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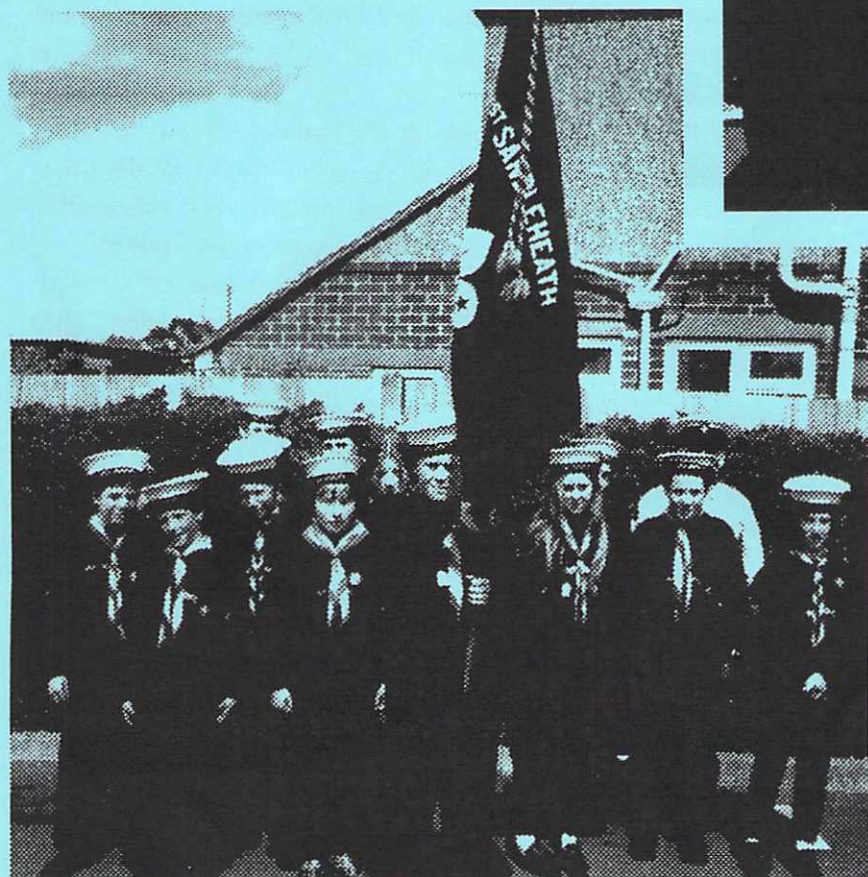
MAY. 1997 *A.G.M. Edition*

Chairman's Report

As they say "what goes round comes round", and here I am the second time round as "acting chairman", the first being 13 years ago when both my sons were in scouting at Sandleheath. I'm pleased to say that Colin Ritchie has volunteered to fill the post, so well done Colin.

This year is a very important one for Sandleheath as we apply for planning permission to erect a new scout hut on the camping field. As we all know our present hut is deteriorating rapidly.

A big thank you to John Douce for all of his hard work in work in preparing the planning application and finding sponsorship from Challenge Adventure Activities, as well as being Group Treasurer and his involvement in keeping Troop afloat.



