

# 1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



# WATERLINES

OCT 99

*Autumn Edition*

## *G.S.L.'s Report*

Once again we can report all sections full or overflowing and carrying out some very good and successful scouting. Welcome to some new leaders, Jo Young in Beavers, Hester Hammond (Cubs) and Sue Chase (Scouts). We are still looking for leaders in both Beavers and Cubs as Nigel and John have to step back a little due to other commitments.

Our water activities season has been a great success, culminating in both Scouts & Venture Scouts achieving 2nd overall places at Marchwood Regatta. Special thanks to all who went along to help run this regatta, our contribution is now essential.

Could all Beaver and Cub parents please remember to go into the H.Q. to collect their children, especially now we have dark evenings.

We are going to do a little renovation work on the old H.Q., so that it will last until we have a new one! We will be putting out pleas for help - the leaders should not be expected to do H.Q. Maintenance, so please volunteer.

Please support the fund-raising activities - the Casino Evening on October 16th is the major event of the year. We hope to see you all there. Also prompt payment of subscriptions would be appreciated, reducing the need for reminders, phone calls, etc.

We are in desperate need of somewhere to store boats over the winter - has anyone got a garage/barn/shed or similar that we could use please? Most of your boats are wooden and deteriorate considerably if left out over the winter, adding to maintenance time and cost. Thanks to all those parents who help and support the group - I don't have to tell you how much your children benefit from Scouting.

Ros White - G.S.L.



*Our Ventures went with  
Hampshire Extreme Venture to  
Switzerland - find out more on  
page 4.*

*Marchwood Regatta, results and  
information on page 9.*

# Beaver Section

It did seem towards the end of the summer term that our Beaver Colony would have to close but at the last minute Jo Young (wife of Scout Leader Steve) stepped forward and agreed to become a warranted Assistant Beaver Leader. Well done Jo - who has already taken on the Beaver name Rowan. Thanks must also go to Steve and Jo's daughter Helen who is also coming along and helping the meetings go smoothly!

So what have we been doing? Well, last term saw us sailing on the Lake and visiting Moors Valley as well as having a great day out at Ferny Crofts along with 100s of other Beavers. We played lots of games both in the field and in the grotty, but friendly, Scout Hut. Sometimes we play rough games; sometimes we play games where the Beavers have to shout. And sometimes we even play quite games where the Beavers talk or mime. We also do quite a bit of

singing, a little bit of colouring, quizzes, races, chatting and making things.

This term Rowan and I have planned a variety of activities and having started with Sailing (and with thanks to all those adults who always help out on these occasions). We are moving onto home safety, cooking, favourite books, a visit to the Methodist Church and our annual midnight walk.

We are hoping to make better provision for those busy parents that are able to come along every now and then and lend a hand. Parents are always welcome to come along and lend a hand provided that they have completed the obligatory 'WE' form.

This term will see us waving goodbye to James Bailey, Matthew Deacon and Tom Reidy who on reaching the grand old age of eight will be joining their friends in Cubs. As they move up new young Beavers will be joining us and so the fun carries on.

Nigel Hall (Sandy) - Beaver Leader  
Jo Young (Rowan) - Asst. Beaver Leader

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## What's it really like to be a parent helper at Scouts?

Two years ago when my daughters joined Sandleheath Scouts I was asked to volunteer as a female helper on Scout nights. I agreed to go on a rota with other mothers. I thought you might be interested in my experience in case you ever get asked to help. The one thing I have found out is that you won't get asked to do more than you want to and that actually - it's quite fun!!

As the mother of two girls I really had no idea what boys of 11 to 16 were like. The first few weeks were quite a shock! It seemed to me at first that boys are rowdy, boisterous, love noise, mess and need constant supervision to prevent them setting fire to themselves or killing each other. I came home each Thursday with a splitting headache and wondering what my daughters found to enjoy there (I know now, it's the

boys!). However, after a couple of sessions I started to see the pattern emerge and that the total chaos for 2 hours interspersed with leaders shouting did result in things getting done and skills being taught. Gradually I could see that Scouts was mainly about having fun and that's what everyone was having. I started to get involved in the activities, even running a few myself. I asked to get involved in the badges and ensuring that the Scouts did the work needed to get their awards.

