

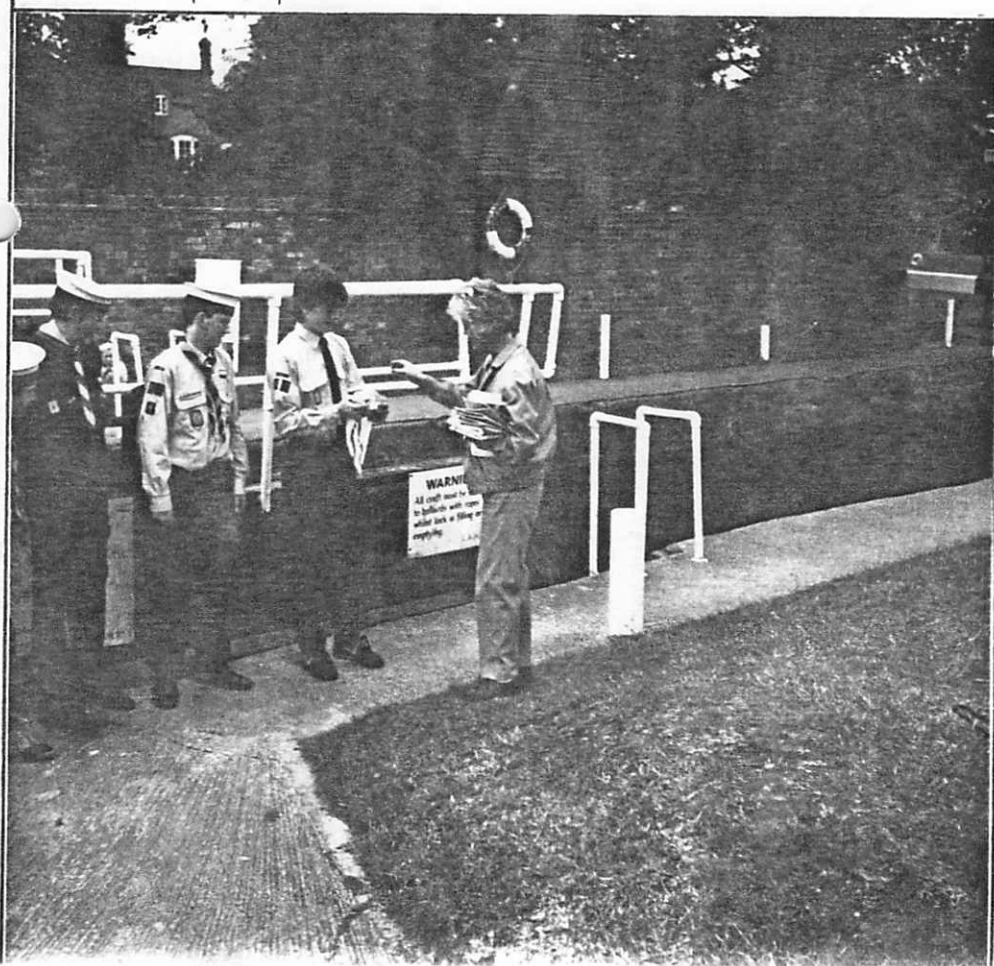
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1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group



Beaver Scouts – Cub Scouts – Sea Scouts – Venture Scouts





1st SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP

Annual General Meeting

TUESDAY 14th MAY 1991 commencing 8-00p.m.

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Meeting opened by Group President.
3. Welcome by Group Chairman.
4. Apologies.
5. Minutes of the 1990 A.G.M.
6. Matters Arising.
7. Group Scout Leader's Report.
8. Group Secretary's Report.
9. Group Treasurer's report.
10. Fund Raising Committee Report.
11. Section Reports.
 - 10.01 Beaver Scouts.
 - 10.02 Cub Scouts.
 - 10.03 Sea Scouts.
 - 10.04 Venture Scout Unit
12. Approval of G.S.L.'s Nominated Group Chairman.
13. Election of Officers & Nominated Persons.
 - 12.01 Hon. Treasurer.
 - 12.02 Secretary.
 - 12.03 Group Chaplain.
 - 12.04 Deputy Chairman.
 - 12.05 Nominated Beaver Parent.
 - 12.06 Nominated Cub Parent.
 - 12.07 Nominated Scout Parent.
 - 12.08 Nominated Venture Scout Parent
14. Appointment of Other Executive Committee Members.
15. Presentations.
16. The District Commissioner.
17. Any Other Business, by permission of the Chairman.



