

8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

Registered Charity no. 279339



Annual General Meeting

28th June 2008

Reports and Accounts



Minutes of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on
23rd June 2007

PRESENT: 82

1. GSL, Ian Wetherell extended a warm welcome to everyone present at the AGM and welcomed Judy Marshallsay, District Commissioner.
2. There were apologies for absence from Jane Preston, Raine Miles, Mick Lyton & Pauline Wilton.
3. The Minutes of last year's AGM held on 2nd July 2006 were approved. Proposed: Paul Chaplain seconded: Jacky Green
4. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. Group Treasurer: Mrs K Shuttleworth referred the meeting to the accounts, which appear at the back of the booklet. 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 subs of £10 is paid to the Group to meet the costs of running and maintaining the HQ, equipment for camping, water activities, climbing, costs of training and running and maintaining the minibus. The most significant cost is the Capitation fee, which was £10805 this year. Subscription income alone is insufficient to meet all costs so the shortfall is more than met by the Gift Aid reclaim of £8000+ and Kathy thanked Brian and Mo Ashfield for their help with the claim. The Group has been able to carry forward balances of almost £27000. Each section maintains records of its own income and expenditure and Kathy thanked all the treasurers for keeping their Sections solvent and to Jacky Green for helping with the accounts. She also thanked our Auditor Bryan Moon for undertaking the audit again this year – his time and dependability are very much appreciated. A vote of thanks was given to Kathy for all her hard work.
6. Approval was requested for the Accounts. Prop: J Green. Sec: M Scott. Carried unanimously.
7. Adoption of the Section Reports. Prop: M Scott Sec: R Green. Reports adopted.
8. Address by Group Scout Leader: Ian said that the Group had again passed its inspection and were again RN recognised. Ian spoke about the lease and explained how we were in dispute with the Council and has sort legal advice. He thanked all those who were helping. He then went on to highlight various activities undertaken by the sections over the past year, full details of which appear in their written reports included in the Annual Report.
Port Beaver's programme has included a fun quiz about Scouting, a

Native American Indian theme to their evenings and a Wild West fancy dress campfire evening, visits to Flying Fortress and the Priory nursing home. Nearly all the Beavers going onto Cubs have managed to gain their Chief Scout Bronze Awards.

Port Cubs have taken part in various District competitions such as football, rounders and Ready Steady Cook. Other activities included visits to see the Mayor and Shoreham Airport and a sausage sizzle at Dappers Lane. The Cubs took part in the Cub 90th Anniversary camp in May. They also gained an amazing 162 activity and 40 award badges, 2 were Chief Scout Silver Awards.

Port Scouts again went to Longridge for their Summer Camp and took part in canoeing, pulling, dragon boating and a day trip to Thorpe Park. They also ran camps at Fernycrofts, Broadstone Warren and the activity camp at Broadstone Warren where they joined by 1st Ferring and 1st Findon Valley. Andy and Mel got married and were sent video messages from the Scouts.

Starboard Beavers have visited the Beaver 20th Anniversary Fun Day, WWT Centre at Arundel and the Pavilion Theatre to see Peter Pan. During their evenings they have taken part in activities on healthy eating, exercise, home and water safety.

Starboard Cubs have camped twice this year at both Stanford and Wilverley. The Cubs have taken part in many of the District competitions and won the District Football Tournament. They have also gained 214 Activity, 10 Silver Award and 70 Challenge badges.

Starboard Scouts organised a trip to Alton Towers and Cadbury World, Guildford Spectrum and Fire Station. They have been raft racing, mountain biking and raised £300 for Children in Need from a family quiz night. They also found time to gain a massive 290 badges.

Midship Cubs took part in a special camp at Stanford to celebrate 90 years of Cub Scouting. During the year they also took part in District events such as Ready Steady Cook and Chess competition and were winners of the Rounders and runners up in the football. The Cubs also visited the Worthing Herald offices, Shoreham Airport, the Panto and the Gang Show. Several Cubs went to Durrington High school to be presented with their Silver Award. The section have also gained 222 activity badges including Scientist and Sports Enthusiast.

Explorers had 34 invested Explorers by the end of March. They have taken part in archery, sailing, scuba diving, kayaking and a chocolate challenge to see who could make the best ice cream desserts. 14 Explorers went to Gilwell 24 where they had to stay awake for 24 hours taking part in lots of activities.

Ian also placed on record his thanks to all the Leaders, Instructors, members of the Executive Committee, parents & friends who give so much time & effort to help & make the activities of the Group so successful.

9 The GSL Ian Wetherell nominated Roger Green as Chairman & the nomination was carried unanimously.

10 GSL's nomination of members to the Group Executive Committee. The nomination was carried.

11 Election of

- a) Group Secretary – Mandi Stevens
- b) Group Treasurer – Kathy Shuttleworth

Mandi & Kathy agreed to continue, but Kathy gave 12 months notice, that after 16 years, she wished to terminate the treasurership. The appointments were approved.

12 Election of a member of the Group Council to the Group Executive Committee: Martin Wilton was nominated and approved.

13 Election of the Independent Financial Assessor – Mr Bryan Moon has agreed to continue to fill this position but possibly for only a further year. Proposed : B Ashfield Seconded : M Ashfield.

14 A letter concerning the renewal of lease on the Headquarters had been sent to the Council in March but to date we have had no reply. There were several enquires from the floor about the lease. Roger explained that the lease is due for renewal on 1st August 2007 and have heard nothing from either Thomas a'Becket school or WSCC about the terms of the new lease. Roger gave his thanks to all the leaders and helpers for all their hard work over the past year.

15 Presentations: the GSL introduced Judy Marshallsay who presented the following award.

Long Service Award for 15 years service were presented to Mark Scott, 5 years to Richard Treagus and Jane Worsfold

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:20 hours

Signed.....

Date.....



