

1ST SANDLEHEATH SEA SCOUT GROUP



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Training*



County D. of E. Award presentation (May 2009)
Left-to-right: Poppy, Richard, Admiral Michael Gretton, Bryony, Joe

In October 2009, we were granted recognition from the Royal Yachting Association to award certificates for almost the full range of RYA Powerboat, Youth Dinghy and Adult Dinghy training schemes. The RYA Centre Inspector, Doug Innes, commented that "Sandleheath Sea Scout Group have a very impressive set up, for a new centre, and one that is entirely volunteer run." This recognition means that we can issue our young people with National Governing Body certificates, which are part of an internationally accepted scheme, and support our volunteers by training them to gain supporting qualifications.

James Davies – Chief Instructor

Becoming an RYA recognised training centre is great for the group, and we've started to see the benefits already. At a sailing day on 16th October the Scouts and Explorers had the opportunity to gain RYA dingy sailing qualifications. Over the weekend of the 19th and 20th December, Leaders, instructors and helpers completed RYA First Aid and Marine Radio Short Range Certificate courses. Being able to provide these qualifications in-house is much more convenient for those involved, as well as cheaper, and it is a great testament to the quality of instructors at Sandleheath that we are able to do so.

Stephen White

Right: Scouts & Explorers at the sailing day in October



D. of E. Award

What a 6 months! One Gold and two Silver D. of E. Awards gained!

Since our last Waterlines report Richard Savage has completed his Gold D. of E. Award. He will be invited to a national presentation at St James's Palace and will probably be presented with his Gold certificate by HRH Prince Edward, the Earl of Wessex, who has taken over most of the presentation duties from his father, The Duke of Edinburgh, after whom the Award is named. Prince Edward is also a Trustee of the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards scheme.

Richard will also be invited to a presentation by the County Commissioner Adam Jollans at Sandleheath HQ in January 2010 and to another County Gold Award presentation during 2010. Congratulations Richard on all your hard work and commitment in gaining both your Silver and Gold Awards and let us hope that our current Silver participants

will be completing their Gold Awards before too long.

For his Gold D. of E. Award Richard did 12 months of Coaching, Teaching and Leadership for the Scout Association (Sandleheath Scouts) for his Volunteering section, 12 months of Power Boating for his Skills section, 6 months of Cycling for his Physical Recreation section, his 4 day and 3 nights Expedition was by open Canoe on the River Wye in Wales from Glasbury to Monmouth in August 2009 and his Residential Project, over a minimum of 5 days and 4 nights, was spent as a Sailing Instructor at the European Scout Jamboree at Chelmsford in 2005 where he taught many non-sailing Scouts from lots of different countries to sail (many of the Scouts could not speak any English so lots of hand signals were involved!).

James Bailey and Louise Cooke have also achieved Silver D. of E. Awards and will have their certificates presented at a special County D. of E. presentation in May 2010. Congratulations to both of them.

James did 6 months of Sports Leadership and Coaching for his Volunteering section, 3 months of Learning to Drive for his Skills section, 6 months of Swimming for his Physical Recreation section and he completed his Assessed Expedition on foot in the Purbecks in May 2009.

Louise was a direct entrant at Silver level so she did 12 months of Coaching, Teaching and Leadership for the Girl Guides Association for her Volunteering section, 3 months of Learning to Drive for her Skills section, 6 months of Badminton for her Physical Recreation section and she too completed her Assessed Expedition on foot in the Purbecks in May 2009.

Finally, Stephen White has successfully completed his supported assessment and so joins Ros as an accredited expedition assessor under the new scheme.

We are very proud of our very active D. of E. Group so, if you want more information or registration forms please contact me on 01725 510397, email pat@REMOVED and visit the Duke of Edinburgh's Award website at www.dofe.org. We normally meet once a month so get in touch – we'll look forward to welcoming you!

Pat Savage –
Award Group
Leader

**Right: Expedition
preparation in
September**

22nd World Scout Jamboree

I was recently selected to go to the World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011.

I attended a selection weekend at the end of October; the idea of the weekend was to let a number of Scouts and Explorer Scouts have a fun weekend and an experience of what it is like to camp with a number of people you don't know. Ultimately it was to choose 90 people out of 180 people who deserve this opportunity.

