



WATERLINES

*Anniversary report from
1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group*

Welcome to this, the annual report of our group for 1994/5. It's a very special time for us, for this year sees the 50th anniversary of Scouting at Sandleheath. We will be celebrating with a range of events during the summer designed for everyone, and you will hear about them soon.

Chairman's Report

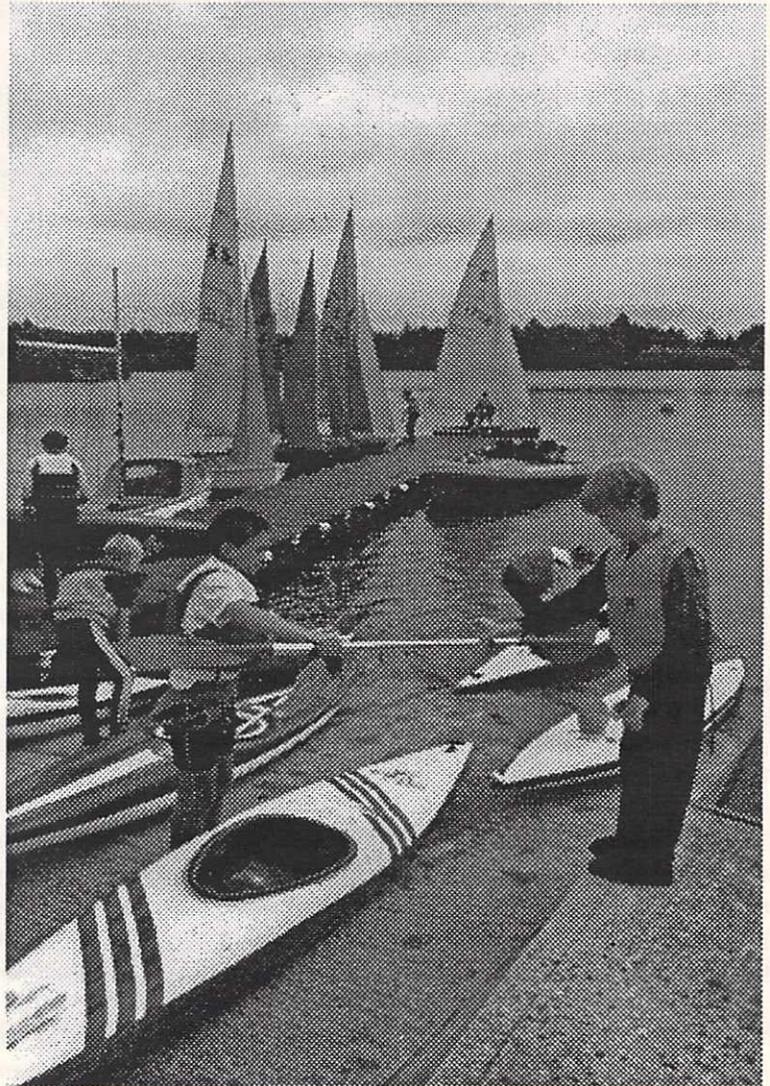
from Susan Jacobs

Another year has passed and it seems hard to believe that this is my fourth annual report as Group Chairman.

During these four years I have seen the Sandleheath Sea Scout Group provide a wide range of interesting and exciting scouting activities for many youngsters aged from 6 to 18+. I have watched with admiration the tireless commitment given to the boys (and now girls), by the leaders in all sections and particularly by our G.S.L., Ros White who has led them by example and with whom it has been a privilege to work.

Besides those people involved directly in scouting our group would not be so successful without the small 'army of plain clothes' workers, the Executive Committee and parents.

The Executive Committee has met regularly throughout the year enabling the smooth running of the group and I should like to thank them for their support. The



The groups fleet of canoes and dinghies at Spinnaker Lake - one of the factors that makes Sandleheath special.

Fund Raising Committee has again had a busy twelve months with the Flea Market being the highlight of the year. Without the money raised we would not be able to offer the boys and girls such a varied programme both on land and in the water.

I am proud to have been Chairman of such a successful group but I feel the time has come for a change and I hope that my successor receives the same loyalty and support as I have had. Good luck and thank you to everyone involved in the Group.

