

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



WATERLINES

MAY 1998

A.G.M. Edition

G.S.L.'s Report



Once again we have had an excellent year at Sandleheath. All four sections are working with more-or-less maximum numbers all of the time and we now have Warranted Leaders and assistants in all sections.

Nigel Hall and Julie Deacon continue to run a challenging and varied Beaver programme.

John Crouter has kept the Cubs enthusiasm under control with various helpers, but we are now delighted to welcome Mo Collins with her own inimitable brand of enthusiasm.

Both leaders and Scouts are pleased to welcome Steve Young back as Leader. Special thanks to Mike Giddens for his continued help in whatever role we have asked, and congratulations to Stephen White on obtaining his A.S.L. warrant having come all the way through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts with Sandleheath. Stephen now has to undergo training to discover what Scouting is all about!

The Scouts have had a brilliant year, winning the Pat Cross Trophy again and were the best Scout team in New Forest South's Night Hike. They went one better than last year, coming second in the Solent Scout Sailing Regatta at Blashford and did the same at the main Regatta at Marchwood. This is undoubtedly our best achievement ever and although there were many brilliant individual results it was the overall contribution of everyone that enabled us to do this. The Scouts had an excellent summer camp on Purbeck with a wide range of adventurous activities in which everyone participated. Scouts have also taken part in climbing, at Swanage, and caving, in the Mendips.

The Ventures won the Sailing at Solent Regatta at Blashford and had excellent results at Marchwood, winning the Sailing. They had an adventurous cycle ride in France and have had lots of other proper Scout activities as well as the usual bowling and watching

videos! A number of Venture Scouts have achieved their Venture Scout Award, but special congratulations to James Bennett and Stephen White on completing their Queen's Scout Award. Thanks to Steve Wilfort for keeping them in order.

The water activities team, under the guidance of John Douce have kept Sandleheath at the forefront of Sailing and Canoeing in the area in both competition and technical awards. I am proud to say that Sandleheath are recognised as one of the best Sea Scout Troops in the area. Many of the Scouts and Venture Scouts now hold personal authorisations for water activities. Thanks to all those who have helped. Without such a good team working together we could not hope to achieve the standards that we do. We are now getting our enthusiastic parent support crew into full action fund raising for our new Headquarters. We have planning permission for a building on the Scout Field at Sandleheath, we have lots of ideas, now we need the money. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Clarke for their support, and John Douce for leading the project.

We are looking forward to a good summer season on the water and would like to thank parents, leaders, helpers and District Officials for their help and support. Finally thanks to all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts for their enthusiastic (if noisy) support of Scouting.

Ros White - Group Scout Leader.

Chairman's Report

This is my first report as Group Chairman, I was very honoured to be asked to write this report for you and it has been a privilege to serve you in this capacity. So another year on and the Sandleheath Sea Scout Group goes from strength to strength. Some of our young adults will leave us to go on to further education this year, therefore it won't be the same without them. Conversely as they move on, others move up to take their place and the same responsibility. Some will move into Ventures, Scouts and Cubs, others will join the sections or will be new young beavers for the first time. So it goes on progress and development. This degree of training is a wonderful starting point for young adults and one which gave many of us a great start in life, I know it did for me.

The organisation of a group as diverse as Sandleheath Sea Scout Group is a full time occupation. Here we are indebted to those who give up their time to make all the sections function. To all those leaders, parent helpers and venture scout helpers who week by week give of their time thank you. To the parents who constantly run children to and from the Scout HQ and other venues well done. There also needs to be a special thank you to all those who are part of the Executive, you are doing a good job, keep on going we will get that new building soon. To those of you who are retiring from the executive, thank you for your help in whatever capacity, and to Ann Shepley who has been an admirable secretary to the executive over the last year enjoy your retirement from this post. To those staying on, keep up the good work and a big welcome to all those joining. Last but not least the one person who masterminds all, is Ros White. Her post as Group Scout Leader is very demanding. She runs a very efficient ship, without her our Sea Scout Group would not be as successful, nor would we be as efficient as we are. All parents should be indebted to Ros and her family to all that they do for scouting.

