



WATERLINES

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Chairman's Report

This has been another successful year for Sandleheath, both on and off the water. On the water we have achieved good results in both of the regattas, as well as holding our own one.

We celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Group with a very enjoyable Barn Dance and also an activities day in the field which also very successful. It has been rewarding to see all sections up to strength, many now having to create waiting lists.

I am also very grateful to all leaders and parents who have contributed to the success of the group this year.

Alleyne Copestake
Group Chairman.



Ready for parade?! Perhaps not the most fun events in the year - but its nice to see the committment shown by the boys.

G.S.L.'s Report

I seem to be continually being called upon to write reports - it is fairly east to sit down and compose another page full of thanks to various people for giving time and effort to help promote scouting and grumble at the rest for not doing so. I am not sure this report is going to be any different! (No, but it's more than a page! - Ed.)

First of all I will explain our situation. Scout Groups exist to help young people - to help them learn to work together, to promote their mental and physical development, to help them learn about how to be a useful part of the groups or groupings they are part of and to encourage spiritual awareness. An awesome task! To do this we have unpaid volunteers, who think that the aims of scouting are worthwhile. Their reward is to observe the development of the young people they are trying to help. Any money required

has to be obtained from subscriptions and fund raising. The more money we get from fund raising and the more volunteers to do practical tasks such as repairing the HQ, the lower we can keep the subscriptions. We aim not to preclude anyone from scouting because of the cost. However ideal this aim it can not be achieved without commitment from everyone involved. We like to have funds available to help those who cannot afford subscriptions or fees for various activities. Here we move on to the thank yous -

Without our fantastic, hard working Fund Raising Committee we would be in considerable financial difficulties. Please support them. Maggie Dobbs is

an inspiration to us all in her unfailing enthusiasm and energy (if not in her time keeping!).

The Executive Committee exists to support the Scouters (Leaders and helpers). They are responsible for everything except running the four sections of our Group. In particular this means looking after and making purchases for the HQ, field, equipment in the field and HQ, boats, canoes etc., insurance, publicity, fund raising, Leader recruitment, Leader training, Group finances.....and much more. The Group Chairman has the task of leading the Executive and we must thank Alleyne Copestake for taking on this role as well as that of Water Activities co-ordinator over the past year. His enthusiasm will be greatly missed. Fortunately for the Group Anne Shepley is staying on as Secretary (at which she is superbly efficient) and John Douce as Treasurer (doing far more than his fair share as he is also taking charge of sailing activities this summer).

Now to what it is all about - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts.

We have new Leaders in Beavers and Cubs who have brought in lots of new ideas and enthusiasm into their sections. Nigel Hall in Beavers and John Crouter in Cubs are doing a fantastic job, as any of the lads in their sections will tell you. Liz Drinkwater and Jan Elkins have provided admirable support for Nigel and Saleem Rangoon, Morwenna Collins and Liz Baker have given John excellent help in Cubs. Unfortunately Liz Baker has moved away from the area and her quiet efficiency with the Cubs will be a greatly missed.

Mike Giddens and Steve Young have been working hard to keep the Scout section busy. It is obvious from their section reports what an excellent programme of activities they provide. We are in great need of more help since Lynda Smith abandoned us to go to Australia and Tony Beavan stood down after 4 years as Assistant Scout Leader. Their absence is particularly noticed as both supported all aspects of Group activities with enthusiasm and friendliness. Summer Camp will certainly be the poorer without them.

The Venture Unit has (yet again) been going through a period of change and difficulty. However I delighted to welcome Steve Wilfort to the Group as a Venture Leader. I am encouraged by the excellent turn out of Ventures at the St George's Day parade. Thanks to Rob Wanstall for his continued support of the Venture Unit, Julie Gaston for her help and Tim Gaston for undertaking the role of Venture Chairman with commitment.

