

# 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

Registered Charity no. 279339



**S.S.S. Osprey**

**Annual General Meeting**

**13th June 2009**

**Reports and Accounts**







# Agenda



## Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group to be held on 13th June 2009 at 8th Worthing HQ.

1. Welcome by Group Scout Leader
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of AGM held on 28th June 2008
4. Matters arising from the Minutes
5. Address by Group Treasurer
6. Approval of Group Accounts
7. Adoption of Section Reports
8. Address by Group Scout Leader
9. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nominations of Group Chairman
10. Approval of Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee
11. Election of
  - a) Group Secretary
  - b) Group Treasurer
12. Election of members of the Group Council of the Group Executive Committee
13. Election of Independent Financial Assessor
14. Closing remarks
15. Presentations



# Previous Minutes



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group held on 28th June 2008 at 8th Worthing HQ.

### PRESENT: 76

1. GSL, Ian Wetherell extended a warm welcome to everyone present at the AGM and welcomed the Mayor of Worthing Christine Brown and her consort David Brown and District Commissioner Robin Strange.
2. There were apologies for absence from Kathy Shuttleworth & Robert Tennant.
3. The Minutes of last year's AGM held on 6th June 2007 were approved. Proposed: Jacky Green, seconded: Deirdre Green.
4. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. Group Treasurer: Mrs Kathy Shuttleworth is retiring as Treasurer and was not present at the AGM so Ian read her report in her absence. He referred the meeting to the accounts, which appear at the back of the booklet. A Gift Aid reclaim of £8,000+ has again been made and Kathy thanked Brian and Mo Ashfield for their help with the claim. The Group has been able to carry forward balances of almost £35,000. After 16 years as Treasurer Kathy thanked everyone for their support.
6. Approval was requested for the Accounts. Prop: Brian Ashfield. Sec: Barbara Wells. Carried unanimously.
7. Adoption of the Section Reports. Mark Scott pointed out that the Port Scouts report was incorrectly showing the wrong date of 2006/7. Prop: M Greenhorn, Sec: D 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 of which 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 Ferny Crofts, Broadstone Warren and the activity camp at Broadstone Warren where they joined by 1st Ferring and 1st Findon Valley. They also found time to do lots of badge-work, kayak trips to Southwater and a River Rother canoe trip. Andy and Mel got married 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 and the future.

**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, 70 Challenge and 10 Silver Award badges.

**Starboard Scouts** organised a trip to Alton Towers and Cadbury World, Guildford Spectrum and the 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 their annual camp at Stanford but this year it was a special camp 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, past and present, 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 – Kevin Mullen

Ian proposed the re election of Mandi as Secretary & Kevin Mullen as the new Treasurer. Proposed J Green, seconded Dave Scott. The appointments were approved.

12. Election of members of the Group Council to the Group Executive Committee:

Martin Wilton & Lawson Powell were nominated and approved.

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

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 Robin Strange who presented the following award.

A Thank You badge & flowers were presented to Mandi Stevens and flowers were presented to the Mayor.

A Chief Scout 10 Year Service Award was presented to Jane Preston, 20 years to Bryan McHugh and 30 years to Barbara Wells.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1930 hours.

Signed.....

Date.....



# Executive Committee



- Group Scout Leader:** Mr Ian Wetherell  
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- Group Chairman:** Mr Roger Green  
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- Group Secretary:** Mrs Mandi Stevens  
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**HQ Registration Number - 3738**





# Group Scout Leader



In my report to the Group, I will give a brief summary of the section reports as well as comment on the Group's activities as a whole. Full details of the section activities appear in their reports later in this booklet.

**Port Watch Beaver Scout Colony:** The Beavers visited High Salvington Windmill as part of their Weather Badge and studied healthy eating (very popular) followed by healthy living and exercise (not quite so enthusiastic about this). Joining the Ilex Conservation Group the Beavers planted over 500 Snowdrop bulbs in Ilex Way.