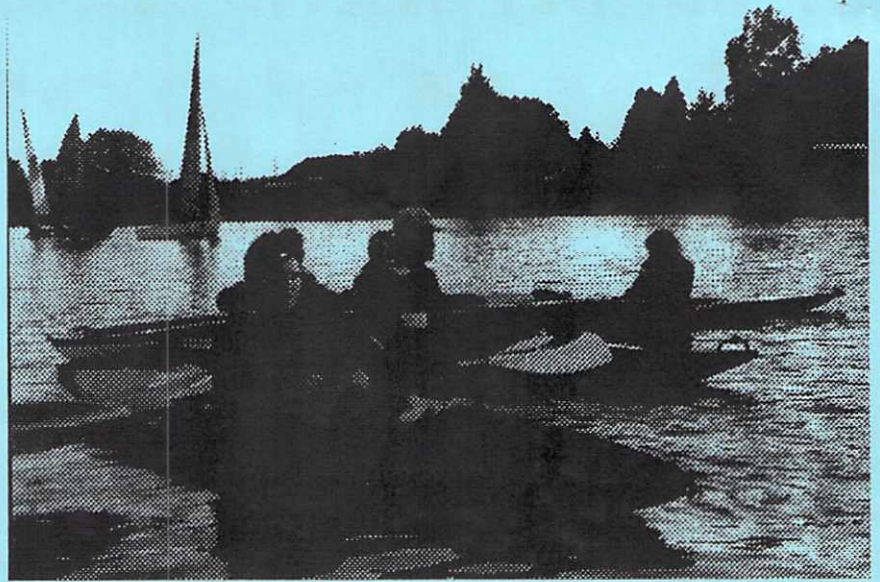
Being a Sea Scout group provides a superb range of activities for our children, but to continue to offer these we need to maintain a flow of leaders, instructors and helpers. It would be a great shame through lack of volunteers that we found ourselves in a position not to be able to offer these opportunities.

My thanks especially to Ros White, all the leaders, instructors, committee members (including fund raising) and helpers who have helped to make this another successful year at 1st Sandleheath.

Roger Wedderburn (Group Chairman)

G.S.L.'s Report

The last year has seen Sandleheath recognised as one of the most successful Sea Scout Groups in the County. Our 3rd place at the Blashford Sailing Regatta, followed by a brilliant third at Marchwood were excellent rewards for the Leaders and Scouts who have put a lot of effort into the water activities. The whole team can be very proud of these results. There were also some outstanding individual results. We have had an assortment of technical awards for Leaders and Scouts including: 2 Canoe Instructor Awards, 1 Sailing Instructor, 4 Canoe Safety Test successes, a number of RYA levels 1, 2 and 3, Canoe 1* & 2* passes and RYA Safety Boat and Power Boat awards. Our fleet of boats looked somewhat dilapidated by the end of a very busy season when various other Scouts groups and youth associations joined in our activities. Once again our own Regatta was a great success with many families enjoying a taste of sailing and canoeing and an excellent barbecue in the evening. We are also fortunate to have a very competent team of leaders, though, of course more are still required. Welcome to Julie Deacon, our new Assistant Beaver Leader. All sections are almost full, with waiting lists for Beavers and Scouts.



Helen Young enjoying some canoeing at Spinnaker

Congratulations to James Bennett on his Chief Scouts Award, to our Cubs on winning the District Football and to all the teams who took part in New Forest South's night hike.

The Scouts and Ventures have as usual had lots of outdoor and adventurous activities, as well as sailing and canoeing they have been caving, climbing, abseiling, hiking, etc., and Beavers and Cubs made lots of use of our field in the summer.

Many thanks to all leaders, helpers, executive members, fund raisers and all those members of the Group who have contributed to an outstanding year for Sandleheath.

Maggie Dobbs stands down from the Fund Raising Chair and our special thanks go to her for all the time that she has put into organising our very successful Fund Raising events, especially the Flea Market.

Thanks also to Steve Young who recently stood down from his position of Scout Leader. His efforts with the Troop have been greatly appreciated and any of the Scouts will tell you what a competent and well-liked Scout Leader he was. He has not totally left the group, we hope he will still be around to help us.

We are still hoping our planning application for a new H.Q. on our field will be successful - which will mean lots more fund raising. It is certainly time we had a H.Q. fit for the quality of Scouting that we provide for the young people of Sandleheath.

Ros White (G.S.L.).



