



WATERLINES

1st Sande Heath Sea Scout Group

Autumn 1991

Hello! - and welcome to Waterlines, a new look for the newsletter from Sande Heath Scouts. The masthead might have changed, but the aim is still to bring you regular news of what's going on across the group.

Right at the start we need to say a big thankyou to Ros White who masterminded the previous newsletters. She is one of those who put in a huge number of hours to bring us the quality of scouting for which Sande Heath is famous. Now Ros has handed over command of this particular boat - we'll try not to sink it!



What's this Scouting all about?

If you've been in Scouting for a few years, its easy to forget that we're constantly welcoming new members to Sande Heath. It can all be a bit confusing at the start, so we asked Mike Kerrigan to fill in some of the back-ground .

"I often think that we in Scouting are very poor at telling people what we are trying to do. I wonder how many of you, as parents, know what Scouting aims to do for your son/daughter. You know that they go off to their weekly meetings and most times have fun, but what is it all about? Is it just camping and boating? My aim here is to hopefully answer some of these questions for you.

Lord Baden-Powell started the Scout movement in 1907 with the following aim: "To encourage the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society". In the 84 years since Baden-Powells first camp, the methods used have changed in many ways to suit the times. But the aim has remained the same and I am sure that if you stop to think about it, it is as relevant today as then.

How do we achieve this aim? Scouting is not a recreational movement, nor is it an extension of school. It sets out to provide an informal education through experience and achievement, which will help the members develop responsibility, teamwork and positive social and personal values, whilst remaining fun. The youth part of the Scout movement is broken into four sections. Each uses methods appropriate to the age range. As the age goes up, so the level of responsibility of the boys/girls for running the section increases.



CUBS GET THE PICTURE

Cub Scout Anthony Rushworth spent part of his time on the pack holiday at Ferney Croft working on his photo - graphers badge. This picture of his friends, hard at play, was one of the results. - See the section reports inside

The youngest section are the Beavers Scouts, aged 6 to 8. Their motto is "Fun and Friends" and their program is based around this theme helping them to develop social skills. Most of their program is games and activities. The Colony, as it is known, is divided into a couple of Lodges to give a small element of competition in games.

The Cub Scouts aged 8 to 10/11 have a more structured programme. Their activities are based around a progressive training scheme that covers such areas as: looking after yourself, activities. The Cub Scouts work through the scheme gaining badges as they complete sections. The Cub Scouts have a Promise and Law set at their level which they are expected to keep. The Pack is divided into Sixes each having an older Cub known as a Sixer in charge. The Leader will hold Sixers meetings at which the future program of the Pack is discussed.

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SECTION REPORTS

BEAVERS

Busy Beavers is a very good way to describe our Beaver Scouts over the last few months. In June there was the County Beaver Day when our Beavers joined boys and girls from all over the county for a Pow Wow. Although the weather could have been better, great fun was had by all.

July brought a visit to Sherings Museum, many thanks to John Shering for giving up his time to show the Beavers around and for his patience with all the questions. Also in July we all attended the Jousting at Breamore, meeting up with Poulner Beaver Scouts. How many budding "knights in Shining Armour" we have I don't know but for some reason Sandleheath Beavers seemed to enjoy shouting for the "baddy".

In September we said goodbye to 5 Beavers as they swam up to Cub Scouts which means we have some more "kits" joining us, it won't be too long before they are fully fledged Beavers. For the District Beaver Day someone put in the wrong weather order!!! The day broke, the rain did not stop. But that does not deter Beavers Scouts, or their Leaders. A quick re-think and an outdoor event is moved undercover. With a medieval theme as its basis, over 60 Beaver Scouts from the District played games, made shields, helmets, ate an indoor picnic and sang songs. Many thanks to Ros White, Mike Kerrigan and Raksha (Donna Kerrigan) for helping to make the day possible. My thanks for their continued support go Malak (Andrea Burton) and Rainbow (Robyn Fisher). We say goodbye and thank you to Fiona Lees who has moved house, and a welcome to Tina Coles, who has agreed to go into uniform and become my assistant.

