

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



WATERLINES

JAN. 1998

*Happy
New Year!*

Sailing Report

Another successful season's water activities - a joint first place for the Ventures and several 2nd places in two regattas for both Ventures and Scouts, competing against 12 or more other Hampshire Scout teams.

The Spinnaker event on a fine, sunny June day featured races in Toppers, Bosuns and Mirrors. The two day regatta at Marchwood Yacht Club, in September, included racing in Bosun dinghies, canoes and pulling (rowing) boats. The longest of these, the gigs, rowed by Ventures has a cox'n and four rowers with an oar each. Not an easy boat to manoeuvre in a strong tide, but great fun.

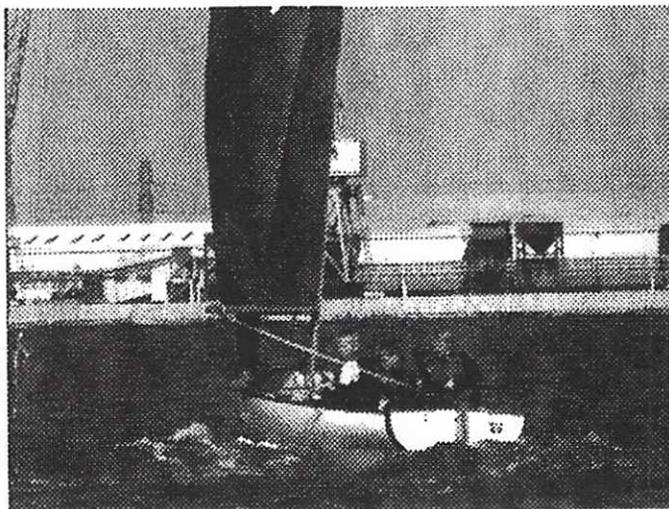
Other achievements include BCU 1, 2 and 3 star awards, with thanks to the support and encouragement of instructors from Ringwood Canoe Club. Also two of our Ventures have qualified for the RYA Power/Safety Boat Driver.

Apart from the competitions, which give us all a chance to show off what we have learned, the real success is in having over 20 young people aged 10-15 years on the water each Thursday evening from May to September.

I enjoyed the sessions at which we introduced Beavers and Cubs to sailing. Even the leaders might have enjoyed it, or at least put a good face on in front of the youngsters! We look forward to more sessions this coming season. Many thanks to Roger Marsh for the use of his Bass boat, which made these sessions possible.

At the Christmas party we were able to present three special awards:

- Alex Downing - who won races at both Scouts regattas and won the Mirror Class award at Spinnaker for the series of Sunday races.
- Stephen White - who won all his races in the Venture events at Blashford and Marchwood.
- James Bennett - for overall performance in canoeing and pulling races at Marchwood. James had entered so many events that the Venture races on Sunday



afternoon were scheduled around him!

Well done everyone who was involved in the regattas. During the next few weeks it would be nice if we could have all the boats under cover, so that they are really dry before we start maintenance; no major rebuilds this year - mainly varnish and painting. Any offers?

For the future I would like to take the sailing a stage further and try some race training. Already some of our more experienced Scouts are taking part in Sunday and Wednesday races and it would be good to encourage more of them to do so. Next year I hope that there will be support from some parents and experts for some Saturday training sessions, at both Spinnaker and a coastal or tidal venue.

Finally thank you to:

- Alleyne Copestake for his work as bosun and keeping the boats up together.
- Hywel Morris for being regular safety boat driver and use of his boat.
- Stephen White for safety boat driving and general help.

John Douce, Sailing Instructor

Regatta Results

Marchwood '97

Blashford '97

The Scouts and Venture Scouts took part in the Solent Sea Scout Regatta at Marchwood Sailing Club over the weekend of September 20/21. We all had an excellent weekend in terms of racing and results. Overall both Scouts and Venture Scouts took 2nd places, which are our best results ever for both sections and achievement to be very proud of.

Overall Scout Results

1st	16½	9th Lymington
2nd	19¼	1st Sandleheath
3rd	32½	1st Barton
4th	38	13th Eastleigh
5th	53	25th Southampton
6th	55½	3rd Portchester
7th	63½	1st Warsaah
8th	64½	4th Eling
9th	79	13th Southampton

Overall Venture Scout Results

1st=	4¾	1st Sandleheath
	4¾	1st Woodman
3rd	5¾	1st Barton
4th	8¾	9th Lymington
5th	12	13th Southampton

Congratulations to Katherine Chambers, Matthew Peddle, Rosemary Douce, Ian Jacobs, Tom Roach, Stephen White, James Bennett, David Morris, Rebecca Brand, Alex Downing and Sam Bennett who all won races. Everyone else achieved at least one second or third place and can be proud of their performance.