**The Chief Scout
Garth Morrison**

After the meeting all present are invited to join the President and other Group Officers and Leaders for Cheese and Wine.

GROUP SCOUT LEADERS'S REPORT

We have seen another year of progressive scouting with the highlights being the visit of Roy Farmers J.P., County Commissioner to officially open the Camping Fields and the re-establishment of Venture Scouting.

I warmly congratulate the Sea Scouts on achieving the County Commissioner's Standard for the 3rd successive year and for again winning the District Pre-Emlyn Camping Competition and representing the District at the County Emlyn.

Older Scouts had a day of Lock Keeper duties at Fladbury Lock on the Lower Avon, and the Troop put on a good show at the Solent Regatta.

My challenge to the Scouts this year was an All Night Expedition and Adventure finishing with cooked breakfast at H.Q.

The Scouts had an outstanding Summer Camp in Wales and the Cub Scouts a very successful Pack Holiday at Ferny Crofts, the County Camp Site. The Cub Scouts also raised over £50 for the Royal National Mission to Deep sea Fishermen.

Beaver Scouts have continued to enjoy their weekly Colony meetings with the occasional special visits, and I have been most impressed with the Venture Scout Unit and the way it is developing as part of the Group family.

A report on each section appears later and I am sure you will agree they make most interesting reading.

My Assistant G.S.L's Ros White and Liz Gibbons have been an enormous help to me and I wish to warmly thank them, together with all Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Instructors and Helpers for their continued support.

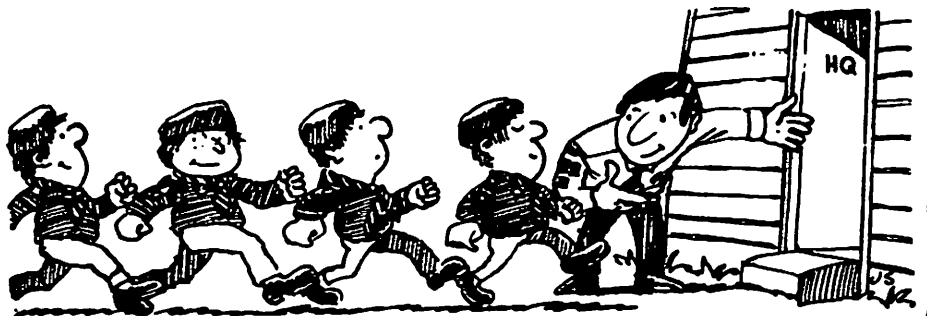
I also wish to thank Ings Transport for making the old H.Q. available for boat maintenance.

This year has seen the full benefit of the camping field by all sections of the Group and we are indebted to Mrs Clark for making it available.

The Executive and Fund Raising Committees have met regularly in support of the Group and I thank all members of these important committees for their continued support.

The Group has continued to develop to a point where we have to consider the formation of additional training sections, to do this we need your help - please come forward if you possibly can.

Brian R. Dixon.
Group Scout Leader.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

"The strength of any organisation depends on the quality of its leadership" (County Annual report 1989/90). The strength of 1st Sandleheath Scout Group has never been greater and this reflects the dedication and enthusiasm of our leaders. The aim of the Group is to provide exciting and stimulating scouting for the largest number of young people possible. As a direct result of our continuing success the Group has grown considerably during the last year and provided the Executive Committee and leaders with a dilemma. The only way to maintain the quality scouting appeared to be to set up a second Scout Troop as soon as possible and probably a second cub Pack in the not too distant future. the problem however was the number of leaders and helpers required. An Extraordinary General Meeting was held in January of this year to explain the dilemma to the parents, with the hope of encouraging possible new leaders to put their names forward. the result however was less than overwhelming and the problem of lack of sufficient leaders and helpers still remains.