We all need to be ready to give up at least one or two hours a week to assist with our children. This does not cost much, and the fun that you can get in

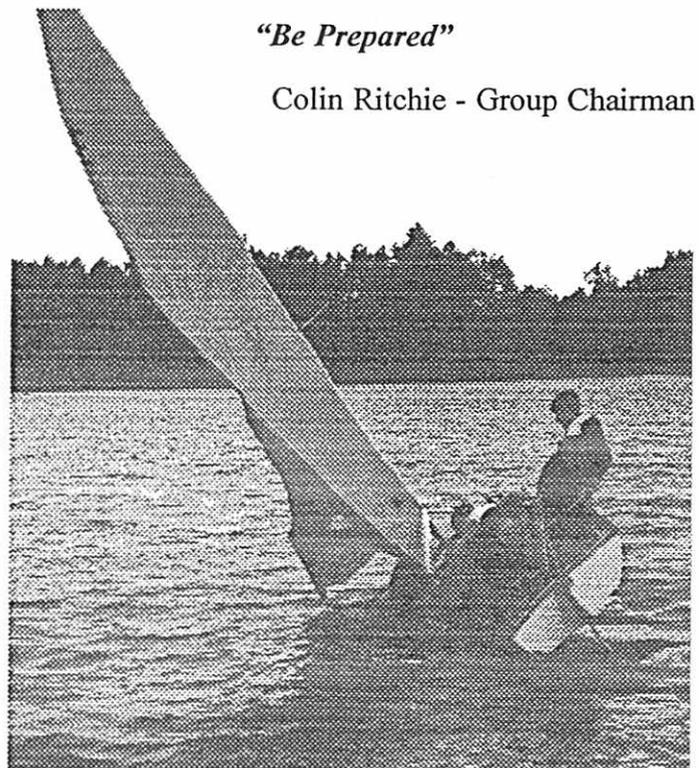
scouting is enormous. Give it a go and you will be amazed at how you will enjoy coming to the Scout H.Q. at Sandleheath and joining in a game or two, or hiking across the forest, following a trail laid by the venture scouts. When you come to the sailing at Spinnaker, don't just drop off your children, stay and watch, give the leaders a helping hand. You can be a shore-based helper and help the environment at the same time. You will save petrol, only needing to do two trips rather than four.

Think long and hard about parent helping. With the rising numbers of children wanting to join our Sea Scout Group, we need adult helpers across all the sections. We have the means to solve this problem, by utilising yourselves as leaders and helpers, don't let your children down, they rely on you to assist. There will be many opportunities for you to use your skills in the run up to the millennium, raising funds to build our new H.Q. then fitting and equipping the site. This will be a demanding task and it will drain all our resources and our strength. All of us who have children need to be ready to assist to keep all our projects running. If you have a particular skill let us know in advance, otherwise we will allocate you a task. Let's make 1998/99 our most successful year yet.

For every child in our sections we are going to recruit a parent. So in the words of Lord Baden Powell, I end my report by saying,

"Be Prepared"

Colin Ritchie - Group Chairman



Alex Downing demonstrating that we do (occasionally) get some wind at Spinnaker.

Sailing Report New building

At Easter 3 Ventures, 2 Scouts and I enjoyed a day sailing at Southampton. We were invited by 3rd Southampton Sea Scout Troop and their Skipper, Rodney Walker, who took us in their bosuns from their HQ near Woolston Bridge down river onto the Test to Marchwood Yacht Club (site of September regatta). It was a cold day, force 3 from the south. One crew misread the conditions on their approach to the slipway at the finish but I am pleased to report that the Sandleheath sailors were in control all the way.

Alleyne Copestake, Steve Chambers and a few Scouts have rigged the boats. Alleyne has made a few repairs and modifications. All boats passed the annual inspection, so all is ready for the new season.