I still only help at about half the evenings, I don't do outside is my response to any winter outdoor activity! I help organise badge courses and now I take minutes at Executive meetings. I thoroughly enjoy the small amount I do and get enormous pleasure from seeing young boys and girls learn how to work together and develop leadership skills over time.

If you are approached to help at your son or daughter's section in a small way do have a go. You may find you enjoy it and if you want to, you can do more but I can assure you that you will never be asked to do more than you want. I have heard people say that if you help once the next thing you know they want you to be a leader, well it's not true.

Kryisia Chambers - Scout Helper

# Scout Section

## Caving

## Summer Camp

After a long car journey up towards Bath we reached our destination, Swildons Hole, near Priddy. We got changed in a small 'holey' barn in a small village with a population of about 10 probably.

After a quick Mars bar we set off down the cave (through a small dark hole in the ground).

The cave is a wet cave so we all had wet suits on but that didn't stop the cold coming in. We were down there about three and three-quarter hours, which is a long time if most of it is spent in the water.

We all accomplished a ladder climb (easy) and went through a sump (not so easy). A sump is where you have to pass under the water for a few seconds to reach a further part of the cave. We made our way back to civilisation slowly although there were a lot of people down there to my surprise. We made it to the top to find the weather was as miserable as when we left it.

Overall a good achievement and experience

Paul Pickering - Scout

This year's scout camp was held at Burnbake, Corfe Castle on the Isle of Purbeck. We were there from Saturday 24th July to Saturday 31st July. It was a great success with out 50 Scouts, Leaders and helpers from both Sandleheath and Barton troops. We met friends again that we made the year before from the Isle of Wight camp.

We had a really exciting range of activities including canoeing on the River Piddle, climbing on the Dorset Coast and a lot of other activities. We also went on day hikes to the beach at Studland and we got the Steam train to Swanage where everyone enjoyed themselves.

We had really good weather for this week and it was really too hot!

We must thank all the Leaders and helpers from both troops for giving up their week. We hope there will be an even better Scout camp next year!