Katherine was 3rd in the Topper Class, Ian and Tom were 2nd equal in the Mirror Class, James Hunt and Sam Bennett were 4th in the Bosun Class. Stephen White and Sam Bennett were 1st equal in the Venture Unit section (a mixture of Bosun and Topper races) and the Venutre Unit Trophy.

The Scouts were 2nd overall, only 2¾ points behind 9th Lymington and 13¼ points ahead of 1st Barton who were in 3rd place. This was undoubtedly our best performance in a regatta.

The Scouts and Venture Scouts who took part are also to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour throughout the day. They were a credit to the group. Thanks to everybody that helped, but especially our Sailing Instructor, John Douce.

Scout Results (top 3)

1st	260 points	9th Lymington
2nd	222 points	1st Sandleheath
3rd	216 points	1st Barton

(12 groups took part)

Venture Scouts Results (top 3)

1st	99 points	9th Lymington
2nd	96 points	1st Sandleheath
3rd	93 points	Gosport

(official results put us 3rd with 92 points, but this was a mistake. 10 units took part)

Many thanks to everyone who helped.

First of all the parents who came and supported us and provided transport. Taking part in such a large event is both exciting and daunting for the Scouts. Having a good group of supporters is a great help for us all.



Katherine Chambers helming a bosun at Marchwood '97.



A Scout rowing crew (Susan May, James Hunt, Ian Jacobs, Sam Bennett and Chris Hirst) at Marchwood.

Thanks to Stehen and James who organised the Car Parking for the Regatta on both days and to Pat, John and Richard Savage for helping them.

Stephen and James continued their excellent work by running the main canoeing/pulling course on Saturday. This involved starting the races, judging, calling results and recording and radioing in results. Steve Chambers was persuaded to assist them. Depite his protests that he knew nothing about running such races he did an excellent job, which was greatly appreciated by the Regatta Committee.

Hywel Morris drove a safety boat all day Saturday and then Krysia Chambers and Rick Martin helped crew the safety boats on Sunday. Penny May and Pat Savage helped with the Tuck shop on Saturday and John Douce helped with Boat Marshalling both days. Cyril Downing helped by taking one of the Bosuns back to Spinnaker. Stephen when he had finished sailing on Sunday got involved with collating results. Christine Bennett followed James around with food, drink and moral support as he went straight from one race to the next for 5 hours without a break of any sort to complete 12 races on Sunday (he tried to protest that he was tired!).

Thanks also to all those who have helped with boats and water activities throughout the year. Our canoe

instructors, Paul, Graham and Karl, did an excellent job of coaching the canoeists. Steve and John worked hard with the sailors and Peter Cole of Barton organised and provided pulling practice for us. A kindness which was rewarded by us taking second place from Barton!! Sincere thanks Peter, for your most generous help.

Alleyne Copestake was the sailing starter and did a most difficult job very competently. His hard work for our Group over the years must have been well rewarded when he saw Stephen and Ben, both of whom he taught to sail from the start when they were 10 years old, take the Venture Sailing Trophy, winning both of their races, and Matthew taking 3rd and second places. Stephen and Matthew sailed against each other for their second race and had a very close finish - but took 1st and 2nd places. Good coaching somewhere along the line Alleyne!

A special mention for Stephen who completed a notable double having won the Venture sailing at the Blashford Regatta in June.

Once again Alex (Downing) showed his sailing prowess as he took the Scout sailing trophy on Saturday with two wins (Sam Bennett crewing) and had a win and a third on Sunday with his brother Sam crewing. Excellent results.

In fact we had superb results all round. As well as a number of 1st places (Ben Mooney, Alex Hirst, Ian Jacobs, Chris Hirst, Sally & Nick, Tim & Verity, and James Bennett), we had lots of second places and almost all the others were thirds. In races of up to 8 competitors these were really good and consistent results.

Once again our Scouts were a great credit to us and even manage smart uniform for the presentations. Well done!

Ros White (G.S.L.)