1st Sandleheath Sea Scout Group

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Scouts

Water Activities Report

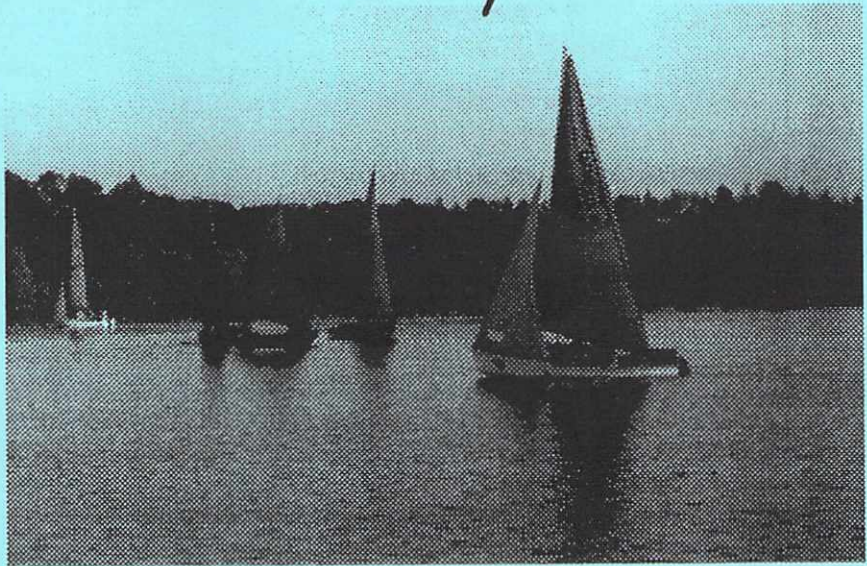
Competitively, last season was a successful one for our sailing. At the Blashford Regatta in June there was sailing for our Scouts & Ventures in Bosuns, Mirrors and Toppers. Our sailors sailed consistently and were able to keep out of trouble even though the courses for Bosun and Mirror classes were so close they mingled. The Race Officer decided that this caused far too much excitement, so courses were re-set. The result was that we were 3rd overall.

The Marchwood Regatta, in September, was the other event in which Sea Scout Groups from the Solent area (about 15 in number) meet and compete. The sailing took place in Bosun class dinghies; the pulling (rowing) in 4 or 2 oared gigs and canoeing in singles or pairs. Again we were 3rd to our friends from 1st Lymington & Barton, in spite of another confrontation with an eccentric Race Officer who did not know the rules!

The rowers and canoeists were superb and scored many more points than expected; a really fine effort of which all those who raced should be really proud. During the winter Alleyne Copestake rejoined as Boatswain and, with Cyril Downing and John Savage, they each refurbished a Mirror dinghy. Our sincere thanks, gentlemen - I hope that you have managed to work on your own boats in time for the season.

We now have a fleet of 1 Topper in good condition, 3 Mirrors in good order, 1 Enterprise (wooden) in good condition, 2 Enterprises (GRP) needing some repair and another wooden Enterprise needing quite a lot of work. Who will help us with these and 2 rowing boats that need work? Sue Martin has started repairing sails but we really need some new(ish) sails for all boats.

To those of you who sail at other clubs, we would be



very pleased to accept any cast-off, or we would pay nominal amounts for decent sails.

Our Thursday Troop nights were well supported; some parents were able to help us to get boats rigged and launched, whilst others came later and helped to put things away - always a difficult time for youngsters when they are getting tired and cold. Particular thanks to Hywell Morris who is our regular Safety Boat driver.

Some of our younger Scouts were able to qualify for RYA Awards and I hope to involve most of the sailors this season; we have several capable of qualifying at RYA Level 3 and nearly all at Level 2. However I would be grateful for help - the Scouts need practice with knots, splicing and simple weather forecasting to become real seafarers.

Another success was our ability to introduce our Beavers and Cubs to sailing and canoeing. Especial thanks to Roger Marsh for allowing us to use his Bass 16', which is a particularly safe boat for both young newcomers and the more wary adults.

We shall be continuing these activities this coming year and look forward to support from parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents because without this help the

canoe instructors and I cannot provide the supervision and training that the Scouts need.

John Douce
(Sailing Instructor)



Beaver Report

We started the September 1996 term just as a Sea Scout Beaver Colony should - on the water - and will be ending the summer term with another exciting evening down at the beautiful Spinnaker Lake.

