

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



WATERLINES

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Autumn Edition

Duke of Edinburgh's Award



**Josh, Peter, David and Emily on their
Bronze Expedition**

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is proving very popular and we now have 12 working at their Bronze level Awards, 3 at Silver and 3 at Gold. As you may remember, anyone between the ages of 14 and 25 can register for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award so, if any Scouts, Explorers or Network Scouts who have not already signed up, want to get involved with The Award just let me know and join in with the fun!

Good luck to all those who have moved on to University etc and don't forget you can still carry on with The Award in your spare time. Most Universities have an Award group [or a SSAGO group - Ed] with whom you can plan your activities, expeditions etc and it is a great way to meet new people.

A Bronze Expedition took place at Scout Camp in Wales in July 2003 when an intrepid group map read and walked their way in the wet across a completely unknown area. They now know what it is like

to pack up their tents and put on wet clothes for another day's hike! We are almost at the end of the Expedition "Season" for this year but are planning practice expeditions in hiking and canoeing at Silver level.

Our provisional programme for the coming year includes:

- Guitar Workshop at HQ on 7 November
- Expedition Style Cooking at HQ on 5 December
- A "Get you home session" to welcome the New Year in on 2 January 2004

Other activities planned include skittles, badminton, video evening, Kaya drumming session, BBQ and expedition training sessions.

If anyone can help in training sessions etc and if anyone has any skills they can talk to the group about please let me know.

So, if you are not already signed up for The Award and you don't want to miss out on the fun just phone or email me or come along to one of the meetings and I will let you have full details.

We are still waiting for the National Raffle to be drawn but hope that at least one of the tickets we sold will be a winner and that we will have raised a useful amount of money towards the purchase of training and equipment for the group. Thank you to all those who bought tickets and we will all keep our fingers crossed!

If you want more information please contact me on 01725 510397, email at pat.savage@vodafone.net or visit the Duke of Edinburgh's Award new website at www.theaward.org and remember, if you, or anyone else you know has been a participant in the Award, please let me know as we would love to hear about your experiences. Where are all those parents who have been Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants in the long distant past? - remember, we want to hear from you about your experiences as a participant.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Pat Savage - D. of E. Coordinator

Scout Summer Camp

Silver Cross Camp Site near Swansea
Friday 25th July - Saturday 2nd August

Friday

We left Fordingbridge Car Park at 9-30am, and it started raining on the way. And it kept raining. We arrived at Silver Cross early afternoon and set up camp, on a site that was already awash.

In the evening people used the climbing tower, which was very slippery and slimy to add to the challenge!

Saturday

Caving, Neath River area. This included Bridge Cave (a wonderful cave with fast-flowing stream, formations, a waterfall and an impressive rock bridge), White Lady (wet) and Town Drain (no better than it sounds!) David Ward and Michael Chase were both brave enough to cross the rock "Bridge". Oh, and it rained.

Sunday

The Explorers went to Gower to canoe in Oxwich Bay and then walked along the beach for a kilometer to climb at Three Cliffs (climbing from the beach). The Scouts arrived 1pm and set up camp (with a little help from the drivers).

Stephen and James arrived back from Gold D. of E. practice in the Brecon Beacons. James had an amusing walk! Stephen was still bouncing - much to everyone's annoyance (it was supposed to be a difficult and exhausting walk [just because everyone else required Nurofen to keep them going - Ed]).

In the evening everyone attempted a Low Ropes Course - Amelia flattening David in the process. Sandleheath Explorers (Dogger) won the competition - getting their last man furthest round the course.

Monday

D. of E. hikes for Explorer Scouts in the Three Castles / Offas Dyke area with camp (a field) at Pandy, near Abergavenny, overnight. Lots of rain (you're spotting a theme here)! The Explorers all survived the walk, their cooking and the night. The Scouts did archery (Alex won) then Caving in Neath River area: Bridge Cave. Rain, more rain! Camp site awash again!

Tuesday

Scouts went to Oxwich bay to canoe - but there was so much rain that we had picnic in the minibus and returned to camp. More rain!

Explorers returned from the D. of E. hike in the afternoon. All in good spirit: well done. Josh, David and Michael completed the assessed hike and impressed everyone with their competence. The Barton Explorers did really well in very difficult conditions, but must learn right from left!

Everyone went swimming in the evening at Neath to soak off the accumulated dirt and grime in the swimming pool.