Keo (Julie Gaston)

SECTION REPORTS

CUBS

Cub numbers have remained steady at about 24 boys during the period. We welcome 5 boys from the Beaver colony, Philip Jackson, Christopher Hirst, Lawrence Bennett, Jonathan Mist and James Kerrigan. Three of our older boys have just moved up to the Scout troop with their Adventure Crest Awards finally achieved the week before departure.

In September we held a joint camp with Fordingbridge cubs on the Sandleheath camping field and this proved to be a great success, the better weather certainly helped. A big thank you to all the parents and leaders who gave up their time to help with tents, cooking and activities. The Sixers and Seconders visited Butlins at Bogner for the County Cub day and a great time was had by all. Twenty camper and four photographer badges have been awarded and there will be an opportunity to take the collector, map reader and local historian badges before Christmas.

With the darker evenings now upon us we are back to our indoor programme and the boys will make progress towards their various awards. Notable events were the camp fire sing song at Cuckoo Hill Rest Home, and a visit by Mrs. Biddlecombe, the local school nurse to talk about health and hygiene. I hope some of the boys will now know what to do with that strange item of camping equipment called a 'wash-kit'!

John Rushworth - Assistant CSL



What's it all about - continued from page 1.

Scouts aged 10 to 15/16 again have a full progressive training scheme based on gaining badges. The Troop is split into Patrols, with a Patrol Leader in charge. The Patrol Leaders Council has a large say in the running of the Troop deciding on program content and awarding some of the training awards, under the guidance of the Leader. A lot of the Scout section work is carried out in the patrols often outside of Troop nights. A lot more of the program is outdoor and adventurous in nature, usually requiring team work. Again, Scouts have a Promise and Law to keep.

The oldest section are the Venture Scouts aged 15/16 to 21. Again they have a training scheme, but they are totally responsible for their program and managing their Unit. The Leader is more there for support, and as Liz will no doubt comment, transport!

The important part of the whole scheme is FUN. The members must enjoy it to get something out of it.

Hopefully they are encouraged to develop without realising it.

Finally, there is one part of the movement left to mention. Who runs all this? The Leaders with help from Instructors and Helpers. They aren't a special breed, but normal people like you, or nearly anyway! The only thing we ask of people taking on the job of a Leader is that they support the Aim of the movement and will make the Scout Promise. Everybody has some skill or characteristic that can be useful in achieving the Movements Aim. All they need to give is time.

Hopefully if you are still reading this, I have answered some of your questions. If you have questions, don't be afraid to ask a Leader. They really like it when people talk to them."

Mike Kerrigan
Cub and Beaver Parent

SECTION REPORTS

SCOUTS



During August the troop, accompanied by the Venture group went on summer camp in Brecon, South Wales. We had been to this site last year and decided it was so good that a second visit was warranted.

The programme included a patrol orienteering competition, scavenger hunt and a session making camp gadgets. There was a visit from the local Mountain Rescue team who showed us their equipment and methods.

The scouts could choose either a day's pony trekking or a Kayak teach-in and expedition down the river Wye. The whole troop went on a mountain hike that included getting to the top of Hir-Wen. In addition everybody had half a day doing Abseiling and half a day in Brecon shopping and looking around. There was also a visit to Loony's leap for swimming and death defying stunts, Oh yes, you have to be tough to be a scout!

We took a well deserved rest for the remainder of August restarting in September at Spinnaker Lake and this continued through to the end of the month.

Membership is down by a significant amount caused by pressure of other activities, sports and homework. There is also a shift downward in average age.

October found us back in the HQ. We have tried cooking over candles and over fires in the field. There has been a teach-in on coastal navigation from Alan Copestake.

I am very pleased to see a strong team of keen adults working on boat maintenance which indicates that we shall have a very good fleet of boats to use for sailing next year.

Future weeks will include swimming, first aid, pioneering, hiking and a wide game.

Skip - Mike Giddens.