Our Water Activities team - Alleyne, John, Hywel Morris, Paul Toynton, Lyn Stoddart and Karl Hardy have once again done a splendid job. They manage to provide sailing and canoeing activities which are well taught, fun, but with safety considerations paramount at all times. Come down to Spinnaker on a Thursday evening and see for yourself. You can not help but go away full of admiration for this team. I still have not finished the list of thanks - Donna and the District Team for their help and advice, Pat Wedderburn runs our 100 Club - as she always has done - quietly and efficiently. Mr and Mrs Clarke permit and support our use of their field in Sandleheath. Peter Ings has once again helped and supported our use of the HQ site. James Bennett has become a very efficient Quartermaster for the Group. I am sure there are lots of other people I should thank, especially the very tolerant spouses of all those listed in this report, but finally I must thank my son Stephen. He is now in a Venture Scout, but during the last year has undertaken helping regularly with the Scout section, he is an authorised leader for sailing and canoeing and is also editor of Waterlines and other Group publications. Apart from this he acts as my personal secretary for scouting activities. Thank you Stephen and thank you to all the other young people in Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venture Scouts for everything that you do for Sandleheath Sea Scout Group.

Ros White,
Group Scout Leader.



T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts

A batch of tee-shirts has been purchased, they contain a white group motif on a navy blue shirt - hopefully much more practical colours! These are available from Ros White at £4.50 (or £2.75 for a child).

Sweatshirts will be available, but due to the extra cost must be ordered - again please contact Ros White (01425 654025). These will probably cost £7.50 for an adult one or £5.00 for a child.

Fund Raising Report

Maggie Dobbs, Dawn Grey, Karen Hunt, Paula Manston, Caroline Morris and Heather Taylor were the six on your Fund Raising committee last year but with the help and support of parents for various events we still managed to raise the fantastic sum of almost £2000.

Dawn kicked off with a mini craft fair in the town hall on May 19th, not desperately well supported, being a Friday, but never the less a valient effort and £50 in the kitty.

June is the month of the annual Barbecue and we decided to hold it at the Spinnaker in conjunction with the 12 hour sailing race. We all felt it worked well and as £235 was made at the same time as having fun and watching the expertise of our offspring, it had to be considered a great success.

The barn dance in June was to commerate the 50th anniversary and big thanks here must go to Alleyne and Pauline Copestake, Roger Wedderburn and Mike Kerrigan for all their hard work in making £245 towards funds.

Treasurer's Report

This has been a mixed year for finances. The Fund Raising Committee worked very hard throughout the year organising in particular, the Barn Dance, Regatta Barbecue and Flea market as well as other events. Whilst we have not had to buy major items for either boats or camping, the general running costs such as insurance and maintenance continue to rise. Membership of Spinnaker sailing Club costs £500 Insurances for water activities and the HQ and Scouting equipment £700 Three of the Water Activity Instructors completed Safety Boat Drivers courses £180.

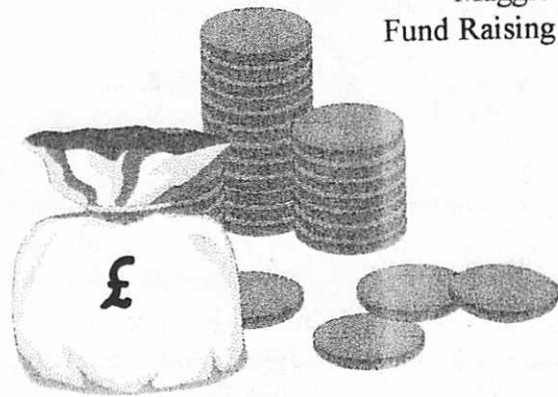
We followed that with a cake stall and another £129 plus donations from the BBQ at the camp of £64. We seemed to be constantly on the move and were at the same time selling county draw tickets which make 50% for our group.

