

8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

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Annual General Meeting

23rd June 2007

Reports and Accounts



ANNUAL GENERAL MEEETING held on 6th June 2006

PRESENT: 43

1. GSL Ian Wetherell welcomed all present, extending a special welcome to the District Commissioner Judy Marshallsay.
2. Apologies for absence were read out.
3. The minutes of the previous AGM held on 8th June 2005 were approved.
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. Group Treasurer Kathy Shuttleworth referred the meeting to the accounts. She thanked the section treasurers for keeping their accounts in order and gave a special thank you to Brian Ashfield and Jacky Green for auditing the section accounts. She also thanked our Auditor Bryan Moon for undertaking the audit again this year. The accounts were approved by the meeting.
6. The section reports were adopted by the meeting.
7. Address by Group Scout Leader: Ian reported on highlights from the year's section activities which were included in the Annual Report. Ian thanked all those who had helped in fund raising to purchase the new boats, with a special mention to Mark and Louise Scott who had been so successful in persuading various companies to donate funds. Ian also reported that the lease on the HQ was due to expire in August 2007 and that the County Council had suggested that the new lease contain a 12 month cancellation clause, which was unacceptable. The services of a solicitor have been taken to assist in progressing this matter to a satisfactory conclusion. Ian thanked the Leaders and Officers of the Group for their support during the year.
8. The GSL, Ian Wetherell nominated Roger Green as Group Chairman, which was carried unanimously.
9. The GSL's nomination of Lawson Powell as a member of the Group Executive Committee was accepted.

10. Election of:
 - a) Group Secretary - Mandi Stevens
 - b) Group Treasurer - Kathy ShuttleworthMandi and Kathy agreed to continue and were duly appointed.
11. Election of members of the Group Executive Committee:
Mike Bush was nominated and approved.
12. Election of the Independent Auditor:
Mr. Bryan Moon agreed to continue and was duly appointed.
13. The Chairman, Roger Green thanked everyone for attending and proposed a vote of thanks to the Leaders and Helpers who put in so much effort to keep the Group going.
14. Floral presentations were given by the GSL to Kathy Shuttleworth and Sylvia Powell in thanks for all their work.
15. The District Commissioner presented Long Service Awards to several members of the Group.
16. There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:10 hours.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This is the first time I have been asked to put pen to paper for a report. I usually make it up as I go along. So a bit of planning has been required.

Firstly I would like to thank Kathy, our Treasurer and Mandi, our Secretary, for all the work they have done this year to support the Group. Without their skills the Group would be in a bit of a sorry state.

My thanks also go to Martin for standing in as Chairman whenever necessary – Group Exec meetings or St George's Day Parades – thanks Martin.

I must also say thank you to Brian & Mo for all the work they have put in with regard to Gift Aid – this year we hope to be able to claim nearly £10,000 back from the Inland Revenue – what a result!! Tax back!! This result is obviously due to their hard work but also to the parents who are willing to sign the necessary declaration for submission the Revenue.

I would also like to thank Lawson & Silvia Powell for their behind the scenes input. They are always willing to help no matter the shortness of notice – although I do know that more notice would be appreciated.

During this year we have also had the concern about our Headquarters. Our Lease expires in August 2007 and we have been involved in negotiation with West Sussex County Council about the renewal. They have been fairly slow to respond but to us it is important that things are sorted out early so that we know the Group can continue in its present situation. A local firm of solicitors, Thomas Eggar, have offered to help us, with most of their services being free of charge. Things are progressing, all be it slowly, and we hope to achieve a satisfactory outcome before August. Thanks to Paul, Ian, Brian and Jacky for helping in these discussions.

The 8th only works because of the commitment of all the volunteers concerned, both in an administrative role, as previously mentioned and also on a weekly basis – that is the Uniformed Leaders. There would be no 8th if it were not for the Group Scout Leader, Explorer, Scout, Cub and Beaver Leaders. Thank you everyone for doing what you do.

Roger Green (Group Chairman).

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SECTION REPORTS

Covering the period 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007

Starboard Beaver Colony

Our Colony has continued to use a programme that aims to disguise the badge work requirements as a series of fun activities. As well as the challenge badges we work on as a whole colony, we have encouraged Beavers to do some elements independently at home. This includes parts of a few of the new activity badges – showing their ‘homework’ allows them to see each other’s ideas and ask each other questions. As themes, we have focused on healthy eating, exercise, home and water safety and the future.

During the year we have had the usual outdoor meetings locally, at the beach and at Cissbury and also enjoyed a tracking evening.

We had a load of fun at the Beaver 20th Anniversary Fun Day, visited the WWT Centre at Arundel and also went to see Peter Pan at The Pavilion Theatre.

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Fiona who didn't complain when I took another overseas break, and to everyone who also stepped in to help. Andrew and Richard have continue to be an asset to the Colony and can be relied upon to take on whatever activities we think up or change at the last minute! Just to maintain our own sense of fun and spontaneity after more than 20 years, the Colony is still trying out new things and adapting the way things are done. As for the next 20 years.....who knows what we will be up to?

Bryan (Coyote)



In the Autumn term we started off by having a fun quiz about Scouting then looked at the theme of Native American Indians. The Beavers then made a variety of Indian crafts, such as pots, sand art, totem poles, masks and headdresses. After half term we made Native American musical instruments, and then followed this with a Wild West fancy dress campfire evening, where the hot dogs were the highlight of the evening. We also had a safety evening, and then a series of Christmas craft evenings. We rounded this all off with a visit to the Flying Fortress.

During September most of the Beavers attended the District Fun Day at Dappers Lane, which was indeed great Fun. Then in October we held our annual sleepover, which again was very successful. The beavers spent the day cooking and preparing their food for the day, as well as playing games and having a campfire sing-along.