IT'S ALL ABOUT PULLING TOGETHER



Getting down to some impressive pulling at last years group barbeque

G.S.L.'s Report

from Ras White

Another year has gone by and the saga of Sandleheath and our dilapidated HQs continues. We have had several working days there getting it sorted out. We are getting there SLOWLY, but unfortunately the HQ is falling apart as fast as we renovate it - and once again the need for a more permanent solution faces us.

The Beaver colony has had a varied programme with Tony Dossitt, Nigel Hall and Jan Elkins in control. Leader Tina (Woodley) got married in June and is now enjoying new motherhood. As a result she has temporarily abandoned the colony.

The Cubs have done well with all their badge work and are still noisy and hyperactive. Robin Brand has regular help from Liz Baker which is greatly welcomed - but we still have no cub leader.

The Scout Troop goes from strength to strength. They voted to take girls in last autumn and we now have three invested. The troop is permanently full, with a waiting list; but with four leaders and sailing instructors they are given the opportunity to take part in many activities. We welcome Steve Young and Lynda Smith to the team of Tony Beaven and Mike Giddens. Stephen (I never stop talking) White, is to be congratulated on his Chief Scouts Award. He has our best wishes for his trip to the World Jamboree in Holland this August.

Sailing was enjoyed throughout the summer. Our thanks to Alleyne Copestake, Hywel Morris and John Douce for sailing instruction and to Paul Toynton for canoeing.

The Venture Unit had a weekend walking on Dartmoor and a summer camp in Snowdonia. Many of the Unit went off to University in September and since then the number in the Unit has not achieved previous levels. Liz Gibbons has now stood down as a Venture Leader leaving Rob Wanstall in sole charge. Another section in need of Leaders!!

Our thanks to the **Fund Raising Committee**, especially chairman Sheelagh Wanstall, and all those who helped with their various functions. Please do your best to help Maggie Dobbs who has taken over from Sheelagh. Without the money raised by this Committee we would be in very serious trouble.

Once again thanks to Mr and Mrs Clarke for allowing us continued use of the field in Sandleheath and Peter Ings for his co-operation and help in letting us use the HQ site. There are many others who deserve a mention, all Leaders and helpers for their week by week commitment to help young people in scouting, the Executive Committee and sub-committees for backing up the Leaders, Pat Wedderburn for running the 100 Club, John Shering for being a supportive President and everyone else who comes in to help when needed.

I am the person parents address to thank for the opportunities provided by scouting which help young people to learn, develop and mature. I hope all of you who give your time feel it is worthwhile.

Cubs Report

by Robin Brand

What have we been up to since the last AGM? First of all we had the District Cubs Sports afternoon, held in the splendid setting of Sandle Manor School field. Here the cubs took turns at a varied range of activities, and athletics badges were gained, and grades improved on. Meanwhile at the HQ sessions, we did cooking, had outdoor activities including compass work, and continued our wide range of activities.

At the end of June a couple of the older cubs joined some of the younger scouts at a camp at Lyons Copse near Southampton, and had a good weekend despite the thunderstorm when setting up the tents! Four of the older cubs also attended an Adventurous Activities day at Ferny Crofts.

In September we had an Indian evening, culminating in a superb Indian meal, complete with curry sauces, various rices, and poppadums! In a subsequent session, Paul Mooney came along with his dog to show us dog training - if only the Cub Scouts were so obedient! Next we had a night hike, and a skittles evening. We did apple bobbing for Halloween.

In November three beavers came up to cubs. Also in November, five of our cubs did outstandingly well in the District Swimming Tournament. They came second and won a trophy, which was proudly shown.

After Christmas, activities included science experiments, handicrafts and cooking. Adventure Crest, Road safety and local history badges were achieved, the latter thanks to Brian Dixon's excellent work. We also had a swimming session at Ringwood, where swimming badges were obtained or improved on.

Our cubs did well at the District football event, finishing in the top four. Thanks to our adult helpers for their significant work in supporting this event. Our American evening proved once again how popular with cubs hot dogs etc. are! In March Kristian Wanstall presented a super Karate evening.