Preparations then began in earnest for the Annual Fleamarket - I've lost count what number - can anybody remember exactly? A mammoth amount of collecting all sorts of goodies, storing, moving, sorting, labelling, moving again, setting up and advertising goes on and on until the day dawns early in September - 6.30a.m for most! Does any one have a good alarm clock? - please contact Maggie Dobbs!! We felt the drill hall was a great move from our angle and would welcome any positive comments. Thanks have to go once again to so many people who helped to raise the £1150 - 50% of whom probably have nothing to do with scouts at all - parents please note - the windscreen wash did not take place - nobody came forward to help.

If everybody pulls their weight a little it makes for a lot of fun, as well as funds. Sea Scouts need money for boats and equipment amongst other things, then they can have fun too - we need you.

At the moment the fund raising committee consists of Maggie Dobbs, Dawn Grey, Karen Hunt and Caroline Morris - help and support would be much appreciated. Thankyou for reading this.

Maggie Dobbs
Fund Raising Chair.



Detailed accounts will be presented at the A G M. In this next year we shall incur repair costs to some of the sailing dinghies and replace some sails. The HQ will require a considerable amount to be spent on maintenance and decoration, but others will explain this in detail. I hope that most Parents in the Group will be as generous with their time in helping with the fund raising activities in this new year as the present Fund-Raising team has been in the past.

John Douce
Group Treasurer.

Beaver Report

In line with the new Beaver Scouts Programme the Beavers have been involved in a range of activities. These have included miming, playing games, making eye patches, discovering who the 'murdered' beaver is under the blanket, discovering science and talking about lots of issues from brave discoverers, to describing our favourite chocolate bar!

Since Christmas we have continued to work towards our first Beaver Badges. This has entailed having a balanced and varied programme of activities. So, for example, we have gone on visits as well as having visitors and played and listened to music. The Beavers have made sweets and decorated biscuits, (having first washed their hands!) constructed a desert island on a paper plate and enjoyed hearing about each others favourite books. We have played lots of noisy games - our current favourite being 'smelly-sock!' Why don't you ask your Beaver to play this one at home!

Nigel Hall
Beaver Leader.

Cub Report

Another year gone and Sandleheath Cubs are still going strong. We have 20 boys at present enjoying their scouting. Last November we took part in the District swimming gala in which we came joint first with Poulner, we didn't fair quite so well in the District mastermind or football but the boys thoroughly enjoyed taking part and as always gave it their all.

We have organised a varied and entertaining programme for the Cubs for their development but more importantly their enjoyment. We have been out night hiking, tracking and visiting our local fire station, we had a joint meeting with SandleManor Cubs and hope to have similar meetings with other packs from the District.

We are rounding this year off with a weekend camp in July which will finish off a very busy year on a high.

John Crouter.
Cub Scout Leader.

Scout Report

I write this just after St Georges day parade in Ringwood for which we had an attendance of 18 scouts. Many of these claim to have been there under some duress but I suspect that there is in each a secret glow of satisfaction in having identified with something that is of value. Whether or not this is so the Scouts do definitely get satisfaction from jointly facing challenges, however trivial and seeing something achieved by their own efforts.

Whatever the reasons the troop continues to prosper. The membership remains high and is increasing. We have during the past year reinstated a fifth Patrol. Typical attendance is in the range 18 to 25 per week and though I am sure that being a Sea Scout Troop makes us attractive, the persistent high winter turnout shows we are much more than just a boating club.

The year has brought changes, Matthew Peddle has replaced Stephen White as Senior Patrol Leader. We have lost the two Smith girls by emigration to

Australia and with them the help of Lynda who made a big contribution as a uniformed leader.

Many of the scouts I remember being with us as shrimps are now coping with being patrol leaders and doing things they would not have thought possible two or so years ago.

Summer camp was in North Devon, there was a cycle ride, swimming in the river, cooking on wood fires, blood curdling wide games in the dark forest and a hike across the lonely wastes of Exmoor. This event was the last at which we had Tony Bevan and his help will be missed.

The usual list of popular activities have again been on our schedule; Field cooking on wood fires, a cycle ride over the New Forest and an evening of pioneering in the hut that started with the usual groan of not knots again and finished with intense competition to out-perform the other patrols. This spring we have had an evening shooting air rifles, cooking pancakes on bean tins and two wide games.