Port Beavers



For the autumn term we looked at the topic of transport. We started off by making parachutes and paper airplanes, and then looking at how things fly. We then had a visit to Shoreham Airport, where the Beavers actually got a chance to welcome a flight of passengers back onto English soil. We then made flying saucers and cars. To finish off the topic a pilot come to talk to the Beavers about his job. The rest of the term was filled with many Christmas activities, and was rounded off with a party, complete with magician.

In September most of the Beavers attended another District Fun Day at Dappers Lane, which was again a great success. Then in October we held our annual sleepover, which was based around Halloween. The beavers spent the day doing Halloween crafts and cooking, as well as playing games and having a campfire sing-along.

In the Spring term we had a passports theme. We visited many countries, including Canada, South America, Africa, China, Australia, New Zealand, and the UK. For our USA visit we had a cowboys evening, complete with campfire singing and hot dogs. Then we visited the Caribbean by having a beach party and sampling exotic fruits. The Beavers ate yet again when they visited Europe as we tasted food from six different countries. We also had a night walk along the beach from Goring Gap to Ferring, where we were met with drinks of hot chocolate. The Beavers loved the idea of food yet again! We finished off the term with an Easter Egg fun night.

For the Summer term we are looking at many outdoor topics. We are starting off looking at weather with a visit to Salvington mill. We are then doing an RSPB climate action award, and looking at Fair trade issues. Then following on we are looking at healthy eating and health and fitness, with a sponsored walk for Chestnut Tree house taking place in June. We are having a family picnic at the beach and exploring Cissbury Ring. A number of the Beavers are doing a sleepover at Broadstone Warren, with others joining for the day only. Finally we are taking the Beavers on a trip to London in July.

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, and give special thanks to my section assistants Emma Wallace, Mel Doyle and my new assistant Alison Boddey for all their invaluable help and support.

Jane Preston (Beaver Scout Leader).

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Starboard Beaver Colony

The Colony has been very active again this year working towards the Challenge Badges that are now available to Beaver Scouts.

We have thought about our promise and how we are part of a world community.

During the year we have had many food-related evenings based around healthy eating, including fair-trade foods and making our own muesli. We have also thought about health and safety when we have been out and about.

Outdoor activities have been ever popular, including visits to the beach for walks and rock pooling, tracking at Honeysuckle Lane and a night-time walk from Cissbury to the HQ before our first sleepover there.

The badges available give us a good base to find ways to have fun and, at the same time, learn about the world in which we live. The Beavers find receiving a badge for joining in the fun and games a real bonus too.

As ever, Fiona (Otter), has been a massive help and I don't know how I would carry on without her. Andrew has recently left to join the army, but has said he will come and see us when he can. He has been a solid support for a few years now.

We look forward to our endeavours for the year ahead, including more nights away!

Bryan (Coyote)



Midship Cubs



I have certainly enjoyed my first full year as Akela of Midship Cubs. The leadership team of Deirdre, Roy and myself have worked well together, Unfortunately the parent helper that was with us has had to stand down due to a back injury, but she was a great help while she was with us – thank you Jenny. Wendy Bant, who was one of our parents, still comes and does the art and craft things for us, even though Leo is now a Scout. She has helped the Cubs make gifts and cards for Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day and Christmas – thank you Wendy.

The pack has taken part in all the district activities, including football – thank you Jim for the coaching -, chess, Centenary fun day, the sunrise ceremony, the District Challenge, Ready, Steady, Cook and the handicraft competition. This year we were successful in winning the football, the District Challenge and the handicraft competition – well done to all the Cubs who took part.

In April we went to see the Gang Show, which everyone enjoyed and it was good to see one of our Cubs taking part, and in December we went to see Peter Pan at the Connaught Theatre – oh yes we did. Two of our Cubs and myself also went to the Town Hall for the Mayor's reception, when she invited a large number of Cubs and Brownies from the District to visit the Mayor's Parlour and the Council Chamber. They also took part in a quiz and there was entertainment from the Balloon Man. It was a very enjoyable and interesting morning.

We also visited the fire station as part of their Community Challenge, and the local mosque, as part of the World Faith Badge. The Cubs have also had a go at, among other things, Line Dancing, kayaking, making a tower from newspaper and tossing pancakes. At Christmas all the Cubs bought in various items to help make up shoebox presents for the Link Romania Shoebox Appeal.

In March we joined the rest of the Group for the Royal Naval Inspection.

We have awarded 223 activity badges, including Road Safety, Physical Recreation, Athletes, Athletes+, Local Knowledge, Artists, Cyclists, Home Help, Animal Carer and Communicator, 33 Challenge Badges and 11 Silver Awards. During one of the weeks that we did the Artists Badge we asked the Cubs to design a badge for our forthcoming 80th Anniversary Year and I am proud that one of our Cubs, Josh Earl, won the competition and it is his design that all members of the Group are wearing this year.

We held our camp in the summer this year at Stanford Camp Site which was very successful thanks to the Leaders and helpers. This year a number of activity badges were gained, including Adventure, Astronomer, Camper, Emergency Aid, Map Reader, Naturalist, Hikes Away and Nights Away. We also went climbing at K2 in Crawley – all the Cubs took part and they really enjoyed it – some even managed to get to the top of the wall – well done. Chris Sawyer, one of the ex-leaders of Midship pack, also joined us for the week travelling from Manchester to be with us – thank you Chris. Ian Wetherell, our GSL, also came to do his usual fire lighting and cooking on an open fire – thank you Ian. Thanks also to our cooks, Jackie Clarke and Elaine Rippon, and our First Aider, Mandi Stevens. We had a few new Scouts come to help us this year and in September they started to help us at Pack meetings on a regular basis.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the Leader team and their families, also the Young Leaders, who are a real asset. Thank you also to the Cubs for making it such fun and to the parents for all the help and support they give.