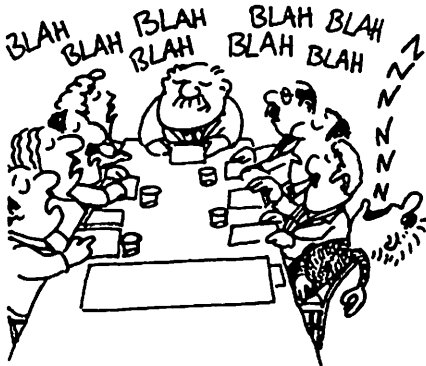
Financially the Group is reasonably healthy thanks mainly to the hard work of the Fund Raising Committee. We have added to and improved the camping equipment and boats during the year and spent money on improvements to Headquarters.

The question of the H.Q. has provided the Executive Committee with another problem during the year. When we lost the use of the old hut, we were fortunate to secure the use of the present H.Q. However this was seen to be only a temporary solution. During the year efforts have been made to find a permanent location for our own building. However land in and around Sandleheath is not easy to come by and the search goes on. The existing hut has proved to be too small and in constant need of maintenance.

In order to keep parents informed of current and forthcoming events, a newsletter has been produced every few months. I would like to thank Ros White for organising and compiling this as I am sure the initiative has been warmly welcomed by parents.

After three years as Chairman I feel the time is right for me to stand down and allow someone else to take over. I would like to thank all members, past and present, of the Executive Committee for their hard work, enthusiasm and support and everyone else who has helped to make scouting in Sandleheath the envy of the District.

**Stephen Hudd,
Group Chairman.**



1st SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1991



<u>RECEIPTS</u>		£
Cash in hand	Current a/c	205.92
1.4.90	Deposit a/c	4124.03
Subscriptions	90/91	168.00
	91/92	836.00
100 Club		1002.34
Scouts Environmental Award		200.00
World Jamboree		410.05
Leadership Training		90.00
T-Shirts & Sweat Shirts		275.08
Ham Jam 90		214.00
Founders Day Collection		38.19
Camp Fire - refreshments profit		6.56
Sponsored Scout Expedition		22.00
Expo 90		37.42
Camp Field Fees		27.30
Donations		70.00
Deposit Account Interest		224.63

<u>PAYMENTS</u>	£
Subscriptions 91/92	859.50
100 Club	360.00
Scouts Environmental Award	100.00
World Jamboree	687.50
Leadership Training	240.00
T-Shirts & Sweat Shirts	267.08
Ham Jam 90	216.65
Founders Day - Donation	20.00
- Expenses	38.48
Camp Fire - Hall Hire	12.00
H.Q. Rent to cover 5 years	1500.00
H.Q. Insurance	134.38
H.Q. Expenses	300.10
Camping Equipment	595.74
Boat Repairs & Equipment	124.79
Boat Insurance	91.00
Boating Membership Fees	215.00
Electricity & Water	87.52
Field Opening Expenses	93.45
Firewood	76.00
A.G.M. Expenses	75.00
E.G.M. Expenses	7.82
Badges, Pennants, Certificates & Handbooks	123.47
Pack Holiday Subsidy	110.00
Fladbury Lock Trip	23.71
Engraving	3.50
Remembrance Day Wreath	10.00
Lottery Licence	12.50
Scouting Magazine	10.80
Christmas Expenses	21.90
Venture Unit Expenses	187.30



<u>Fund Raising Sub Committee Functions</u>	
Bulbs	45.00
Draw	349.25
Barbecue	156.44
Teddies and Footballs	212.70
Flea Market	1227.87
Webb Ivory	920.47

Bulbs	31.46
Draw	146.00
Barbecue	20.00
Teddies and Footballs	120.36
Flea Market	126.56
Webb Ivory	819.87

Cash in Hand	Current a/c	462.42
	Deposit a/c	2531.39

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Funds held in Section Accounts at 31.3.91

Beaver Scouts Building Society	139.84
Petty Cash	15.93
Cub Scouts Building Society	338.44
Petty Cash	3.86

Sea Scouts Bank Account	422.88
Petty Cash	18.14
Summer Camp A/c	217.00
Venture Scouts Bank Account	121.89

BEAVER SCOUTS

The term "Busy Beavers" certainly applies to the Sandleheath Colony, we have been out and about all over the District in the last twelve months. Beaver Scouts joined in the opening of the camping field in May and sang a song with Roy farmers our County Commissioner.