In the Spring term we looked at caring for our health, bodies and the environment. We held a senses evening and an experiments evening where the Beavers saw how unfit they were! We also had a night walk along the beach from Goring Gap to Ferring, which the children really enjoyed. We then visited the Priory nursing home again and sang campfire songs to the residents. As before this was much appreciated. We finished off the term with an Easter Egg hunt.

For the Summer term we are looking at Scouting for the 2007 centenary. We have looked at maps, flags, and Scouting essentials. We held our ever favourite campfire evening, and then the children designed centenary posters. We looked Scouting around the world, where we opened the evening as Joey scouts and closed it as Canadian Beavers. We have had a treasure hunt round Tarring, and will be visiting Cissbury and the beach. We will be finishing off with an evening at Dappers Lane. Nearly all those Beavers going on to Cubs have managed to gain their Chief Scout Bronze Awards before leaving. I would like to thank all the parents who willingly participate on our parent rota, with special thanks to my regular 'troop' of helpers, namely Emma Wallace, Mel Doyle, David Starr, and Sandy Tester, without whose help Port Beavers would not be able to run.

Jane Preston (Beaver Scout Leader).

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This is my first report as Akela of Midship Cubs and my what leadership changes we have had over the last twelve months – as most of you know Jan retired (she says early!!) in September after 30 years of Scouting – we do miss her wealth of experience. In October Pauline left us to help James Hackett with Starboard Scouts as Paul Chaplain is now completely involved with Explorers and D of E. We were getting a bit short of Leaders – just Deirdre and myself - but in January Roy Wells from Port Pack offered to transfer to give us a hand and then one of our new parents showed an interest and now the Leadership team is up to full strength and working well together. We also have an 'arty and crafty parent' who has helped on a few evenings to fill in the gaps where the rest of us are lacking – Easter gifts, Mother's Day Gifts, etc.

In May we had our annual camp at Stanford but this year it was a special one to celebrate 90 years of Cub Scouting – yes the Cubs did have to walk 5 miles carrying their kit on a wooden frame that they had made earlier – true to Blue Peter tradition. They also had to cook their lunch on an open fire – this being supervised as usual by our gallant - pyrotechnic – Group Scout Leader – Ian Wetherell – thanks Ian. We then continued with the true

Scouting theme and the Cubs learnt knotting; their Law and Promise in jigsaw form; the History of Scouting – well it was the 90th Anniversary Camp – how to make a ballister and fly paper aeroplanes. During the camp the Cubs did all the activities necessary to gain their Bronze, Silver and Gold 90th Anniversary Challenges.

During the year we have also partaken in all the District Events – Ready, Steady, Cook; Handicraft Competition; District Challenge; Chess Competition and 90th Anniversary Fun Day. Obviously we also took part in the Sports Events – we are quite good at these – Runners-up in the Football competition; winners of the Rounders . Thank you very much to Jim Green for all the coaching.

We have also done all the traditional stuff – Saints, athletes, hiking up to Cissbury Ring; pioneering, tent pitching; tracking; recycling; science – thank you very much to Lawson Powell and his Team for their contribution to these couple of weeks.

We have visited the Worthing Herald offices, Shoreham Airport, the Panto (oh yes we did) the Gang Show (one of our Cubs was in the Junior Gang and we were so proud) and had a Group BBQ at Goring gap for Jan's retirement!!

We went to Lancing College Swimming Pool and quite a number of our Cubs gained their Swimmers, 1, 2 and – very well done – 3. They certainly will have no problems with water activities when they go to Scouts.

And now to the Awards – we were very proud when a number of our Cubs – past and present - went to Durrington High School be presented with their Silver Award by the Mayor of Worthing. We have earned 222 activity badges this year, including Adventure, Sports Enthusiast, Cyclist, Air Activities, Hobbies, Collectors, Scientist, Entertainer and Emergency Aid 1 & 2 – thanks Wayne for your help. We have also achieved 30 Challenge Badges, Outdoor, Global, Creative, Fitness and Caring – an all round performance from Midship Cubs.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the Leader team and their families and also the parents who offer their service and support. Thank you very much for making my first year as Akela a very enjoyable one. Here's to the next 100!!

Jacky Green (Cub Scout Leader).
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Port Cubs Report

This has been a great year for Port Cubs. It really started in May when I took Port and Starboard Cubs camping at Ardingly. This was a district camp to celebrate 90 years of Cub Scouting. With thanks to a great team our sub camp was one of the biggest, and in my opinion, the best but then I am biased. As well as the Cubs having a great time, it also proved to be a good recruitment time for new leaders. The recruitment continued in the summer when our camp at Stanford campsite in Pease Pottage saw another two leaders join. This was also a joint camp again - Port and Starboard teaming up for a very successful week of fun and back to basic Scouting with a continuation of the Cubs 90th birthday. We had a jungle book theme as Baden Powell adopted his friend Rudyard Kipling's jungle stories as the theme for Wolf Cub leaders. We still use these names today as Cub Scout leaders - although we move with the times, some traditions live on and this is what has helped Scouting reach its centenary year. Our joint summer club was again successful with an average of 30 Cubs from all 3 packs coming each week.

Other activities in which Port Cubs have taken part are various district competitions. football, district challenge, rounders, handicraft and a very memorable Ready Steady Cook competition. Many thanks to Helen Hyde who took my team on board and gave up much time purchasing the food and coaching the team - she even donated her own son for the day - a great thing for a Midship Cub parent to do!

