

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



WATERLINES

Oct. 2001

Autumn Edition

Marchwood Regatta

**Right: Toppers sailing
(briefly)**

Unfortunately the force 4-6, gusting 7 that was forecast arrived just as the regatta started. It was decided to go ahead and see how the scouts managed. Richard Ward and James Hall sailed well to keep the boat up and take 4th place in the first Bosun race. Josh Cleall was in the first and, as it turned out, only Topper Race. None of the 10 competitors managed to finish the race and they were all towed back up to the pontoon. It was decided to reef the Toppers, but as the wind speed increased the Toppers were abandoned. At this point the Bosuns were also reefed.

The Bosun racing then continued as scheduled. The Scouts all took a third 'man' in the boat to help stability. As we had only brought one ballast 'man' (Georgia), Josh Cleall was volunteered to go as ballast in the other boat. He had come through his dunking with the Topper still smiling and seemingly unphased by the conditions.

As usual the Bailey family did their stuff for the Group. Mark (with Oliver Hatchett and Georgia crewing) came second in his first race despite an appalling start and went on to win his second race and share first place overall for Bosun sailing. Jo Bailey also won a race (with Dawn Harper) and came second in the Venture sailing. Richard Savage (with Paul Pickering) has an excellent day and took third place in the Ventures sailing. Sopic Chambers (with Tom Roach) took fourth place, winning the last Venture race.



Our other venture crew, Ian Jacobs and James Hunt, were outstanding mainly for their head-wear!!

The quality of sailing by Sandleheath was up to the usual excellent standard. We won 3 of the 8 races as did 9th Lymington. We shared the Scout Trophy with Lymington and although they won the Venture Trophy we had 2nd, 3rd and 4th places!

Well done all the sailors and special thanks to Michael Chase and Edward Morris who came to race Toppers, but did not get to sail at all.

Thanks to John Douce (sailing marshal), Stephen White (car parking, assistant sailing marshal, protest committee and assistant to the Regatta Organiser), Hywel Morris (safety boat), the Venture Unit, Barbara Hatchett and Georgia Richards (car parking) and the scouts for helping with the boats.

More photos from the Regatta can be seen on the Group Website,
<http://www.ox.compsoc.net/~swhite/scouts/>.

Ros White - G.S.L.

Scout Report

Once the foot and mouth restrictions were lifted we were back on the lake this summer. We have had a sail training day, with some Scouts working towards and gaining their RYA Level 2, and canoeing trips to Mudeford and Lymington. Our own Group Regatta took place at the beginning of June and the Solent Scout Regatta at the end of June. The Group regatta was not blessed with the best of weather, but we had fun anyway - and the Solent Scout Regatta, which also took place at our lake at Blashford this year went very well, with our canoeists, sailing and rowing crews doing very well.

We attended a district camp at Braggers Wood also in the June, where our Scouts camped with other troops from New Forest West, and managed to pack climbing, canoeing, orienteering, a low ropes course, a campfire and a moderately evil David Chadwick blindfold course into the weekend.

For our main summer camp we went back to the site at Burnbake near Corfe. We had three patrols of Scouts on camp, and nearly as many leaders! The weather was kind to us and we all had a good time. The Scouts were a very well behaved group, and made the leaders job good fun!

As well as the normal Thursday night water activities we have run sessions for our cubs and beavers, and other groups in our district. Some of our Scouts have been very helpful turning up to these extra evenings.

We are looking forward to our winter programme now, with a bit more freedom to roam than we had last winter, we shall be sharing the Fordingbridge HQ again for with year - but next year

Sue Chase - Assistant Scout Leader

Right: archery during Scout Summer Camp 2001



Above: the globe at Durlston Head



Scout Summer Camp 2001

Scout Summer Camp was held at Burnbake, near Corfe Castle. For those that went, here's a quick reminder of what you did. For those that didn't .. here's a list of things you can look forward too doing!

- Saturday
Set up camp.
Short bike ride in Brenscombe Forest.
Knife, axe and saw instruction.
Wide game in forest near camp in evening.
- Sunday
Scouts Own on Scout laws. Promises and mottos.
Bike ride to Studland via Agglestone (ish!)
- meeting up for a swim at Knoll Beach & Swim in sea.
Cycle back (direct route).
Backwoods cooking on wood fires.
Ropes course in forest by camp in evening.
- Monday
Canoe on River Piddle at Wareham and swim at lunchtime or cycle onto Ridge, then either Corfe Castle or Scotland and back to camp.
Blindfold Trial and Silly Olympics competitions in evening.
- Tuesday
Low Ropes at Burnbake.
Archery at Brenscombe.
Cycle to Cleavel Point, near Goathorn Point and back or collect wood for camp fire.
Camp Fire in evening.
- Wednesday
Horse Riding in Brenscombe Forest.
Durlleston Head Country Park - Globe and Lighthouse.
Rock Climbing/abseiling at Cattle Troughs (Scrambler's Wall, Chockney, Inspiration).
Barbecue on beach at Studland Middle Beach (thanks to Nigel for reconnoitring the venue!) in the evening.
Barbecue David's watch to stop it beeping continuously!
- Thursday
Day hikes - various routes to Swanage.
Swim at Wareham Pool in evening.