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Port Cubs

I have been with 8th Worthing Sea Scout group for over 17 years now, the last two and a half years as Akela of Port Cubs and have seen a wide variety of Cubs and Leaders come and go. It never ceases to amaze me what the Cubs will try for fun and badge work and what most leaders will do to help the Cubs achieve these. I often wonder if schoolteachers look on their classes with the same pride that I look on my Cubs. They have between them earned 225 activity badges, 48 challenge awards and 9 Chief Scout's Silver Awards. That's 282 badges that parents have been asked to sew on uniforms not counting centenary badges and our group's 80th birthday badges. Nor does it count the badges given to new Cubs at their investiture and the growing number of Cubs who have transferred to us from other packs. That is an awful lot of sewing!

Here is how they achieved all those badges.

We had a Twitchers night in April followed later in the year by a visit to Pulborough Brooks. We went swimming in May. We had a competition to design our own commemorative centenary badge, Charlie Nye won this. In June the Cubs took on

information technology and the global challenge. They tried their hand at archery and first aid, coincidentally on the same evenings! Also in June was a pack visit to Marwell Zoo and Gilwell Park.

Throughout the summer holidays once again I ran the popular Summer Cubs in which the hardy Cubs from all three packs take part in various activities including a barbecue and an outing, this year to the Weald and Downland museum at Singleton. Our summer camp was a great success which was not dampened by the growing trend to camp in the rainy season! At camp the Cubs took part in the usual Scouty bits like tracking, burning sausages and getting happily dirty. The usual trip to the swimming pool got them briefly clean, sorry K2 sports centre! While there they had a go on the indoor climbing wall. A trip to Fishers Farm in the rain was a success until I confiscated the plastic swords bought in the gift shop (they were returned at the end of camp). In September they took part in the personal and home safety badges. In October Raksha (Val Lawrence) gave them a demonstration in healthy living which she continued at our two-night sleepover. The sleepover weekend started with an evening in town at the cinema, bowling alley and McDonalds one Friday. On Saturday under Raksha's guidance they prepared their own lunch before suffering the evening meal I concocted for them. On Sunday fun and frolics saw them go home tired. In November it was a rare event to have bonfire night fall on a pack night so a nice firework display helped towards their safety badges. Before Christmas they had their photos taken and sent them home as cards. In the New Year other badge work was DIY, communicator, entertainer and fitness challenge. They also mucked in (literally) in my version of a TV programme: I'm a Cub Scout, get me out of here! It was amazing how keen they were to "Dip the Dunny" and eat maggots.

The hard work and effort given by the Sixers and Seconders prompted us to give them a day out. A trip to the London Eye and the Science Museum was a great success, with two Cubs who were away for the weekend with their family actually going out of their way to meet us there. The only drawback was a signalling fault on the underground which gave the Cubs an idea of what a sardine feels like.

Time then to say a well-earned thank you to a great team.

To all my assistants, Elaine, Martin, Laura, Fran, Ian, Denise, Annie, Wilf, Gez and Kiera. A great year's work, a great help to the Cubs' achievements. Thanks very much. To Val, our camp stalwart, no camp works well if you are not there.

To the parents, all the transporting of Cubs here, there and everywhere and much sewing on of badges.

And lastly, I've said it before and I'll say it again, I'm proud of every single one of you. Well done and thank you all my great Cub Scouts.

Akela. (Mike Greenhorn)

Starboard Cubs

Another fun packed year has passed and Starboard Cubs have enjoyed a varied programme of activities. We are currently full and have a virtually no drop out rate and at present we have a waiting list. This is encouraging as it reaffirms that we are still providing a programme attractive to cubs in this very technical world we live in. It never fails to amaze me the enthusiasm with which each pack night is met not only from the cubs but my leaders as well.

This year we have covered such activities as a visit to the planetarium at Chichester, a visit from the RNLI and from a retired naval personal and Portsmouth Dockyards with a visit to HMS Warrior. Our Programme has included Home Safety, conservation, First aid Cycling enthusiast, Circus tricks, Athletics, art and crafts and Night Hikes.

We have had 2 camps our first was to Stanford near Pease Pottage where we travelled the world during our centenary year. Racksha our cook enabled us to sample all sorts of food from around the world. As is usual for a Starboard Camp we were washed out with the inclement weather but all the cubs went home tired and happy. The leaders then had an end of camp dinner with posh frocks and dinner jackets accompanied by wellies or walking boots in the Marquee. Our 2nd camp was at streamside where we started with a night hike slept over and then hired a coach to take us to Portsmouth. We have joined in all the district events and made the semi finals of the football. We also entered handicrafts, ready steady cook and district fun day.

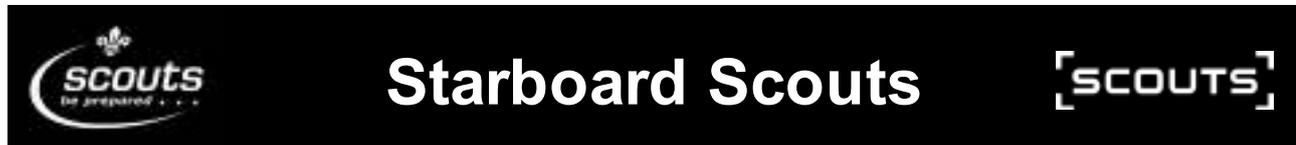
This year has seen a stable leadership with the addition of Jayne Worsfold from Port Cubs who has proved a valuable member of our team. We have continued to have help from our Young leaders and scout helpers who have been very loyal and reliable.

This year we have gained 38 challenge badges and 288 activity badges. We also managed to gain 6 silver awards which were presented by the Mayor in an annual awards ceremony. As for this summer we are looking forward to our annual camp and we are heading for Harry's Island in the New Forest.

It only leaves me to finish my report with a very big thank you to all the parents that have helped us through the year without them it would have made our job so much harder. I must also say an enormous thank you to all my leaders

whose tireless work and enthusiasm enables us to provide a varied and challenging programme for our cubs. I am very lucky to have a great team to work with.