Some of my Cubs went to Gilwell in the summer with Hathi and Bagheera for a fun day. Our general programme has had the Cubs doing all sorts of things. Some of these were a visit to the town hall to see the Mayor, Nick John, a sausage sizzle at Dappers Lane, a promenade walk, just for the sake of it, a visit to Shoreham airport and a navigators badge walk where the children had to find their own way home from town (leaders and parents were not far behind.)

They also tried haggis on St Andrew's Day, made gift tags to help Chestnut Tree house and in February they designed Christmas cards (I know its early!) to raise money for Comic Relief. (By the way, some of these are still available!) Added to all this they have done all the usual Cubby bits for badges and for a small pack have earned an amazing 162 activity badges. Between them they have earned 40 award badges, 2 of which are the Chief Scouts Silver Award - well done! Well, without typing out the whole year's programme this is just a summary of what my amazing Cub Scouts have done. No report would be complete without a lot of thanks to a lot of people,

and an increasing number of people at that! Thanks to my assistants Elaine, Jayne, Laura, Wes, Martin, Denise and Rik - without your help I would not have such a happy pack. Thanks to Val Lawrence for being the usual stalwart in the kitchen at camp and to the long list of parents who helped her. Thank you to Roy, good luck with Midship pack and thanks to my Starboard friends with whom we jointly share help and activities. The parents of the Cubs must also receive thanks for the help and driving around they do to take the Cubs to pack meetings. And who have I forgotten? The Cubs! Without my Cubs of whom I am extremely proud I quite simply would not have a pack.

Mike Greenhorn
Port Cubs Akela.

Starboard Cubs Report

Starting out writing this report as part of a new leadership team of Starboard Cubs, I looked back at the last year as a frenetic year full of excited children participating in a varied and fun-filled programme. We have hardly had time to catch our breathe; this is due to the cubs themselves who have carried us along on a wave of enthusiasm. We have had a full pack from the outset and there seems to be little change in this position.

Our programme has included Conservation, Navigators, Adventure Camper, Home Safety, Global Conservation, Art and Local Knowledge Badges. In total we have presented 214 Activity badges, 70 Challenges Badges, and 10 of our older cubs have achieved their Silver Awards presented by the Mayor.

This year we have been on camp twice: 19 camped for a week at Stanford Camp site at Pease Pottage and 26, almost a full complement of cubs, to a Winter Camp at Wilverley. If I have learnt anything this year it's to make sure that each cub brings a pair of shoes that no else has. Even now I'm not sure that all cubs went home in the same pair in which they arrived!!!!

Our Sporting achievements this year have included winning the District Football Tournament, being runners-up in the District Challenge, as well as participating in the Rounders, Ready Steady Cook and Handicraft Competitions run by the District.

Sadly we said goodbye to Akela, Mo Ashfield, and Chil Gill Scott at our charity Bingo evening - we wish them the well in their well deserved rest. We also said goodbye to one of our Scout Helpers, Adam Gilbert. We also welcomed Ikki Petula Randell who has brought a wealth of artistic skills to the team. Our evenings have

been made easier through all the efforts of our young leader Amelia Lytton and our Scout/ Explorer helpers who have been invaluable in many ways.

Our biggest challenge came at Christmas when we decided to hold our very first Christmas Fayre at the HQ. What good planning on my behalf!!! I was in hospital for the whole affair, but I must say that I am immensely proud of the way all my leaders rallied round and made my vision happen - I certainly have a team to be envied and we raised over £300 pounds, of which we donated £100 to Sussex Seals, a sports club for young adults with learning difficulties.

On behalf of the team I wish to say a big thank you to all parents who have supported us with transport, camps, and just being there when extra help was needed. On a personal basis, I would like to express my thanks to a great team, I cannot think of a better one with which to work.

Akela
Raine Miles



During the year Troop Numbers have varied between 40 and 45. We have introduced a seventh patrol, and currently have five young leaders assisting with Troop running. Due to other commitments, Mel Higgins has stepped down as an ASL, however we have been joined by Jen Trott as ASL and Haig Biddulph as Troop Assistant.

April: We had a sausage sizzle, ran Kayaking sessions at Southwater and had a visit from Sussex Ambulance Service.

May – July: We introduced a round robin on Thursday evenings which included Kayaking, Archery, Hiking, Tent Pitching, Camp Cooking, Athletes Badge, Guide Badge and Pioneering. We also held a camp for the younger members of the troop at Fernycrofts campsite, enabling them to complete their outdoor challenge and had a Barbeque at Dappers Lane.

August: Summer Camp at Longridge. 24 Scouts 9 Leaders. Activities included canoeing, pulling, dragon boating, climbing, and a day trip to Thorpe Park. Thanks to the Starboard Troop Leaders who assisted in our setting up camp due to a lack of leaders and Sarah Morris, who at very short notice came and joined us for the week and was an absolute god send.

September: We ran a chocolate evening, did the craft badge and creative challenge. Members of the troop took part in the RN six a side football competition.

October: We ran the Emergency Aid and Fire Safety Badges. Held a camp at Broadstone Warren for the older scouts who completed their Outdoor Plus Challenge and ran a swimming badge session at Lancing College. Andy and Mel got married and were sent video messages from the scouts.

November: We continued with the Emergency Aid and Fire Safety Badges, held a kayaking session at Lancing College and ran team challenges.

December: We wrote and performed our own Nativity Plays and had a Christmas Party.

January: We ran trading posts and pirates, had an international cooking evening and took part in the National Patrol Challenge 100 competition.

February: We had a quiz, made Pancakes and caught up with some Nautical Badgework. We held our now annual activity camp at Broadstone Warren and were joined by members of 1st Ferring and 1st Findon Valley.

March: We spent some time revising knotting, did italian bridge making, ran the Chef's Badge, went Swimming at Lancing College, did some Martial arts, took part in the River Rother canoe trip and did some Map and Compass work

During the year we have worked hard again to keep up momentum with badges, however at the time of writing I am unable to give any figures as technology has let the side down with my database not running!