SECTION REPORTS

VENTURES

- and the saga of Cwrt-y-Castell

There's no report from the Ventures this time. However the pages of a rather stained and battered diary were found on an otherwise immaculate campsite in Wales over the summer. We reproduce them for the record:-

Eight Ventures decided that they were mentally and physically strong enough to cope with the emotional traumas of spending one week in the close vicinity of all those lovely little Scouts. It wasn't until we had paid that we were told that a certain Barry Fisher was coming back to camp with us. Ahhhh! We packed the bare essentials (beds, pillows, duvets, teddy bears, TV's, electric blankets and such like) and, Valium in hand, we set off for Cwrt-Y-Castell, Wales.

On arrival we were informed that there were 120 Swedish Girl Guides camping just down from us. You wouldn't believe the smiles that appeared on all the little boys faces; including Skip, Mike, Bob, and Geoff. Robin, James, and Daryl had it all worked out; 120 girls between three of them, meant 40 girls each. Their plans soon changed however, when they saw the local talent, and it was camping in our very field. It was all the rest of us could do to keep them away from all those beautiful sheep.

The sheep really helped make our week in Wales, ha, ha! Apart from keeping the three lads happy they munched and bleated outside our tents from dusk to dawn. They then re-deposited the grass around the field, in a more liquidised form. This was inspiration for the poets amongst us to get writing:

We went camping along with some sheep
In Wales where the mint sauce is cheap
It sure was a pity
The field was so ****ty
And on top of it we had to sleep!

Tracy-Anne Coles.

EDITOR'S NOTE: There was lots more but at this point the stains made it un-readable. I think the *** word was pretty - but I can't be sure.



CAPTAIN'S LOG

From the Acting G.S.L

As you will see from the reports, all the sections have been busy this autumn. The leaders have put together varied and interesting programmes. Thanks are due to them for the hard work involved in putting good ideas into action. The Cubs, as usual, have been achieving lots of badges. Congratulations to the Scout section on being awarded the County Commissioners' Standard (for the fourth year in succession).

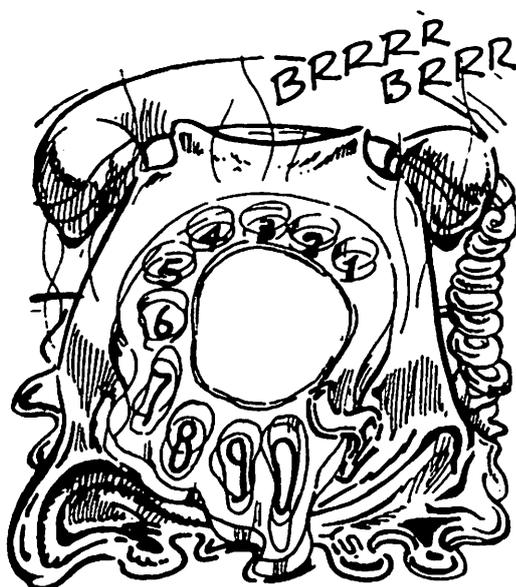
The sub-committees have been very busy and because of the efforts of the Fund Raising Committee the Boat Maintenance Committee have been able to purchase materials and make good progress on repairing the boats.

We must not forget the HQ maintenance committee - please come in and admire the new window in the kitchen (it will still be there long after the rest of the building has disintegrated). I think we must have the cleanest scout toilet in the District now thanks to the toilet cleaning rota. Thanks to Sue Jacobs for organising this. I am pleased to report that Sue has agreed to take over as Group Chairman. She has helped the group in many ways over a number of years despite many other commitments. Please give her your support by helping whenever possible.

Finally thanks to the Ventures and Scouts who turned out to represent us for the Remembrance Day Parade in Fordingbridge.

Keep up the good work everyone.

Ros White.



SHIP TO SHORE

SECTION SUBSCRIPTIONS

Weekly subs are to be replaced by termly subs (Beavers and Cubs) or quarterly subs (Scouts). This is to make it easier to collect them. Subs are being increased slightly, to 40p per week for Beavers and Cubs and 60p per week for Scouts. 20p of this will go into Group funds for general running expenses. The rest stays with the section for weekly expenses for that section. The first terms subs will be due at the beginning of January. You will be given details by your section.