Akela / Raine Miles



I have enjoyed my second 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 various activities within in our popular Troop.

Our membership continues to remain stable at around 40 Scouts. This has proved to be a very manageable number. We are proud that the majority of our Scouts continue to transfer into the Osprey Explorer Unit.

Our badge work continues to be one of our great strengths. Although last year's total was affected by our cancelled summer camp. Our Scouts earned over 100 badges between them including 11 Athletes, 2 Adventure Challenges, 2 Basic Nautical Skills, 7 Canoeist, 23 Chef, 18 Emergency Aid stage 2 and 3 Emergency Aid stage 3, 12 IT stage 1, 2 IT stage 2, 1 IT stage 3. 1 Nights Away 1, 1 Nights Away 3, 2 Nights Away 4, 2 Nights Away 5, 14 Outdoor Challenges, 1 Pulling, and 1 Quartermaster.

The cancelled summer camp at Longridge last year was a huge blow to all the Scouts and Leaders who were looking forward to a great week away. However we weren't going to let a little flood water stop us from enjoying some of the activities that we would have done had we gone away. During that week we went to Thorpe Park, had the PL's meal at the HQ and had a day at Southwater Lake canoeing and having a BBQ. We are keeping our fingers crossed for this year. We are going to a campsite called Decoy Broad in Norfolk which we haven't camped at before. The facilities are rather more 'simple' than we have been used to at Longridge so it will be back to basics for us!

Other activities over the year included a raft race and boating BBQ at Southwater Country Park, a visit to the Shoreham Lifeboat, a trip to the Guildford Spectrum, a mountain bike camp to the New Forest, a sausage sizzle at Streamside, a beach party and BBQ and of course becoming Dragon Boat champions once again was a big highlight!

We played golf at Rustington Golf course back in September which proved very popular with our Scouts. Seven of our Scouts passed their BCU 1 star award at Southwater Lake and received the Canoeing badge too. Pauline

organised a great weekend camp at Broadstone Warren in October where the Scouts practised their fire lighting, axe and knife and general camping skills. They also went grass sledging and potholing! In November we donned our cowboy boots and hats and learnt some line dancing moves at the HQ. Yeehaw!

Instead of having a Christmas party in December we treated the Scouts to the Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk at the Connaught Theatre. 'Oh no you didn't. Oh yes we did!'

In January as part of the astronomers badge we visited the Southdown Planetarium in Chichester for a night with the stars. We were taken on an amazing tour of the solar system and thoroughly enjoyed this very relaxing experience.

In February, Andy organised a brilliant weekend away to Cheddar Caves. Our Scouts went on a private caving tour of the famous caves. We explored the local area and climbed Jacobs Ladder. The following day we drove to Longleat Safari Park and had a fantastic day driving through the different enclosures. The highlight of which had to be the monkeys! We laughed as they pulled various bits of trim from people's cars. They didn't clamber all over our minibus – honest!

Three quarters of the Troop had a great weekend at the 80th Anniversary Camp at Broadstone Warren in May even though they got a little wet on the last couple of days!

Our list of activities goes on. We like to keep the favourites in our programme but are always thinking of new and different activities for the Scouts. I am sure that in the coming year will be no exception.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the leaders for their time, commitment and energy that they have given and continue to give to the Troop. I would like to continue to pay particular thanks to Paul for his ongoing support at Starboard whilst also heading up Explorers and to Tanya for the great work she does keeping our accounts in order.

And thanks finally to our supportive parents and all the Scouts, without whom there wouldn't be a Scout Troop to lead. They are a great bunch of kids and are certainly no reflection of the bad reputation that young people in the UK have at the moment. Maybe this shows how important our movement is in the 21st Century.

James Hackett
Starboard Scout Leader



Port Scouts



This report is for the period of 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2008.

During the year Troop Numbers have varied between 40 and 45 and currently have 7 patrols. We also have five young leaders assisting with Troop running. During the year Chris Holgate left us due to other commitments and Haig Bidulph has moved onto the next placement in his Graduate Training Scheme and is no longer local. We look to lose a further two leaders later in the year as Andy Higgins is returning to college and Jen Trott is going travelling.

April

We ran an Easter Egg Hunt, went to see the Worthing Scout and Guide Gang Show, ran a wide game and did Upside Down Tent Pitching.

May - July

We ran a round robin on Thursday evenings, which included Kayaking, Hiking, Tent Pitching, Sailing Boat Rigging, Athletes Badge, Guide Badge, Built Catapults, A Frame Racing and Pioneering. We ran a camp for the younger members of the troop at Broadstone Warren campsite, enabling them to complete their outdoor challenge, a Water Activities day at Southwater Lake and some of the older members of the troop took part in the District Survival Skills Camp.

August

Summer Camp, which was due to be held at Longridge was cancelled due to severe flooding. Instead we ran an activity week including two Kayaking River trips, three boating days at Southwater including a BBQ and a day out to Thorpe Park.

September

Members of the troop took part in the National Dragon Boat Championships at Longridge. We ran a camp theory evening, did Knotting, Seamanship Skills held a Wide Game and took the older Scouts to Broadstone Warren for the Outdoor Plus Challenge.

October

Members of the troop took part in the RN Soccer Sixes Competition. We ran Trading Posts and Seamanship evenings as well as Sailing at

Southwater Lake. Members of the troop also spent a day at Longridge Dragon Boating and a day at the Birmingham NEC in preparation for Live 07.

November

We ran an incident evening, team challenges, Castaway Cooking and went on a Night Hike. Members of the troop also took part in Live 07 at the 02 Arena.

December

The Patrol Leaders ran an evening and we had a Christmas Party.