But it's not all plain sailing! We've looked at maps, modelled with dough, cooked, mimed, sung, played games, made paper planes, had general knowledge quizzes, gone on moonlit walks and visited St. Mary's Church.

It is perhaps surprising what Beavers enjoy doing. They found the litter pick great fun and really enjoy sitting quietly listening to stories. Of course they enjoy playing games. But however popular an activity might be we don't repeat it too often because then we would not be able to achieve the balanced programme of activities that is so essential if we are to help develop the youngsters.

We are particularly keen to help develop the Beavers social skills and sense of community. So we encourage teamwork, the need to support all the members of a group, and discussion of what works well and what can be bettered. We vary the membership of teams and get the Beavers to participate with lads they might not know from school.

Looking forward to next September Tic Tac will be launching the Beaver Scout Challenge Badge. This new venture for Sandleheath, involves the older Beavers carrying out four personal challenges agreed with and monitored by their parents. The resulting badge is the highest award that a Beaver can get and can be worn at Cubs when they 'Swim Up'.

All in all it's been a great year, lots of fun and friends with a great group of youngsters!

Sandy (Nigel Hall)
Tic Tac (Julie Deacon).

Cub Report

The Cubs have had an exciting year, following a varied programme of activities - these have ranged from a nature walk (last week) & night hikes to First Aid and other indoor activities. Being a Sea Scout Group the Cubs have also enjoyed Sailing and

Canoeing at Spinnaker. All of these helping the Cubs through their progressive training awards - and preparing them for the big move up to Scouts.

One of the big surprises (nice surprises) of the year was winning the District Cub Football competition. This meant that the Cubs went forward to play for the District in the County competition, where another surprise was in store - they made it to the semi-finals! Well done!

We also had a good attendance at this years St. George's day Parade.

Thankyou to Mo Collins and Fina Reidy for all their help.

We are looking forward to another exciting, interesting and enjoyable year - which will begin with the District Cub Camp at Burley in July.

Jon Crouter (Cub Leader)

Scout Report

This has been a very busy time. In September, I took over from Mike as Scout Leader, and with the help of Mike, Krysha, Penny and Lyn, I have managed to keep the Scouts occupied during the winter months. By bringing the troop up to 5 patrols we have managed to increase our numbers to 35. Over the past year we have had some new Scouts join us, both from the Cubs and from outside the Group, and on every evening we have had between 25 and 30 Scouts, so we must be doing something right.

During the summer three of our Scouts did more work on their Duke of Edinburgh Award, and hopefully by the end of this summer they will have achieved their Bronze Award. The summer was spent on the Lake canoeing, sailing and progress was made in some of the relevant awards, be it B.C.U. or R.Y.A. We had a very successful time both in our own regatta and the Solent Regatta, where we came a very creditable 3rd.

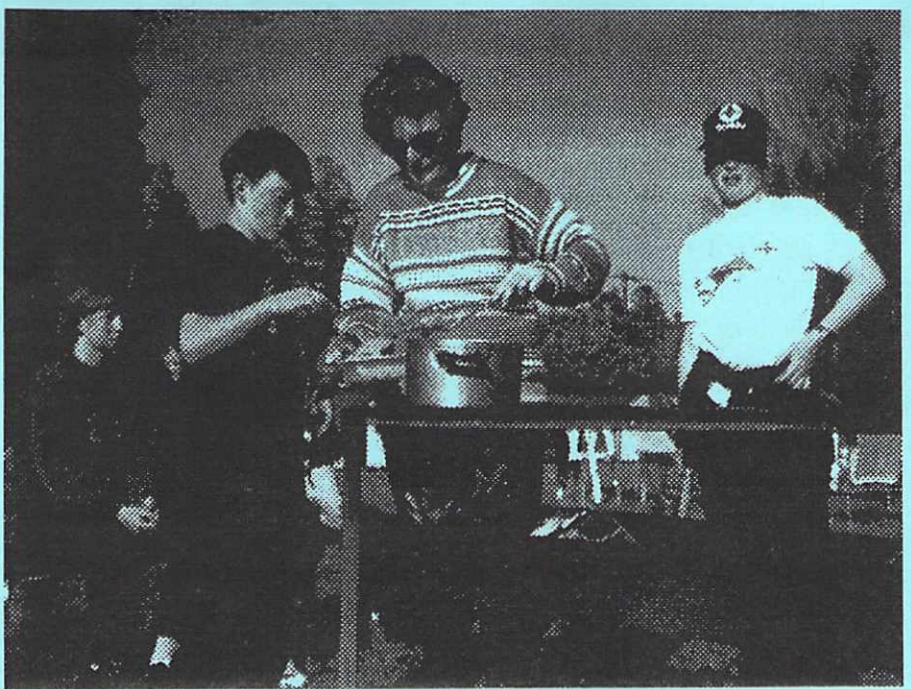
During the winter months we concentrated more on what I term as proper Scouting activities (although the boys and girls do tell me that they are proper Scouts and have made progress in the Scout Awards, with Sam and Ian both gaining the Leadership Award. Quite a few proficiency badges have been gained - keep up the good work.