On another evening science was the theme, when the fire extinguisher experiments were the star of the show, with each cub given a chance to have a go!

Finally, many thanks to all those who have helped over the last year, and provided the boys with such a varied program

Beavers Report

by Tony Dossitt

The Beavers have been busy with various projects from drawing and colouring Paddington Bear to The Green Cross Code. Games to do with safety on the road and in the home. What to do in an emergency and How to use a telephone.

The had a visit to Tic Tac's farm, Dazel Farm in Bramshaw to see the lambs. They've had various walks around our local forests paths and had a joint venture with cubs to clean up the Common.

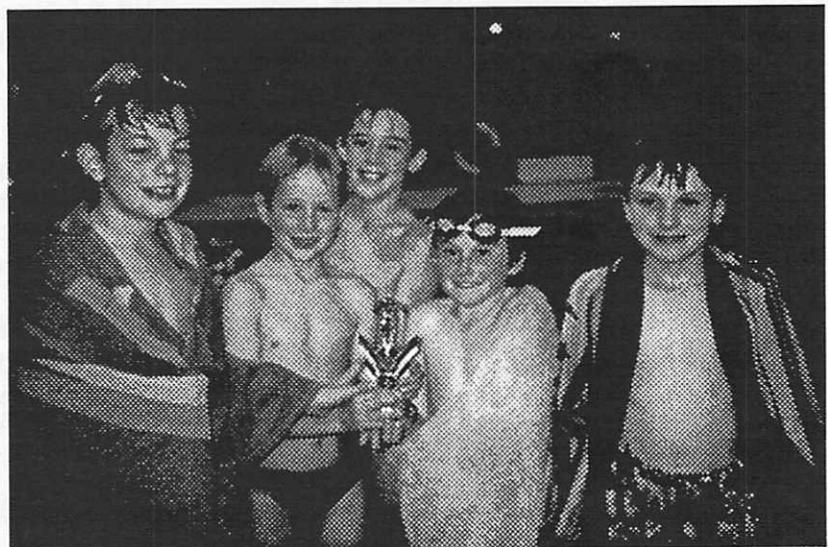
For the first time Beavers were allowed to march in the St. Georges Day Parade. We had 11 Beavers and 3 leaders. They all behaved very well.

We were sorry to lose Tic Tac but hope all goes well with her new baby. We have gained Sandy, (Nigel Hall) who helps and is hoping to go into uniform soon. Jan Elkins (Bubbles) has also joined us and she looks after the subscriptions and registers. We have a new lady, one of the Beaver mums, who helps when she can.

We have approximately 18 - 20 Beavers at present. By this year '95- start of '96 we will have sent 4 Beavers up to Cubs. 8 Beavers have already joined Cubs. We have a lot of new Beavers, some to be enrolled in two to three weeks time.

Congratulations!

to Tina and Ed Woodley on the birth of their daughter, Shannon, born on Saturday 29th April 1995 weighing 5lbs 11ozs. They are home now and doing very well.



5 Cubs who made a splash at the District Swimming Tournament in November. They took the second prize.

SCOUTING - from CAVES to CANOES



In our 50th year, girls are now being enrolled into the Sandleheath group. At a particularly wet weekend camp they discover the joys of cooking your boots on an open fire in the rain.

Land Activities Report

by Tony Bevan

Once again, last year we were very busy and participated in a wide variety of activities. The Patrol Leaders Council continues to meet regularly and where possible, their requests are implemented. This results in a popular programme which is reflected in the high attending levels achieved on troop nights and other events. The number of scouts in the troop remains in the upper twenties and there is a waiting list for those wishing to join our group.

At the end of last years report, Mike Giddens and myself put in a plea for more leaders to help with running the troop. This plea has been answered and we are very pleased to welcome Linda Smith and Steve Young who have both taken out Assistant Scout Leader warrants. Also we are very grateful to Geoff Tiller, for helping on troop nights.

Only recently have girls been admitted as Scouts to the movement though, of course, female leaders have been around for years! 1995 saw our first girls invested in the troop, exactly 50 years after the Sandleheath Scout Troop was formed.

