, 7th                  | Start of water activities (Scouts)  |
|                                  | Saturday, 9th                  | Group AGM & Barbecue  |
|                                  | Monday, 11th                   | Talk by Graham Bland on a kayak expedition to the Himalayas (H.Q., 19:30) |
|                                  | Friday, 15th<br>– Sunday, 17th | County “Get Active” (Lyons Copse)   |
| <b>June</b>                      | Friday, 15th<br>– Sunday, 17th | Scout Hike in S. Wales  |
|                                  | Friday, 5th                    | Quiz Evening (H.Q., 19:30)  |
|                                  | Tuesday, 16th                  | Beaver & Cub water activities (Spinnaker)                                 |
|                                  | Friday, 19th<br>– Sunday, 21st | Cub Camp  |
| <b>July</b>                      | Friday, 3rd<br>– Sunday, 5th   | Scout canoe trip on River Wye   |
|                                  | Saturday, 11th                 | Solent Sea Scout Sailing Regatta (Spinnaker)                              |
|                                  | Saturday, 18th                 | Fordingbridge Show (cake stall)   |
|                                  | Sunday, 26th<br>– Friday, 31st | Scout Summer Camp   |
|                                  | Sunday, 26th<br>– August 8th   | Sussie Adventure (Explorers)  |
|                                  | <b>September</b>               | Friday, 4th<br>– Sunday, 6h   |
| Tuesday, 8th                     |                                | Beaver & Cub water activities (Spinnaker)                                 |
| Saturday, 19th<br>– Sunday, 20th |                                | County Scouts Survival Skills weekend (Pinsent)                           |
| Sunday, 20th                     |                                | Solent Sea Scout Main (pulling) Regatta (Testwood)                        |
| Thursday, 24th                   |                                | End of water activities (Scouts)  |
| Saturday, 26th                   |                                | Dragonboat competition at Longridge                                       |
| Sunday, 27th                     |                                | Basingstoke Canal Challenge   |
| Monday, 28th                     |                                | End of water activities (Explorers)                                       |
| <b>October</b>                   |                                | Saturday, 3rd   |
|                                  | Sunday, 4th                    | HSCC caving day (contact Ros for details)                                 |
|                                  | Saturday, 10th                 | Distrist Scout Pat Cross Trophy (Burley)                                  |
|                                  | Sunday, 18th                   | Trafalgar Day   |
| <b>November</b>                  | Sunday, 8th                    | Remembrance Sunday  |
|                                  | Friday, 20th<br>– Sunday, 22nd | County Scout PL training (Lyons Copse)                                    |

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