On the camping front we enjoyed a weekend camp at Marlow, by the River Thames, where we enjoyed Canoeing and Rowing, and spent a day at Legoland.

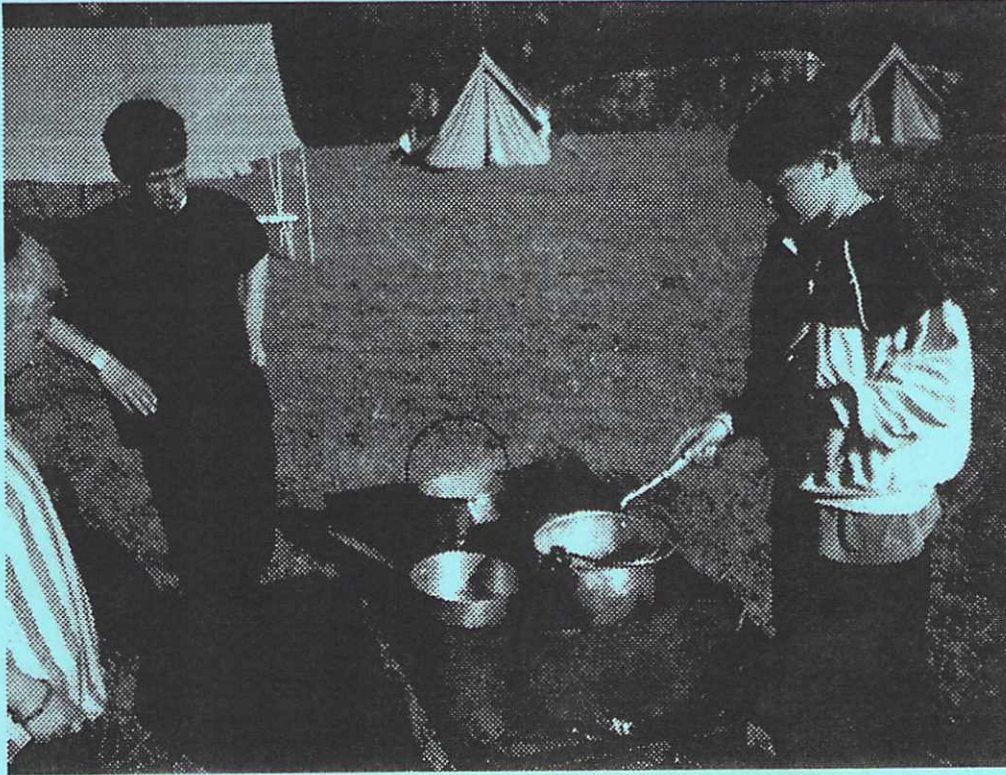
At the beginning of April we help our first weekend camp of this year at the field, I think everyone gained something out of it.

Two patrols of Scouts also did very well at New Forest South's 'SALLIE' night exercise - both patrols won their section with Ian, Sam, James and Chris coming an excellent 2nd overall.

