

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



WATERLINES

JAN 2001 *New Year Edition*

G.S.L.'s Report

First of all congratulations to Jo Bailey, Sophie Chambers, Nick Mowbray, Richard Savage, Sally White and Helen Young who received their Chief Scouts Award Certificates at the County Presentation Ceremony at the Mayflower Terminal, Southampton. They also had their photos in lots of local (and some not so local) papers.

Having abandoned the old H.Q. we are now homeless. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the leaders all sections are running their normal excellent programmes. Please remember that it requires even more effort on the part of the Leaders operating from temporary bases where we have not got our own equipment and facilities, so do your best to help and be understanding if we have problems. Special thanks to 1st Fordingbridge Scout Group (especially Tony Parker) for making the Scouts and Cubs so welcome in their H.Q.. We put time and effort into taking other groups canoeing and sailing, but whenever we need help (an extra tent for camp or a hall for scout meetings!) then everyone does their best to help us. That is how scouting is supposed to be everyone helping each other. It does work.

The good news is that we have now got full planning permission for a new H.Q on the scout field. Our thanks to Colin Ritchie who put a lot of effort into PR to make it possible.

The Lottery Application is finished and submitted. Only those closely involved will have any idea of the colossal amount of time and commitment Matthew Collings and Krysia Chambers put into this project. The end result has received much acclaim and is being put forward as an example to others. The application will be considered at the March session. Meanwhile please keep supporting the fund raising.

Thanks to the scouts and cubs who helped with the car wash and bag pack and the parents who organised it.

Congratulations to Claire Ritchie who has been selected to go as a leader to the next World Scout Jamboree.

Finally, as usual, a plea we need more parents on the Executive Committee (not for any particular position, just ordinary members to represent the views of the relevant section). Give me a ring if you can help.

Ros White - Group Scout Leader

World Jamboree



Congratulations to Claire Ritchie. Claire, who was recently awarded her Queens Scout Award, has been selected as one of the Leaders for the Hampshire Contingent for the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand, which starts on the 28th December 2002. More information can be found at <http://www.hamthaijam.fsnet.co.uk/>. She is pictured above starting her fund-raising with a stall at Fordingbridge's late night shopping on the 15th of December.

Scout Report



Richard Savage, Nick Mowbray, Sally White, Sophie Chambers, Helen Young and Jo Bailey with their Chief Scout's Awards

This term has been another successful one for the Scout section. Teams from our troop won the district football and first aid competitions in the autumn; a group of older scouts attended the patrol leaders training course, also run by district, and on the 22nd of November we had six scouts at the presentation in Southampton to collect their chief scout awards. No other group at the ceremony had more than two scouts present, so we were very proud. They have now left our troop, but are still involved with the group, either with Ventures, or helping with the younger ones. We do miss them!

Our scouts have also had caving and climbing trips this term, both of which proved very popular. We no longer meet in the H.Q. at Sandleheath, all our equipment is now in store, and Fordingbridge have kindly lent us their H.Q. for Thursday nights when we are not out in the forest.

Plans for the coming term include a cycle ride, day and night hikes, more caving and climbing sessions, indoor canoe training and a weekend camp, as well as the normal programme.

Best wishes for the new year

Sue Chase - Assistant Scout Leader

Beaver Report

I'm sure that I am not the only one who feels at least a little sad at the passing away of our old friend the Scout Hut. Of course it had seen better days but like an old jumper that's only fit for wearing in the garden, it reminded me of those happier times when it was nearer to its prime and had less holes!

We are very grateful to Sandleheath Methodists for letting us use their hall. It's warm and tidy with toilets that are safe and clean to use. But of course it's not ours is smaller than we would really like. That is one of the reasons why we have decided not to take on any new Beavers for a while despite our long waiting list. Hopefully come the summer months we will be able to get back into the field and space will not be such an issue.