FORDINGBRIDGE CARNIVAL

Tim Jacobs and Roger Wedderburn attended a presentation evening and received a cheque for £50 for the Group from the Carnival Committee.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Brian Dixon on his Award of Merit from the Scout Association.

KOREA

At the District Open Evening Tim Jacobs gave a fascinating talk, with lots of slides to illustrate it, about his trip to the World Jamboree in Korea. Well done Tim.

BEAVER HELPERS

We looking for Beaver Helpers. If you would like to help phone either Julie (F/b 653271) or Ros (F/b 654025).

UNIFORM

If you have any second hand uniform to sell, please give the details to a section leader and we will try to sell it for you.

At present there are some scout jumpers and hats for sale. Let Ros White know if you want details. (F/b 654025)

T-shirts are available from Sue Jacobs (653782), who will also order you sweatshirts.

Green T-shirts with the Recycling Motif are also available : Children's sizes are £3, £4 for adult sizes.

LOST

Two pairs of boots belonging to Liz Gibbons walked away of their own accord during the journey home from summer camp. If anyone saw where they went or have any ideas please let her know!!

Re-RECYCLING!

Thanks to all who are still supporting our recycling scheme. Lots of aluminium cans (funds raised go towards equipment in the children's ward at Odstock Hospital) and foil (money for cot death research) have been collected. Matthew Peddle is in charge of aluminium foil. Robert Langford, Geoffrey White and Ben Dobbs sort out the cans.

P.S. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE ALUMINIUM FOIL IS CLEAN.

THE ENGINE ROOM

Successful scouting needs the dedication of lots of people. Some we can easily identify because they are in direct contact with the packs - others work away, often behind the scenes.

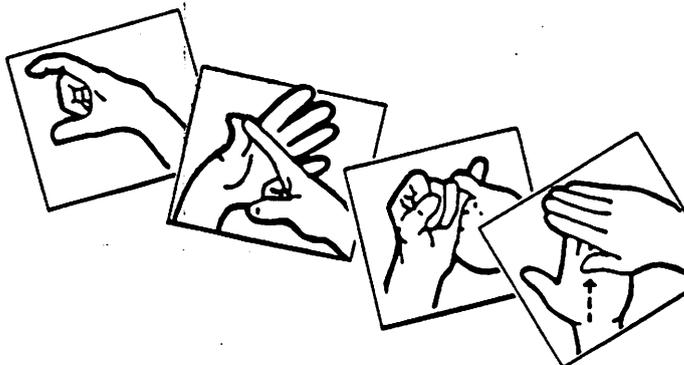
One such team are the fund raising committee. Without them the group simply could not operate. They have been hard at work as usual and Catriona Tiller reports on their behalf that :

The Cake Stall at Fordingbridge Show raised £162

The Flea Market on 31st August raised £1,133.33!

Hot Dogs at Sandheath Bonfire made over £40

The fund raising committee really needs some new members from January. So, if you want to help the group but don't see yourself getting involved in the usual activities, why not give Catriona a ring on 0425 652506 and join the team that helps make it all happen.



PIECES OF EIGHT

THE HUNDRED CLUB WINNERS

August	September	October
£15 S Short	£15 B Lees	£15 J Gregory
£10 J Shering	£10 J Poole	£10 S Hudd
£ 5 M Gale	£ 5 J Douce	£ 5 Mr Gibbens

Joining the hundred club is a simple, regular way to help the group - and you have the chance of prizes as well! Why not ask Pat Wedderburn for details.



SAILING ORDERS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BEAVERS	last meeting restart	17th December 7th January
CUBS	last meeting restart	18th December 8th January
SCOUTS	last meeting restart	19th December 9th January
DISTRICT CAROL SERVICE		16th December
CUBS UNIFORM at SCHOOL DAY		16th December

THE BLUNT END

Q. Keo, I've been stung by a bee. Shall I put some cream on it?

A. Don't be silly, it'll be miles away by now.

Q. Why did the Cub put his radio in the fridge?

A. Because he wanted to listen to cool music.

Q. There were 10 copycat scouts and one fell out of the boat. How many were left?

A. None.

Q. What do you call a Venture Scout with a machine gun?

A. Anything, as long as its complimentary.

Now look. There's no point in sitting there and complaining about the above jokes. We're doing our best here and we could do with a little help. Any contributions which are better than the above and not too rude could win you 'THE BLUNT END TROPHY' in the next issue of Waterlines.