We are looking forward to teaching the new Scouts and improving not only the helming, but also the crewing skills of those who prefer not to take charge of a boat. We shall of course be practising our racing abilities, with the hope that we can improve our scoring at the Regatta at Spinnaker on 20 June. Opportunities to race at Spinnaker on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings will be available to Scouts and Ventures who have the necessary skills.

The last Thursday of each month will be used for any member of the Group (including parents) to be tested at RYA Level, when they are ready. Badge work for boat handling and associated skills will go on most weeks, as required.

We shall be concentrating on sailing and canoeing but we can also spend time on any related activities, such as model ships and raft building. So let's have your ideas!

As always, Scouts need help and support from family members. It would help us to finish on time if we had a few extra adults from 8.00pm to get boats off the water, see that covers are fastened and kit put away.

Good Sailing!

John Douce - Sailing Instructor

After long consultations with leaders of all sections, we have now produced a sketch of a proposed layout, and a specification of features that it should contain. By the AGM I hope to have an idea as to the likely costs of building in different materials.

So as not to put too much work on the Fund Raising Committee we have formed a sub group, led by Fina Reidy, to seek out charities and grant-making bodies that we can apply to for money. We are being supported in this by the Scout Association at County and National levels.

We would be very pleased to receive extra help or advice, especially from builders, architects or draughtsmen and people with major fund-raising experience.

John Douce



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Scouting is a voluntary organisation - please help support it by joining our team of helpers.



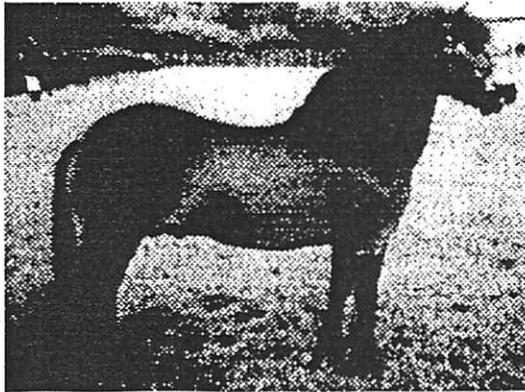
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Scouts

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Beaver Report

The Beavers have enjoyed a busy and varied programme of activities over the last year. With sailing on Spinnaker Lake, litter picks, 'midnight' walks, a visit to Fordingbridge Fire Station, St. George's Day Parade, District Beaver Fun Day, nature walks and two trips to Moors Valley we have ventured out of the Scout Hut on any occasion we can! Add to that the summer evenings of 'Fun in the Field' and it may seem we spend little time indoors. But when we are in the hut Tic-Tac (Julie Deacon) and I still ensure the Beavers have fun whilst learning and developing. So we help the Beavers cook or prepare yummy food, do craft work, play a wide range of games - some quiet, some noisy and some VERY noisy! We learn about the weather, about how we are different from one another and how we are the same. We learn about serious subjects such as Home Safety

and First Aid and use an empty coke can to find out how a submarine works.

All these activities - whether inside or out - are designed to fit within an overall programme emphasising the Beaver's motto of 'Fun and Friends'. So we ensure the Beavers make friends with all the other Beavers in the Colony. We mix up groups and encourage the use of names rather than 'oi you!'

We have seen a number of our friend's swim up to Cubs and welcomed lots more. We now have a Colony of 19 with a waiting list of around 9.

So the end of one year sees us planning for the next. The means looking to continue doing those activities that were a success in the past whilst always looking for new ideas, games and activities - and with those warm summer evenings coming you can guarantee we won't be in the Hut unless bad weather forces us under cover!

Nigel Hall - Sandy (Beaver Leader)

Cub Report

This term has been fun packed and very successful. Nearly all the cubs have managed to gain one or more badges after they skilfully constructed some paper mashé mountains from contour lines. This term has seen a new set of faces arrive at cubs in the form of leaders and ex-Beavers. Thanks to the added enthusiasm of the Scouts and Venture Scouts, Mums and Dads we now have a good amount of leaders at each meeting. To finish off the term the cubs got actively involved with the New Forest Pride Week by holding a litter pick in the forest.