The Beavers have enjoyed a variety of activities from games to crafts and a great Christmas Party. Our older Beavers enjoyed taking part in the Beaver Challenge completing a range of tasks including designing and making a badge, surviving and obstacle course, tying various knots and writing a prayer. We all enjoyed the great success of our trip to Legoland last summer and are now thinking about what we might do next summer. Current thinking is that we might go to Legoland every other year and organise a District Fun Day on the other years starting with 2001.

Parents are always welcome to come along and lend a hand (or pair of eyes!) or even help run an evening. Many thanks to those parents that have already come along.

So off we go into 2001! Lets hope that we continue to get nearer towards the dream of moving into our new hut.

Nigel Hall & Jo Young - Sandy & Rowan

Uniform Consultation

As many of you may be aware headquarters has been planning uniform changes for quite some time now. They have finally decided on what it will look like, so for those of you interested I've reproduced the information here. Any updated information, such as photos of the uniform when they are available will (as always) be available from ScoutBase UK - <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/>, which is linked from our group website.

Arrangements are now being made for Scout Shops Ltd to place orders for supplies of the new uniforms, which should be available by the early summer (of 2001): and a public launch of the new designs is scheduled for mid-spring. Although the new uniform will be generally available from the summer, the change-over is not scheduled to be complete until 1 January 2003. At that date, young people may still continue to wear the existing uniform, if they wish to do so, until they change Section.

Beaver Scouts

- A Group scarf.
- A turquoise crew-neck sweatshirt.
- Navy blue activity trousers and a turquoise polo shirt will be available as optional extras.

Cub Scouts

- A Group scarf.
- A dark green crew-neck sweatshirt. (Note this is a different shade of green from the Scout Section)
- Navy blue activity trousers and a dark green polo shirt will be available as optional extras.

Scouts

- A Group scarf.
- A dark green long sleeve shirt. (Note this is a different shade of green from the Cub Scout Section.
- Navy blue activity trousers.
- The existing Scout belt but showing on the buckle the new arrowhead badge from the new corporate logo.
- A dark green polo shirt will be available as an optional extra.

Explorer Scouts

- A Group scarf.

- A beige long sleeve shirt [that is a different beige to that currently in use].
- Navy blue activity trousers.
- The existing Scout belt but showing on the buckle the new arrowhead badge from the new corporate logo.
- A dark beige polo shirt will be available as an optional extra.

Adult members

- A personal choice of Group scarf, universal adult scarf or the Gilwell scarf [for Wood Badge holders].
- A stone long sleeve shirt.
- A personal choice of navy blue activity trousers, smart trousers or smart skirt.
- The existing Scout belt but showing on the buckle the new arrowhead badge from the new corporate logo.
- A lighter weight stone short sleeve shirt will be introduced as alternative official uniform.
- A polo shirt in stone and a tie in place of the scarf will be available as optional extras.

The Scout Fellowship

- As other adults, but with a distinctive cloth badge.

Sea Scout Groups

The Beaver and cub sections as as above.

Sea Scouts

- A Group scarf.
- A dark blue jersey or a light blue long sleeve smart shirt in the same cut and design as other uniform shirts.
- Activity blue trousers.
- The existing Scout belt but showing on the buckle the new arrowhead badge from the new corporate logo

Explorer Sea Scouts

- A Group scarf.
- A light blue long sleeve shirt in the same cut and design as other uniform shirts.
- Activity blue trousers.
- The existing Scout belt but showing on the buckle the new arrowhead badge from the new corporate logo

Adults connected with Sea Scout Groups

- A Group scarf.
- A light blue long sleeve shirt in the same cut and design as other uniform shirts.
- Smart blue trousers.
- The existing Scout belt but showing on the buckle the new arrowhead badge from the new corporate logo

