



WATERLINES

News from
1st Sandheath Sea Scout Group

DOESN'T TIME FLY WHEN YOUR HAVING FUN

Is it really only 12 months since we starting meeting in our present **Headquarters** with no electricity an lighting by generator? We have made progress with the HQ, mainly thanks to Robin Brand, but we still have a long way to go. The outside needs recladding and treating and inside we still have to complete refitting the store-rooms and re-decorate. If anyone can get hold of materials or help, please contact Robin on 0425 655559 or me on 0425 654025.

The summer has not been a time of inactivity. The Venture unit went to **Snowdonia** for a week and enjoyed somewhat better weather than in the Lakes last year. The Scouts sampled the **Lake District** weather this year at the County Ham Jam Camp at Great Towers near Windermere. The weather was not too unkind, but 1 1/2" of rain in 3 hours one morning did create minor chaos! However I think they would all agree it was an excellent camp with a wide variety of activities. Venture Scout, Jo Copestake came up with the Scouts to join the sailing instructors and enjoyed the week sailing Warefarers on Windermere.

Since then the Scouts did an excellent job of organising the car parking at **Frogham Fair**, (where Kristian Wanstall defended his Wheelbarrow Race Championship).

The Fund Raising Committee and lots of friends have been busy organising the **Flea Market**. Special thanks to those who spend many summer evenings rushing around collecting items for this. I know many of the Flea Market helpers no longer have connections with our Scout Group but still support us and without them we could not run the Flea Market at all.

All the sections are now meeting again after the summer break and as we look forward to an autumn full of scouting activities, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Leaders and helpers for the time and effort they put into Scouting to help young people.

Ros White. Group Scout Leader

WANT A DATE?

October

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| 6th | Scouts meeting HQ, 7 - 9pm |
| 9th | Cub Kite Flying |
| 15th | Beaver Scout Challenge |
| 16th | District Scout Hike Competition |
| 18th | Group Executive Meeting |

November

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| 12th | District Cub Swimming Gala |
| 16th | Group Executive Meeting |
| 18th - 20th | District Scout Patrol Camp |

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Scouts in Summer

During the months of May, June, July and September, most troop nights are spent at **Spinnaker Lake** where the boys either go sailing or canoeing. Under the tuition of the Water Activities Instructors, they can gain R.Y.A. and B.C.U. certificates which in turn can qualify them for certain Scout Proficiency Badges. The Troop participate not only in the **Annual Group Regatta** but also the **Blashford Scout Regatta** and the **Solent Scout Regatta** which are open to any Scout Troop. A report of these events will appear in a later waterlines.

Though the sailing and canoeing are the main activities in the summer, we do enter the **Shobley Camping Competition**. This is a District event with the winners going forward to the County Competition. This year, Terry Morley (ADC Scouts) organised a District Cooking competition which proved very successful. The standard of both the camping and cooking was very high this year and our Patrol, led by James Bennett, came second in both competitions. The members of his patrol were Chris Douce (APL), James Merrick, Ian Jacobs, James Kerrigan and Edward Stott. Well done Lads!

The Troop have helped the Community on two occasions this summer; by supervising and collecting the ducks during the **Carnival Duck** race and by organising the car parking at **Frogham Fair**. The committees of both events thought our boys did a splendid job and it is good to be able to show people that Scouts can and do useful and helpful things in the Community. Again, well done to all the boys who helped.

One of the highlights of the Scouting year must be the summer camp. This year, 11 Sandleheath Scouts attended the **County Jamboree** from the 13th - 20th August. It was held at Great Tower Scout Campsite, three miles south of Bowness-on-Windermere in the Lake District.

Nearly 700 hundred Scouts alone with 200 leaders from all over Hampshire attended. The huge site, its perimeter is over five and a half miles long, is a paradise for Scouts and a nightmare for leaders; very hilly with plenty of trees and rocky outcrops to climb (and fall off!). The activities, which were organised by the County, were super. All were challenging and run by expert instructors. The boys took part in **archery, rifle shooting, caving, climbing, abseiling, canoeing, sailing and hill walking**. Of these, the caving seems to have been the favourite, despite getting very wet. Most of the other scouts there had little or no experience of sailing or canoeing but the instructors were very impressed with the way our lads handled the craft. In fact three of them took the County Commissioner out on Lake Windermere, (and brought him back!).

During the week there were two outings. One was a trip to **Camelot Theme Park** where the boys seemed to take a great deal of pleasure in being hurtled around very fast and upside down on one of the rides! The other trip was much more to my liking, a steam train ride and a boat trip on Lake Windermere. The week, which I am sure the boys will remember for a long time, was rounded off with a splendid sing song and a large camp fire on Friday night. To bring the whole camp to a close two of our Scouts, Stephen White and Ben Dobbs, had the honour of performing the **Flag Down Ceremony**.

A series of photographs taken during the week can be seen and copies are available at 20p each.

Tony Beavan

Cubs in Camp

What have we been up to since the last Cub report, which appeared in "Waterlines" in April? First of all we had our weekend **District camp** in the New Forest at Ferny Crofts, where a great time was had by all. Here our cubs joined about a hundred others, and spent the time camping and doing many other activities, including project work, earning badges, campfire singing, going round the assault course, and a night hike! Yours truly took some slides of the weekend, and has given a couple of slide shows since!

Not long after that was the **District Cubs Sports** afternoon, held in the splendid setting of Forres Sandle Manor school field. Here, the cubs took turns at a very varied range of activities, and athletics badges were gained, and grades improved on.

Meanwhile at the HQ sessions, we did cooking, had outdoor activities including compass work, and continued our wide range of activities. As I write this, the rain is beating down and it's black outside, but only two months ago in July, we were having summer outdoor activity sessions in the Sandleheath field!

At the end of June a couple of the older cubs joined some of the younger scouts at a camp at **Lyons Copse** near Southampton, and had a good weekend despite the thunderstorm when setting up the tents! Four of the older cubs also attended an **Adventurous Activities** day at Ferny Crofts.

The cubs take a break in August, but at the beginning of September we were back with a sixers and seconders meeting to help plan the next few months. They also helped sort out the piles of stuff for the flea mar-

ket. At least I think help is the word! We look forward to the coming year.

Robin Brand

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HQ

Help, Please!

The new canvas store is in use and proving very useful. Improvements to the plumbing have been carried out, including adding lagging and isolating stopcocks. At the time of writing plans are being made to move the wall of the "office" to make a more reasonable sized small meeting room. Shelves are going to be put up in the remaining general purpose store. **Help is still urgently needed** for these and other tasks. Please contact me on **0425 655559** to lend a hand.

Outside we still need to level and surface the car park area. Can anyone out there help!

Robin Brand

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T Shirts and sweatshirts are available again! New prices list this year, but some T shirts still available at last years prices - please contact **Mrs. S. Horsburgh on 0425 652927** for details.

1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group

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The Profit from selling Hampshire Draw Raffle Tickets was £93.50p. Thank you.

Congratulations to Pam Coles and John Shering on their marriage in July.

Ann and Bill Shepley produced this newsletter - At Last!

WOT - NO PICS?

Given the last few Waterlines you might wonder where the pictures are. The truth is that with lots to say and only 4 pages in this edition, there was no room. But they will be back in the new year. We would particularly welcome photo's from the Cubs, Beavers and Ventures for next time.