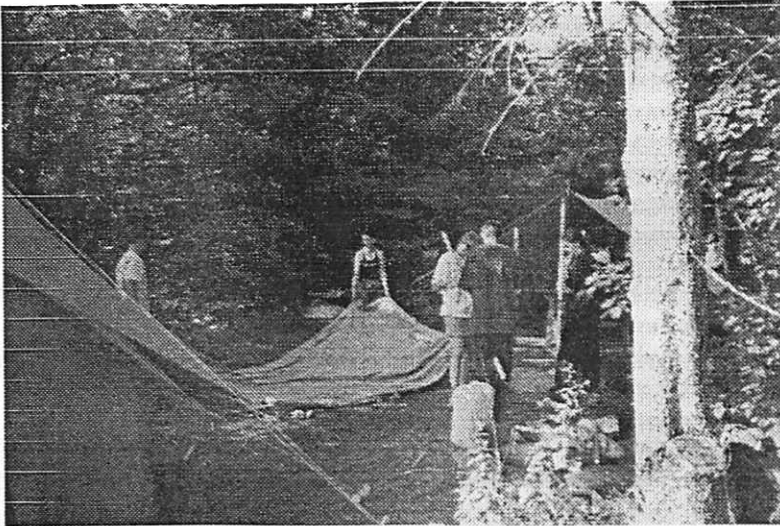
Richard Savage - Scout

**Below: Scouts set up camp at Burnbake on the Isle of Purbeck**



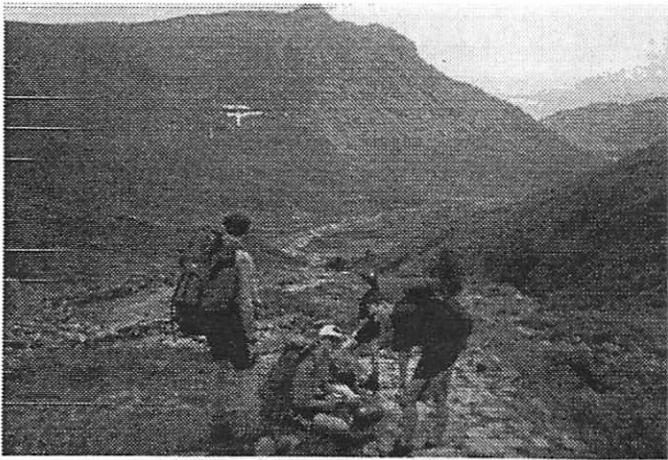


# Venture Section - Switzerland



This year's Venture expedition was to Kandersteg, Switzerland, with Hampshire Extreme Venture (H.E.V.). On the campsite we were among the 300 or-so Venture Scouts from Hampshire who formed H.E.V. (and our invaluable leaders and instructors) as well as around 1,200 other Scouts from all around the world.

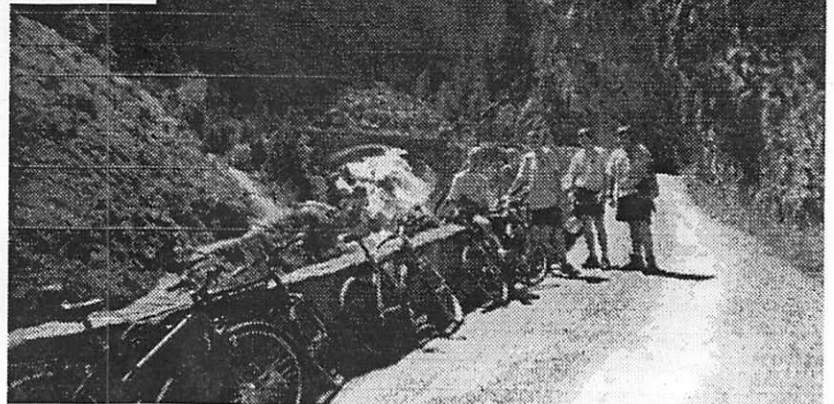
We had a great time and I think all of the ten Ventures from our unit who went learnt a lot for the experience as well as finding it both rewarding and enjoyable.



**Top:** Setting up camp in Kandersteg

**Above:** Our training expedition in the Lake District

**Right:** Cycling to Seldon on day 3 in Switzerland



Even the weather was kind to us (well, some of the time and I don't think Camelot Subcamp would agree). During our stay in Switzerland we made many friends and undertook lots of activities new to many members of the unit, hiking on snow, ice and even a glacier, white-water rafting, paragliding, cycling (okay, this wasn't new to many people but the scenery was spectacular) and many others - it's not a fortnight that any of us are going to forget for a long, long, time. We also organised ourselves two expeditions, a four day one including a lot of walking high in the

mountains for the more able, and a three day one for those preferring to take life at a (slightly) gentler pace (although after the busy first week of camp I don't blame them!).

There's no way I can begin to describe everything that happened while we were away, so I won't even attempt to bother [or is it the fact that it's 2am and I've got the rest of the Newsletter to type, edit and print for tomorrow? - ed]. Those of you wanting to find out exactly what went on (okay, not EXACTLY, but most things are there) can read my diary and see a few more of the pictures at:

<http://www.ox.compsoc.net/~swhite/hev/> and we also plan to put everything onto CD shortly. Switzerland and H.E.V. definitely ranks alongside the World Jamboree at the top of the things I remember best from the past 13 years of Scouting - and it's certainly a memory I want to keep.

Stephen White - Venture Scout

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|----------|---|---|
| October  | Sun, 3  | District Cub Handicrafts  |
|          | Sun, 3  | Pat Cross Trophy Hike (Scouts), 10am.                             |
|          | Thur, 7   | Scouts return to hut for weekly meetings.                         |
|          | Mon, 11   | Group Exec. Meeting   |
|          | Sat, 16   | Casino Evening (Over 18s), 7:30pm, Damerham Village Hall.         |
| Mon, 18  | District Scouters Meeting, 8pm, 1st Ringwood Scout HQ |   |
| November | Mon, 8  | Group Exec. Meeting   |
|          | Sun, 14   | Remembrance Day   |
| December | Mon, 6  | District Carol Service, 6:30pm, Ringwood                          |
|          | Sat, 11   | Eggo  |
|          | Tues, 14  | Last Beaver meeting of 1999 (Christmas Party).                    |
|          | Thurs, 23   | Last Scout meeting of 1999 (Christmas Party).                     |
|          | Sat, 25   | Deadline for Christmas/New Year/Millennium edition of Waterlines. |