A special mention has to go to the two cub teams that took part in the District 6-a-side football tournament. The first team came away having won the tournament and they have now proceeded to the county 6-a-side tournament; we now eagerly await the result.

Next term should be even better with many weeks held in the field and there is also Summer Camp to look forward to in July.

Ian Jacobs - Cub Helper

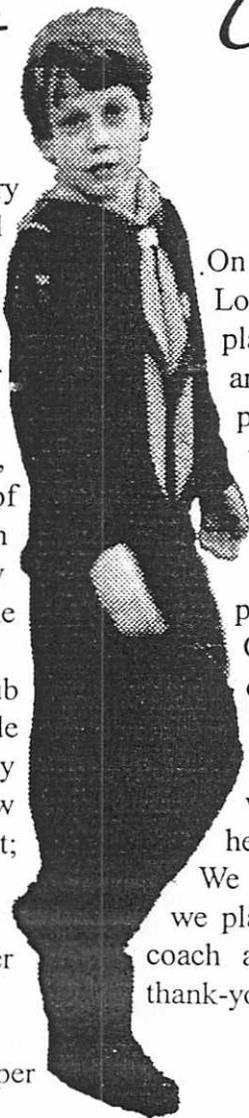
Cubs visit...

London

On Sunday the first of February I went to London on a cub trip. We went to the planetarium where we looked at the planets and watched a video about the stars and planets it was amazing we learnt how they were formed. The funniest thing was when Eddie cuddled the planets. After the planetarium we went to Madame Tussauds where we looked at wax models of famous people. And when we went into the Chamber of horrors as we went in we went down some steps at the bottom there was a guillotine it slid down a little way as if it was going to chop off our heads and half way through we saw someone having their head cut off.

We came out and went to Regents Park where we played games. Then we got back onto the coach and came home. I would like to say thank-you to Akela and all the helpers.

David Wilfort - Cub Scout



Scout Report

Another year over. This is the time of year that we take a look back at what has happened over the past twelve months.

During the winter months we have had a full programme of evenings at the hut. In March we took part in the Pat Cross trophy and all credit to the teams that entered - we came first and third. Before Christmas we entered teams in the annual S.a.l.l.i.e. competition; our Scout teams came 2nd and 8th overall.

Time moves on, and our Scouts get older, this year we are about to lose five of our older Scouts, thankfully they are moving up to Ventures, therefore the group is not losing them completely. I'd like to thank Sam Bennett, Ian Jacobs, James Hunt, Katherine Chambers and Susan May for their support over the past years and also wish them all the best in Ventures.

That means that we are now without our older Scouts and therefore their experience, the next few months are going to be interesting as we re-organise our troop, choose new Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol

Leaders. All I can say to the boys is please bear with us, there is plenty of opportunity for us to develop into a good troop, everybody has a part to play in ensuring that the troop will maintain its high standards.

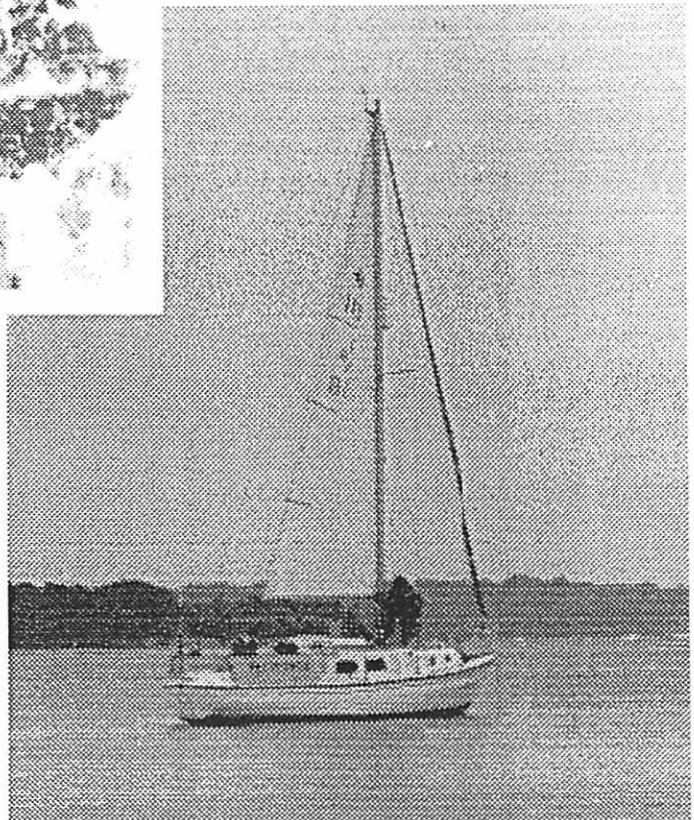
Finally I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support, especially since my return to the troop.