- Friday
Cycle to Corfe Castle or canoe -
River Piddle to Poole Harbour then return to Wareham on River Frome. Swanage for Fish & Chips in evening.
Tug of War.
Watery Wide Game.
- Saturday
Pack, home, soak in bath, sleep in a proper bed (or bath).

Patrol Competition, 1st equal with 35/50 were Pterodactyls and Veloceraptors.

Thanks to all of the Leaders for making this such a successful camp - Sue, David, Stephen, Tom, Nigel, Geoffrey and Phil and to Steve and Juli for organising the Horse Riding.

Photos of the camp can be viewed online at:
<http://www.ox.compsoc.net/~swhite/scouts/scamp2001/>



Climbing at Cattle Troughs

New Building Name

Beaver Report

The following names have been proposed for our new building,

Option 1:

The Scout Centre
Home of
1st Sandleheath Sea Scouts
Avon Valley Opportunity Group

Option 2:

Sandleheath Scout Centre
Home of
1st Sandleheath Sea Scouts
Avon Valley Opportunity Group

Option 3:

The Barn
Home of
1st Sandleheath Sea Scouts
Avon Valley Opportunity Group

Option 4:

1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Headquarters

To gain an understanding of "everyone's" particular preference for the buildings name, I am requesting all members of the Group to give this very important aspect some thought. Would you please consider the above options and register you preference with me by 20 Oct. 2001 in order that we may proceed with selecting a name.

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Nick Bunt - Group Secretary

Accounts

Anyone who would like to see the Group Accounts for the year ending April 2001 please contact Ros White who has copies available.

As another term begins the Beavers had what was probably their last meeting in the Scout Field before building work commences. We have had so many lovely evenings in the field but like everyone else in the Group, we are really excited about the new opportunities the new building will offer.

As usual I must thank Jo Young (Rowan) and Philippa Morris for their help in running the Beaver Colony. Like all of them they are busy folk but they gladly (!?) give up their time for Beavers.

So what have we got in store for the youngest members of the Scout Group this term? Our balanced programme of activities includes a day out at Ferny Crofts, a Beaver Challenge Day, a moonlit walk, making music, crafts and a Christmas Fancy Dress party.

Look out also for our forthcoming Sponsored Evening when the Beavers will be doing a full evening of activities in order to raise money for equipment for the new building. The Beavers will be doing a range of incredible tasks including staying absolutely silent for a whole 15 minutes! Unbelievable! (Note: and they won't be watching the TV at the same time!) Other death defying tasks will include pushing a baked bean with their noses, eating jam doughnuts without licking lips and team relay raspberry blowing!

Nigel Hall - Beaver Leader

Turf Cutting Ceremony

There will be a Turf Cutting Ceremony to mark the starting of the New HQ on the Scout Field on Friday 12th October from 6-30pm to 8pm. There will also be a bonfire and barbecue. We hope all families will come along to this historic occasion. Tickets £1 children, £2 adults for a hot dog or burger and soup. Squash will be provided, if you want anything stronger please bring it yourself. Bring a torch and preferably park in the industrial estate.

Please let Caroline Morris know how many tickets you want: either telephone (01425) 656250 or e-mail her at cmorris_townsend@yahoo.co.uk.

Smarties: after the Turf Cutting, Bonfire and Barbecue you will all be given a tube of Smarties. When you have eaten the Smarties, keep the tube and fill it with 20p coins (you may have to scrounge or earn these). Please return the tube to your section Leader before Christmas full of 20p coins. The proceeds will go to the new HQ Fund.

Fund Raising for New HQ Equipment

Making your Scout subscription go further

The Lottery Grant is only for the building, not furniture or equipment, so we are asking each family in the Group to do one Fund Raising event to raise money. We are prepared to give each family £5 to use and see how much they can make from it.

Suggested activities are coffee morning, quiz, cake stall, produce stall, shoe cleaning, ironing, sell Christmas decorations, Webb Ivory, car wash, dinner party, duck race, baby sitting, window cleaning, jumble sale, tombola, car boot stall, guided walk, home made sweets, etc.