During this selection weekend we got split into 12 groups and we would stay with that group for the all the activities. We had to arrive on the Friday afternoon; we met our groups and put up the patrol tents. On the second day they took us to do team building activities, including: A blindfold trail and a "Bomb carrying" exercise. Then we had to make our own dinner which was chicken stew, and then there was a disco.

The jamboree will take place from the 24th July – 11th August 2011. There will be a 2–3 day pre jamboree experience, and the jamboree will be followed by HoHo, this is a 3 day Home Hospitality exploring more of Sweden or another Country usually staying with a host family.

The theme for the 2011 Swedish jamboree is "Simply Scouting" and it will incorporate 3 important concepts: Meetings, Nature and Solidarity. When we are at the Jamboree we will be encouraged to form friendships with scouts of all ages from all cultures, religions, countries and contingents. We will be in the middle of the countryside at the Jamboree and we will learn about the environment and that we all have a common responsibility to our world and to each other.

A major part of the preparation for the trip is the fund-raising. The overall cost of the 3 week experience is £2011 which each Scout or Explorer is expected to have raised through fund-raising events, part time jobs and grant applications. The amount needed is approximately £25 a week for 18 months or £100 a month... fully inclusive of the training events, major equipment, transportation to and from the jamboree and the jamboree experience itself.

Chloe Hinton – Scout



Explorer Scout Sailing Mini Series

Following popular request from the Explorer Scouts, over the summer we held a series of short races. The races were won on a high points scoring system, with equal points awarded to helms and crews – this meant you didn't have to sail the same boat or with the same person for the whole series.

The first session of two races saw the first race won convincingly by Jack Muldoon, holding Ben Collings and Joe Liddon (Crewed by Dom and Will) at bay. The second race Ben Collings won, following some interesting start line tactics from Jack.

Three races were held during the second session, with wins from Joe Liddon (again crewed by Dom and Will) and Ben Collings. This time it was Becky McGillveray, showing a remarkable grasp of sailing skills, who kept the boys on their toes by snapping at their heels all the way. James Bailey chased the rear of the fleet, and despite often being frustrated by some of the nuances of dinghy handling, I'm sure he will bounce back and be a strong contender next year. A sneaky entrant who tore himself away from a family BBQ to take part in the fun has had his results discarded – it was agreed that the embarrassment to our Explorers from being lapped by a 9 year old was best spared by a disqualification on height grounds. Well done though to William Bedford, sailing his Mother's Laser for only the second time, who would have won all three races if we'd scored him.

On the final race session, the rules were relaxed slightly to allow Network Scouts and Skills Leaders to take part. It is gratifying to report that race 1 was won with a clear margin by Rich Savage (Crewed by Me), race 2 by Me (Crewed by Rich) and race 3 by Rich (Crewed by Trevor White). Keeping us on our toes was Joe Liddon, crewed by Dom, determined to get a good result – Ben Collings was leading the series at this point, but was unable to make the final session, so Joe needed some good finishes to knock him off the top spot. Despite a surprise result in the second race, with Joe and Dom coming in third to Becky McGillveray (Crewed by Amelia Phillips), Joe's finishes of 2, 3, 2, were enough to clinch the series.

Well done to all who took part - there will be a prize (honest!) at the AGM, and hopefully we can encourage more entrants next year (perhaps in the new Vagos) to generate some tougher competition.

Taking into account all races, the final results were as follows:

1 st	Joe Liddon & Dom Crossley	43 points
2 nd	Will Alexander	42 points
3 rd	Ben Collings	35 points
4 th	Becky McGillveray	32 points
5 th	Poppy Cleall	24 points
6 th	Rich Savage	21 points
7 th	Katrina Miller	20 points
8 th	James Bailey	15 points
9 th	Jimbo	14 points
10 th	Amelia Phillips	11 points
11 th	Jack Muldoon	9 points
12 th	Trevor White	7 points
13 th	Louise Cooke	6 points
14 th	Harley Waine & Sam Coatham	4 points
15 th	Sam Hinton	2 points
16 th	Callum, Tamara, Liam, Simon	1 point

James Davies – Sailing Instructor

Laser Vagos

Thanks to grants from Sport England (£9590.00) and Hampshire County Council (£4795.00) the Group has been able to purchase 3 new Laser Vagos. In addition to our 2 Bahias and 4 Picos, this means that we've got an excellent set of modern boats to provide provide training at all levels from beginner to performance sailing.

The RS Feva has been sold to purchase additional equipment for the Vagos.