**Starboard Watch Beaver Scout Colony:** Starboard Colony have held a sleepover at the HQ in October and undertook a trip to London to see the Dr Who exhibition.

**Port Watch Cub Scout Pack:** The Cubs annual camp was at Harry's Island in the New Forest a wonderful site with instant access to the open forest. A massed band with all the Cubs playing an instrument must have been a wonderful experience!

**Starboard Watch Cub Scout Pack:** The Starboard Pack also went to Harry's Island and based their camp on a nautical theme with the sixes named after ships of the Royal Navy. The Cubs carried out a winter hike just before Christmas; fortunately they forgot to invite me!

**Midship Watch Cub Scout Pack:** Midship Cubs again visited their favourite campsite at Stanford for their annual camp. One of the highlights was a trip to "K2" with most of the Cubs managing to get to the top of the climbing wall. Their report doesn't say whether any of the leaders also managed this feat! A night hike from Devil's Dyke was also carried out successfully without losing any cubs in the dark.

**Port Watch Scout Troop:** Port Troop went to Decoy Broad in Norfolk for their annual camp. The Troop held a successful Outdoor Plus Challenge Camp at Broadstone Warren.

**Starboard Watch Scout Troop:** Starboard Troop also went to Decoy Broad for their annual camp. They held a raft race and barbecue at Southwater Lake. Teaching the Scouts Kick Boxing sounds dangerous to me but apparently everyone enjoyed the demonstration.

**Osprey Explorer Scout Unit:** The Explorer Unit is now one of the largest in the country. Activities included Sumo Wrestling (what is it with these violent sports?), took part in the London – Brighton cycle ride for charity.

**Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme:** The DofE scheme is linked to the Explorer Scout Programme. This year they gained 5 Awards: Kelly Stevens, Bradley Stratton, Ian Tester and Stephen Turtle gained their Bronze Awards and Lawrence Shaw the Silver Award.

**Royal Navy Entrant:** Kevin Lawrence entered the Royal Navy as an Engineering Officer Cadet and passed out earlier this year. Kevin is training to be an Aeronautical Engineer and we wish him well in his career.

**80th Anniversary Camp:** Earlier this Mark and Lou Scott organised our 80th Anniversary Camp at Broadstone Warren. Despite appallingly wet weather, which saw our canal building skills stretched to their limits as we struggled to divert water away from the tents, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks are due to Mark and Lou for organising the camp and to Jacky Green and her team for managing the superb catering team. Thanks all round for a splendid event.

**Remembrance Day Service:** The Group attended this year's Civic Remembrance Day Service at the Town Hall. The turnout was splendid with our Group the largest contingent on parade and the kids were given a round of applause as they marched off.

**The HQ:** As reported last year our lease on the HQ has expired and WSCC were trying to impose some very unfair conditions on its' renewal. The good news is that we have managed to negotiate much more favourable terms detailed later in this booklet.

**Thanks:** Thank you everyone for your support and work during the year. Special thanks to our Chairman – Roger Green, our Treasurer – Kevin Mullen and our Secretary – Mandy Stevens. Thanks also to Jacky Green and helpers from Midship Cubs for organising the barbecue today. Finally, I should like to thank my Leaders and Instructors, the members of the Executive Committee and Parents and Friends who have given so much time and effort to help and make the activities of the Group so successful.

Ian Wetherell  
Group Scout Leader



The Group Camp kicked off the year marking our 80th Anniversary. Despite such poor weather conditions, digging trenches to protect the tents from flooding, the activity weekend must be hailed a great success. Many thanks to Mark and Lou for organising it and all the Leaders involved. Special thanks to the catering team who rearranged mealtimes to help cope with the situation and ensure that everyone had three meals a day. The logistics of the sheer amount of food was incredible; I never thought we would eat it all. Although Jacky and Nanette were in charge of the team it would not have been possible without the help of the parents involved.