Steve Young - Scout Leader



Scout Summer Camp provided many opportunities to try new activities such as:

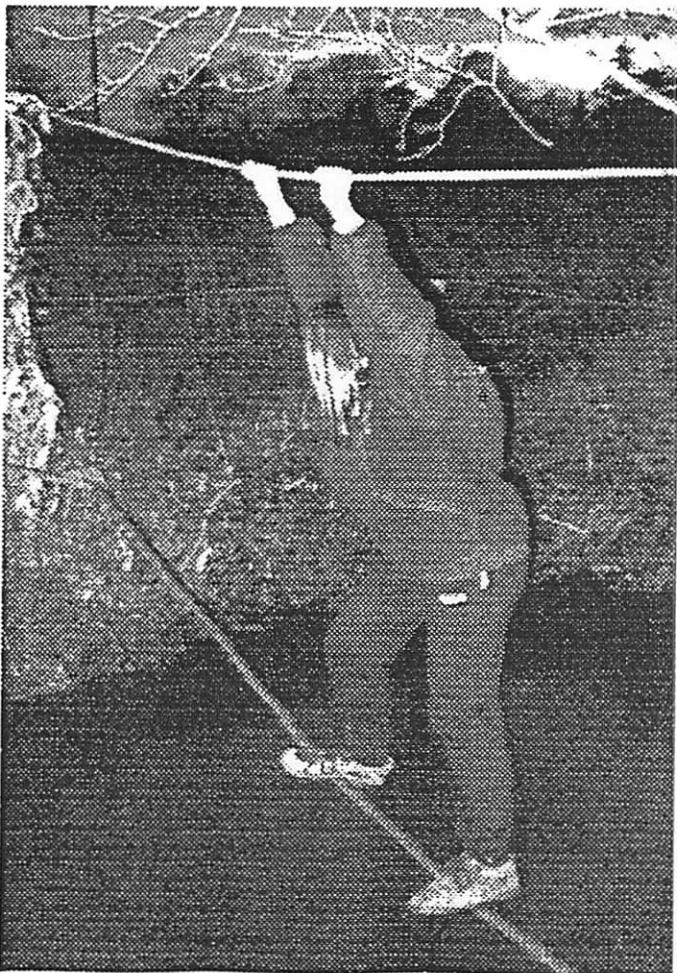
- Tom on the Blindfold lead (above)
- Chris abseiling on cliffs at Swanage (left)
- Sailing the yacht 'Palikonda' in Poole harbour (below)



Venture Report

Over the past year the Venture Unit has been incredibly busy with good results in both regattas and a successful expedition to France. Before I tell you what we have done I would like to thank James Bennett who has put in a lot of effort running the ventures and making us as successful as we are. I would also like to thank him for giving me such a hard act to follow on in keeping the unit as popular as it is. More thanks must go to Steve Wilfort for helping with transport, running winter activities and being a good source for rude jokes! Stephen White deserves a lot of thanks as well for his continuing effort in the running of the unit and will be missed come September when he leaves for Uni. I would also wish to thank Claire Ritchie for sorting out the accounts to such a high standard.