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved in running the troop from Young Leaders through to ASL's and those parents who give us fantastic support during the year. This will be the last report I write as SL of Port Troop due to mine and Mark's impending addition. Thank you very much to everyone who has assisted my running the troop in the past four years. It is a time I have enjoyed very much!

Louise Scott (Scout Leader to 31/03/2007).
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Starboard Scouts



I have certainly enjoyed my first full year as Scout Leader of Starboard Troop. It has been another busy one for all Leaders and Scouts as we continue to thrive on the success that Paul Chaplain built up over his 10 years as Leader of the Troop.

Our membership has remained stable at around 40 Scouts over the last year. This has proved to be a very manageable number. We are currently anticipating a large intake in September which will see our numbers rise to almost 50!

Our badgework continues to be one of our great strengths. Our scouts earned 290 badges between them over the last year. That's an average of just over 7 per scout. We were also pleased that some of our Scouts were awarded badges that haven't been earned for many years. The Power Coxswain badge was given to 9 of our older scouts having completed the syllabus at our summer camp back in August.

Overall in 2006/2007 we awarded 6 Activity Plus, 17 Adventure Challenges, 10 Basic Nautical Skills, 11 Camper, 32 Canoeist, 34 Chef, 13 Creative Challenges, 8 Cyclist, 20 Hobbies, 4 Mechanic, 2 Nights Away 1, 4 Nights Away 2, 3 Nights Away 3, 9 Nights Away 4, 14 Outdoor Challenges, 1 Outdoor Challenge, 9 Power Coxswain, 15 Pulling, 13 Quartermaster, 21 Sports Enthusiast, 4 Swimmer 1, 8 Swimmer 2, 7 Swimmer 3, 7 Swimmer 4, 3 Swimmer 5 and 14 Watersports.

2007 saw a great summer camp on Sheriff Island at Longridge Boating Centre on the River Thames. Although we have used Longridge as the site for our annual camp for the last 7 years, we broke tradition and spent the week on the island. We had a super turnout as 75% of the Troop attended. A fantastic week was had by 33 scouts and 11 leaders. 15 scouts were awarded the British Canoe Union 1 star and 6 earned their 2 star award. Every child who attended was given the opportunity to try canoeing, kayaking, power boating, dragon boating, sailing, rifle shooting, climbing, abseiling and pulling plus a host of other dry land activities. Many thanks to Andy Sephton who did a great deal of organising for this event.

A big thank you must also go to Jo Fitzgerald, who for the last few years, has given up her time to be our Quartermaster at camp. We are very grateful to her. During our week we made good use of the new boats that the group

has acquired. Baz (our safety boat) was a very welcome addition to the fleet and was a big part of the activities, including fulfilling its role as safety boat for our new Topper Taz sailing boats.

Other activities over the year included a raft race and boating BBQ at Southwater Country Park, a trip to Alton Towers and Cadbury World in the October half term, a visit to the Fire Station, a trip to the Guildford Spectrum, a mountain bike camp to the New Forest, a sausage sizzle, the list goes on!

Back in November we raised £300 for Children in Need from our family quiz night.

In September 2006 we welcomed Pauline Wilton and Lewis Chidwick to the Leadership team. Lewis and Pauline are a welcome addition to the great team of leaders that support Starboard Troop. I want to take this opportunity to thank them all for their time, commitment and energy that they have given and continue to give to the Troop. I'd like to pay particular thanks to Paul for his ongoing support at Starboard whilst also heading up Explorers and Tanya for the great work she does keeping our accounts in order.

And thanks finally to all the scouts and supportive parents, without whom there wouldn't be a Scout Troop to lead.

James Hackett
Scout Leader

8TH WORTHING (SEA SCOUT) GROUP

REGISTERED CHARITY NO:	279339
SCOUT REGISTRATION NO:	3738
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GROUP TREASURER:	MRS. K. SHUTTLEWORTH
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Osprey Explorers



This report is for the period of 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2007.

We've invested a massive 29 new members this year! The Explorer Unit has already grown by 26% since May last year and continues to grow. The average size of an Explorer Unit in the UK is 14. At the end of March this year, we had 34 invested Explorers (19 boys and 15 girls) split into 6 Patrols named after Royal Navy ships: **O**cean, **S**omerset, **P**ortland, **R**ichmond, **E**xeter and **Y**ork. We are now the biggest Explorer Unit in Worthing District and one of the biggest in the UK.

Age	14	15	16	17	Total
Male	2	7	6	4	19
Female	4	6	3	2	15
Total	6	13	9	6	34

APRIL: We hired 2 giant sumo wrestling suits complete with a padded ring and held a Unit sumo tournament. • We went ice skating at Guildford Spectrum. • We invited the Army careers office to come along and give us a talk on the British Army. • 16 Explorers attended St George's Day parade and the 5 that couldn't make it all sent their apologies in advance. • We held a nautical skills quiz. • We ran a first aid course and 6 Explorers passed the Emergency Aid badge.

MAY: We had a treasure hunt, sending Explorers around the local area searching for clues. • The District Explorer Scout Commissioner (DESC) attended our first investiture since re-opening where we invested 16 new members. • We explored different religions which somehow spontaneously resulted in everyone holding hands in a circle, singing and praising the Lord! • We relaxed and had a games evening. • 12 Explorers joined up with Starboard Troop to visit Splashdown and watch Mission: Impossible III at Tower Park in Poole. • We made model hot air balloons. It was raining outside so we tested them indoors – not a good idea! • We went on a night hike.

