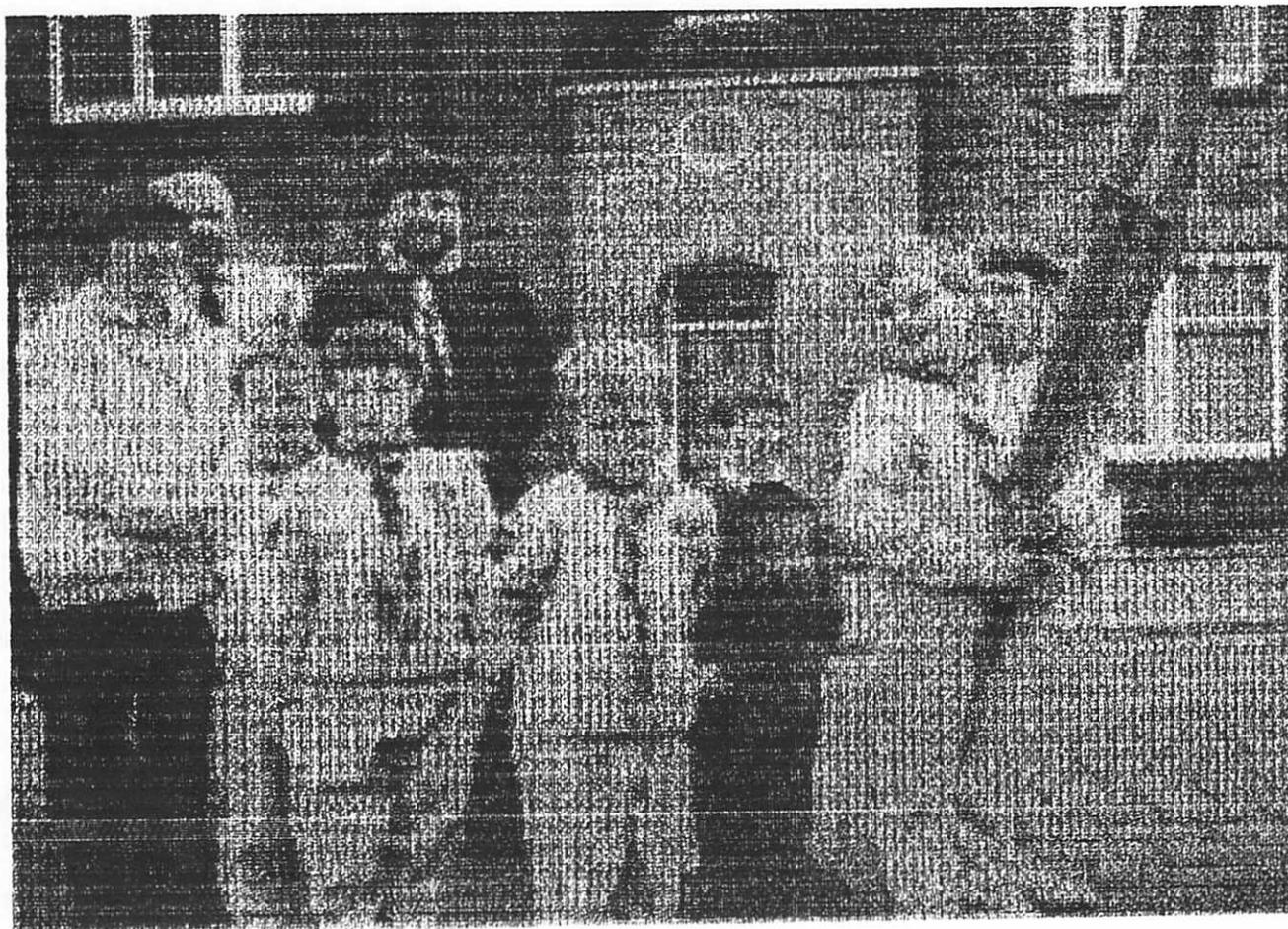


# 1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



# WATERLINES

## CHRISTMAS 1995



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

Welcome to our new leaders, Nigel Hall (who's now Beaver Leader) and John Crouter (who has taken over the cub pack), they have brought with them lots of enthusiasm and new ideas which is reflected in the success of their sections.