Back to what we have done this year. It has been very hectic with expeditions, sailing, socialising and out-door activities. This year has been very successful



Above: Rope bridge building is a popular activity on the Venture Scout Unit programme

on the Sailing side with the unit winning the venture trophy at the Blashford regatta and coming second at Marchwood. A special mention for Stephen White who Won the Venture Sailing trophies at both regattas. Our expedition in October was extremely successful as we raised over £200 for a local charity (Sarah Kinsley Fund). We cycled 250 miles around Normandy in the north of France stopping in our twin town half way through the week to do some community work. We would like to thank all the sponsors, companies, parents, Aunts, Uncles, etc. for making the trip possible. We are aiming to do a similar expedition this summer somewhere in England.

Two of our ventures have completed their Queen's Scout Award which is the highest possible award in scouting. Those that achieve this are of a select few who are committed to scouting and work hard to help all sections with any knowledge they may have. The award also requires the Venture to participate in team activities or outdoor pursuits. Again congratulations to James and Stephen.

After all that we have also done various night activities such as bridge building, paper chases, night hikes and socialising. This year we plan to push more of our ventures through the award schemes and try to start the D. of E. again (any volunteers please do not hesitate to contact me on 01425 654470). We also hope our numbers will increase and lets hope we can win both regattas this year!

Thanks again to everyone who has helped the venture with transport, correspondence, supervision and anything else - for without you we would no be the success we are today.

Matthew Peddle - VSU Chairman

Right: During the cycle ride in France the Ventures faced many challenges. (hint: Tim, I think the wheel belongs on the trailer)



The Venture unit this year has been very successful! We did well at both Regattas coming joint first at Blashford and 2nd at Marchwood and best of all we completed a very successful expedition to France raising £200 for a local charity - "The Sarah Kinsley Fund".

The Unit has just held it's A.G.M. and as the Unit is growing it is getting much stronger. James Bennett has stepped down as chairman and Stephen White has also stepped down as secretary, to be replaced by Matthew Peddle and Katherine Chambers respectively.

The unit has been doing lots of new activities as well as all the old things including parties, bridge building, caving, canoeing, sailing, bowling, video evenings, etc.

In the future will be running EGGO in conjunction with other Ventures in the District sometime in the winter.

The unit would like to thank the Group and especially Steve Wilfort for their continuing support in making sure the Unit goes from Strength to Strength.

James Bennett - Former Unit Chairman

Editorial

Thankyou to the many Leaders, helpers and members who submitted reports. I was pleasantly surprised to receive more than half of them before the deadline, unfortunately the 2 late reports held up publication for everyone!

I would also like to thank David Wilfort for his report on behalf of the cubs - not only did it help him get a badge, but I'm sure he enjoys being able to read his article in print. If David can do it, why can't other Beavers, Cubs or Scouts? Reports can be handed to me at ANY time - I'll keep them safe until the next edition of Waterlines.

I have one final word to say, especially to the Beaver and Cub sections - PHOTOS!

In a technological leap forward you can now visit this edition of Waterlines at:

"http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/sr_white" - although the photos don't look very good as they are designed for printing not displaying.

Stephen White - Waterlines Editor

Group Programme - 1998

May	Tue, 19	Group A.G.M.
June	Sun, 14	Scout Fair, Fordingbridge Recreation Ground, 2pm.
	Sat, 20	Solent Scout Regatta at Blashford.
	Sat, 20	District Beaver Fun Day. 2-5pm at Harbridge.
	Sat, 27	Group Regatta and Barbecue at Blashford.
July	Fri, 10 - Sun, 12	Scouts - District pre-Emlyn camping competition, at Lyons Copse.
August	Sat, 8 - Sat, 15	Scout Summer Camp, Corf Camp, Isle of Wight.
	Sat, 15	District Auction of promises.
September	Tues, 1	Third term subscriptions due.
	Sat, 19 - Sun, 20	Solent Scout Regatta at Marchwood.
	Fri, 25 - Sun, 27	Scouts - District camp skills weekend.
	Sat, 26, Sun, 27	Scout Caving Days - Priddy.

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