

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



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- Greetings

From 21st December 2002 to 10th January 2003, the 20th World Scout Jamboree is taking place. It is being held in a small naval village in Sattahip, Thailand. The site is proposing to host 30,000 members of the Scout and Guide movements, plus leaders, helpers and officials. Participants will be travelling from countries all around the world, from every walk of life. The theme of this year's jamboree is:

"Share Our World, Share Our Culture."

Whilst in Thailand, we will not only have the opportunity to meet Scouts and Guides from all over the world, but to experience new cultures, encounter new things, and see new a whole new world.

Activities will range from workshops in environmental awareness, arts and literature, science and modern technology, Thailand heritage, sports tournaments, water activities, hikes and major events like the New Year's Eve party.

We will also be partaking in a Home Hospitality programme whilst abroad, seeing the local culture from a totally different perspective. We will be given an insight into home life in such a way no tourist could enjoy, in one of six countries; Malaysia, Taiwan, Singapore, Philippines, Korea and Japan.

There are four of us going to the Jamboree from 1st Sandleheath: Mark Bailey, Michael Chase, myself - Fiona Ritchie, and Claire Ritchie, as an assistant leader for Hampshire. The overall cost of the Jamboree is £2800. We are currently trying to raise money through fund-raising as a district (New Forest West). This figure also enables a Scout from a less fortunate country to have the same opportunity as we have, uniting Scouts Worldwide.

Fiona Ritchie



Building Update

The builders went on site on 10th December and have been working hard, even over Christmas and New Year. They cleared all the top soil and have saved it for future use, then dug out the sub-soil. Luckily the sub-soil structure has meant that piling of the foundations has not been necessary. This week the concrete slab has been poured and they are now well ahead of schedule. Let us hope that there is no bad weather to hold them up! It is hoped that a site visit can be arranged shortly - possibly a Saturday - morning for anyone interested to see the building work in progress.

Kryisia Chambers

Various options for the name of the new building were published in the last edition of Waterlines. You were invited to vote for your preference, and the results were:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Votes</i>
The Scout Centre	6
Sandleheath Scout Centre	18
The Barn	10
1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Headquarters	13

Nick Bunt

Subscriptions

The January subscription letter will be out shortly and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families who recently completed the Gift aid form. Approximately 90% of families completed this form enabling us the opportunity to take advantage of the tax benefits. If you have not completed the form (and are able) please do so with your next subs. Would you please return your subs as soon as possible as it makes the running of all the groups that much easier when we have money in the bank.

Many thanks,

Mandie Dawson - Subscription Secretary

Fund-Raising

Fund-raising activities have been taking place on an unprecedented scale by many individuals and groups. This is continuing into 2002. Since April last year the following activities have been carried out and the funds deposited in our Special Projects fund account:

Bag packs at the Fordingbridge Co-op		
April	300.73	
December 15th	275.64	713.51
December 22nd	137.14	
Buy a Brick at the Turf Cutting ceremony	49.00	
Barbeque at the Turf Cutting ceremony	111.06	
Hyde Church Christmas Bazaar	26.00	
Sale of scarf, books etc..	32.15	
Barbeque at Spinnaker	230.02	
Webb Ivory Christmas sale	65.01	
Donation	500.00	
Barn Dance	241.12	
Cake Sale	56.25	
Providing Help at Damerham Bonfire	100.00	
 Total		 2124.12

This means the total in our Special Project Fund stands at £3414.85. In addition to this we have various pledges, and other activities, individuals are working on which are only part complete.

We do need more help with fund-raising however. You can do this by getting involved; no event or activity is too small . . . they all add up! Help us to help the young people of the Group by ensuring this wonderful new facility has the equipment it needs.

Jim Mowbray - Treasurer

Vacancies

Our new sections need both Leaders and Helpers .	What talent can you pass on to our youngsters?
Love parties? Why not help us organise the Scout Centre Opening Ceremony!	Experienced in letting, tenants, maintaining records, co-ordinating things? Our Hall Management Committee needs you.
Do you have contacts in tools, catering equipment, carpets? Help us equip the Scout Centre.	Caretaker and Cleaner needed (could be one job). Paid!!
Can you help our Appeals Group contact charities and grant-making trusts?	Bookings Secretary for hall needed.
Whizz on the computer? Can you help keep records up to date and safe?	Could you help a small part of a major fund-raising event this summer?
Could you co-ordinate a major fund-raising event?	Can you join our fund-raising panel and help out at occasional events ?