January

We ran Pirates, Seamanship Skills, made Chinese Masks, did mini Pioneering and Team Building Skills

February

We had a quiz, celebrated the Chinese New Year with different types of food and Chinese Pancakes, did Seamanship Training and held an Indoor Activity Camp at Broadstone Warren. We also had a team take part in the District Streamside Manoeuvres Incident Hike

March

We did map and compass training, made sweet art, went on a Night Hike, did more Seamanship Training and held kayaking sessions at Lancing College Pool.

During the year we have worked hard again to keep up momentum with badges, with all Scouts gaining badges during the year. In particular Dinghy Sailing, Survival Skills, Guide Badge, Athletes Badge, Craft Badge and Creative Challenge were gained.

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. Lou and I would like to extend special thanks to Dorothy Orpin for looking after Georgia on Thursday evenings, enabling both of us to be at Scouts!

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Osprey Explorers



This report is for the period of 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2008.

At the end of March this year, we had 37 invested Explorers (22 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. 3 members left in April and 6 new members joined, taking us up to 40. We've invested 18 new members this year and grown by 15%. The average size of an Explorer Unit in the UK is 14. We continue to be the biggest Explorer Unit in Worthing District and one of the biggest in the UK.

Age	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Male	10	2	6	3	1	22
Female	3	4	5	1	2	15
Total	13	6	11	4	3	37

APRIL: We went on a night hike. • During the second week of the Easter holidays the Worthing District Gang Show was performed at the Pavilion theatre. 3 of our Explorers took part. On the Wednesday, 6 of our Explorers came and watched and helped with the collection at the interval. • We went "Back to Beavers"! Thank you to the Beaver Scout Leaders, Bryan McHugh and Jane Preston, for running this for us. • The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D of E) group went on a training weekend. • We ran a fitness circuit. • 22 Explorers attended St George's Day parade.

MAY: We added woggles to our uniform. • We had a treasure hunt, sending Explorers around the local area searching for clues. • We had a Miss World contest and a male Explorer won! • The D of E group completed their practice expedition. • We won the District football competition. • We turned the main deck into a rifle range and did some rifle shooting. Thank you to Andy Stone from 2nd Durrington for arranging this for us. • We ran a Frog Racing evening and raised £391.31 towards the Jamboree fund. • We had a "Ready, Steady, Cook!" evening cooking Chicken Biriani and rice. • We ventured abroad for our 4th annual Kayak Camp. Thank you to Dave and Lizzie Scutt for letting us camp at their home in France.

JUNE: Andy and Tanya got married. • We did some tie dyeing. Thank

you to Pauline Wilton for arranging this for us. • We went to the Whitewater The Canoe Centre (WWTCC) open day to try out the latest boats. • We ran the “District Tricky tri-waterthon”. An evening of paddlesports (canoeing and kayaking) at Southwater Country Park for all Explorer Scouts in Worthing District. • 7 Explorers attended Module A of the Young Leader training scheme to gain their Young Leader Badge. • We made a bicycle obstacle course.

JULY: Mondrul, a Buddhist monk from Bodhisattva Buddhist Centre in Brighton, visited us to talk to us about Buddhism and meditation. • 13 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 had a barbecue at Goring Gap. • The D of E group completed their qualifying expedition. • We ran a nautical skills evening at Port Cubs. • We finished the Summer programme with a Karaoke party. • For Summer Camp we went to Yr Hafod in Snowdonia. 15 Explorers and 7 Leaders attended. Activities included: hill walking, kayaking, climbing, horse riding and whitewater rafting. Thank you to Wayne for arranging this for us. Thank you to Steve Briscoe, Sally Dix, Wayne Dix, Jacky Green, James Swift and Sue Wearing for their help in running the Camp. • One of our Explorers attended the World Scout Jamboree.

AUGUST: We took part in Scouting's Sunrise. Scouts of every age from around the UK joined with 28 million Scouts from around the world to celebrate the dawn of a new Century of Scouting. Worthing District joined in this celebration on Broadwater Green to be part of the biggest gathering that has ever happened in the World of young people.

SEPTEMBER: We won the National Scout Dragon Boat Championships at Longridge again. A full report appears later in this booklet. • Joe Houslop came back as an Assistant Explorer Scout Leader. • We ran a canoeing session for Midship Cubs. • We had a mobile phone photography competition. In Patrols, Explorers took photos from a list using the cameras in their mobile phones. We published the winners on our website. • 33 Explorers took over Screen 2 at the Dome Cinema in Worthing to watch “Run Fat Boy Run”. • We had a pioneering evening to constructed tripods and create an obstacle course.

OCTOBER: We had an open evening and showed a video of our Summer Camp to the parents. • We won the RN 6 a side football

tournament at HMS Bristol in Portsmouth. Thank you to Mark Shepherd and Ian Wetherell for managing our team. A full report appears later in this booklet. • We had a sausage sizzle at Dappers Lane. • We had a dress rehearsal for Live 07 at Birmingham NEC. • We held a chess championship. • We went to Longridge to film a dragon boat race for Live 07. • We had a Halloween Wide Game at Sleepy Hollow with clothes pegs!

NOVEMBER: The PLs ran a senses evening. • We went ten pin bowling at Worthing Bowl. • We had a disability awareness evening. We ran games and activities, aiming to give participants the opportunity to experience the disadvantages and frustrations of being disabled, whilst living in an able-bodied world. • We took part in Live 07 at the O2 Arena in London. • We had a driver theory test.

DECEMBER: We had a casualty simulation evening with make-up! • We went indoor canoeing at Lancing College swimming pool. • We went to Worthing Leisure Centre to try trampolining. • We had a Christmas party in fancy dress!

JANUARY: Lewis Chidwick came back to help. • 24 Explorers went to Laser Quest at Horsham Super Bowl. • We had a D of E talk. • 5 more Explorers attended Module A of the Young Leader training scheme to gain their Young Leader Badge while 14 more attended Module B at our HQ. • We went swimming at the Aquarena.