The Scout section is still bursting at its seams, with over 30 members - once again I would like to thank their leaders for their dedication. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is under way, many thanks to Steve for his perseverance in getting it off the ground.

After some hiccups the Venture section is making good progress and has recently invested 8 new

members, taking the membership to about a dozen. Thankyou to Alleyne for his support as Group Chairman and in particular for his recent work on the improvements to the H.Q. and car park.

Special mention of John Douce not only for his work as Group Treasurer but also for his support in all our scouting activities.

Sadly Liz Baker will be leaving at Christmas, as she is moving away, she has been an enormous help to the cub pack over the last year and will be greatly missed.

Things are looking very bright for the future of 1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group especially as we now seem to be making progress in our endeavour to get a new headquarters.

Ros White

## Beaver Report

Well there can be no misunderstanding. It's quite clear. It's really obvious. Beaver Scout are so named not because they've got nice thick brown hair (although some have) or because they've got sharp buck teeth (well one or two might have).

No. Beaver Scouts are so named because in polite language they like to be busy. Parents might at times call this attribute something less polite. And I'm a parent of three boys myself so I speak from experience.

So with the assistance of Bubbles (Jan Elkins) Hawkeye (Tony Dossitt) and our latest recruit - Rainbow (Liz Drinkwater), we have put into operation a fun packed programme this autumn.

In line with the new Beaver Scout Programme the Beavers have been involved in a range of activities. These have included miming, playing games, making eye patches, discovering who the 'murdered' beaver is under the blanket, discovering science and talking about lots of issues from brave discoverers, to describing our favourite chocolate bar!

Its been great to try new things and for the Beavers to work alone as well as in a variety of groupings.

The programme up to Christmas is also packed full of noisy activities, as well as some more serious elements regarding home safety and first aid. This will culminate in a terrific Christmas Party on the 19 December to which all parents are invited.

Nigel Hall

Beaver Scout Leader

## Cub Report

Lots of activities going on in Cubs. Since September we have been tracking in Alderholt Park, visited by a boat at the Headquarters and working towards our map readers and communicators badges. We are off on a night hike in November and looking forward to our Christmas party in December.

We are pleased to welcome Morwena Collins, who is coming along to meetings regularly as a helper and bringing her experience from being a Cub leader in

the past.

There are, at present 20 Cubs in the pack with several parents in the area making enquiries about their children wanting to join the pack. We are still in need of somebody willing to become an assistant Cub leader. So, if you have any spare time on a Wednesday evening, please telephone one of the following numbers:

Jon Crouter 01425 656902

Robin Brand 01425 655559

Liz Baker 01425 652767

Morwena Collins 01722 711018

## Scout Report

As we begin a winter of activities back at the hut, it is a good time to think of what has been achieved during the summer.

We have just finished a summer of sailing and canoeing at Blashford Lakes, the home of Spinnaker Club. Our group of tutors have done a splendid job of teaching sailing and canoeing skills to our own group. The sport has also been provided for Scouts outside our group and a number from other groups took up the opportunity. May I take this opportunity to thank Alleyne, Hywel, Ros, Paul and John and

everyone else for their hard-work during the summer. Unfortunately for personal reasons Tony Beavan has had to give up his post of Assistant Scout Leader, but fortunately he has agreed to be Quartermaster for the Group. Thank you Tony, for all your help during the past few years.

During the summer a number of Scouts and Scouts spent a week at Summer Camp in North Devon, by all reports a good time was had by all.

We have welcomed into the Troop a number of new Scouts, both those that have joined us from Cubs and those that have joined Sandleheath from elsewhere, we welcome you to the Troop.

Our Senior Patrol Leader, Stephen White has had an eventful summer taking part in the Scout Jamboree in

Holland as one of the 2500 British Scouts. Stephen has now left Scouts and joined Ventures, although we will see him as he returns to help the leaders out. Thank you Stephen, for your help in the Scouts.

Our numbers have now grown to the extent that we have had to close our doors to new entrants. We have currently, 31 Scouts in our Troop and have extended the Troop to five patrols.