THE CREW LIST

It's always the same - just when you need to contact someone in the group, you can't remember their name or number. So, here's yet another list to pin-up by the telephone - you never know when it might be useful.

PRESIDENT	John Shering	51 Church Street, Fordingbridge	0425 653019
CHAPLAIN	Rev. Brian Burns	7 Normandy Way, Fordingbridge	0425 653134

COMMITTEE

Chair	Sue Jacobs	Applewood, Alderholt Road, Sandleheath	0425 653782
Vice-Chair	vacant		
Secretary	Lynda Peddle	Cootes Cottage, Bickton	0425 654470
Treasurer	Joyce Stainer	Sandlemere, Alderholt Road, Sandleheath	0425 652247
Beaver Parent	Mike Kerrigan	Kinvarra, Sandleheath	0425 656895
Beaver Parent	Robin Brand	17 Park Road, Fordingbridge	0425 655559
Cub Parent	Bill Shepley	Little Orchard, Brook Lane, Woodgreen	0725 21174
Cub Parent	Tony Beavan	16 Stephen Martin Gardens, Fordingbridge	0425 655530
Scout Parent	Steve Bailey	Cabin Cottage, Sandleheath	0425 655113
Venture Parent	Sheila Coles	Dorridge Garden, Ogdens, Fordingbridge	0425 653907
Venture Parent	Brenda Powell	2 Antells Way, Alderholt	0425 653014
Fund Raising Rep	Catriona Tiller	2 Fernlea, Sandleheath	0425 652506

LEADERS

Acting GSL	Ros White	Fair View Cott, Pentons Hill, Hyde	0425 654025
Venture Leader/AGSL	Liz Gibbons	49 Bickerley Road, Ringwood	0425 478742
Assistant Venture Leader	Rob Wanstall	4 Alder Close, Marchwood	0703 870694
Venture Unit Chair	Tim Jacobs	Applewood, Alderholt Road, Sandleheath	0425 653782
Venture Helper	Roger Wedderburn	21 Albion Road, Fordingbridge	0425 654453
Scout Leader	Mike Giddens	Ashurst, Pentons Hill, Hyde	0425 652427
Scout Instructor	Mike Gaston	Kilcreggan, Alderholt Rd, Sandleheath	0425 653271
Scout Helper	Tony Beavan	16 Stephen Martin Gardens, Fordingbridge	0425 655530
Cub Scout Leader	Peter Staines	The Coachhouse, Marl Lane, Fordingbridge	0425 654119
Assistant CSL	John Rushworth	23 Downwood Close, Fordingbridge	0425 654839
Beaver Leader	Julie Gaston	Kilcreggan, Alderholt Rd, Sandleheath	0425 653271
Beaver Helper	Andrea Burton	Hilbury, Mayfield Road, Sandleheath	0425 652089
Beaver Helper	Tina Coles		

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Kathy Godber	Rose Cottage, Damerham	0725 3350
Catriona Tiller	2 Fernlea, Sandleheath	0425 652506
Barbara Lees	21 The Bartons, Fordingbridge	0425 652686
Penny Clark	5 Coronation Terrace, Sandleheath	0725 3512
Sheelagh Wanstall	Oakdene, Frogham Hill	0425 652981
Mr Grigg	The Bungalow, Hatchet Green, Hale	0725 21193
Venture Rep		

CANOE INSTRUCTOR	Paul Toynton	The Limes, Damerham	0725 3510
QUARTERMASTER	Rob Wanstall	4 Alder Close, Marchwood	0703 870694
BOAT MAINTENANCE	John Douce	8 Bedford Close, Fordingbridge	0425 652730
	Steve Bailey	Cabin Cottage, Sandleheath	0425 655113
100 CLUB ORGANISER	Pat Wedderburn	21 Albion Road, Fordingbridge	0425 654453