Krysia Chambers



Sandleheath Scouts (Mark Bailey, Richard Ward and David Ward) winning the District First Aid competition

Beaver Report

The autumn term can often seem rather long. The dark, cold evenings are too soon upon us and the Beavers retreated into the warmth of the Methodist Church Hall at Sandleheath. We had enjoyed canoeing and sailing at Spinnaker and an evening down at Moors Valley. We also managed not to lose any Beavers on our midnight hike, which was followed by hot chocolate back at the Hall. We also enjoyed a brilliant activity day out at Ferny Crofts.

Once in the Church Hall we got down to some acting and miming, crafts, games, chats and making music. And of course we ended the term with a fantastic fancy dress Christmas party.

We waved goodbye to lots of 'old' Beavers who swam bravely up to Cubs to rejoin their even older friends who had gone before. And that means that we had lots of young little Beavers joining us from our long waiting list.

With so many Beavers on the waiting list I do wonder if there is another adult out there who would like to help us in running a second Beaver colony? Then we could perhaps have two smaller colonies running on different evenings. Do give me a ring if you are interested! (01425 655045)

The Beavers are almost as excited as the Leaders about the move into the new Scout Centre. We are all eagerly looking forward to our visits to the building site and hoping that we might be able to physically contribute to the actual building of the Centre.

Thanks must, as always, go to the fantastic Rowan and Phillipa for their help in running the Colony. Oh, and we really ought to now give Phillipa a 'Beaver' name. Any suggestions?

Nigel Hall - Sandy (Beaver Leader)

Cub Report

We had a busy autumn term in the cub pack, starting off with sailing at Spinnaker, which was well attended. We then joined in with the District Camp at Ferny Crofts which proved a great success, especially the large muddy puddle at the end of the assault course. The intention was to swing across the puddle on a rope, but it soon degenerated into "who could be the wettest, muddiest cub". Ben Blayney was the winner closely followed by Alistair Walker. Chas once again led us in a excellent camp fire, and even the torrential rain that greeted us on the last morning could not dampen our spirits. Many thanks to James and Steve who worked hard to get the tents dry and all the parents who helped set up and take down.

We had a good turn out this year at the District Swimming competition, with several winning entrants. A special well done to Peter Marsh, who won all his races. Richard led us on a night hike somewhere around Godshill: I have no idea where but luckily Richard seemed to know where he was going. He did, however, make us wade through every stream, even when there appeared to be a perfectly good bridge - strangely only visible once we had crossed.

James kindly invited us to use his barn for our Christmas Party and we joined up with the Fordingbridge Cubs for a great evening of bowling, silly games and eating thoroughly unhealthy food. The pack continues to grow in strength. We had 7 Beavers swim up last term and are expecting another 4 this term, taking our total membership to 27. Thanks to Jaqui, Julie, James Hunt and Richard Savage for helping and bonvoyage to James Bennett who is getting as far away from the cubs as he possibly can.

Hester Hammond - Cub Leader

Scout Report

This term has been busy as usual. We started with two canoe sessions at Fordingbridge with the Scouts on the river until it got dark, then playing football on the rec.! The district football competition at Burgate went well, as did the District First Aid competition at Burley, which we won. We had a good turn out for Remembrance day in November, followed by a bike ride, which the few who attended enjoyed. We have organ-

ised trips to the indoor climbing wall in Winchester, an indoor canoeing session at New Milton Leisure Centre and a very well attended caving trip to Mendip, Somerset, where some of the parents joined in as well. Our Christmas mega inflatable fun swim at Ringwood Leisure Centre went well, and was much easier to organise than a party! Our troop continues to meet on Thursday nights. Thanks again to Fordingbridge for letting us use their H.Q., hopefully ours will be ready for next winter!

Sue Chase - Scout Leader

Venture Report

Miscellaneous

After a busy sailing season and a brilliant result at Marchwood (at last!), the unit had to say goodbye to several members as they were off to university and on gap years.