The Group at Marchwood on Sunday

Group Regatta

Fund-Raising

Report

Overall Canoe Winners

11 years and under Ben Mooney
12 and 13 years Sally White
under 16 years Chris Hirst
Best Canoeist James Bennett

Medals for sailing

Ian Jacobs
Stephen White
Richard Savage
Sophie Chambers

Best Sailor

Alex Downing

Overall performance (sailing & canoeing)

Chris Hirst

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our annual regatta and barbecue a great success. Special thanks to the caterers, Krysia Chambers and Miranda Douce, for organising lunch and snacks throughout the day. Also thanks to Steve Chambers for starting races, Hywel Morris for Safety boat duties and Stephen White and James Bennett for putting out the race markers. I think everyone who took part in the races, sailing and canoeing had a wonderful time. We would like to compliment the young people taking part on their enthusiasm and good behaviour. They can all be very proud of their achievements sailing and canoeing. Once again the technical standards they demonstrated for both canoeing and sailing are to be praised and a credit to all those who have been teaching them.

A very big thankyou to the Fund Raising team for providing such a splendid barbecue. This was masterminded by Caroline Morris, with excellent support from Maggie Dobbs and family, Karen Hunt and Helen Mullins

We were fortunate to have a display of Radio Controlled scale model ships at the barbecue and would like to thank those who brought them along and sailed them

John Douce & Ros White.

The fund raising committee have been busy (as usual) with not only the annual flea market that raised £486.89 but also the barbecue at our group regatta (raising £143) and also a very successful bag pack. Thankyou very much to all the Scouts who helped make this event the success it was. There have also been all the usual smaller events, like cake sales, which collectively have raised several hundred pounds.

As ever the fund-raising committee need more members/helpers. You need not commit yourself to helping all the time - perhaps you can help with just one event, it all counts!

New H.Q.

We have achieved outline planning permission for a new Headquarters on the field, to replace the hut that we currently use (on Ings land).

Ros, the leaders and committee are currently investigating specification and design for a building which needs to satisfy many criteria.

Above all it must be big enough and have the necessary facilities that will be needed by all sections ie Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and even Fellowship.

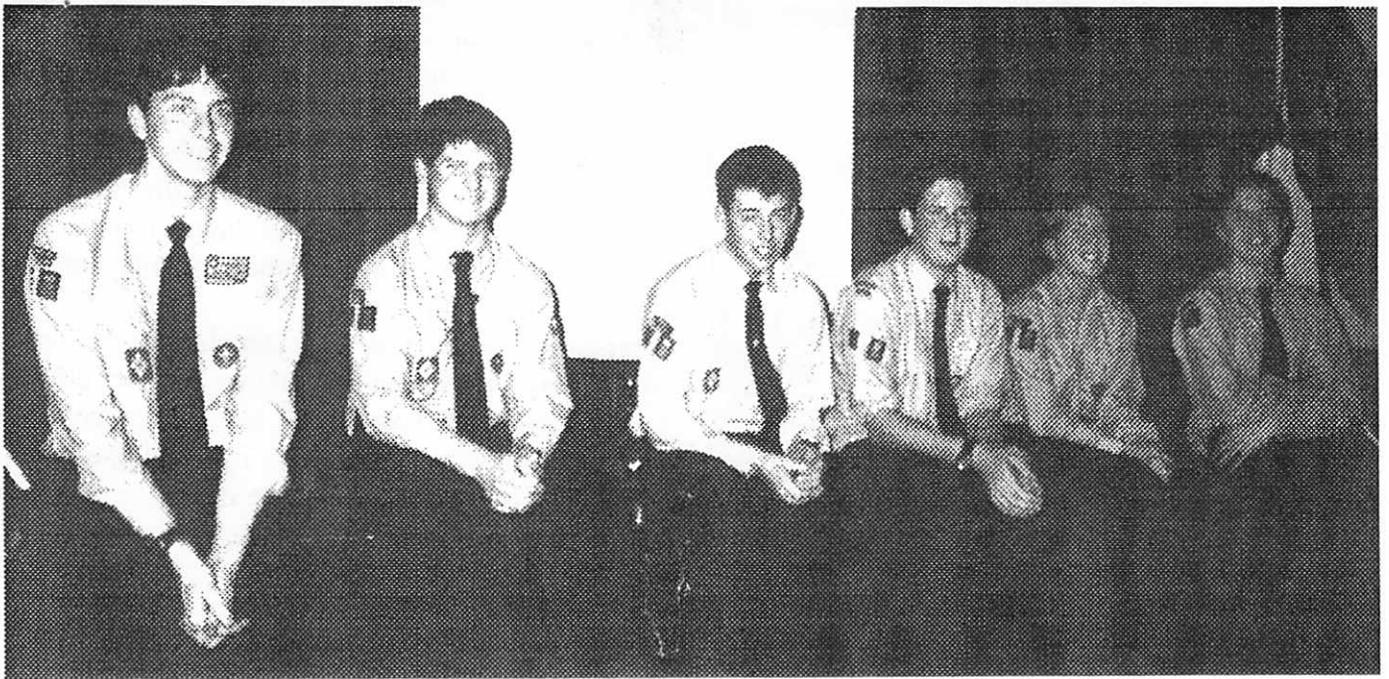
We must provide a building that fits in to the rural site and becomes an accepted part of the local scene.