There have been visits out to Fordingbridge Fire Station, Ringwood Police Station, Pennington for Brass Rubbing and to Edmundsham Pottery where Malak showed off her expertise at throwing a pot!!!

Eight lads were able to visit H.M.S. Beaver in Portsmouth Dockyard with others from our District making an occasion not to be forgotten.

Another event which gave Sandleheath Beavers a chance to have fun with other Beavers Scouts in the District, was the District Beaver Day held at the District Camp Site near Burley. Nearly 80 boys joined together to make Indian head-dresses, fish, have their faces painted and to join together singing and making merry.

Beavers, although the youngest section, are still able to do a Good Turn, and met up with Cubs and Scouts on a Litter Pick at Godshill.

They have taken part in the Christingle Service in Fordingbridge, the Carol Service in Ringwood and the Founders Day Parade and Service for our own Group in Damerham.

Many of our Beavers took part in the Handicrafts Competition in February, but although the ones who took part tried hard, without an all out effort it is difficult to gain any sort of placing.

Looking forward, all of the colony have said they would like to take part in the County Beaver Day at Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Petersfield. We hope for a similar response to our District Medieval Day in September.

Many thanks to my regular helpers Malak (Andrea Burton), Tic Tac (Fiona Lees), Tim Gaston (scout helper) and Rainbow (Robyn Fisher) who is also attached to the Venture Unit. I would also like to thank those parents who regularly turn out to help with transportation. Please come in and wait and listen to our closing ceremony, or join in with our silly songs, but most of all don't be a stranger, after all its your scout group too!!

Keo (Julie Gaston)
Beaver Scout Leader





CUB SCOUTS

The past 12 months has been a year of challenges, changes and achievements for the Cub scouts, beginning in April with the Pack Holiday at Ferny Crofts where they were able to enjoy a host of Cub Scouting activities including tracking, orienteering, abseiling, tree climbing, backwoodsman cooking, a camp fire evening etc., as well as a day out to Lymington which included a very interesting visit to the Lifeboat Station. Throughout the weekend all the cubs worked for and achieved their communicators badge and a jolly good time was had by all!!

Just as we had got used to our new headquarters another change occurred. Suddenly we had light evenings and a massive field to run riot "er sorry" to hold pack meetings in. This allowed us to enjoy many more activities than was possible before including games such as rounders, football, cricket and activities like fire lighting, cooking, shelter building etc.

In May we visited Ringwood Pool where many stage 1 and 2 badges were achieved and even a few stage 3. Then June saw the District Sports Day where for the second year running we won the shield.

Around the same time six of the older cubs attended a course with Ros White to work for the World Conservation Badge which covered many subjects and included a poster campaign to encourage re-cycling. They also designed a Save the World logo and had it printed onto tee shirts.

In July Mike Gaston (Skip) arranged a joint camp in the field. It was a great success with activities such as pioneering, night hikes, cooking over wood and a visit to the Spinnaker Lake for the Cubs to "have a go on the water" (canoeing that is, not walking).

After the summer break we settled into the autumn session. We had a Saturday morning at Burgate School for the cubs to achieve their athletes badge. The event was very successful with almost every cub achieving their targeted stage. Many thanks to all the Mums and Dads who turned out to help with the activities, it certainly made the day run very smoothly.

Shortly after in November was the District Swimming Gala. Once again a very well attended event with 1st Sandheath Cubs winning the trophy. Well done lads.

The new year saw the next big change with the introduction of the new Cub Scout Training Scheme which involves a lot more work for the cubs (and leaders), and so far has been enjoyable and challenging.

John and I have been very fortunate to enlist the help of Ros White and Graeme Rankin-Moore. Ros needs no introduction. Graeme has enthusiastically come in as an Instructor. He has a broad knowledge of many subjects including First Aid and Computers which will prove to be very useful.