JUNE: We camped at Consall Scout Camp and visited Alton Towers which was only 10 miles away. • Paul was awarded the Medal of Merit. • We went to Southwater and got everyone afloat. We took all of the new kayaks and canoes and 2 of the sailing dinghies. • We split the

Unit in half and did archery and rounders. Thank you to Arundown Archery Club who ran the archery for us at Angmering School. • We went to the Whitewater The Canoe Centre (WWTCC) open day to try out the latest boats. • We had a chocolate challenge to see who could make the best ice cream desserts.

JULY: England got knocked out of the World Cup so we turned the HQ into a cinema and invited Blake Explorers (2nd Durrington) to watch American Dreamz with us. • 14 Explorers went to Gilwell 24. This is a national Camp held at Gilwell Park every year just for Explorers. The idea is to stay awake for 24 hours taking part in loads of activities that are put on. Most of the Explorers went to bed early – you just can't win! • We played football and had a moral dilemmas evening. • Chevron Driving School gave a talk on driver theory. • We finished the Summer programme with a barbecue at Goring Gap. • We ran a BCU Canoeing Safety Test course at Southwater which 4 Explorers passed.

AUGUST: We went on tour for our 3rd annual Kayak Camp. We started at Longridge and visited WWTCC and Chertsey weir. Then we went up to Overstone Scout Activity Centre in Northampton. Unfortunately things didn't go to plan so instead of going to Nene Whitewater Centre we went back to Chertsey weir.

SEPTEMBER: Sally and Wayne got married at St Andrew's Church in Tarring. • We had an article published on our Rumble on the Rother trip in the October issue of the canoe & kayak UK magazine. • We welcomed everyone back with the traditional game of Pirates. • We had a trek cart challenge and played basketball with Blake Explorers at 2nd Durrington HQ. • James Swift came back as a Unit Assistant. • 30 Explorers attended RN inspection. 2 of them went sailing and 6 went kayaking. The others stayed at the HQ. There were only 2 that couldn't make it. • 10 Explorers attended Module A of the Young Leader training scheme to gain their Young Leader Badge. • 28 Explorers went ten pin bowling at Worthing Bowl. • We took part in the RN 6 a side football tournament at HMS Bristol in Portsmouth. A full report appears later in this booklet.

OCTOBER: We borrowed video cameras and made our own films. • We hired a second minibus and went to Cineworld in Chichester to watch Click. Thanks to Martin Wilton for driving a minibus for us. • We went back to 2nd Durrington HQ for a talk by the Royal Navy and Marines. • We went swimming at the Aquarena.

NOVEMBER: The school liaison officer visited to give a talk on drug awareness. • We went to Quazar. • We went to Worthing Leisure Centre to try trampolining. • We went to Xscape in Milton Keynes to go skiing and snowboarding. • We joined Arun Canoe Club on their West Country weekend, whitewater kayaking on the River Barle. The river was so high it nearly flooded our tents! • We went ice skating again at Guildford Spectrum. This time it was in the dark with a disco (as if it's not difficult enough already!).

DECEMBER: One of our Explorers was picked to train with the GB youth water polo squad. He is now their top ranked goalkeeper and on track to attend a future Olympics! • We learned how to skin a rabbit for survival skills. • We had a Christmas party.

JANUARY: We learned Morse Code and sent each other messages. • Sally & Wayne left the Unit. • We made model rockets propelled by plastic 35mm film canisters and effervescent antacid tablets!

FEBRUARY: We took part in the Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scout Swimming Gala at HMS Raleigh in Plymouth. We won trophies for 1st U18 backstroke and 2nd U16 backstroke. Thank you to Mark and Louise Scott for managing our team. • We held a Dodgeball tournament with real Dodgeballs and learnt the 5 D's: Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and Dodge! • We made pancakes. • 13 Explorers started their expedition training for their bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

MARCH: We won the District Explorer quiz held at 2nd Durrington HQ. • We learnt about Enock's Story and Chisomo Children's Club and made up some Red Nose Plays to show what we'd learnt. • We went indoor canoeing at Lancing College swimming pool. • We had a Wide Game at Sleepy Hollow with clothes pegs! • The D of E group went on a day hike. • We had a Trading Post evening.

Our average attendance was 71% which is very high. • 17 previous Scouts were invested in May and June last year after the Unit re-opened. Since then a further 11 new members joined us from Scouts and 1 from outside. 1 member went on to be a Leader and 4 left.

Mountain bike rides took place on the South Downs and Queen Elizabeth Country Park. • Climbing trips were run indoors on climbing walls, and outdoors on the rocks. • Canoeing sessions were run at Southwater lake throughout the summer and on the River Adur and

Shoreham beach. • Try drive sessions were arranged in the caged car park to give Explorers 15 minutes each to try driving a car with a qualified instructor. Thank you to Chevron Driving School for running this. • Sub aqua diving sessions were arranged with Arun Divers at the Aquarena on Monday evenings.

We held Exec meetings throughout the year. • Our Explorer selected to go to the 21st World Scout Jamboree has been attending a programme of events with the rest of the County contingent in readiness for the Summer. • A summary chart of our accounts appears later in this booklet. Thank you to Tanya for her work as our treasurer. She is also the treasurer for Starboard Scout Troop and the D of E Group. • 2 Explorers gained the Chief Scout's Platinum Award. • Many of our Explorers have helped regularly at the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.



Osprey Explorer Scout Unit - 2nd May 2007

A huge thank you to the Leaders whose dedication allows me to keep the Unit running. They are: James Hackett, Tanya Scutt and Andy Sephton. They also all help to run Starboard Scout Troop and without the extra time that they put in, the Group would be without an Explorer Unit again. Also thank you to James Swift who has stayed on to help. Special thanks to Sally & Wayne Dix for their help over the past year while they were Leaders with the Unit.