FEBRUARY: We made pancakes. • We went on another night hike. • We had a nautical skills evening to practice the Bosun's Call and knots ready for RN inspection. • 11 Explorers started their expedition training for their bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

MARCH: 35 Explorers (95%) attended RN inspection. There were only 2 that couldn't make it who both sent their apologies in advance. • We had a Trading Post evening. • We issued the new style Participation Award badges which Explorers are now allowed to wear. We issued 111 badges for a total of 299 years participation!

Our average attendance was 74% which is very high. • 13 new members joined us from Scouts. 2 members went on to be Leaders and 8 left.

We have a Unit Forum to make sure our programme is balanced and the Explorer Scouts have a big say in what their programme contains. We include the whole Unit in our forum and set aside a meeting twice a year when everyone can have a say about the Unit and its programme. • Our Patrols are reorganised every 3 months to give Explorers the opportunity to mix with different people and hopefully make some new friends. The oldest 6 Explorers become PLs and the next oldest APLs. Anyone with below average attendance in the last 3 months isn't eligible to be a PL or APL. • Our Explorer selected to go to the 21st World Scout Jamboree attended 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. • 32 of our Explorers (86%) are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. 6 Explorers gained both the Bronze D of E Award and the Chief Scout's Platinum Award. • 21 of our Explorers (57%) are registered with the District as Young Leaders and 14 of these help regularly at the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.



Osprey Explorer Scout Unit - 23rd April 2008

I am proud to be the Leader of Osprey Explorers, but I could not do it without the team of Leaders that support me. A huge thank you to them for their consistent dedication that keep the Unit running so successfully and make it so much fun. They are: Lewis Chidwick, James Hackett, Joe Houslop, Andy Sephton, Tanya Sephton and James Swift.

Paul Chaplain (Explorer Scout Leader).
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Website: www.8thworthing.org.uk/explorers



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.

This year 10 members of the group gained Awards. Harriet Briscoe, Rachel Drew, Amelia Lytton, Lucy Partridge, Maddy Roberts, Richard Treagus, Alex Wilton and Craig Wilton gained Bronze. Richard Bayliss and Andy Green gained Gold. Well done to them all.

32 out of the 37 members (86%) of the Explorer Unit are now signed up to participate in D of E. 19 participants have already completed their Bronze journey. In February this year a further 11 participants started training for their Bronze expedition which should be completed later this year. Service programmes chosen this year included: helping as a Young Leader and Life Saving. Skills included: Drama & Theatre, Driving and Music Playing. Physical Recreation included: Canoeing and Swimming.

A huge thank you to James Hackett, Andy Sephton and Martin Wilton 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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Dragon Boating



8th Worthing Sea Scout Group won the 16th Annual National Dragon Boat Championships held at Longridge Scout Boating Centre in Marlow on the River Thames on Saturday 1st September. This is the fourth year that they have won this title. They previously also won in 2000, 2003 and 2004. 2007 is the Centenary year of Scouting which makes the win extra special. As well as the main trophy, each member of the team was also presented with a medal.



A crew consists of up to 18 paddlers, a drummer and a steersman. There are 3 classes: Scout (14 & Under), Explorer/Network Scout (Under 26) and Mixed Age. Teams from throughout the country entered.

8th Worthing entered a team in both the Scout and the Mixed Age classes. The Scout team was sponsored by Gladius again. The Mixed Age team was sponsored by Leaders Ltd. The entry fee was £180 per team. As well as winning the main Scout class, their Mixed Age team also came third in their class.

The following Scouts took part in the winning team: Rachel Austin, Ben Blake, Joe Butcher (drummer), Niall Curtin, Gez Ferrari, Adam Gilbert, Joel Hammond, Lucy Hammond, Ollie Kershaw, Jack Lawrence, Azaria Messingham, Alex Mitchell, Michael Mitchell, Maddy Roberts, Rachel Rooke, Becky Stratton, Jack Swift, Alex Wilton and Richard Worsfold. The boat was steered by Explorer Scout Leader Paul Chaplain.

The following took part in the Mixed team: Joe Anderson, Robert Davidson, Rachel Drew, Harry Gilbert, James Hackett, Alex Kershaw, Oliver Linscer, Andrew McDowe, Tarran Messingham, Mick Orpin, Mark Scott, Andy Sephton (drummer), Lawrence Shaw, Wilf Speller, Mike Standing, Richard Treagus, Martin Wilton and Pauline Wilton. The boat was also steered by Explorer Scout Leader Paul Chaplain.

Our teams were made up from both our Scout Troops and our Explorer Unit so it was truly a Group effort. Both teams did so well by working together. Every member did their best, which created two very strong teams that delivered a convincing win and a close runner up. I am really proud of all of them!

Paul Chaplain (Explorer Scout Leader, BDA Coach Level 2).
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**STATEMENT OF THE GROUP'S ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
 AS AT 31ST MARCH 2008**

MONETARY ASSETS

Cash in hand and at the bank	£36,973.00
National Savings Bank	£539.00
Accrued Income - Inland Revenue	£8,000.00
	<u>£45,512.00</u>

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

Group Headquarters at Insurance Value	£218,235.00
Minibus at Valuation	£13,000.00
Trailers at Insurance Value	£9,000.00
Equipment including marquees, tentage, camping equipment, climbing equipment and boats & canoes at Insurance Value	£30,000.00
	<u>£315,747.00</u>

LIABILITIES

NIL

REGISTERED CHARITY No:

279339

SCOUT REGISTRATION No:

3738

GROUP SCOUT LEADER:

IAN WETHERELL

CHAIRMAN:

ROGER GREEN

GROUP TREASURER:

MRS. K. SHUTTLEWORTH

SECRETARY:

MRS. M. STEVENS



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 5 to 7 October 2007. About 21 groups of 147 young people in total played 104 games over the weekend, adjudicated by qualified refs. Congratulations to our Explorer team who won the Explorer tournament and Ollie Kershaw who was awarded player of the Scout tournament.