The Venture unit is now predominantly female, with six regular members. There are also 2 older scouts who are keen to join Ventures and who are already taking an active part. Already this winter we have hiking, cycling and planning, for our expedition in the summer, which I am sure you will be hearing more about soon when we start asking for kind donations! And although some of us are quite happy on the land, I think that the majority of us can't wait to get back on the water! This year we are hoping to get most of us through at least 1 RYA or BSU level and to work our way through some Venture awards.

And last but not least, I think we would all like to thank Steve Wilfort for returning.

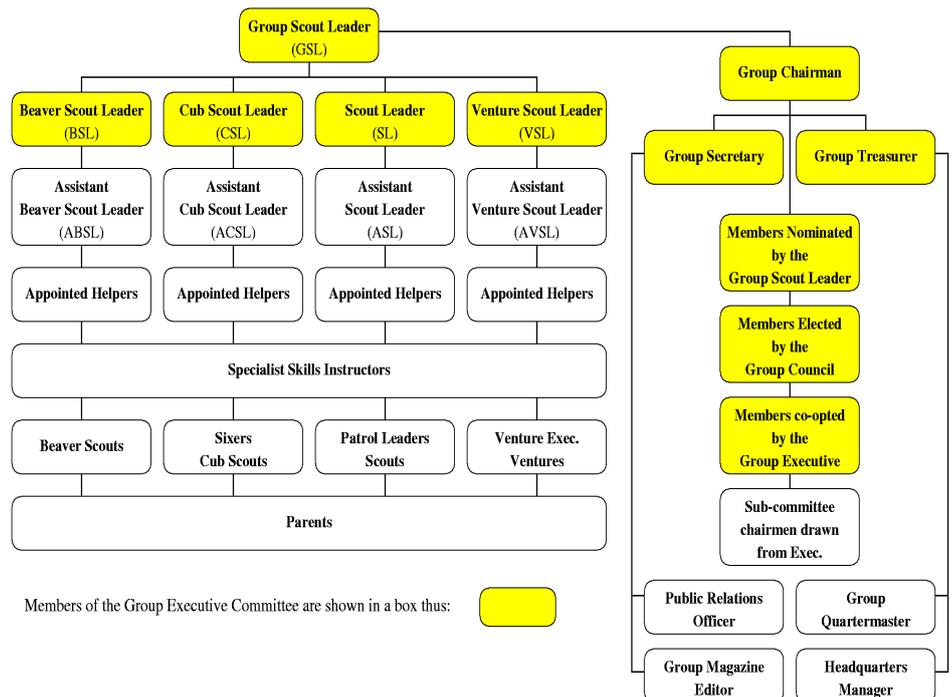
Sophie Chambers - VSU Vice-Chairman

- Thanks to the Scouts who helped at the Bag Packs before Christmas - they raised over £400 - well done.
- The Barn Dance on 1st of December went very well - thanks to Caroline and helpers for organising a good evening.
- Well done to David Ward who organised a sponsored run to raise money for the new H.Q.
- The Ventures walked the Avon Valley path over two days in November. They also helped with the car parking at the Rotary Club's Godshill Bonfire, and in Demerham they built and helped supervise the bonfire (a busy half-term!).

Ros White - G.S.L.

Structure of the Scout Group

For your interest here is a diagram showing the structure of a Scout Group, and where everybody fits into it. In 1st Sandleheath the structure is slightly different to this - we include more people on the Executive Committee, including representative parents from each section. The means that the executive committee in our Group carries out many of the roles of the 'Group Council' mentioned on the diagram (the 'Group Council' includes everyone on the diagram except for the Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts).



A new building - a new future

Sandleheath Scout Group currently has around 90 children from 6 to 17 who take part in regular activities each week. As part of our lottery funding we have agreed to expand both the numbers of children we involve and the number of activities provided.

As you know all Scouting is run on a voluntary basis by busy parents and friends who are just like you. When asked why they do it most say because it is so rewarding, gives them a sense of community or even "it looks good on my CV"! Scouting is a wonderful way of putting something back into the local community and helps all our children get the most out of the experience.

Each section within the Group is run by a large team of people which include leaders and helpers. Some attend on a regular basis, others for specific activities e.g. to run a short course for a badge (such as cooks) once a year. Others assist only in the summer for sailing/canoeing and outdoor activities, others only in the winter for indoor activities.