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The Duke Of Edinburgh's Award



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D of E) is a voluntary, non-competitive programme of activities for anyone aged 14-25. Founded by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh in 1956, there are 3 progressive levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. At each level participants undertake activities in 4 Sections: Service – helping the community. Skills – developing a hobby, skill or interest. Physical Recreation – sports, dance or fitness. Expeditions – on foot, cycle, horseback or water. At Gold level, young people also complete a Residential Project where they do something constructive with people they don't already know, away from their own home. The Award offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to learn about commitment, responsibility and independence. Gaining any one of the three levels of the Award is a huge achievement.

We have now been running D of E at 8th Worthing for 9 years. Prior to 1998 the scheme had not been run in the Group since 1990 when Ian Frost left. This year 4 members of the group gained Awards. Lewis Chidwick and Keira Messingham gained Bronze. Charlotte Bayliss and Anna Cottle gained Gold. Well done to them all.

In July Craig Wilton represented the South East region of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in the final of the annual Golden Putter golf competition at Wentworth Golf Club.

31 out of the 34 members (91%) of the Explorer Unit are now signed up to participate in D of E. 12 participants have already completed their Bronze journey. Last year was the first year that we have not run any expedition training to concentrate on the new Explorer Unit, but in February this year a further 13 participants started training for their Bronze expedition which should be completed later this year.

A huge thank you to James Hackett and Andy Sephton for their help as expedition instructors and Tanya Scutt for her work behind the scenes as our treasurer.

Paul Chaplain (Award Leader).
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Royal Navy Football



Well done to our 2 teams that entered the RN Recognised Sea Scout Soccer Sixes Competition at HMS Excellent in Portsmouth over the weekend 29 September to 1 October 2006.



20 Scout teams from around the country entered the junior competition.

Our junior team was:

Ben Blake
Charlie Gilbert
Matt Harrison
Jake Lelliott
Luke Madell
Matt Surridge
George Bailey
Manager: Phil Wiles



20 Explorer Scout teams from around the country entered the senior competition.

Our senior team was:

Lewis Chidwick
Tom Clarke
James Feest
Simon Potter
Tom Soro
Craig Wilton
Manager: Paul Chaplain

All those that took part were a credit to 8th Worthing and have helped to ensure that we retain our membership in the RN Recognition Scheme.

Paul Chaplain (Explorer Scout Leader).
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Royal Navy Swimming



The Royal Navy Recognised Sea Scout Swimming Gala was held on 2nd to 4th February 2007 at HMS Raleigh in Plymouth. 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group were successful in entering both a Scout and an Explorer Scout team.

All those that took part were a credit to 8th Worthing and have helped to ensure that we retain our membership in the RN Recognition Scheme. Thank you to Louise and Mark Scott for arranging training, selection and attending the event.

Our Teams:				
Explorer Team	Under 18	Breaststroke	Alex Kershaw	
		Backstroke	Joel Abbott	1st
	Under 16	Freestyle	James Hoddy	
		Breaststroke	Alex Wilton	
		Backstroke	Sam Abbott	2nd
Scout Team	Under 14	Freestyle	Gerry Ferrari	
		Breaststroke	Sean Ward	
		Backstroke	Arran Lomas	
	Under 12	Freestyle	Jack Swift	1st
		Breaststroke	Harry Rippon	
		Backstroke	Joe Butcher	



The Scout Team holding an event T-shirt



Group Treasurer

The Accounts comprise of Receipts and Payments for the Group, the individual sections and consolidated figures for both.

Each section maintains its own financial records - £7.50 from each member's monthly subscription of £10 is paid to the 'Group' to meet the costs of running and maintaining the headquarters (gas, electricity, insurances, water rates, repairs etc), the group's equipment for camping, water activities, climbing etc together with the costs of training and running and maintaining the minibus. The most significant cost met from members' subscription is that of the Scout District Capitation fee - £10,805 this year against income from subs of £21,834. My thanks to all the Section Treasurers for the work they put into maintaining accurate records and producing balanced figures at the end of each financial year.

Subscription income alone is insufficient to meet all costs, whilst at the same time providing all the facilities and resources on offer – the shortfall is more than met by the Gift Aid reclaim – £8,000+ has been claimed as a result of the 2006-07 subscriptions. My thanks, and those of every member of the group who benefit, go to Mo and Brian Ashfield for their meticulous preparation of the Gift Aid reclaim, this year involving 2,942 x £10 subs paid by members moving through the sections, joining, leaving, forgetting to pay etc! As a result, the Group will be carrying forward a balance of over £27000 into 2007-08 to enable it to continue to provide 'good value for money' for each of its members.

My thanks, and those of the Group, must also go to our loyal auditor Bryan Moon, who selflessly continues to support us. Thank you.

Kathy Shuttleworth (Group Treasurer).

Email: kathleen.shuttleworth@8thworthing.org.uk

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2007

MONETARY ASETS		NON-MONETARY ASSETS	
Cash in hand and at the bank	£19,069	Group HQ @ Insurance Value	£209,842
National Savings Bank	£520	Minibus @ Valuation	£18,000
Accrued Income – Inland Revenue	<u>£8,000</u>	Trailers at Insurance Value	£9,000
	£27,589	Equipment @ Insurance Value	<u>£30,000</u>
			£266,842
LIABILITIES	NIL		