Four of our Scouts have decided to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's award, which is something to be proud of, hopefully this will be the start of a strong following. The leaders have organised a winter of

activities including swimming, night hikes, wide games as well as the usual scouting activities. It is our intention that the Programme Awards should be given prominence and we are working with the aim that all our Scouts should have, hopefully by the end of the winter, gained at least one proficiency badge and at least be well on their way to gaining their next Progressive Award.

Once again, thanks to the leaders and trainers who have helped us out during the summer. We look forward to a good winter programme of activities.

## Venture Report

The end of the year has seen the Venture Unit at a strength of twelve, eleven of whom are invested, with two regular Fellowship members. Investitures were completed at the look-out tower at West Moors, somewhat later than envisaged at the programming meeting in September, but we did cover everyone. A wide game followed the investitures, and perhaps highlighted the need for some elementary navigation, at least for some longer term members who admitted to being absent for most of the game!



(were they chased off by Tim or was it Charles?).

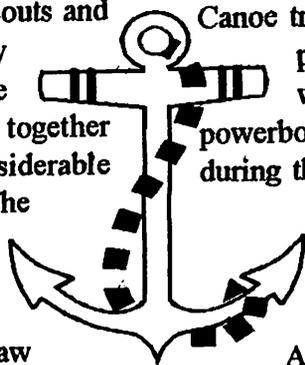
The new Unit executive committee elected in July started to come to grips with running the unit in September after a summer recess - it's not easy especially with a 50% loss of older members - however the social events help to bring the Unit together. Other activities have included balloon making and first aid - and Charles' computer evenings have been a great success.

A planning meeting preceded by a discussion on the Venture Scout Award is arranged for the first thing in the new year to set out plans unto the next A.G.M.

Rob Wanstall

## Water Activities Report

This summer has seen a considerable development in the water activities skills of both the Scouts and Leaders. Water activities started on May 4th and the Regatta was held on 10th June and this year we had a 12 hour race which together with a superb Bar-B-Q raised a considerable amount of money for Troop funds. The Solent sailing Regatta held at Blashford saw our teams racing very successfully and practising capsizing recovery. The Solent Regatta held at Marchwood again saw a good performance from Sandleheath both in canoeing and sailing. For the first time, our girl Scouts competed in the canoeing events. Due to strong winds, the second day's events were cancelled



and had it not been for this our sailors would have won the trophy for their class.

Several Scouts trained for their R.Y.A. level 2 certificates and passed in September whilst another group passed their R.Y.A. level 3 in October.

Canoe training has continued with several Scouts passing their 1 and 2 star awards. The water activities team have been busy with powerboat courses passing R.Y.A. level 2 and 3 during the year. On the canoeing front, our G.S.L

Ros White gained several awards including B.C.U. 3 star, Canoe safety and Trainee Instructor and Karl Hardy gained his 3 star and Trainee Instructor.

At the end of October John Douce and Alan Copestake gained the R.Y.A. Instructor (Sailing) awards so the Team is now well qualified. Congratulations to everyone.

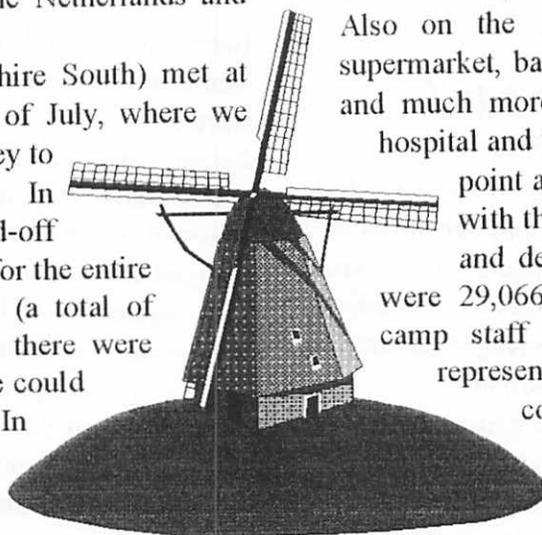
Allenye Copestake



## World Jamboree Report

This summer I went to the 18th World Scout Jamboree, which was held in the Netherlands and lasted for a total of 18 days.