March also saw the District cub 6-a-side Football Tournament. We were able to enter 2 full teams along with the required substitutes and they played very well but alas we did not quite make it and we had to give up the shield which we had held for the past 12 months. Never mind, next year....

Throughout the year numerous other badges were achieved both collectively and individually, such as First Aider, Sportsman, Musician, Entertainer, Photographer and Cook.

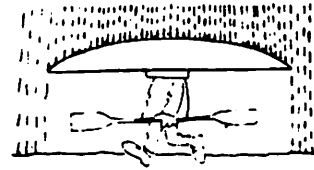
So as you can see it has been a full, challenging and exciting year and we have much much more to look forward to in the next 12 months.

Peter Staines, (Akela),
Cub Scout Leader





CONGRATULATIONS.



SEA SCOUTS

Activities Report

After the meteoric growth in the Troop in 1990, numbers remain steady at about 30 Scouts in the Troop. Over the past year we have welcomed 8 boys from cubs and said goodbye to two Scouts who have progressed to the Venture Unit. Welcome to Mike Giddens, who joined the Troop as ASL during the year. His presence provided a much needed boost to the Leadership team.

Although the Troop numbers remained fairly static, activity levels have been anything but flat with the mixed boating/general Scouting programme proving ever popular. Camping in particular seemed well received with up to 27 days camping available to those hardy souls who could take the pace! Notable camps over the year were:

The Opening of the Camping Field last May when we were honoured with a visit by the County Commissioner.

The District Pre Emlyn which was won for the third year in succession by Falcon Patrol.

The County Emlyn at Ferny Crofts in which Falcons put in a gutty performance.

The Summer Camp at Brecon which was a huge success. My thanks to Bob Wanstall, Geoff Fisher and Julie, my wife, for their hard work in the planning and running of this camp.

Ham Jam 90 A County Jamboree in the Lake District attended by six scouts from Sandleheath.

The Go For a Million Camp on a soggy weekend in september with other Groups in the District.

In addition to camping, boating was also on the menu. Because of the number of Scouts in the Troop, boating was split into two evenings. many thanks to those parents who came forward to assist in waterside supervision. We took part in the Solent Sea Scout Regatta for the first time in about six years. The Scouts gave a good account of themselves when they met proper sea for the first time!

Another first for the Troop was our participation in the Fordinbridge Remembrance Day parade and service.

Achievements in general Scouting were also recognised when the Troop gained the County Commissioner's Standard for the third successive year; a superb achievement.

1991 has started in tremendous style with the Troop gaining first place in the District Handicraft Competition. Looking forward to the remaining months of the year; several exciting events are planned, which include a return visit to Brecon, and another crack at 9th Lymington in the Scout Regatta.

We are generally regarded as one of the most active Troops in the District. This is only achieved by commitment not only from the Scouts and the Leaders, but also from the parents. Remember, Scouting is open to all, whether you wear a uniform or not. Any parent is welcome to join in with the opening or closing ceremonies, as well as offering support at various activities, so why not find out what we really are about - who knows, a new interest may be just over the horizon!

Mike Gaston
Scout Leader





VENTURE SCOUTS

September 1990 - April 1991

With several meetings of varying size and length in our early days, 1st Sandheath Venture Scout Unit was finally born. Was it a girl or boy you ask - well the parents (Liz Gibbons and Tim Jacobs) had successfully survived labour and after much pushing, puffing and panting they were delighted with their new family; 7 girls and 3 boys. Sandheath Venture Scouts were no longer 'just a twinkle in the eyes!'

Our first trip to the big outdoors was on October 31st 1990, Halloween, very appropriate we are what you would refer to as a spooky lot! This trip was a leisurely stroll (how healthy) followed by liquid refreshments at the High Corner Inn; start as you mean to go on, in the pub. Some of us were invested here.