Group Programme - 2001

January

Saturday, 6th	<i>Scouts</i> Fun Swim (Ringwood Leisure Centre 6:30-7:30pm)
Monday, 15th	New H.Q. Fund-raising meeting
Tuesday, 16th	District Executive (1st Ringwood)
Monday, 22nd	Group Scouter's Meeting (8pm)
Saturday 27th	Fund Raising Jumble Sale

February

Saturday, 3rd	First Response Course (Chandler's Ford)
Monday, 5th	District GSL's Meeting
Thursday, 8th	District Cub Scout Leader's Meeting
Saturday, 10th	<i>Scouts, Ventures & Leaders</i> S.A.L.L.I.E. 2001 Incident Hike (Wilverley Inclosure 7pm-4am)

March

Friday, 9th	<i>Cubs</i> District Chess heats
Sunday, 11th	First Response Course (King's Sunborne)
Tuesday, 13th	District Executive (1st Ringwood)
Sunday, 18th	<i>Scouts</i> Cycle Ride (Abbotswell Car Park, 10:30am-3pm)
Wednesday, 14th	Solent Regatta planning meeting
Sunday, 18th	<i>Cubs</i> District Football heats
Saturday, 24th	<i>Cubs</i> District Chess Competition
Saturday, 31st	<i>Scouts</i> Canoeing Pool Session (New Milton Leisure Centre)

April

Sunday, 1st	<i>Scouts</i> Pat Cross Trophy Incident Hike (Fritham)
Sunday, 1st	<i>Cubs</i> 6-a-side Football Competition
Saturday 21st, Sunday 22nd	<i>Scouts</i> Caving Days (Mendip)
Thursday, 26th	District Cub Scouts Leader's Meeting
Sunday, 22nd	St. George's Day Parade (Windsor)
Sunday, 29th	St. George's Day Parade (Fordingbridge)

May

Thursday, 3rd	<i>Scouts</i> weekly meetings move to Spinnaker Sailing Club
Saturday 5th - Sunday 6th	<i>Scouts</i> Camping Weekend
Monday 14th	Provisional date for Group AGM
Friday 18th - Sunday 20th	<i>Cubs</i> District Cub Camp
Saturday 19th,	<i>Cubs</i> Junior Eggo
Saturday, 19th	First Response Course (Romsey)
Monday, 21st	District Executive
Saturday, 26th	District Plant Sale

June

Saturday 16th	Group Regatta
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Saturday 16th - Sunday 17th *Scouts* Shobley (camping) Trophy (Bagger's Wood 10:00am)
Friday, 29th - 1st July *Ventures* County Trek Cart
Saturday, 30th *Scouts & Ventures* Solent Scout Sailing Regatta at Blashford

July

Saturday 28th - 4th August *Scouts* Summer Camp

August

Saturday 4th - Saturday 11th *Ventures* Hampshire Venture 3

September

Friday 14th - Sunday 16th County Emlyn Camping Competition
Saturday 15th - Sunday 16th *Scouts & Ventures* Solent Marchwood Regatta
Sunday, 30th First Response Course (New Forest)

October

November

Saturday, 10th District Cub Swimming Gala
Saturday, 17th First Response Course (Romsey)
Saturday, 17th County Cub Scout Handicraft Competition

December

Monday, 3rd District Carol Service

Editorial

Happy New year everybody. The main feature in this issue of *Waterlines* is the group programme, which contains most of the major events coming up in 2001 - it looks like it's going to be a busy year!

The next issue (the A.G.M. edition) will be coming out significantly before the Group A.G.M., since I have finals that term. **All reports should be submitted by Sunday April 15th.** Despite requesting in the last edition people put an entry in their diary for a week before the deadline I still had email complaining that people didn't know the deadline for this edition was coming up.

Stephen White - *Waterlines* Editor

Congratulations

A big "well done" to Jason Marsh who swam between Bornemouth and Boscombe Piers as a fund-raising exercise, it was a hard swim in rough waters. He raised over 100 pounds for the Scout Group and a similar amount for the British Heart Foundation. Congratulations!

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