Wednesday

In the morning it was the Explorers turn at archery, while the Scouts attacked the (still slippery and slimy) climbing tower.

In the afternoon the scouts canoed in Oxwich Bay (Sandleheath Scouts Ben and Matthew were very enthusiastic and quite wet by the end). After various beach games they all walked to the climbing on the cliffs at Three Cliffs (no stopping Amelia who climbed like a monkey). The Explorers who had been climbing belayed the scouts or played Beach Rugby. The tide came in rapidly and some scouts had to make a hasty retreat and paddle/wade round the end of the cliff to a bay which the tide did not reach. In the evening there was a beach barbecue for everyone with more Beach Rugby (beware the Cleall twins!).



Climbing at Three Cliffs



Above: Some Scouts 'a bit muddy'

Right: Andy pulling one of his famous faces

Saturday

Pack, the first group started back about 11am whilst the other group continued to jam things in to every available nook and cranny in cars and trailers.

All arrived back at Sandleheath safely in the afternoon.

Camp Awards were: Best Scout, Ellie. Best Patrol, Cromarty (Ellie, Bryony, Becky and Lydia).

Thanks to all the Leaders who worked hard all week to ensure that appalling weather did not spoil the camp too much.

Special thanks to Camp Warden Andy Shurey for making us so welcome. I'm sure the one thing we will all remember about Silver Cross (other then the rain) is Andy.

Ros White - Group Scout Leader

Thursday

Everyone visited Big Pit mining museum, after which the minibus did a tour of South Wales on the return journey [so did those drivers who thought it knew where it was going and followed it - Ed]!

Everyone did the assault course in evening (a bit muddy), which was followed by hosing down! Liam was the fastest Scout, and David Ward fastest overall.

Friday

There was another opportunity for people to do archery, while Barton Explorers Ben and Matt went canoeing on the River Swansea which was quite fierce due to the overnight downpour. James also displayed his canoeing skills.

The Scouts then walked down the hill near the camp site to the river and railway. Henry *almost* lost a map - which he then spent an hour searching for. We visited Mumbles in afternoon and all had a Fish & Chip supper (to the annoyance of the Kebab Shop next door). In the evening James built a Camp Fire, then Jane and Camp Warden Andy led the singing which was followed by hot chocolate and marshmallows.



Right: flag break on camp

Solent Sailing Regatta Results

June 2003

Network Result

Place	Group/Crew	Points
1	1st Sandleheath J. Bailey & R. Savage	1
2	1st Sandleheath S. Chambers & P. Pickering	3
3	6th Hamble J. Dyke & B. Stickland	19
4	1st Sandleheath S. J. White & A. Marsh	23
5	1st Sandleheath S. R. White & J. Bennett	29.7

Explorer Result

Place	Group	Points
1	1st Sandleheath	3
2	10th Christchurch	22.7
3	9th Lymington	30.7
4	4th Hythe	44
5	4th Eling	46.1
6	6th Hamble	54
7	Southampton West	62
8	4th Netley	89.7

Scout Overall

Place	Group	Points
1	9th Lymington	8.7
2	1st Sandleheath	21
3	10th Christchurch	29.7
4	Milford & Keyhaven	31.7
5	4th Eling	43
6	3rd Portchester	45.1
7	4th Hythe	56.4
8	6th Hamble	65.7
9	4th Netley	82.7

Well done Sandleheath - lots of wins and trophies - it was almost embarrassing at the presentations as Sandleheath went up to collect more and more awards!

Everyone sailed well and I think you can all be pleased with your results.

It was nice to see you all supporting each other and wonderful to see Sandleheath ages 10 to 25 all together at the presentations - everyone proud of what

had been achieved.

We had to rig and launch lots of boats. This was done efficiently and with minimum fuss.

Thanks to Peter Cleall, Stephen White, Richard Savage and Jo Bailey for helping to run races etc. and Kerry for First Aid cover. It was good to see John Douce there - arriving just in time to see Sandleheath collecting lots of awards!

