

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



WATERLINES

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G.S.L.'s Report

There seems to be quite a lot to report one way and another. After various breaks due to Christmas, flu, etc, all the sections are back.

Beavers and Scouts are both at full strength and although not overflowing with warranted leaders we have enough helpers to keep going. The Venture Unit is functioning well with a variety of activities, although still short of a female leader. Many thanks to the 3 Venture Scouts who help at Scouts each week. Unfortunately we have a major leader problem in Cubs as John (Crouter) is unable to continue as Cub leader for a while. We are keeping going with various stand-in leaders, Fina Reidy helping each week and assorted parents/Scouts also coming in. We actually have lots of help, but we must have a proper leader, so if you would like to lead our Cub pack or know of anyone who would please let me know.

A different problem is our H.Q. We are in the process of applying for planning permission for a H.Q. building on the field. We will keep you informed of progress.

We are rather short of funds so please support the 100 Club and Fund Raising Committee. You should have a separate note from our new Fund Raising Committee Chairman - Caroline Morris.

Roger Wedderburn has come in temporarily to fill in the vacant Chairman's post. His help is very welcome and much appreciated.

Another piece of news is that our District Commissioner, Donna Kerrigan, is standing down shortly - so things within the District will be changing.

Alleyne Copestake has offered to be Group Bosun, looking after the boats - quite an onerous task with a fleet the size of ours. Thanks for your help Alleyne. Also thanks to John Douce who as Sailing Instructor and Treasurer has put a lot into the Group but recently he seems to have had to do more - helping with transport for the Venture Unit and assisting in

many instances on executive matters because of our vacant Chairmanship.

Thank also to Maggie Dobbs for her years of hard work running the Fund Raising Committee - she well deserves a rest - but I hope she'll still be there with her big smile and infectious laughter to help us.

Ros White (Group Scout Leader)



James Bennett, James Hunt and Ian Jacobs
[Photo from John Douce]

Well done to all those who attended the Remembrance Day Parade in November, there was an excellent turnout from the Scout section. They even managed to look very smart due to the drill that they had recieved from 'Sarge' (Matthew O'Sullivan).

Fund Raising Beaver Report

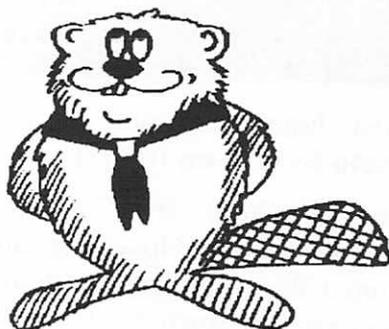
Firstly I would like to thank Maggie Dobbs for all her hard work over the last four years on the Fund Raising Committee. Maggie served on the Committee for two years and then became chairperson for a further two years. She worked tirelessly on all our behalves to raise money so that all our sons and daughters may continue to enjoy being in a Sea Scout Group. In particular Maggie should be thanked for organising two very successful Flea Markets. These are our major fund raiser. Each one involves a huge amount of work including distributing leaflets, collecting donations, sorting them, and all the organisational work on the day. Maggie's children have grown up and she no longer has any in the Scout movement and so feels that the time has come to move on. We are all grateful to her for her hard work.

There is always a great need for more help with fund raising. By default I am the new Chairperson with Karen Hunt, Viv Sherriff and Dawn Gray the only four committee members. It is obvious that the committee needs to be bigger if we are to be able to raise money successfully.

PLEASE, PLEASE, volunteer to be on the committee. It is not so very arduous, especially if the work is spread among more of us. You may not be able to commit your self on a regular weekly basis as a helper or leader with the various sections but surely there must be some of you who are able to help with fund raising. REMEMBER that it is your sons and daughters who benefit from the money raised.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Caroline Morris (Fund Raising Chair)
(Tel: 01425 656250)



In the busy lead up to Christmas the Beavers had an excellent guided tour of St Mary's Church. The Rev. Tim Daykin explained the significance of different areas of the Church building and it's long history. The Beavers were particularly amused by the name of the first vicar of St. Mary's - I'll let you find out why for yourself!

Our Christmas Party was a treat of chocolate, cakes and crisps and the winter chill of the Scout H.Q. soon disappeared after the Beavers had played a few games of 'Smelly Sock'!

It's not all games and noise of course. We do have quiet periods when we encourage the Beavers to discuss topics in small groups or pairs and to listen to each other's views and ideas. From talking about their favourite Christmas presents to solving problems this helps to develop their social skills in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Into 1997 we have to say 'good-bye' to quite a number of Beavers who are 'swimming up' to join their friends in Cubs; but there always seems to be other youngsters waiting to join our colony.

With Julie Deacon (Tic Tac) now firmly appointed as Assistant Beaver Leader we have drawn up an exiting programme of activities and themes for the months ahead. We are hoping to go sailing and canoeing again this summer as well as going on a litter pick and having a trip to Moors Valley. And of course as soon as the sunshine arrives we shall be having lot of 'fun in the field'.

Nigel Hall (Sandy - Beaver Scout Leader)



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Scouts

Scout Report

After the Christmas break, everyone came back refreshed. Over the past three weeks I have taken a back seat. The patrol leaders have been organising the events. The Patrol Leaders have been doing such a good job that I wonder why I am needed. All it needs is confidence. The only thing I have to say to them is, 'Well Done!'

We are beginning to think forward to the summer & camps. At the moment we are only giving thought to them, but as soon as we have some dates we will let you know.

At present our numbers are around the 30 mark, and we regularly have 25 on a Thursday evening.

Last week we went on a wide game, it was wet, but I think everyone enjoyed themselves, despite loosing the hares.

Steve Young (Scout Leader)



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Venture Report

During the Winter the ventures have continued a varied programme of activities. Due to the success of the climbing last year we did it again - and invited a few Scouts to join us, an event that was enjoyed by everyone. We also held a successful Hare & Hounds night exercise, in which several Ventures discovered the delight of New Forest bogs! Into 1997 we hope to go climbing (again) - this time on rocks not walls, walking (in Wales if we can find some Form 'M's) and, of course, canoeing and sailing. 3 Ventures regularly help Steve Young with the Scouts, and organised a very wet wide game for them last week! We are pleased to welcome Claire Ritchie into the Unit - and despite initial apprehension from James the two now get on well(!)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve Wilfort for his on-going help and support as Venture Leader, and also for providing transport for us.

Stephen White (VSU Chairman)

Editorial

PICTURES! Thankyou to John Douce for providing Photos of the Rememberance Day Parade - but if anyone else has ANY SCOUTING PHOTOS please could they lend them to me.

I would also appreciate any reports from ANYONE, if you enjoyed an activity - write a short report and pass it to me, it makes a refreshing change to get reports from the people actually involved.

Stephen White (Waterlines Editor)



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