## *Christmas means Webb Ivory!*

Webb Ivory Catalogues are a great way for Scouts to raise funds. A catalogue contains thousands of items for Christmas: cards, wrapping paper, ribbons, decorations, gifts, etc. If every parent places an order AND gets a friend or neighbour to place an order we could raise several hundred pounds. The catalogues have been ordered and you will get your copy soon so please do not rush out just yet to buy all those last minute Christmas items!

### *Group*

|                     |                  |   |              |
|---------------------|------------------|---|--------------|
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| Old HQ Maintenance  | Vaughan Bradbury | 65 Allenwater Drive, Fordingbridge          | 01425 655491 |

### *Water Activities*

|                    |                    |   |              |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|--------------|
| Canoe Instructor   | Paul Toynton       | The Limes, Damerham                         | 01725 518510 |
| Canoe Instructor   | Ros White          | The Roost, Abbotswell Road, Frogham, F/b    | 01425 654025 |
| Canoe Instructor   | Graham Bland       | Appletree Cottage, Hyde Common, F/b         | 01425 653890 |
| Canoe Instructor   | Karl Hardy         | 4 North Plumley Cottages, Harbridge, R/Wood | 01202 813093 |
| Canoe Instructor   | James Bennett      | Burgate Farmhouse, Burgate, F/b             | 01425 655909 |
| Sailing Instructor | John Douce         | 8 Bedford Close, F/b                        | 01425 652730 |
| Sailing Instructor | Stephen White      | The Roost, Abbotswell Road, Frogham, F/b    | 01425 654025 |
| Sailing Instructor | Katherine Chambers | Reeves, Sandleheath, Fordingbridge, SP6 1PL | 01425 656148 |
| Safety Boat        | Hywel Morris       | Townsend, 2 Station Road, Fordingbridge     | 01425 656250 |
| Safety Boat        | Sue Chase          | 5 Stephen Martin Gardens, Fordingbridge     | 01425 654161 |
| Bosun              | Alleyne Copestake  | 52 Camel Green Road, Alderholt              | 01425 657735 |

### *Venture Section*

|                |               |  |              |
|----------------|---------------|--|--------------|
| Venture Leader | Steve Wilfort | 24 East View Road, Ringwood.           | 01425 477608 |
| Chairman       | Ian Jacobs    | Applewood, Alderholt Road, Sandleheath | 01425 653782 |

### *Scout Section*

|                    |               |  |              |
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| Asst. Scout Leader | Stephen White | The Roost, Abbotswell Road, Frogham, F/b | 01425 654025 |
| Asst. Scout Leader | James Bennett | Burgate Farmhouse, Burgate, F/b          | 01425 655909 |
| Scout Helper       | Sue Chase     | 5 Stephen Martin Gardens, Fordingbridge  | 01425 654161 |

### *Cub Section*

|                  |                |  |              |
|------------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| Cub Leader       | John Crouter   | The Stables, Alderholt Park, Alderholt   | 01425 656902 |
| Asst. Cub Leader | Hester Hammond | Crossing House, South Charford, Breamore | 01725 512518 |