You may wish to join with another family to run an event.

We would like money and profits to be returned by the end of January.

Please support each other. To enable this we will circulate a list of activities.

We would like a volunteer to co-ordinate these events - make sure families can get any equipment they need, that there are no clashes, keep a record of money and to put together the list of events. Please phone Ros (654025) if you can help or if you have an idea for an event. The Executive Committee and the Fund Raising Committee are both busy organising other activities and have not time to do this as well. Please help or we will have a building but nothing in it next year.

Ros White - G.S.L.

By a simple signature of a slip provided with this term's subscription notice you can increase its value by 28.2%. There will be NO EXTRA COST TO YOU - this is all provided by the Government directly to 1st Sandleheath... All it needs is your signature of approval.

Many believe that this, the Gift Aid Scheme, requires them to make extra charitable donations to the Scout Group for it to apply, but this is not so at all; the usual term's subscriptions qualify as gifts under the scheme and the Inland Revenue will pay back to 1st Sandleheath the tax you have paid on the income used to make the contribution, at the basic rate of 22%. Since the contribution is the net figure, after tax, this has the effect of "grossing up" the free increase from 22% to 28.2% - e.g., on a £24.00 sub an extra £6.76 is reclaimed by the Group. You must, of course, be a UK taxpayer, liable to pay income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the donation in this tax year, for us to be able to benefit from a tax reclaim.

If this is the case, as it is for most of us, **PLEASE** do complete and return the slip to Mandie Dawson, either direct or through your section - it will all help to keep this Group the excellent one it is, for the benefit of our children and those of the future, and to keep the subscriptions as low as possible for as long as possible.

Roger Marsh - Gift Aid Co-ordinator

please return this form to Ros White or your section leader

1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group
New HQ Fund Raising Event

Name:

Phone number:

e-mail:

Probable event:

Please complete the following if you already have details:

Preferred Date:

Equipment required:

Location:

MISSING!

There are lots of things missing that people have just forgotten they have. If you have any items which have been borrowed from the Scout Group could you please return them.

The Scout Troop is missing various maps, map cases, compasses, whistles, fluorescent arm bands, Bosun's Calls (whistles) and books (knots, pioneering and badge books).

Leaders have lent out Scout belts, Scout hats, Leaders/Venture hats (the ones with peaks), blue Leaders/venture shirt, Group scarves, fluorescent tops for car parking duties, Group sweat shirts and t-shirts and buoyancy aids (mainly large ones are missing). There are also some canoe paddles missing, along with axes, calor gas bottles, groundsheets and plastic camping mugs. Pioneering poles and various ropes are also missing - including the tug-of-war rope.

If you have any trophies, shields, etc. which are owned by the Group or which have been won by 1st Sandleheath could you please let me know so that I can make an inventory of them and/or return them to their owners. I know that New Forest West District are missing some of their trophies.

Thanks,

Ros White - ros@the-roost.freeserve.co.uk

Editorial

I don't know why I even bother writing it here. Every single article for this issue of Waterlines was late. The next issue will be the New Year Edition, so I'll make the **deadline Midnight on Christmas Eve.**

Stephen White - Waterlines Editor



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Group Programme - 2001/2002

September

Friday, 28th District Scout Football, Burgate School
Fri, 28 - Sun, 30 District Cub Camp, Ferny Crofts

October

Monday, 1st HQ Fund Raising Meeting, Krysia Chambers
Thursday, 4th Scout Troop Meeting, Fordingbridge HQ
Sunday, 7th Scout 1st Aid Comp, Burley
Wednesday, 10th Solent Regatta Meeting, 25th Southampton HQ
Friday, 12th Turf Cutting & BBQ, Group Field
Tuesday, 16th SW Area Water Activities Meeting, Southampton
Monday, 22nd Group Exec. Ros' 7:45.
Saturday, 27th Caving in Mendip Hills for Scouts & Ventures

November

Thursday, 1st Damerham Bonfire (Ventures)
Saturday, 4th Rotary Bonfire at Godshill (Ventures: car parking)
Saturday, 10th District Cub Swimming Gala
Sunday, 11th Remembrance Day (Scouts & Ventures)
Saturday, 17th First Response Course (Romsey)
Monday, 19th District Exec. Meeting (Fordingbridge HQ)

December

Saturday, ?? Barn Dance
Monday, 3rd District Carol Service, Fordinbridge

February 2002

Saturday, 8th Race Night

April 2002

Sunday, 21st St George's Day

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