The unit that I was in (Hampshire South) met at Ferny Crofts on Saturday, 29th of July, where we stayed the night before our journey to London early the next morning. In London there was a huge send-off event at Crystal Palace stadium, for the entire UK contingent to the Jamboree (a total of 2,500 people). During the day there were various activities organised, or we could go by train into London itself. In the evening we had a huge barbeque, followed by the a party which continued through the night until all the coaches (about 80) had left for Holland (we left at about 11.45pm). We went across to France on the Dover to Calais ferry, and had



'breakfast' (at 3.30am), and then had another stop at about 8am where we picked up packed lunches. We finally arrived on the Jamboree site at midday on Monday, where we promptly put up the dining shelter to provide some shade. The temperature was about 31°C (nearly 90°F), and stayed that way for much of the camp. In most people's opinions this was far too hot, and during the opening ceremony Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands requested that people shortened their speeches so that we didn't have to sit in the unshaded main arena for so long.

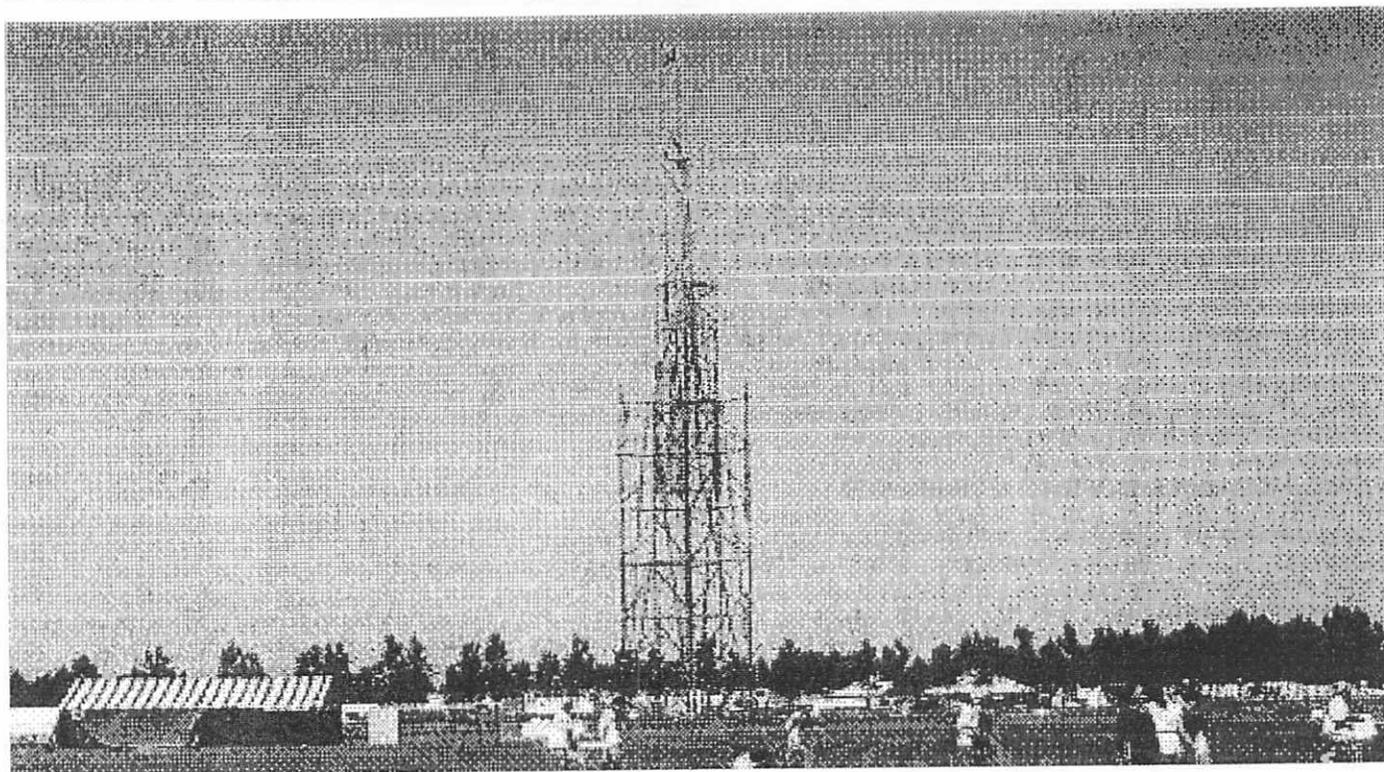
During the camp many activities were laid on, Assault Course, Sailing, Walking, local visits, computer tent, etc; although much of the camp was spent 'socialising' with scouts (and guides!) from other countries.