8TH WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

2006		2007
	<u>INCOME</u>	
£560.00	Donations	£395.00
£368.81	Current & Business Call A/c Interest	£240.90
£31.01	National Savings Bank Interest	£19.06
£1,230.75	Section Minibus Payments	£1,513.75
£18,948.25	Section M/Ship Fees and Subs	£21,834.00
£9,132.16	Gift Aid	£7,251.07
£314.25	T. Shirts	£376.80
£10,198.59	Sailing Boat Fund	
£437.79	Closure of Minibus Appeal	
£198.36	Sundry income	£416.58
£41,419.97		£32,047.16
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
£4,363.05	Group Running	£4,972.27
£4,518.00	H.Q. Running	£5,323.07
£23,078.66	Boat purchases	
£2,906.62	Minibus Running	£3,158.60
£2,941.74	Insurances	£1,750.39
£1,680.80	Training	£1,358.13
£7,589.80	Membership/Jamboree Fees	£10,804.90
£280.91	T. Shirts	
£47,359.58		£27,367.36
-£5,939.61	Surplus income over expenditure	£4,679.80
	<u>BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH</u>	
£26,848.77	Acc. Fund Balance 1st April	£19,909.16
-£5,939.61	Surplus income over expenditure	£4,679.80
-£1,000.00	Anticipated decrease in Gift Aid reclaim	£3,000.00
£19,909.16		<u>£27,588.96</u>
	<u>FINANCED BY:</u>	
£13,908.19	Cash in hand & at bank	£19,068.93
£1,000.97	National Savings Bank	£520.03
£5,000.00	Inland Revenue	£8,000.00
£19,909.16		<u>£27,588.96</u>

I have independently examined the foregoing Accounts and Statement of Assets and Liabilities and certify them to be in accordance therewith.


 BRYAN J. MOON BSc, PhD, ACMA

Honorary Independent Examiner

14 JUN 2007

8TH WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2007

2006		2007
	<u>INCOME</u>	
£560.00	Donations	£395.00
£368.81	Current & Business Call A/c Interest	£240.90
£31.01	National Savings Bank A/c Interest	£19.06
£1,230.75	Section Minibus Payments	£1,513.75
£9,132.16	Gift Aid	£7,251.07
£10,198.59	Sailing Boat Fund	
£26,191.18	Section M/Ship Fees & Subs	£30,054.00
£5,697.54	Other Income	£7,168.17
£13,728.76	Section Camps	£15,268.43
£206.59	Charity Fund Raising	£269.50
£314.25	T. Shirts	£376.80
£198.36	Sundry Income	£416.58
£437.79	Closure of Minibus Appeal a/c	
£68,295.79		£62,973.26
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
£4,363.05	Group Running	£4,972.27
£4,518.00	H.Q. Running	£5,323.07
£2,906.62	Minibus Running	£3,158.60
£23,078.66	Boat purchases	
£2,941.74	Insurances	£1,750.39
£1,680.80	Training	£1,358.13
£7,589.80	Membership/Jamboree Fees	£10,804.90
£10,600.18	Section Running	£13,360.10
£13,611.48	Section Camps	£15,217.28
£260.00	Charitable Donations	£379.50
£280.91	T. Shirts	
£71,831.24		£56,324.24
	<u>BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH</u>	
£32,153.03	Acc. Fund Balance 1st April	£27,617.58
-£3,535.45	Surplus expenditure over income	£6,649.02
-£1,000.00	Anticipated decrease in Gift Aid reclaim	£3,000.00
<u>£27,617.58</u>		<u>£37,266.60</u>
	<u>FINANCED BY:</u>	
£21,616.61	Cash in hand & at bank	£28,746.57
£100.97	National Savings Bank	£520.03
£5,000.00	Inland Revenue	£8,000.00
<u>£26,717.58</u>		<u>£37,266.60</u>

SUMMARY OF SECTIONS' INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/CS FROM 1ST APRIL 2006 TO 31ST MARCH 2007

	Starboard Beavers	Port Beavers	Port Cubs	Starboard Cubs	Midship Cubs	Port Troop	Starboard Troop	Explorer Unit	D of E		TOTAL
<u>INCOME</u>											
Section Subs	2,520.00	3,540.00	2,580.00	3,940.00	3,320.00	5,260.00	5,150.00	3,744.00			30,054.00
Other Income	333.60	959.10	857.00	693.14	385.60	640.05	1,892.01	1,253.67	143.00	RegnFees	7,157.17
Section Camps			2,695.00	870.00	823.72	3,863.21	4,494.00	2,080.00	390.00		15,215.93
Fund Raising			5.00		264.50						269.50
	2,853.60	4,499.10	6,137.00	5,503.14	4,793.82	9,763.26	11,536.01	7,077.67	533.00		52,696.60
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>											
Subs & M/Ship	1,950.00	2,610.00	1,912.50	2,904.00	2,452.50	3,735.00	3,562.50	2,707.50			21,834.00
Section Running	649.94	1,655.56	1,151.19	1,319.93	1,081.94	1,323.40	3,225.75	2,768.54	183.85	RegnFees	13,360.10
Section Camps			2,769.58	792.11	912.10	3,912.88	4,977.82	1,746.69	5.00		15,116.18
Charitable Donations			15.00	100.00	264.50				37.60		417.10
	2,599.94	4,265.56	5,848.27	5,116.04	4,711.04	8,971.28	11,766.07	7,222.73	226.45		50,727.38
<u>ACCUM. FUND</u>											
1st April 2005	97.69	967.11	291.81	375.76	585.38	1,106.74	2,004.19	1,845.90	433.84		7,708.42
Excess/Deficit	253.66	233.54	288.73	387.10	82.78	791.98	-230.06	-145.06	306.55		1,969.22
31st March 2006	351.35	1,200.65	580.54	762.86	668.16	1,898.72	1,774.13	1,700.84	740.39		9,677.64
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>											
Cash at Bank/ Building Society	254.80	1,200.65	571.86	762.86	640.56	1,887.84	1,774.13	1,697.84	740.39		9,530.93
Cash in Hand	96.55		8.68		27.60	10.88		3.00			146.71
Payments in advance											
Receipts in advance											
Debtors/(Creditors)											
	£351.35	£1,200.65	£580.54	£762.86	£668.16	£1,898.72	£1,774.13	£1,700.84	£740.39		9,677.64

Section accounts audited by Mrs. J. Green/ACSL Midship Cubs/D of E Assessor
Mr. B. Ashfield/Gift Aid Treasurer and Mrs. K. Shuttleworth/Group Treasurer



Centenary



Robert Baden-Powell of Gilwell (1857-1941) was a decorated soldier, talented artist, actor and free-thinker. Best known during his military career for his spirited defence of the small South African township of Mafeking during the Boer War, he was soon to be propelled to extraordinary fame as the Founder of Scouting.