And we must be able to afford the building we want.

I anticipate that we shall need to raise about £40,000 over the next four years. A few weeks ago Ros sent a letter asking parents to consider how the Group is funded. Some parents have already raised significant sums this year. Those of you who have yet to respond, please consider how you will support the Group and contact either Ros, Caroline Morris or John Douce soon.

Of course there will be other ways in which parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles can join in supporting the work of the Group at this particularly important time in our history.

John Douce



Venture Report

The Venture Unit has been going from strength to strength over the past few months. We now have nine regular members of which six took part in our expedition to France in October '97.

The Ventures have also partaken in other general activities such as climbing, caving, D. of E. Bronze expedition, other hiking, night exercises, the list is endless. We also competed in both Solent Scout Regattas, achieving first (equal) overall in the Blashford Regatta.

James Bennett (Venture Chairman)

The D. of E. Bronze expedition was planned rather quickly over the couple days leading up to the 2 day hike. Three Ventures (myself, James and Rosemary), accompanied by Claire's French pen-friend (Benedict), completed the hike. While we were hiking, Claire and Ben cycled to meet us at Ferny Crofts, where we stayed overnight. The weather stayed fine and everyone enjoyed the trip - so much so that we started contemplating a more ambitious project, a weeks cycle ride in France.

This trip was even more of an organisational nightmare (although we did allow ourselves more time to plan it) and we are very much indebted to Colin Ritchie for the support and assistance he gave us. There was much to plan, we started with meetings once every few weeks but by the time October half term approached meetings were scheduled every couple of days. We had to organise bikes, maintainance, the route, panniers for the bike, money,

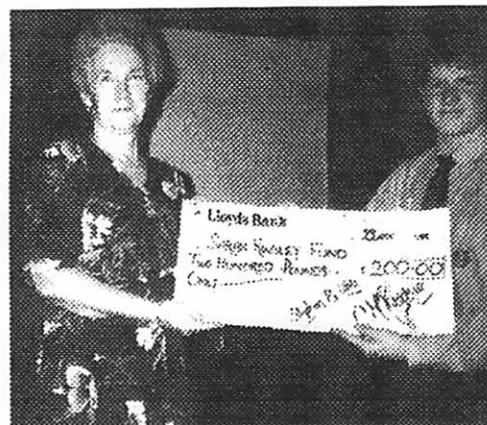
The group who completed the 230 mile cycle expedition. From left they are: Stephen White, James Bennett, Matthew Peddle, Tim Donell, Claire Ritchie and Ben Dobbs.

emergency procedures, contacts in England and France, places to stay, sponsorship, start preparing the presentation evening for when we got back, food, publicity, ferry crossings, and so on.

The cycle ride itself started on Friday 24 October and finished 8 days later on Saturday 1 November, having completed no less than 230 miles and raised £200 for the Sarah Kinsley fund. We also spent 2 days in Vimoutiers, where we met the mayor, laid a wreath and helped with a youth group, and had a shower!

A full account of the trip was given at our presentation evening on 22 November, and can be read in the diary I kept during the trip. Suffice to say it was a long way (especially with all our equipment) and that it was cold, but an enjoyable experience!

Stephen White (Venture Secretary)



James presents our cheque to Mrs Tague of the Sarah Kinsley fund



Summer Camp '97, near Corfe Castle

Scout Report

The Scouts have had a very busy time, not only have they competed so well in the two Solent Scout Regattas (as well as our own group Regatta), but they held summer camp in Purbeck, and an equally exciting terms activities during the autumn. Despite the lack of a Scout leader they managed to participate in a programme that included night hikes, wide games, climbing and abseiling and cooking (both inside and on open fires), as well the Christmas party/games evening at the Bennett's barn.

Thankyou very much to Terry Morley (ADC Scouts) for his assistance during this period.

Summer Camp was held near corfe Castle. Despite less favourable weather everyone enjoyed and exciting camp with a varied programme.