M Giddens
Scout Leader

Scout Report (Cont.)

The past year has seen us maintain our numbers at 30 boys in the troop, we even have got to the position where we had to stop admissions and start a waiting list.

During last summer we were as usual based at Spinnaker Club, where we gave a full programme of Sailing and canoeing, this culminating in our own regatta and participation in the County Regatta. The young people were also given open water experience at Mudeford.

The troop had a successful Summer Camp in North Devon where according to the reports everyone had a good time.

A full winter programme was provided for the Scouts covering the Progressive Training Scheme, Wide Games, Night Hikes, for example. Subjects included in the programme included activities ranging from making pumpkin heads at Halloween, to cooking indoors and out of doors on open fires. Rifle shooting was provided by the County Rifle Club.

The troop was well represented at the Remembrance Service in November and the District St George's Day Parade last month. Many thanks to the Scouts and their parents for their support on both of these events. Unfortunately during February we were unfortunate to lose Lynda Smith, our female leader. I don't think it was a reflection on us but she emigrated to Australia.

Tony Beaven for personal reasons also decided to give up his warrant and has left the troop. On behalf of the Troop I wish to record our grateful thanks to Linda and Tony for their hard work over the past year.

We also lost our Senior Patrol Leader Stephen White to Venture Scouts, but he does return every week to help the leaders with the running of the Troop, many thanks to Stephen for his help in the past year.

With Stephen relinquishing the post of Senior Patrol Leader I was pleased when Matthew Peddle took over and proved an asset to the Troop.

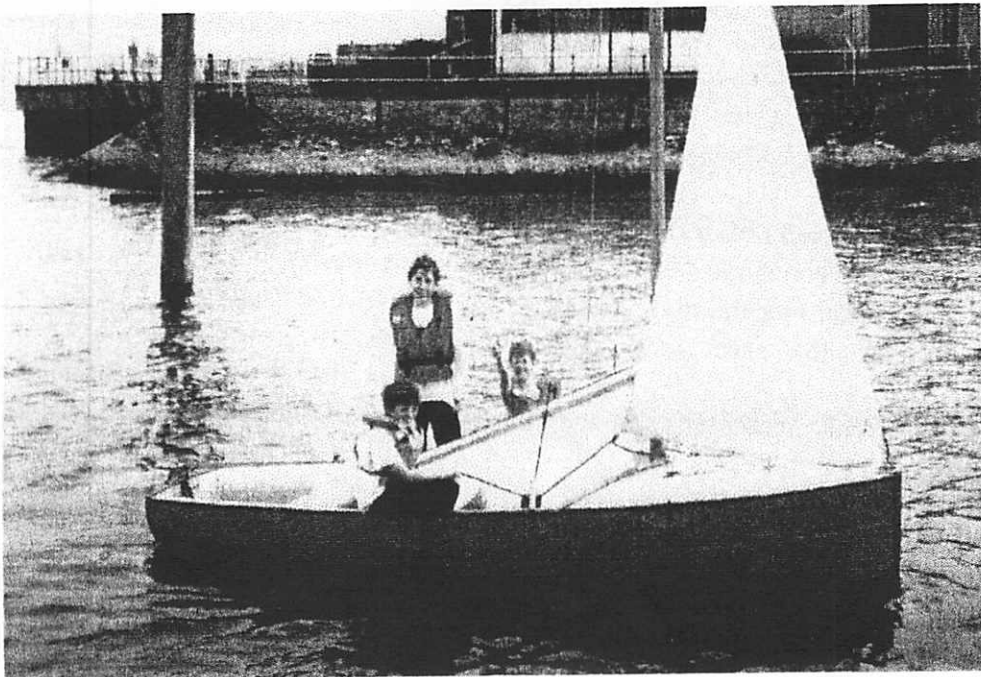
There has been some movement with some Patrol Leaders coming and going, but now we have stabilised and have a good group of Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, it is only with their help and co-operation that this Group can move forward.