He had been impressed during the siege at how boys had used their initiative under pressure to make themselves useful and capitalise on limited resources. Already thinking of developing a training programme for young people in Britain, he was urged by friends to re-write his handbook for soldiers (*Aids to Scouting*) for this younger audience.

In 1907 he held an experimental camp on Brownsea Island, Poole, Dorset, to try out his ideas. He brought together 20 boys, some from public schools and some from working class homes, and put them into camp under his leadership. The whole world now knows the results of that camp.

Scouting for Boys was published in 1908 in six fortnightly parts at 4d a copy. Sales of the book were enormous and boys soon formed themselves into Scout Patrols. What had been intended as a training aid for existing organisations became the handbook of a new and, ultimately, worldwide Movement. B-P's great understanding of young people obviously touched a fundamental chord both in this country and others. In September 1908, B-P set up an office to deal with enquiries pouring in about the Movement.

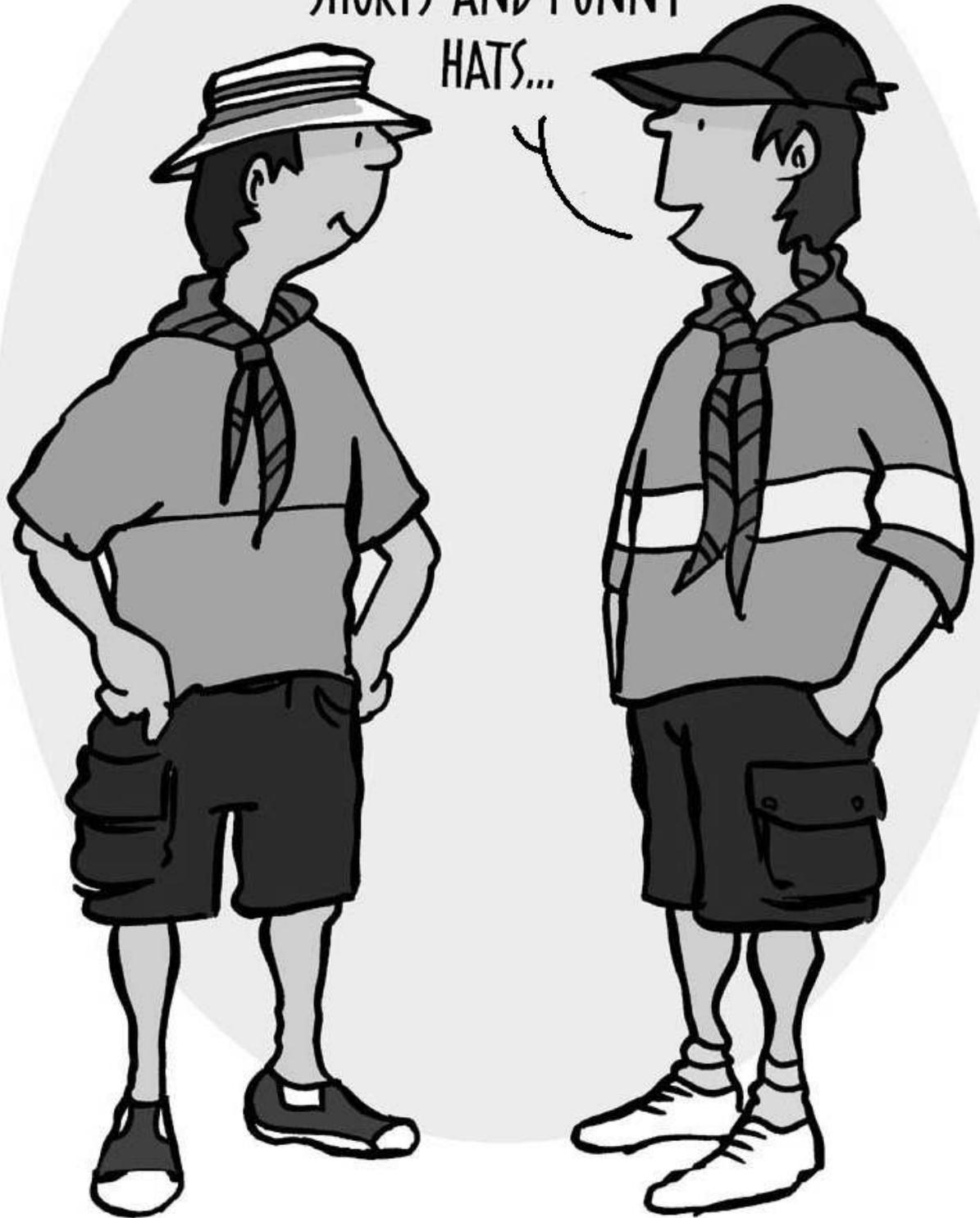
Scouting for Boys has since been translated into many different languages and dialects.

Some 28 million young people worldwide now take part in the adventure of Scouting and in 2007 the Movement celebrates its centenary.



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Scout.

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