The first day was spent on a team building low ropes course. Our Scouts did very well - even setting a record on the wall, getting 18 people over a 10 foot wall in just 1 minute 37 seconds.

The next day started on the beach, but for the more ambitious ended with the high ropes course, often over 40 feet in the air.

The remaining days were filled with hiking and water activities - many had the opportunity to try new boats, such as the multi-hulled Dart or the yacht 'Palikonda', as well as canoeing in Poole harbour.

Evening entertainment was provided by a camp fire, a talk about climbing and our own ropes challenge.

The blind-fold lead was also very entertaining, especially for the spectators and course designers!

Then, during a gap in the rain, some people had the opportunity to go climbing and abseiling on the spectacular coastline.

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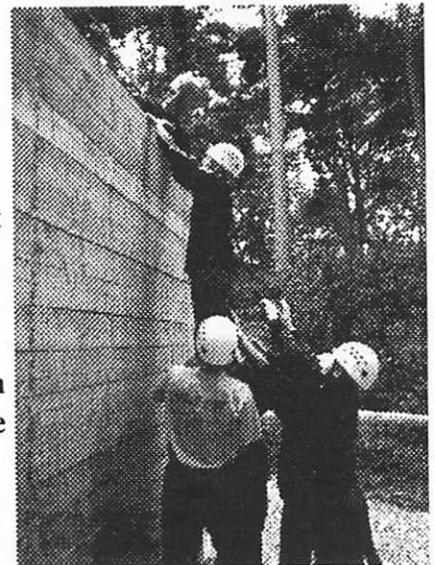
Finally, the camp ended with a trip on the train to Swanage and another hike!

Many thanks must go to all our helpers, imparticular those from Barton Scout Group who provided not only skill and expertise but an invaluable, if unreliable, Land-Rover - and John Douce who provided an important equipment shuttle between home and the camp.

Next term's programme has been planned and looks set to be as good as the last, and we are very pleased to welcome Steve Young back as a Scout leader. In the summer we hope to hold a joint summer camp with Barton Scouts - on the Isle of Wight, possibly involving the challenge of sailing/canoeing accross the Solent to get there.

Stephen White (Scout Helper)

James Hunt demonstrates techniques for scaling the 10 foot wall [right]



Alex Downing on the ropes course [below]



Cub Report

Editorial

During the summer cubs had a successful summer camp at Burley, which 18 Cubs attended. The theme for the camp was 'pirates' and thanks to a well thought out and very busy programme everyone enjoyed a fun camp, which all ended with a very messy water and flour bomb fight.

The fun and games have continued through last term, recent activities have included the Christmas party and the Halloween party a few months ago. Cubs has also had a more serious side in which we learnt about Astronomy and the cubs completed their Craft Badge, for example.

They also competed in many competitions, such as the District Swimming Gala on November 22 and our own conker challenge.

Sam Bennett (Cub Helper)

1997 has been a very active year for all sections in the group, and 1998 looks set to be just as good - if not even better.

Resumé over and yes - it's time for that all to regular whinge from me, complaining about a lack of reports. Please remember that it is not just the domain of the leaders to write reports - anyone can submit a report on any Scout activity at any time and I will file it for inclusion in the next Waterlines.

Thankyou once again to John Douce for supplying sailing photographs, and also many thanks to Robin Brand for the group photograph at Marchwood. The untitled photograph on page 1 is Adam Marsh helming a bosun crewed by Tom Roach and Richard Savage at Marchwood.

Stephen White (Waterlines Editor)

Programme - 1998

January	Thur, 1	First term subscriptions due.
February	Mon, 9	District Scout Leaders meeting, at 1st Ringwood. 8:15pm.
March	Sun, 15	Scouts - Pat Cross Trophy, day hike competition.
April	Sun, 26	St. George's Day Parade at Burley.
May	Fri, 1 Fri, 1 - Mon, 4 Sun, 17 Tue, 19	Second term subscriptions due. District Camp (all sections). Scouts - District camp cooking competition, at Harry's Island. Group A.G.M.
June	Sun, 14 Sat, 20	Long Distance Canoe Race, Itchen. Solent Scout Regatta at Blashford.
July	Fri, 10 - Sun, 12	Scouts - District pre-Emlyn camping competition, at Lyons Copse.
August	First week	(provisional date) Scout Summer Camp, Isle of Wight.
September	Tues, 1 Sat, 19 - Sun, 20 Fri, 25 - Sun, 27	Third term subscriptions due. Solent Scout Regatta at Marchwood. Scouts - District camp skills weekend.

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