I would also like to thank Mike Giddens for all his hard work and effort over the past 12 months in preparing a varied programme and ensuring that the Troop is kept running smoothly.

As to the future, in the Summer we are also providing land-based activities for those Scouts who do not want to, or are unable to, participate in the water activities.

We are strong Troop, have a good group of Scouts so together we build upon what has happened in the past year and I look forward to another good year of Scouting in Sandleheath.

Steve Young
Assistant Scout Leader.



A Sandleheath Crew returning from a successful race at the Marchwood Regatta.

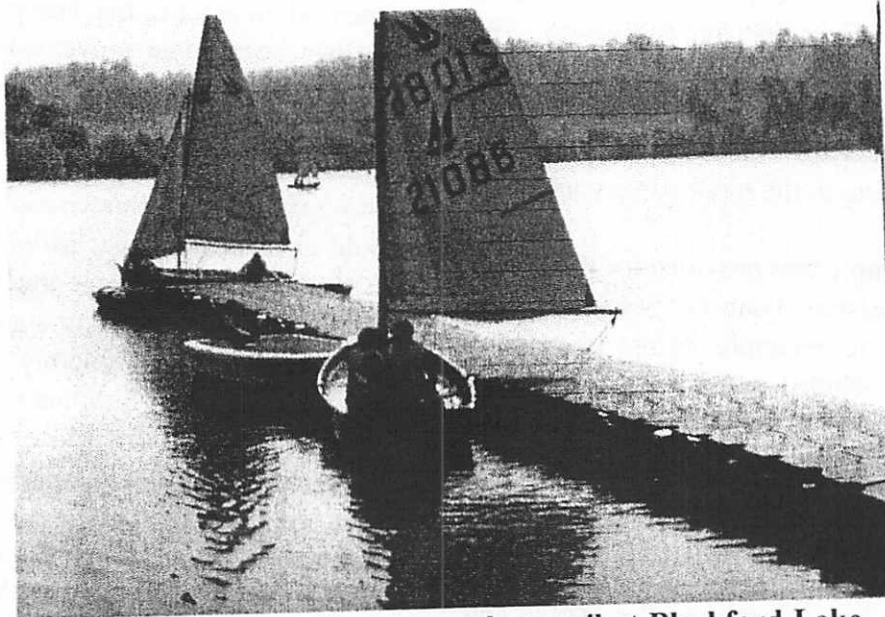
Venture Report

I would like to thank everyone who turned up for the St. George's Day Parade, the unit had a very good turnout, 8 out of our 11 members - better than the other units there, although the selection of 'uniforms' was interesting.

Activities during the year included Eggo, where we had 2 teams starting the event, one of which finished

2nd, well done to Tim Gaston, Charles May, David Yorke and Simon Hatchard on that achievement. We also had 2 very successful wide games, crafts evenings, went bowling, cycling and ski bobbing. Other evenings included navigation practice - very useful in light of our 2nd teams performance in Eggo! We are looking forward to many interesting activities to come, including team challenges, and the possibility of walking the Avon Valley Path.

Tim Gaston
Venture Chairman.



Sandleheath Mirror dinghies ready to sail at Blashford Lake.

Water Activities

Over the last year the 3 events that are best remembered are the Blashford Regatta and Marchwood Regatta, in which our crews did excellently, and our own group regatta, which included a 12 hour race and barbecue - a very good day, lets do it again!

We have been joined by scouts from other groups in the district, who have also contributed both funds and helpers to assist in maintaining the high standard of canoeing and sailing that we have here at Sandleheath.

During the season several Scouts also gained their RYA level 2 or RYA level 3 awards.

This year it was not just our boys doing well, with both Alleyne Copestake and John Douce gaining their RYA Instructor Qualifications.