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 Mark Shepherd and Ian Wetherell for managing the teams.

Our Explorer team was: Tim Cheal, James Feest, Alex Kershaw, Simon Potter, Ian Tester and Craig Wilton (all from the Explorer Unit). Our Scout team was: Fraser Barrass, Ollie Kershaw, Jake Lelliott, James Nye, Alan Turtle and Richard Worsfold (3 from Port and 3 from Starboard Troop).





Group Treasurer

The accounts comprise of the income and expenditure records for the 'Group', individual records for each Beaver, Cub, Scout and Duke of Edinburgh section, together with Consolidated Accounts for the whole group.

Income for the 'Group' is derived mainly from members' subscriptions and Gift Aid and is used to fund running and maintenance costs of the group's camping, sailing and climbing equipment together with that of the headquarters and the minibus. Gift Aid is an invaluable source of income, which at the moment, helps to maintain subscriptions at £10 a month. Mo and Brian Ashfield are to be thanked for the hours of work they put into preparing the Gift Aid claim on the Group's behalf.

Some small differences to highlight between this year and last's figures are: less income from Section Minibus Payments due in the main to most camps being cancelled during last year's floods (therefore less petrol used) and reduced Training costs, as training is now included in membership fees paid to the District.

The Group is able to carry forward overall balances of almost £35,000, ensuring its ability to meet future running costs and capital expenditure.

My thanks to all the Section Treasurers for keeping accurate records of their income and expenditure, and to Jacky and Brian for assisting me with the section accounts auditing. Thank you also to Bryan Moon, who has nobly agreed to continue auditing the group's accounts - his help and reliability is very much appreciated.

Lastly, my thanks to you all for your help and support during my 16 years of treasurership - you are all a smashing lot who put in such a lot of work for the benefit of all the beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers - I hope that they all realise what fantastic value for money they are receiving from the 8th!!

Kathy Shuttleworth / Group Treasurer

8TH WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2008

2007		2008
	<u>INCOME</u>	
£395.00	Donations	£736.00
£240.90	Current & Business Call A/c Interest	£327.67
£19.06	National Savings Bank Interest	£19.64
£1,513.75	Section Minibus Payments	£1,106.75
£21,834.00	Section M/Ship Fees and Subs	£21,607.50
£7,251.07	Gift Aid	£8,518.02
£376.80	T. Shirts	£453.90
£416.58	Sundry income	£629.25 (see over)
£32,047.16		£33,398.73
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
£4,972.27	Group Running	£5,796.53
£5,323.07	H.Q. Running	£4,422.54
£3,158.60	Minibus Running	£2,545.70
£1,750.39	Insurances	£2,868.10
£1,358.13	Training	£125.00
£10,804.90	Membership/Jamboree Fees	£9,692.20
	T. Shirts	£772.36
£27,367.36		£26,222.43
£4,679.80	Surplus income over expenditure	£7,176.30
	<u>BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH</u>	
£19,909.16	Acc. Fund Balance 1st April	£27,588.96
£4,679.80	Surplus income over expenditure	£7,176.30
£3,000.00	Anticipated increase in Gift Aid reclaim	
<u>£27,588.96</u>		<u>£34,765.26</u>
	<u>FINANCED BY:</u>	
£19,068.93	Cash in hand & at bank	£27,205.59
£520.03	National Savings Bank	£539.67
£8,000.00	Inland Revenue	£8,000.00
	Anniversary Camp - receipts in advance	-£980.00
<u>£27,588.96</u>		<u>£34,765.26</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, PLD, ACMA

Honorary Independent Examiner

19 JUN 2008

8TH WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP

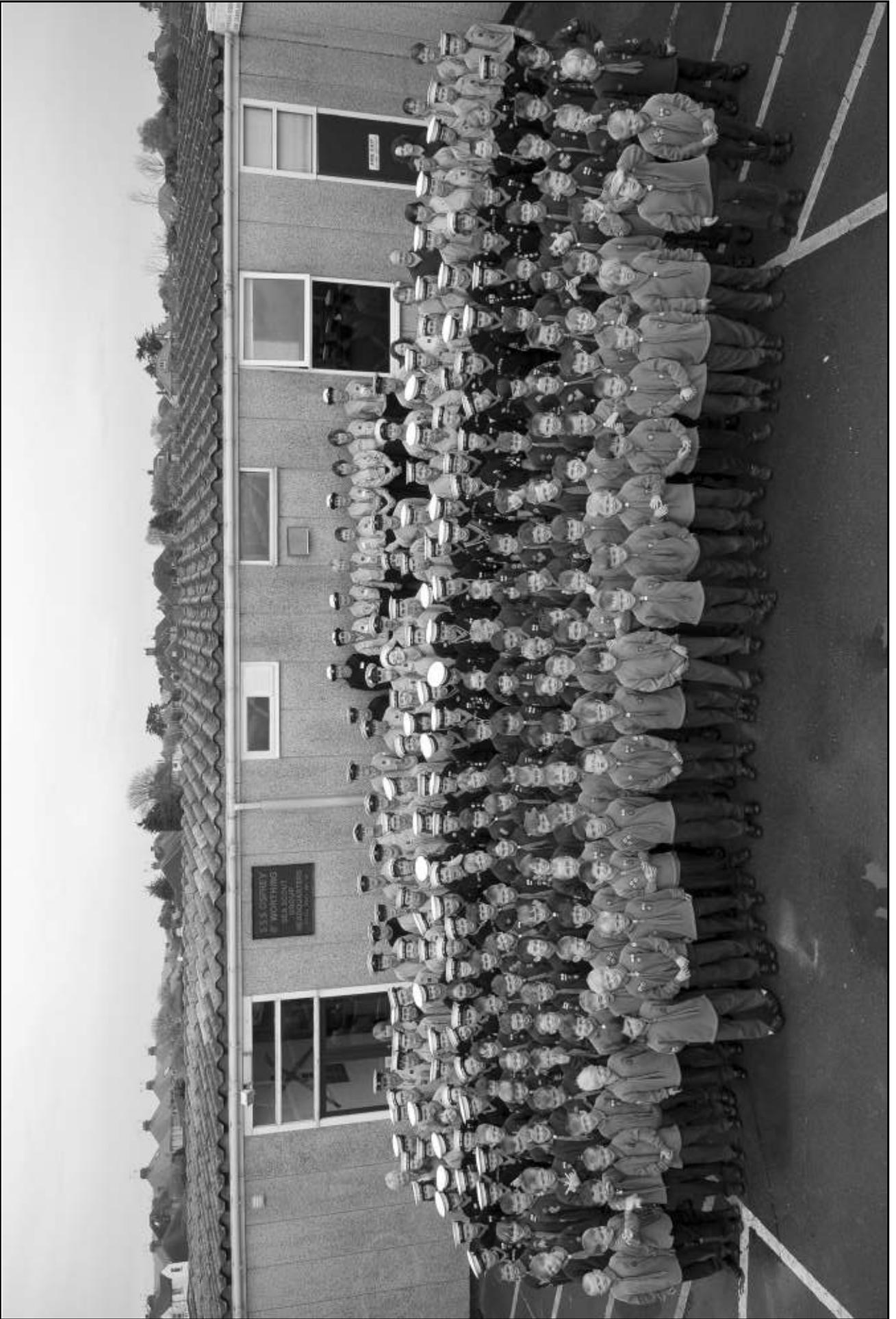
CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2008