Also on the 1 1/4 mile long site was a supermarket, bank, post office, laundrette, cafes and much more. The site also had its own hospital and two ambulances, although at one

point a third had to be called in to cope with the number of cases of heat stroke and de-hydration. Staying of the site were 29,066 people, of which 6,204 were camp staff and 22,862 were participants representing 166 countries. For

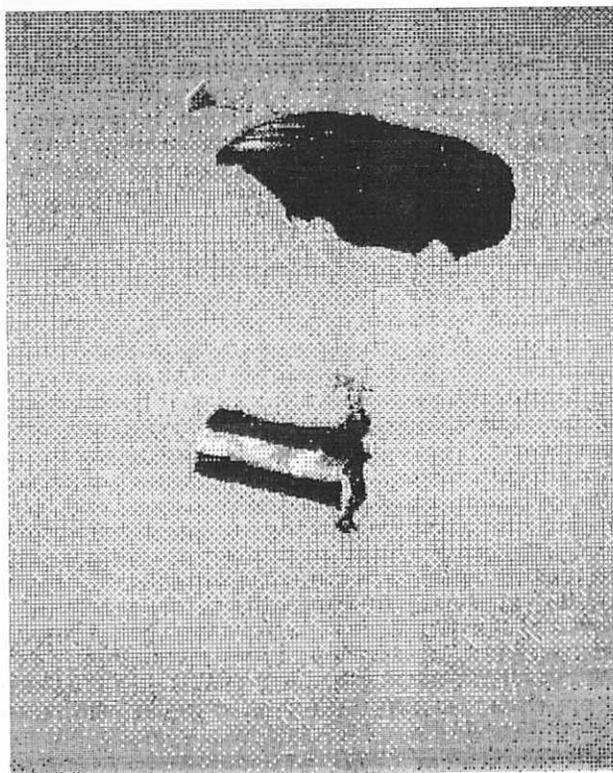
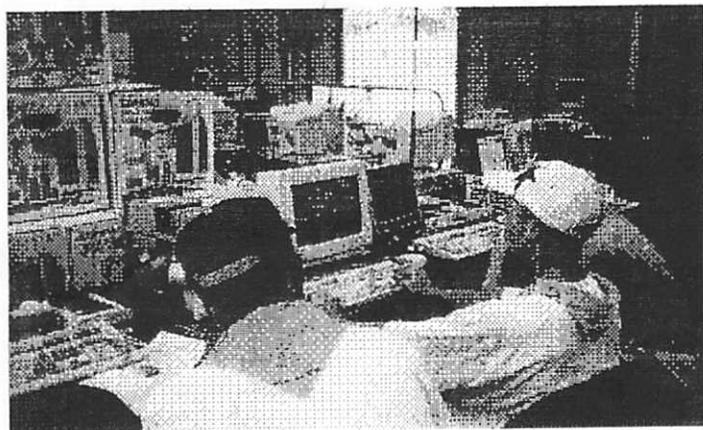
comparison this means that, in terms of population, the camp was about 4 times the size of Fordingbridge, and this was

supplimented by about 10,000 other people visiting each day, making the on-site bank (temporarily) the busiest branch of the G.W.K.



After the actual camp we then had 5 days of Home Hospitality, our unit stayed with families in Demark. Here we learnt about Danish life, enjoyed a mixed Danish and British campfire and watched a James Bond film - with Danish subtitling! After a very enjoyable camp all that was left was the 20 hour drive from Demark back to Ferny Crofts.

Stephen White



Jamboree photographs from: "The Global Scoutnet", World Wide Web page.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



## *Shirts & Sweaters*

If anyone is interesting in purchasing group T-Shirts (white with blue motif) or sweaters (blue with white motif) please ring Ros White (01425 654025)

## *H.Q. cleaning*

Could anyone who is prepared to help with cleaning the H.Q. each week, on a rota, contact Ros White (01425 654025)

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