The Sandleheath fleet now consists of 3 Mirrors, a topper and 4 Enterprises, although one needs fibreglass repair and one wooden boat cannot be

sailed until major repairs have been carried out. Over the next 2 years 2 mirrors will need to be replaced and some canoes also need to be replaced with new (lighter!) ones.

We have 6 fairly new single canoes, 2 new doubles and 8 other canoes.

A number of Scouts gained BCU 1* and 2* awards, during the year. Both Karl Hardy and Ros White achieved 3* and BCU Trainee Instructor. Ros White also gained Inland Proficiency (4*) and Canoeing Safety Test.

There were some excellent results in the canoeing at Marchwood Regatta, from both the boys and girls that entered this year.

Hywel Morris, Alleyne Copestake and John Douce all gained their Powerboat Level 3 safety boat qualifications.

All in all another very good year for water activities!

John Douce
Sailing Instructor.
Ros White
Canoe Instructor.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Report

Earlier this year we finally managed to get a small group of scouts interested in participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

The Award consists of 3 levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold; with each level there are four categories, Expedition, Service, Skill and Recreation. Over the past few months the group has been meeting after Scouts to do their expedition training, this has involved them in practising their map-reading skills, compass work, menu planning, country code and first aid. All this work has culminated in the planning of a practice expedition where the group will put into practice the skills that have been learned, this practice expedition will take place later this month. Provided that this practice expedition is completed satisfactorily then the group will start planning their main

expedition, which will be assessed towards their Bronze Award.

The expedition is normally the main focus when people consider doing the Award, but it must not be forgotten that each level consists of four categories, and each category holds as much sway as the next. The choice of what is done for the other three categories is up to the individual, at the moment choices for Service include; The St. John Ambulance Association and helping with Cubs.

We are fortunate that in being a Sea Scout Group as water activities give an opportunity for the Recreation and Skills sections to be offered to the participants should they wish to take the advantage.

Much of the Award work is also available for credit within the Scout Progressive Training Scheme, therefore work being done for the award may be used in the gaining of proficiency badges, etc., without the need to be done twice.

Although at present the group is small I am hoping that as the Scouts reach the age to do the Award that many will want to enter the Duke of Edinburgh's Scheme, and therefore build up into a thriving group. The activity is available for use and should therefore be used.

Steve Young
D. of E. Co-ordinator.

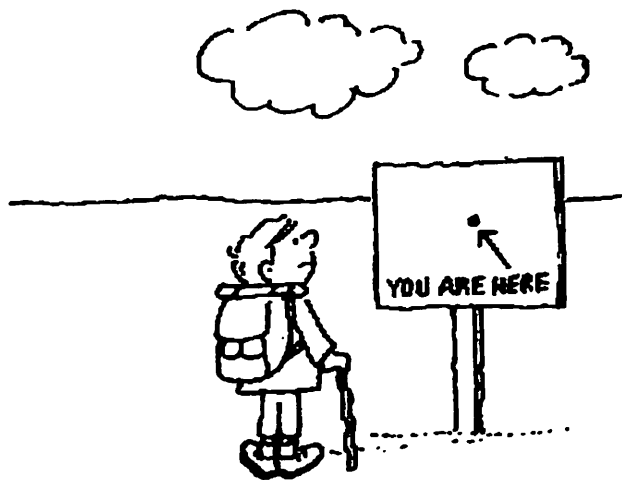
Editorial

Thankyou to all the Leaders, helpers, etc. who put the time into doing a report - but it would make my life easier to have them in by the deadline. Reports covering the summer season must be in by FRIDAY 21ST JUNE, they need not be long - just 200 words or so.

Reports can be hand written, though on disk would be preferred (the thought of typing in the 3,500 or so words isn't particually inviting, but it also makes life easier if disks are virus free next time!). IBM PC disks are preferable, though I should be able to cope with Macintosh, Archmiedes or Amiga disks - any file format will do, but either ASCII text or MS WORD 2.0 are best.

I would also appreciate borrowing any photos of Scouting activities, these will be scanned and returned as soon as possible.

Stephen White.
Waterlines Editor.



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