2007		2008
	<u>INCOME</u>	
£395.00	Donations	£736.00
£240.90	Current & Business Call A/c Interest	£327.67
£19.06	National Savings Bank A/c Interest	£19.64
£1,513.75	Section Minibus Payments	£1,106.75
£7,251.07	Gift Aid	£8,518.02
£30,054.00	Section M/Ship Fees & Subs	£29,250.00
£7,168.17	Other Income	£6,137.84
£15,268.43	Section Camps	£17,082.00
£269.50	Charity Fund Raising	£137.82
£376.80	T. Shirts	£453.90
£416.58	Sundry Income	£629.25
£62,973.26		£64,398.89
	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
£4,972.27	Group Running	£5,796.53
£5,323.07	H.Q. Running	£4,422.54
£3,158.60	Minibus Running	£2,545.70
£1,750.39	Insurances	£2,868.10
£1,358.13	Training	£125.00
£10,804.90	Membership/Jamboree Fees	£9,692.20
£13,360.10	Section Running	£12,086.64
£15,217.28	Section Camps	£17,793.69
£379.50	Charitable Donations	£50.00
	T. Shirts	£772.36
£56,324.24		£56,152.76
	<u>BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH</u>	
£27,617.58	Acc. Fund Balance 1st April	£37,266.60
£6,649.02	Surplus income over expenditure	£8,246.13
£3,000.00	Anticipated increase in Gift Aid reclaim	
<u>£37,266.60</u>		<u>£45,512.73</u>
	<u>FINANCED BY:</u>	
£28,746.57	Cash in hand & at bank	£37,953.06
£520.03	National Savings Bank	£539.67
£8,000.00	Inland Revenue	£8,000.00
	Anniversary Camp - receipts in advance	-£980.00
<u>£37,266.60</u>		<u>£45,512.73</u>

SUMMARY OF SECTIONS' INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/Cs FROM 1ST APRIL 2007 TO 31ST MARCH 2008

	Starboard Port	Port	Starboard	Midship	Port	Starboard	Explorer	D of E	TOTAL
	Beavers	Cubs	Cubs	Cubs	Troop	Troop	Unit		
<u>INCOME</u>									
Section Subs	3,150.00	3,030.00	4,290.00	3,400.00	4,950.00	4,260.00	3,691.00	99.00	Regn. Fees 29,250.00
Other Income	379.50	164.30	525.27	371.90	1,179.57	1,563.35	1,280.45	350.00	6,137.84
Section Camps		2,428.00	2,857.50	1,235.00	3,367.00	4,275.00	2,904.50	15.00	17,082.00
Fund Raising		111.82		26.00					137.82
	2,759.50	3,473.50	5,734.12	7,672.77	5,032.90	9,496.57	10,098.35	7,875.95	464.00
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>									
Subs & M/Ship	1,785.00	2,265.00	2,272.50	3,105.00	2,505.00	3,555.00	3,150.00	2,970.00	21,607.50
Section Running	720.32	1,262.36	1,189.17	1,650.78	1,036.29	1,960.35	1,918.36	2,092.07	12,086.64
Section Camps		2,543.12	3,180.97	1,525.00	2,988.86	4,571.52	2,890.22	94.00	17,793.69
Charitable Donations		50.00							50.00
	2,505.32	3,527.36	6,054.79	7,936.75	5,066.29	8,504.21	9,639.88	7,952.29	51,537.83
<u>ACCUM. FUND</u>									
1st April 2007	351.35	1,200.65	580.54	762.86	668.16	1,898.72	1,774.13	1,700.84	9,677.64
Excess/Deficit	254.18	-53.86	-320.67	-263.98	-33.39	992.36	458.47	-76.34	1,069.83
31st March 2008	605.53	1,146.79	259.87	498.88	634.77	2,891.08	2,232.60	1,624.50	10,747.47
<u>FINANCED BY:</u>									
Cash at Bank/									
Building Society	599.38	1,146.79	241.14	264.49	584.69	2,870.67	2,232.60	1,624.50	10,417.71
Cash in Hand	6.15		18.73	234.39	50.08				329.76
Payments in advance									
Receipts in advance									
Debtors/(Creditors)									
	£605.53	£1,146.79	£259.87	£498.88	£634.77	£2,891.08	£2,232.60	£1,624.50	£853.45

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



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