We will have an up to date fleet for next season having replaced and purchased new dinghies and kayaks over the past 3 years. We are in a fortunate position at the moment and hope to replace our fleet as regularly as possible so that we do not go back to having equipment that requires a lot of maintenance.

Mandie Dawson



Above: Laser Vago (photograph from laserperformance.com)

Nature Area

Right: New wildlife/nature area
Below: New camp-fire circle



Thanks to funding of £7370 from ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), we have been able to build a wildlife/nature area, new camp-fire circle and log store enclosure. The nature area is a fenced area that has been planted with native

shrubs, and has walkways through it. All the sections will be able to watch as this area develops. It is located at the top end of the field, and an outside tap had to be relocated as part of the work.

The money was provided by the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (COMMA), which is managed by ACRE on behalf of DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs). Money is available to community organisations, charities and local councils for

projects that benefit communities located within 10km of an an aggregates extraction site. More details about the fund can be found online at:

http://www.acre.org.uk/sustainabledevelopment_comma.html

Solent Sailing Regatta



Above: Network sailing at the regatta

The Solent Sailing Regatta was held at Blashford on 11th July. Once again Sandleheath put in an excellent performance, and our Explorers won their overall trophy.

Thank you to everyone that helped, especially those who cleaned the club house at the end.

Network Results

Place	Crew	Group	Points
1 st	Andy Wibroe	1 st Sandleheath	3
2 nd	Richard Savage	1 st Sandleheath	8.7
3 rd	John Dyke	6 th Hamble	14.4
4 th	Luke Akhurst	6 th Hamble	24

Explorer Overall Results

Place	Team	Points
1 st	Sandleheath	11.7
2 nd	Hamble	19.4
3 rd	Lymington	20.7
4 th	Christchurch	45
5 th	Barton	67

Scout Overall Results

Place	Team	Points
1 st	9 th Lymington	3
2 nd	4 th Eling	23.4
3 rd	10 th Christchurch	40.7
4 th	1 st Sandleheath	42.5
5 th	6 th Hamble	56.7

Right: Scout single-handed Pico sailing



Solent Regatta

The Solent (main) Regatta was held at Testwood Lakes on 20th September.

We had a disappointing number of scouts and explorers entering the regatta this year. Our small but select entry did really well with 100% effort from everyone and some brilliant results.

We had 5 scouts, all under 12½, but no under 14s, so no points from 4 of the 8 classes. That being the case 7th place overall was a very good result.

The Explorers had the minimum number of people to put in a full entry by moving Ryan up to Explorers. The fantastic five amazed us all by taking 3rd place – their best result since 2003. Well done!

The stars were Daniel and Mark, who cruised to 3 wins in the under 12½ canoe class, showing everyone how it should be done. Ben won his single kayak class with style. He almost did the double, he and Jacob winning all three of their double kayak races, but they narrowly lost the race off to take 2nd in that class.

Excellent wins too for Katrina (single kayak), Ryan (single kayak - only 13 but in the under 15½ age group), Simon & Katrina in the 15½ canoe - 2 wins and a 2nd place, David & Brendan with wins in both canoe and double kayak. Finally a special thank you to Hannah (still a cub) - who came along to complete the Scout team and put in some good performances in the kayaking and helped the dingy pulling team to 4th place.

Thanks also to all the helpers & supporters, the Miller family (including Sharon's dad), Stephen & Kerry, Claire & Nick, Anne & Matthew, Sarah & Becky, the Murphy family, Anne Edwards, Louise & Nick and Trevor. Special thanks to David C - who not only deals with entries and organises the



Daniel and Mark
Under 12½ canoe winners

programme (many evening of work in itself), but also sees that we get enough boats there for the races, which usually means he has to run around collecting them himself.

Ros White – Group Scout Leader

Scout Overall Results

Place	Team	Points
1 st	9 th Lymington	218
2 nd	6 th Hamble	190
3 rd	Milford & Keyhaven	168
4 th	13 th Southampton	138
5 th	10 th Christchurch	129
6 th	2 nd Fareham	128
7 th	1 st Sandleheath	82
8 th	4 th Eling	54
9 th	25 th Southampton	43

Explorer Overall Results

Place	Team	Points
1 st	Hamble	170
2 nd	Relentless (Eling)	146
3 rd	Avon Valley	144
4 th	Enterprise	123
5 th	Sea Dragon (Fareham)	105
6 th	Lymington	79
7 th	Atlantis	78

Network Overall Results

Place	Team	Points
1 st	Hamble	30
2 nd	Enterprise	18
3 rd	Relentless (Eling)	15



Sandleheath Scouts dinghy pulling team

Scout Camp 2009

Summer camp this year was held at Chelwood, near Bath, from 26th to 31st July.