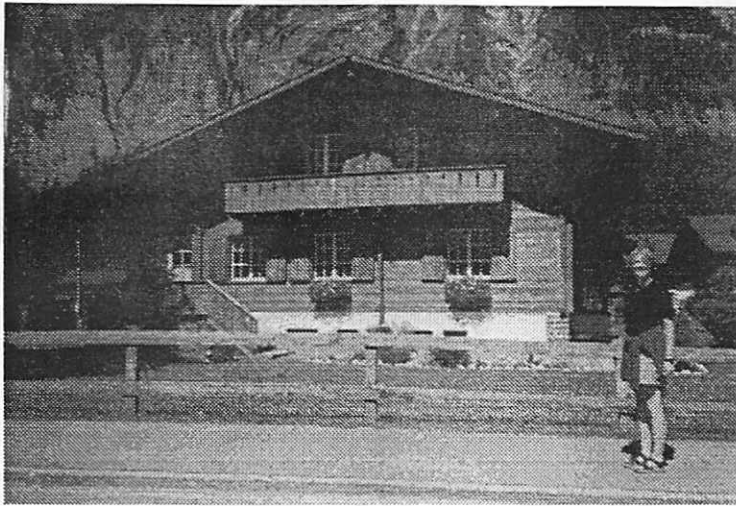
### *Beaver Section*

|                     |            |   |              |
|---------------------|------------|---|--------------|
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| Asst. Beaver Leader | Jo Young   | 39 Penny's Lane, Fordingbridge, SP6 1HH | 01425 653792 |

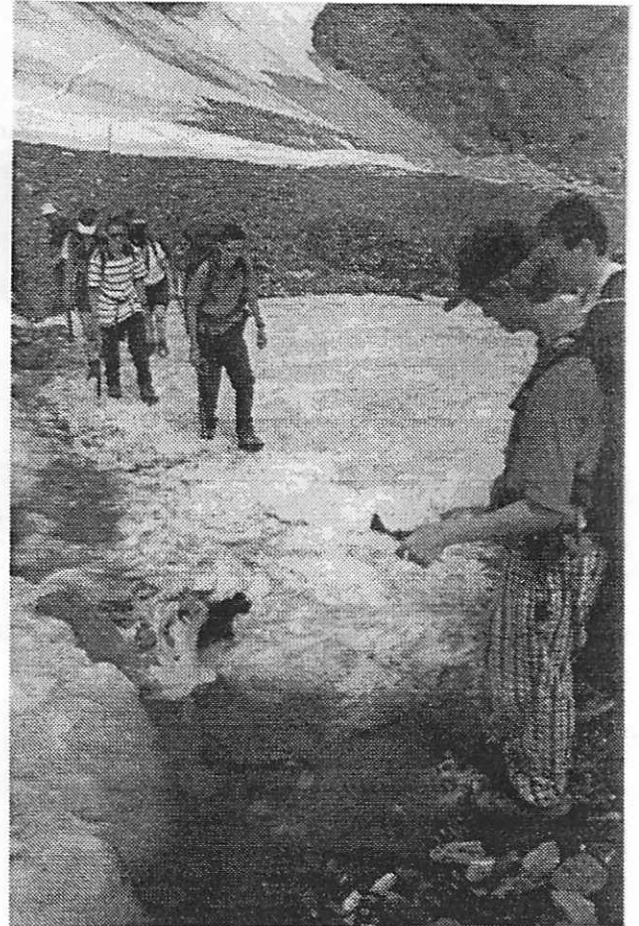


Left: Ice axe practise, and by the look of the technique they need it.

Below: Crossing a glacier



Above: Katherine outside a typical Swiss Chalet



Below Right: Day 2 of our Expedition begins with a steep descent.

Below: Joel's Birthday Present.





# Sailing Report

This season provided the calmest Thursday evenings for several years, and so was in many ways disappointing. We were not able to challenge the ability of the stronger and more experienced. Some, Jo, Sophie and Sally, have been racing in their own boats and have also been away on courses with Mirror class. The newer members have been very active and seem to be learning sailing and other water activities quickly, so even when we lose the older Scouts to Ventures, we will still have a very active Troop.

Boats: Alleyne Copestake has rebuilt the two boats that were given to us. So next year we will have 2 good Mirrors, 1 old Mirror and, I hope, we can still use the 420. The rebuild of The boats took a great deal of time, money and effort so I trust that these boats will be treated with respect and care next season. Thank you Alleyne.

Next Year: We hope to join in the races at Spinnaker with these good boats.

Many thanks to the Reidy family for organising the loan to us of the 420 which is a much more advanced boat than the Mirrors.

We would like to store the wooden boats under cover this winter; with 80 families in the Group it must be possible to find a barn, shed or lean-to to protect the boats from severe weather.

Regattas: Scouts and Ventures did well in the regattas at both Marchwood and Spinnaker. Well done! And thanks to everyone who entered and supported us at these events, which are an important part of the Scouting year with the need for teamwork, fellowship and challenges. Thank you to Parents who helped on these occasions.