It is good to see that the number of girls joining the troop has increased. On a final note, unfortunately due to other commitments I have had to give up the position as Scout Leader and I am taking a break for a while. I think the troop is a very capable one and has a good group of patrol leaders, who have proved that they are able to run the troop, without



Busy cooking supper on Scout Camp



leaders having any input, well done. On this basis the troop can look ahead and go from strength to strength. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, Mike, Krysha, Penny, Lyn, Stephen, James and Claire for all their hard work over the past year. Also I'd like to thank Ros and the Executive Committee for their support. **IT'S ALL ABOUT TEAMWORK!**

To the boys - I've enjoyed myself, remember, build on what you have achieved over the past year and Sandleheath Sea Scouts can go places.

Steve Young
(Scout Leader)

Above: Nick Mowbray, Tim Poole and a fire - a recipe for disaster?

Left: The Troop afloat at Spinnaker



SALLIE '97

The hike started at 7:00pm and we were not expected back until 2:30am (a long night!)

On the 18 April 97, New Forest South District ran their S.A.L.L.I.E. competition. Sandleheath entered a team in each of the 3 categories, Leaders, Scouts & Juniors.

My team consisted of Myself (Sam Bennett), Chris Hirst, James Hunt and Ian Jacobs.

We were expected to carry out many Scouting tasks,

such as a First Aid exercise, cooking fried egg and carrying a box across a ravine.

Out of 8 teams our team came second overall - and first in our class, the junior team came first in their class (but unfortunately last overall), and our leader team won overall.

We were all very tired at the end but we thoroughly enjoyed it. Well done to all those who took part and to the parents that picked us up at 3 O'Clock in the morning!

Sam Bennett (Scout)

Fund-Raising Report

As always we have been very active over the last year. In total we have raised over £1700!

Our major earner this year was the flea market in September, where we earned an impressive £1100. Thanks to all who helped. Other events included cake stalls, the barbecue and a supermarket bag pack. This last event raised over £300 and we will be repeating it earlier in the year.

The barbecue followed the regatta at Blashford and was well supported. It is a pleasant way to get together in nice surroundings. Add good food, a glass of wine and hopefully a pleasant summer evening - what more could you want?!! This year's barbecue is on the 7th of June from 6pm onwards. We do hope you'll come along to a great evening and help raise funds for the group.

As mentioned in a previous letter Maggie Dobbs has retired as chairman of the fund-raising committee and I, for my sins, took over. Maggie's swan song was the aforementioned bag pack. Hopefully this will become an institution. Many thanks to Maggie for all her hard work over the last four years.

My final plea is for help. We DESPERATELY need committee members. If you feel you could help on the committee, or in any other way, please do contact me. I would be delighted to hear from you.

Thank-you for all your support and here's to another years successful fund-raising.

Caroline Morris
(01425 656250)

Venture Report

The Venture's have had quite a varied year! At the end of last summer most of the unit left for university and I was left as Venture Chairman by default - there was no-one else in the unit. Since then we have recruited quite a few new members, and have had an interesting programme that has seen us climbing, caving, hiking, sailing and canoeing - as well as many other things including barbecues, bowling, various night exercises and pioneering.

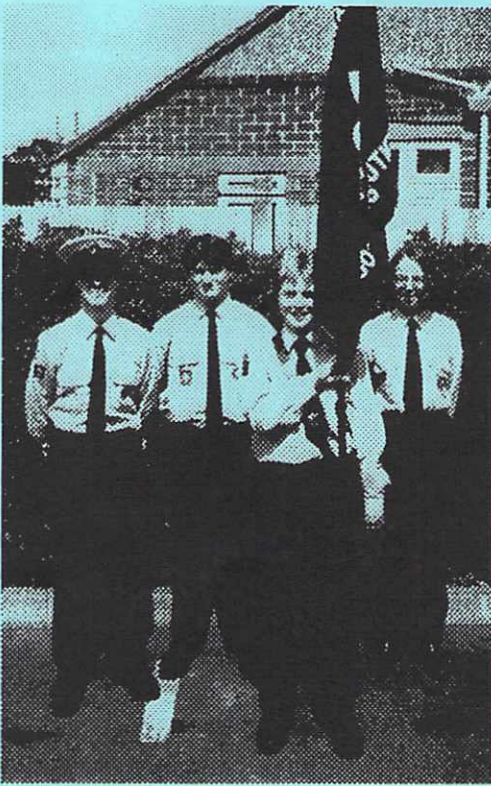
The unit seems to be experts at getting people wet - and not just through sailing! Bogs, bridge building and the British weather are a few examples of the methods people have managed to find so far.