Sunday 26th was spent setting up camp followed by a treasure hunt on local footpaths. In the evening there was a blind trail, which become somewhat slippery as the rain made it wetter for each successive patrol.

On Monday half of the Scouts went off to Burrington Combe where they went caving in Goatchurch Cavern. The weather stayed dry, allowing climbing on the rock face by the car park after lunch. The other Scouts went kayaking and canoeing on the Kennet and Avon Canal from Limpley Stoke — paddling from there in both directions.

On Tuesday the Scouts did whichever activity they had not done on Monday. Climbing and abseiling this time was at Split Rock, Wells, in morning and caving in Swildons Hole, Priddy, in afternoon. Canoeing and kayaking took place on the Kennet & Avon again — but a slightly different trip.

On Wednesday it was due to rain persistently all day (which it did), so Bristol Zoo seemed the best option. It was not due to clear up through the evening – so the swimming pool in Brislington was visited immediately afterwards (for their fun session).

Thursday started off with pioneering, some of which took place in the barn due to the weather. Towards lunchtime it got drier so we were able to continue with the planned “backwoods day”. The Scouts lit wood fires and cooked lunch over them (egg and sausage sandwiches). This was followed by lessons on use of saws and axes to get suitable pieces of wood to keep the fires going.

After lunch was the low-ropes course in woods. The winners were Blue Patrol, but the Leaders showed them how should be done afterwards!

Dinner was cooked on wood fires, it was kebabs, meat balls and jacket potato followed by baked bananas with chocolate and apples with sultanas.



Testing the friction bridge during the pioneering session

One fire was then built up as a camp fire for the evening, other activities included bivvy construction and scrubbing Alice's camouflage paint off various Scouts.

On Friday the Scouts packed their kit and were taken to Charterhouse. From there they walked in groups through Velvet Bottom, past Black Rock to Cheddar Gorge. They then went up far side and along the top to the lookout tower and then down Jacobs Ladder (except for one group who went down other side of Cheddar Gorge). Lunch was fish & chips in Cheddar, then time to look round before all heading back to camp for flag down and dismiss – then home.

More photos can be found on the Group website at: <http://www.sandleheathseascouts.org.uk/scamp2009/>

Ros White –
Group Scout
Leader

Right: climbing at Burrington



Below left: canoeing and kayaking on the Kennet and Avon canal



Left: Caving in Goatchurch Cavern

Cycle Ride

On Wednesday 30th December, 17 Scouts and family members went on bike ride from Lyndhurst (Boltons Bench) to Hatchett Pond and back a different route, mainly on cycle tracks. They covered a total of 27km in about 3 hours. It did not rain for most of ride, although it was a little wet underfoot! Lunch was eaten at Boltons Bench at the end of an enjoyable ride.

The 4 Explorers were sent unaccompanied on a different route — to Brockenhurst, then West to Hatchett Pond and back. They came back very muddy — but happy.

Ros White – Group Scout Leader



Group Programme

March	Sunday, 7th Saturday, 13th Friday, 19th	District Cub Football Tournament (Poulner Junior School, 12:30 – 16:30) S.A.L.L.I.E. Night hike (Scouts/Explorers) Quiz, fund-raising for Bryony Cleall's trip to Zambia (H.Q., 19:00)
April	Saturday, 24th – Sunday, 25th	District St. George's activity
May	Monday, 3rd Thursday, 6th	First day of water activities at Spinnaker (Explorers) First day of water activities at Spinnaker (Scouts)
June	Tuesday, 15th Saturday, 19th – Sunday, 20th	Beaver & Cub water activities (Spinnaker) Cub Camp (Provisional)
July	Saturday, 10th Sunday, 25th – Friday, 30th	Solent Sea Scout Sailing Regatta (Spinnaker) Scout/Explorer Summer Camp (Provisional)
September	Tuesday, 7th Saturday, 25th Saturday, 25th	Beaver & Cub water activities (Spinnaker) Solent Sea Scout Main (pulling) Regatta (Testwood) Dragonboat competition at Longridge
November	Sunday, 14th	Remembrance Sunday

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