More Thanks: This year we have had help from some more parents on Thursdays - Roger Marsh, Krysia Chambers, Sue Chase and Hywell Morris. Sue has learned to drive the safety boat this year - Well done, Sue!

We always need some more help on Thursday evenings, so please think about coming along.

John Douce - Sailing Instructor

Sandleheath Scout Group

## CASINO EVENING

Saturday 16 October 1999

7:30pm at

Damerham Village Hall

To raise funds for the new scout hut. This is our major fund raising event this year, and we hope that **all** parents will support this event.

Tickets are £5 and include supper.

They are available from:

Caroline Morris - 01425 656250

Karen Hunt - 01425 652118

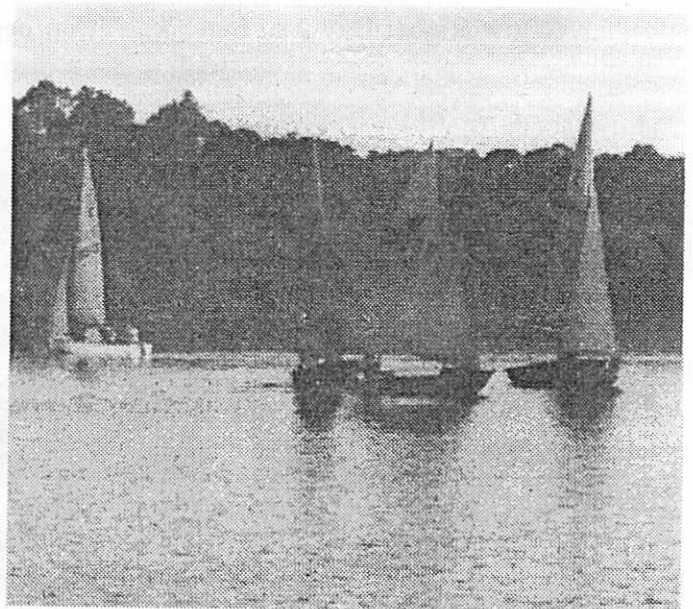
Fina Reidy - 01425 653992

Avril Mowbray - 01425 652680

Sue Deacon - 01425 654770

Francis Bland - 01425 653890

N.B. Because of the nature of this event it is open to adults only.



Sailing at Blashford Lake



# Marchwood Regatta '99

The Scouts, once again, had an excellent Regatta - coming out with a second place overall. This is the third year that we have come second, although we have yet to see the trophy as someone has mislaid it. We also won jointly (with 4th Hythe) the Under 12½ Dinghy Pulling Class - well done to crew on this. The Venture Scout Unit also came second in their section, so a big 'well done' goes to them too - especially to Katherine Chambers and Karen Pickering who won the Venture Sailing Trophy.

The Scout team all deserve a mention: Edward Morris, Jo Pickering, Jonathon Rosie, Robert Bowes, Michael Chase, Luke Mowbray, Mark Bailey, Oliver Hatchett, Andrew Bland, James Hall, Brendan Marrinan, Fiona Ritchie, Harry Daniels, Richard Ward, Ben Mooney, Adam Marsh, Paul Pickering, Jo Bailey, Richard Savage, Sally White, Nick Mowbray, Sophie Chambers, Verity Stodart, Gemma Peat and Peter Chase.

My thanks must also go to all those members of the group who helped with the running of the regatta: Hywel Morris (Safety Boat), Sue Chase (Canoe Slipway Marshall) assisted by Graham Bland and Paul Toynton, Stephen White (Sailing Marshall), Katherine Chambers (Assistance Sailing Race Starter on Saturday), John Douce (sailing) and also all those who helped with car parking on both days.