Last June the District Camp and Camp Cooking competitions were held at Great Yews Scout camp

site. Our patrol was led by James Bennett came a very close second in both competitions, well done. In October, three patrols from Sandleheath entered the District Day hike competition. One of these patrols consisting of Nick Bevan, Chris Hirst, James Hunt and led by Stephen White came first and therefore retained the Trophy Sandleheath won in 1993.

For our summer camp last year, we joined in the County Jamboree which was held at Great Tower Scout Camp site in the Lake District. Along with many other Hampshire Scouts, the twelve who attended enjoyed an action packed week sailing, canoeing, caving, abseiling, shooting and hiking. There was also a less strenuous ride on a steam railway, a cruise on Lake Windermere and visits to Bowness and Windermere. The week was rounded off with an excellent traditional camp fire and Sandleheath had the honour of performing the Flag Down Ceremony. A big thank you to Ros White and Geoff Tiller for helping at the camp.

Last year, in addition to the progressive training awards achieved by our scouts, many proficiency badges have been awarded including those for hobbies, cyclist, artist, caver, elementary canoeist, elementary helmsman and helmsman.

Our senior patrol leader, Stephen White, achieved his Chief Scout Award last year, the highest of the Scout progressive training awards, Well done Stephen.

Water Activities Report

by Alleyne Copestake

The water activities stated as usual in May with a good attendance each Thursday evening. Special race training was carried out on Saturday mornings. The 25th May saw six members of the Group pass their R.Y.A. exam. The following achieved the R.Y.A. 2 certificate : Jo Copestake, Ben Dobbs, Mathew Peddle, David Morris, Stephen White. Jonathan Shepley gained the R.Y.A. 1 certificate. During the year several canoeists gained the B.C.U 1 star award with James Bennett gaining the 2 star award.

The Solent Sea Scout Reggatta (Sailing) was held at Spinnaker Club on 18th June. Sandleheath raced very well in both Bosuns and Mirrors. In the Mirror class our two crews of Stephen White and Jonathan Shepley with Matthew Peddle and Ben Dobbs in the other boat achieved joint 2nd place overall being beaten by Lymington by 1 point.

5th June saw the Sandleheath Annual Regatta at Blashford. The weather was very good and we had good racing both in canoes and sailing. A new canoe race was introduced this year, for leaders, this was very entertaining despite the odd capsizes! There was lot of fun in the afternoon with the water games and bar-b-que. Dispite the turnout of only 13 Scouts everyone had a good time.

The weekend of 24/25th September was the Solent Sea Scout regatta at Marchwood sailing and canoeing on tidal waters. Again Sandleheath did very well in both sailing and canoeing races. We achieved several first places and numerous seconds. Well



Sandleheath's sailing team at the Solent Sea Scout Regatta in June 1994.

done to all who raced canoes. The weather was very good for sailing and we raced competitively with Stephen White and crew winning 1 bosun race. This year we took two Enterprises for the open race. Stephen White and his crew of David Oakes and James Hunt came 6th overall and were the first Enterprise over the line - an excellent result!

We held the annual Cub Day on 15th October. This is always a very popular event and very much enjoyed not only by the Cubs but by the instrutors as well. Very many thanks to the helmsmen (or should it be helmspersons) who helped on that day.

During the winter we have had boat maintenance on Saturday mornings and now have the fleet in good condition for the new season. We have just bought 2 new double canoes which I hope will give some good racing this season.



Canoeing on Lake Windemere as part of HAMJAM 94.

HOME and AWAY

HQ Report

by Robin Brand

Many thanks to all those who helped on our Maintenance day in February. Lights were fitted inside and out. Ceilings were put up and the store finished off. The plumbing was fixed and improved, and the window panes mended. The old store was cleared out and the partition taken down, ready to create a new meeting room. Lots of cleaning was done. Outside the tree was cut down, and the Ventures dug in our "1st Sandheath" sign, a job well done. It was good to see so much work going on, a good atmosphere was created, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves! Also thanks to Paul Mooney for his help with the new fire doors recently fitted.