Ros White - Group Scout Leader



The main regatta was blessed with more wind than the sailing regatta earlier in the year

Main Regatta Results

September 2003

Network Overall

Place	Group	Points
1	Southampton West	78
2	1st Sandleheath	76
3	6th Hamble	66
4	4th Hythe	42



Scout Overall

Place	Group	Points
1	9th Lymington	194
2	6th Hamble	174
3	1st Sandleheath	172
4	1st Barton	151
5	4th Hythe	117
6	3rd Portchester	93
7	10th Christchurch	83
8	4th Eling	63
9	13th Southampton	60
10	Milford & Keyhaven	53

Explorer Overall

Place	Group	Points
1	6th Hamble	144
2	1st Sandleheath	130
3	4th Hythe	121
4	9th Lymington	116
5	Southampton West	91
6	10th Christchurch	80
7	4th Eling	27
8	Milford & Keyhaven	22

Small Groups

Place	Group	Points
1	6th Hamble	170
2	1st Sandleheath	168
3	4th Hythe	101
4	3rd Portchester	92
5	10th Christchurch	67
6	13th Southampton	60
7	4th Eling	59
8	Milford & Keyhaven	49

More photographs and class results can be found on the group website, at

<http://compsoc.net/~swhite/scouts/SolentRegatta2003/>.

It was another good result for Sandleheath. Although the Scouts missed out on the 2nd place trophy, as the results show it was a very close run thing.

Subscriptions

September Subscription letters should have been sent out via your children. The subscription charge has not increased this year and we would be grateful if, to help make this possible, you would pay your subs promptly. The wording for the Gift Aid has slightly changed so that you only need to complete the form once rather than with every payment and is extremely worthwhile to the Scout group so please tick the box.

Thanks,

Mandie Dawson - Subscription Sec.



District Scout 6-a-side Football

The district 6-a-side football competition was held at Burgate School on Friday 26th September. We entered two teams, containing Poppy, Bryony, Hannah, Sarah, Henry, Ben, Matthew, Alex, Edward and Adam.

Team A:

won v Poulner A 1-0 (Poppy)
won v Fordingbridge 2-0 (Poppy, Bryony)
drew v Burley 0-0

Team B:

won v Ringwood 5-0 (Alex(3), Matthew, Ben)
won v Poulner B 2-0 (Matthew, Henry)
won v N.F.W. 8-0 (Matthew 2, Alex,
Henry, Edward, Adam 2, Own Goal)

Semi finals:

Sandleheath A lost to Ringwood 0-1
Sandleheath B won v Burley 2-1 (Alex 2)

Final:

Sandleheath B won v Ringwood 1-0 (Matthew)

Well done both teams and thanks to Mr Mullin, Andrew and Josh for helping.

Ros White - Group Scout Leader

District Cooking Competition

Congratulation to the 1st Sandleheath team: Poppy Cleall, Bryony Cleall and Becky McGulveray who won the District Scout Cooking Competition. The food had to be prepared on an open fire, and marks were awarded for organisation, teamworks, hygiene and presentation as well as the cooking and resulting taste.



Cooking on open fires at the District cooking competition

Scout Centre Phone Number

If you are going to be late picking up your child, or have other urgent reason to ring the Scout centre then this is now possible. The phone number is (01425) 656331. Please do not disturb meetings in progress unless it's important. Since the Scout Centre is often vacant don't use this number for general enquiries - you can find the phone number of the person most relevant to your query on the back page of this issue.

Editorial

Sorry for the rather late publication of this edition, various factors including moving house (note the new address if you want to post me articles or photographs) conspired to slow things down for me.

The next edition will be the New Year Edition, in which I hope to publish as many dates as possible for the coming year - so if you know of any activities that are planned then please let me know so that I can include them. The deadline for articles will be New Year, so once you've got bored of the Christmas festivities you can write your article!

Stephen White - Waterlines Editor



Left: Cubs trying to memorise items in a memory game

Cleaning Rota

Please don't forget to check where you are on the the cleaning rota. This is posted in the lobby area of the H.Q.

Group Programme - 2003

<i>November</i>	Friday, 7th	D. of E. meeting - guitar workshop
	Saturday, 8th	Canoe trip on Barle (Explorers/Network)
	Sunday, 9th	Remembrance Day parade & service
	Monday, 10th	Group Exec. meeting, 7:45pm
	Saturday, 22nd	District Cub/Scout Swimming Gala
<i>December</i>	Friday, 5th	D. of E meeting - Expedition Cooking
	Monday, 15th	District Carol Service
	Saturday, 27th	Canoe Trip on Hamble (Explorers/Network)
<i>January 2004</i>	Wednesday, 7th	Caving S.R.T. practise, H.Q at 8pm (Explorers/Network)

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