We participated in last year's Marchwood Regatta - one of just a handful of units to do so - and after the winter break are now looking forward to this years Solent Regattas with renewed optimism.

Sandleheath Ventures recently assisted New Forest South by running a pioneering base at S.A.L.L.I.E. - which will be remembered by all as a very long, but interesting, night. This was also the first evening that some of the unit got to experience my driving, and my FIAT Panda. They survived! In fact the people riding with Tony Parker drew the short straw as he dramatically burst a tyre on the way back, so by the time it was changed they didn't return home until well after 5am - ready for work at 8:30am.

I would like (again) to thank Steve Wilfort for his assistance as Venture Leader and Taxi Service, and also Karl Hardy for his support as A.D.C. Ventures. I hope that the unit has an even more exciting year to look forward to, with a few more members there are few limits to what we can do - so 1997 should be good.

Stephen White (Venture Chairman)



Steve Wilfort, James Bennett, Claire Ritchie and Rosemary Douce representing the Venture unit at the St. George's Day Parade

Editorial

Thankyou to everyone who took the time to write a report (even those given to me at 10:30pm, 5 days after the deadline) - I managed to fill the entire Newsletter without a single piece of clipart this time! A special thankyou must also go to John Douce for supplying the photos St. George's Day, and to Colin Ritchie for taking photos of the Scouts Sailing. However I can't believe that not a single Beaver or Cub parent, helper or leader took a photo during the last year - but I haven't seen any and so can't include them!

It would be nice if some Cubs and Scouts could write about their District/Summer camps, so that I can include them in the newsletter.

Please remember that its YOUR newsletter, so if you have any comments or suggestions I would like to hear them so that I can make it even better in future.

Stephen White (Waterlines Editor)

Provisional Programme - 1997

May	1 - Thur	Water Activities Start (Spinnaker, 6:30-9:00pm).	<i>Scouts/Ventures</i>
	10 - Sat	Charity Fair at Sandleheath.	<i>Scouts/Ventures/All Parents</i>
	13 - Tues	District A.G.M.	<i>All Leaders</i>
	20 - Tues	Group A.G.M (St. Mary's Church Hall, 7:00-9:00pm).	<i>All</i>
June	7	Group Regatta/Barbecue.	<i>All</i>
	14 - Sat	Solent Sailing Regatta (Blashford).	<i>Scouts/Ventures</i>
	?	District Cub Camp	<i>Cubs</i>
	20-21	Scout Hike/Camp, Canada Common?	<i>Scouts</i>
July	5 - Sat	Cub Day at Marwell	<i>Cubs</i>
	12/13	Scout Survival Camp at Sandleheath?	<i>Scouts</i>
	?	Group Cub Camp	<i>Cubs</i>
	19 - Sat	Fordingbridge Show, 9:00am onwards - help with Show Jumps.	<i>Scouts/All Parents</i>
	30 - Wed	Scout Summer Camp Starts.	<i>Scouts</i>
August	<i>No weekly Section meetings in August</i>		
	6 - Wed	Scout Summer Camp Ends.	<i>Scouts</i>
	23 - Sat	Frogham Fair, Car Parking.	<i>Scouts</i>
September	20-21	Marchwood Regatta	<i>Scouts/Ventures</i>
	25 - Thur	End of Water Activities at Spinnaker.	<i>Scouts/Ventures</i>
	27 - Sat	Flea Market	<i>All</i>



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