Venture report

The main event of the year was the summer camp held in August at Yr Haford at Ogwen in Snowdonia. 11 Venture scouts and 3 leaders went walking, climbing and visited the beach at Portmadoc. Some members were invested on Tryfan (Adam and Eve rocks) and everyone went up Snowden via Crb Coch. Other activities the unit has taken part in during the year include a Christmas dinner, bowling, videos, First aid, videos (again), various talks, Karate and yet more videos and bowling. There has been an almost complete turn over of people mainly due to the older ones going to University. Now there are consistently 9 or 10 at most meetings.

World Scout Jamboree

by Stephen White

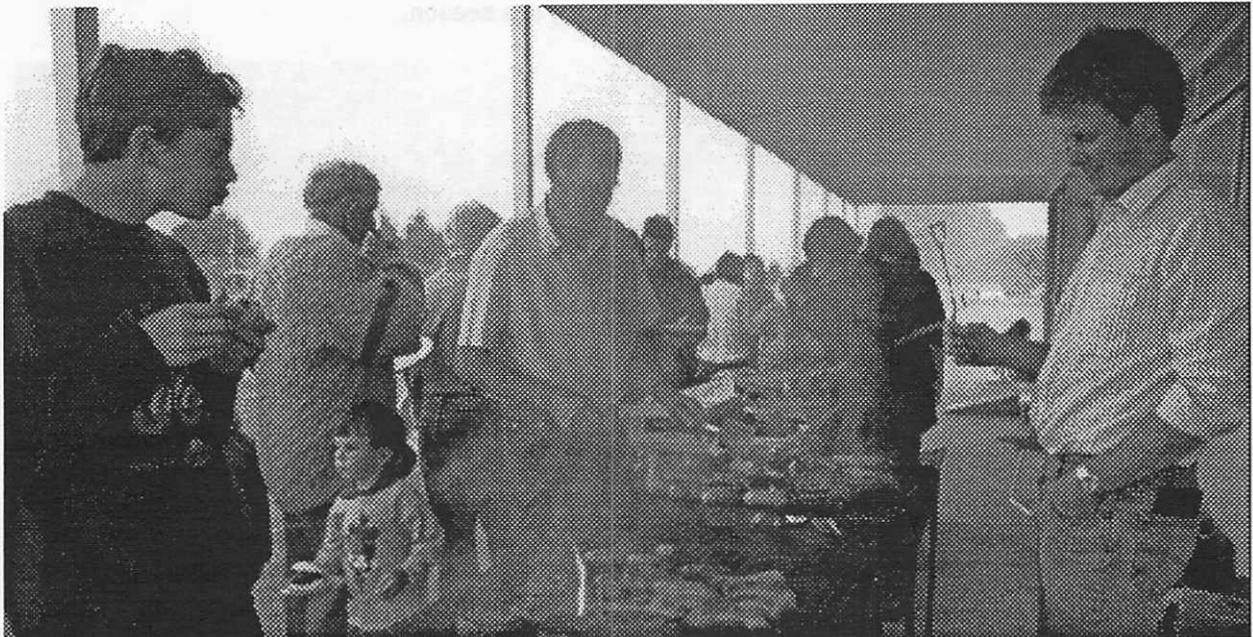
The 18th World Scout Jamboree will be held this year, from the 1st to the 11th of August 1995, in Flevoland, an area of Holland that was reclaimed from the sea a few decades ago. There will be about 25,000 participants, of which 2,700 will be from the U.K. and I will be representing Sandheath.

At the jamboree there will be lots of activities laid on, including canoeing and sailing! We will also have to entertain other scouts at the jamboree some of the time. Our unit is doing a demonstration of gun-running (but with smaller guns than those used at the Royal Tournament!).

The jamboree site is arranged into sub-camps, each containing about 2,000 people. We will have to find something to do at the sub-camp camp-fire. After the jamboree we will stay with a Danish family for a week, to see scouting in action in Denmark.

The British contingent for the jamboree is split into 68 units, I am in Hampshire South, which has about 35 members plus 4 leaders. Training for the jamboree started in June last summer, with a stay at Ferny Crofts, and since then several more camps have taken place around the county.

It should be a very special event and I will report back on it in the next edition of *Waterlines* when I return.



After the flea market, the Group Barbeque was one of the social fund raising events of last year. Stephen White (far left) appears to be putting in some serious training for the World Jamboree