We are looking for the following people to assist us developing the Group to secure our Lottery funding:

We will need new leaders and regular helpers. We plan to open second sections for Beavers and Cubs in September 2002. We already have a waiting list! Could you help run a section for our youngest members? Leaders work with a team of helpers to run a programme during term time. If each section has two leaders this only means 5/6 evenings each term. Training is free and local. Why not stay for your child's next meeting to see what happens?

Helpers are there to lend a hand with all activities. Older teenagers and young adults (especially those doing the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme) often help with Beavers and Cubs. Do you know of anyone who could join the teams? Again the more helpers, the less each one has to do. Helpers can also be older people; grandparents - with perhaps more time on their hands - are very welcome. Training is simple and free.

We need people with particular skills. Do you have a skill you could pass on to a small group of children?

In the past this has included scarf ironing, basic cooking, tying knots, reading maps, safety at sea, art, etc. With the new workshop we would like to run courses in basic workshop practice, simple electrics, carpentry, etc. This could involve a few evenings once a year or so. We also plan to run Saturday courses and expeditions.

We need grandparents or older "locals" who have experience either of scouting or of the local area and could tell the children about "the old days". One or two evenings a year. Would your relations be available?

Our fund-raising team would like some more help. Without their efforts subscriptions would be substantially higher. Can you offer help in organising events, fetching and carrying, setting up/taking down?

Scouting has changed considerably over the last few years and the most successful groups are those where there is some sort of involvement from every family. Please consider carefully where your talents lie and what you can do. We know that you are busy people but are sure that like us you can find the time to give something back to help your children and other children in the community. We have a fantastic opportunity here in a new purpose-built building that will be a pleasure to use.

You will find [should have found if you're reading it cover-to-cover - ed] a Vacancies List elsewhere in Waterlines. We will be contacting you shortly to see where your talents lie and what you will be contributing to the Group. If you have any ideas for either the use of the Scout Centre especially during the day or know what you would like to volunteer for please contact me on 01425 656148.

Kryisia Chambers

Next Issue

The next issue of Waterlines will be the AGM Edition. This edition *must* be distributed by the date of the A.G.M. (which isn't set yet). The deadline for articles will be the 3rd Friday before the AGM.

Stephen White - Waterlines Editor

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Group Programme - 2002

January	Monday, 21st	Group Executive Meeting, Ros' 7:45
February	Saturday, 2th Saturday, 23rd	Race Night (Fund-Raising) S.A.L.L.I.E. night hike (Scouts, Ventures & Leaders)
March	Monday, 11th Saturday, 16th Tuesday, 19th	District Executive Meeting First Aid Course (contact Ros for details) S.W. Area Water Activities Meeting, Southampton 7:30
April	Wednesday, 10th Sunday, 14th Fri, 19 - Sun, 21 Sunday, 21st Sunday, 28th	Solent Regatta Meeting, 25th Southampton 7:30 District Pat Cross Trophy (Scouts & Ventures) Scout Survival Camp St George's Day (Ringwood) Scout and Venture Scout Caving Day
May	Thursday, 2nd Fri, 3 - Sun, 5 Monday, 13th Saturday, 18th Saturday, 25th	Scout meetings move to Spinnaker, 6:30pm District Cub/Scout Camp District Executive Meeting New Programme launch in New Forest West District Jubilee Event
June	Sunday, 9th Monday, 24th Wednesday 26th Saturday, 29th Saturday, 29th or July 6th	First Aid Course (contact Ros for details) Scout Cooking Competition, Harry's Island, 7pm Cub Cooking Competition, Harry's Island Solent Sailing Regatta at Spinnaker (Scouts & Ventures) New HQ Opening ceremony
July	Monday, 1st Monday, 8th Thursday, 25th - August 1st	District Leaders Canoeing, Spinnaker, 7pm District Executive Meeting Scout Camp, Devon
August		
September	Monday, 9th Saturday 21st Friday, 27th	District Executive Meeting Solent (main) Regatta, Spinnaker (Scouts & Ventures) District Scout Football
October	Thursday, 3rd Saturday, 12th Tuesday, 15th Saturday, 19th	Scout meetings return to H.Q. District Cub/Scout Swimming Gala, Ringwood S.W. Area Water Activities Meeting, Southampton, 7:30pm Chick Law Trophy - pioneering, Sandleheath 2pm (Scouts)
November	Saturday, 2nd Saturday 16th	First Aid Course (contact Ros for details) District Eggo (Ventures & Leaders)

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