We decided to try something new and exciting - Ten Pin Bowling, we really enjoyed it. Next came what could only be described as an 'educational experience'. Sandheath Ventures meet Paul Eslinger (Venture Scout Support Group). I don't think Liz appreciated the visit as the result of it was we now intend to build igloos in Scotland this coming February!! We've only had a few meetings and I can see Liz's hair turning grey already. We made her feel better by turning up to the Remembrance Day service; though the shock of how presentable we all looked nearly gave her a heart attack, sorry Liz, we're full of surprises.

Thanks must be given to Robyn Fisher, the only person willing to get their feet wet for the honour of Sandheath Venture Scouts at the District Swimming Gala. Something else that must be mentioned is our evening spent playing tennis. Oh wow how interesting and impressive I hear you cry, well it was, after all we did this in late November, Brrrr! I wasn't cold!

The December Executive Committee met and then went on to a video evening at Tessa Knapman's house, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all but those who had attended the Exec! For some reason they were all asleep in a pile in the corner: are Exec meetings boring - no of course not (ha, ha).

Our next major event was our biggest mistake yet.. Us poor innocent Ventures organised a Barbecue for all the lovely little Scouts!! A good evening, it was just a shame nobody could keep hold of Barry Fisher long enough to garnish, skewer and cook him.

Liz had a blissful few weeks break over Christmas but it wasn't long before we were back causing her hair to turn even more grey! (Don't worry Liz we'll buy you a blue rinse for your birthday!).

January was a varied month. we spent one evening indulging in the 'Arts'. We visited Edmondsham Pottery. 'Throwing pots' was probably the correct phrase to use; Liz's nerves were showing she was shaking so much her pot had a very original kink in it. After such an educating experience we found it difficult knowing what to do next, but we managed. 'Arachnophobia' was on at the Cinema, it seemed an appropriate test for Liz's nerves, which by now were looking very tattered. It was also in January that we had the bright idea of entering two teams for 'Eggo 91@'. With Roger's help on the First Aid we were ready for anything, we thought!

It was not only Eggo we had to practice for, the Group Social was almost upon us. it didn't take us long to whip something up. The whole thing was quite amusing or so Tessa seemed to think. We successfully executed our show, and James and myself have just signed contracts with the N.H.S. due to our impressive operational skills!

Before we had time to blink, sneeze or even breath we found ourselves at Damerham Village Hall for the Founder's Day Parade. Everything went very smoothly apart from the flag and myself had a couple of arguments with some very low trees. We rewarded ourselves with another trip to Tower Park, Ten Pin Bowling.

All of a sudden we had this sudden urge to get some money. Our entrepreneurial skills were in demand and we came up with a sponsored hike. Claire Hobbs and myself were to lead the group from Nunton to Breamore - we'd walked the route before. Did we get lost, of course not - we just took a different route! our walking paid off, literally, we expect to get in excess of £150.

This hike was good practice for Eggo, not that we needed practice. Eggo was an excellent experience to be endured next year. After our fright at being told we had to wring a chicken's neck, we were ready for anything! though the chicken was safe, as my group consisted of two vegetarians, a hairdresser and a Benjamin Ryan, none of whom were trained to kill!!! Everything went well in both teams, though by the time Tim's group reached Ditchend Brook they had successfully lost their disadvantage, 'My Mother'. They now at least stood a chance of finishing. (I just hope my mother never gets a copy of this!). Unlike the Leaders group we showed initiative, we came in the top three, that is if you are looking at it in reverse order of course, 16th and 17th. My team beat Tim's, well done team. Not meaning to rub it in but at least we don't have to organise it next year.

Eggo has taken its toll, we've done more sedate things since. Like the following Saturday was spent on a night hike with camping to follow. was it cold that night, no just -1°C, I'm still sniffing! In between Eggo and the hike we had been bowling at Tower park, what a surprise!

Easter at last and we still hadn't lost Liz or Roger yet. Either Liz has grown accustomed to us or the vallium is finally working! Perhaps we won't have to buy the blue rinse after all. We met over Easter and made Easter Eggs at Liz's house. we left never wanting to see another piece of chocolate as long as we live. I'll just leave you with a little advice: if you see a strange object in a black sweatshirt with a vulture on it, its O.K. its only a Venture Scout. The time you have to worry is when there's more than one of us!!

Tracy-Anne Coles, Unit Exec

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