## Individual Race Winners (canoeing)

| Age Group | Class        | Crew(s)                        |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Under 12½ | Single Canoe | Andrew Bland, Brendan Marrinan |
| Under 14  | Single Canoe | Adam Marsh, Ben Mooney         |
| Under 15½ | Single Canoe | Nick Mowbray                   |
| Under 12½ | Double Canoe | Andrew Bland & Luke Mowbray    |
| Under 14  | Double Canoe | Fiona Ritchie & Ben Mooney     |
| Under 15½ | Double Canoe | Nick Mowbray & Peter Chase     |

## Individual Race Winners (pulling)

| Age Group | Class          | Crew(s)  |
|-----------|----------------|--|
| Under 12½ | Dinghy Pulling | Andrew Bland, Luke Mowbray, Robert Bowes, Michael Chase & Jo Pickering |
| Under 14  | Dinghy Pulling | Ben Mooney, Fiona Ritchie & James Hall                                 |

## Individual Race Winners (sailing)

| Age Group | Class   | Crew(s)   |
|-----------|---------|---|
| Under 15½ | Sailing | Sophie Chambers & Sally White, Richard Savage & Paul Pickering, Jo Bailey & Fiona Ritchie |

## Scout Section - Final Results

| Group            | Place | Points |
|------------------|-------|--------|
| 9th Lymington    | 1st   | 241    |
| 1st Sandleheath  | 2nd   | 207    |
| 4th Hythe        | 3rd   | 195    |
| 1st Barton       | 4th   | 188    |
| 6th Hamble       | 5th   | 186    |
| 4th Eling        | 6th   | 147    |
| 10th Mundeford   | 7th   | 106    |
| 13th Southampton | 8th   | 87     |
| 3rd Portchester  | 9th   | 86     |
| 25th Southampton | 9th   | 45     |
| 1st Warsash      | 11th  | 29     |

## Venture Section - Final Results

| Unit             | Place | Points |
|------------------|-------|--------|
| 9th Lymington    | 1st   | 96     |
| 1st Sandleheath  | 2nd   | 87     |
| 6th Hamble       | 3rd   | 75     |
| 13th Southampton | 4th   | 67     |
| 13th Eastleigh   | 5th   | 41     |
| 4th Hythe        | 6th   | 20     |
| 25th Southampton | 7th   | 14     |

# *Inter-Alliance, a fund-raising opportunity*

1st Sandleheath are pleased to announce a new initiative which, we hope, will help considerably towards raising a good proportion of the much-needed funds for the new Scout Hut - as well as for other possible needs.

Roger Marsh, who many of you will know as a parent through his help with water activities and the loan of his Falmouth Bass Boat for Cubs and Beavers sailing experience, has arranged a profit-sharing agreement with his company Inter-Alliance PLC, a large national firm of Independent Financial Advisers (IFAs). A quoted plc, with its shares quoted on the AIM stock exchange and carrying the British Standards BS ISO EN 6002 accreditation for all its systems, Inter-Alliance's aim is to give independent service and advice to the highest professional and ethical standards.

The plan will need help and support from you, the parents and families, if it is to succeed. We as an organisation cannot, of course, recommend whether or not Inter-Alliance's services will be suitable for any particular parents or family, but most of us at one time or another review our finances, family or business protection, investments, pension provisions, mortgages and suchlike. This may be precisely where independent advice may be useful in order to choose, from the many alternatives available, the most appropriate solutions to individual needs, or to review these from time to time.

The benefit to the Scout Group is that is any business resulting from a contact made by parents or anyone associated with 1st Sandleheath which may be arranged through Roger or his colleagues, as appropriate, will generate significant sorely needed funds for our projects. It is up to you to make yourself known, however, since your privacy will certainly be respected by both the Scout Group and by Inter-Alliance, who will not receive your personal details and will not, of course, contact you directly. If an initial discussion - without any obligation or charge, Roger assures us - would be of interest, call him at the Inter-Alliance Poole office on 01202-678009.

The Group Exec. Committee

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## *Editor's Rambling*

What can I say? It looks like it's been a busy summer for most members of the group. Many things happened that I did not get reports about, but hopefully you'll hear all about them in the AGM edition when we do a roundup of the year. I might

have managed to get hold of some more photos by then too.

The next edition of Waterlines will be coming out over the new year, and the deadline for reports is the 25th December. Hopefully this will mean I don't get reports handed to me at the last minute like usual! Ian wants to include some articles about Scouting from the beginning, so if anyone wishes to contribute anything please pass it on to him.

Have a great Autumn term, and I'll see everyone again in December.

Stephen White - Waterlines Editor

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