After almost five years of lease negotiations with West Sussex County Council, the difficult job of ensuring the stability of our Group will soon be concluded for many years to come. The sub-committee has worked tirelessly to influence many councillors and mayors in their endeavours to achieve this result with particular thanks to Steve Carleysmith, an ex-parent, for all his patience in bridging the gap between the Group and all the necessary powers that be. The heads of terms of the new lease are detailed later in this booklet.

As a direct result of these negations it became apparent that work needed on the HQ had been postponed and, therefore, a thorough overhaul of fire safety, gas certification and electrical testing was undertaken. Roy Wells and Adi Parker, a parent and fire-fighter for West Sussex Fire Brigade, undertook the task of identifying where we were found to be wanting. A detailed report of some 32 pages was prepared and an action list presented. No doubt this could be a bench mark for other groups in the district. At the time of writing this report the work is nearing completion.

I would like to thank all the active parents, such as Kevin, our Treasurer, Mandi, our Secretary and Nikki and John for maintenance of the minibus and trailer. Also all the parents who helped at the Group Camp, the annual kit check and projects such as the new lay-apart store. All their help is much appreciated by the Leader team. It is up to all the Leaders and parents to identify the skills required for different projects and use them accordingly in the good practice of running the Group.

Lastly I am really proud to thank all of our Leaders and personnel of all the sections for the time they freely give influencing the young people in our local area and putting a sense of community into the Group and, above all, directing, teaching and imparting skills to all these young people.

Thank you everyone and here's to another successful year to come.

Roger Green  
Group Chairman



For my first time I am pleased to present the Group accounts for the last year. As before, to simplify comparison with earlier years, these are shown as Receipts and Payments of the Group itself and of the individual Sections, plus Consolidated accounts for the Group and Sections combined.

I would mention that next year there might be some changes to the way these accounts are presented, to follow revised guidance from the Scout Association. For example, subscriptions are initially paid to Sections who then pay part to the Group to cover it's expenditure (which itself includes payments to District, which includes payments to County, and so on). Our accounts show the totals received by Sections, the amount paid to (and, separately, the same amount received by) the Group, and the amounts paid onto District/County/National etc. – but perhaps the accounts would be clearer if they simply showed that part of the subscriptions which is kept by each Section, Group and so on?

Comparing annual expenditure, the increase in Group Running includes costs of camping equipment etc used for the Anniversary Camp which were not specifically attributed; HQ Running includes legal costs concerning the lease negotiations; and Training includes the (relatively) new need for Leaders (or other helpers) to be qualified to drive a minibus and/or tow a trailer.

On a personal level, I have had an "interesting" time, since taking over from Kathy last summer. I am most grateful to Kathy for her help in handing over; to Helen and Robert (who, I think, have also experienced that "interesting" feeling) for their time and effort in auditing Section accounts; to Petula for taking on the task of collating details in support of our Gift Aid claim; to Bryan Moon for again auditing the Group accounts (and at the time of writing, in the hope he may agree to continue to do so next year?); to my dear wife Yvonne, for allowing me time off from the housework, gardening etc to cope with this task; but especially to the Scout Leaders for putting up with my ignorance and inane questions.

Kevin Mullen  
Group Treasurer

**8TH WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES  
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2009**


<b><u>MONETARY ASSETS</u></b>	<b>Group only</b>	<b>Group + Sections</b>
Cash in hand & at bank	28248	41017
National Savings Bank	556	556
HM Revenue & Customs	8000	8000
Sub-total	36804	49573
 <b><u>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</u></b>		
Group HQ at Insurance value	250000	250000
Minibus estimated value	8000	8000
Boats & Trailers at Insurance value	31369	31369
Other Trailers at Insurance value	8000	8000
Equipment, incl. Marquees, tentage, camping & climbing gear, at Insurance value	50000	50000
Sub-total	347369	347369
Total	384173	396942
 <b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>	 <b>NIL</b>	 <b>NIL</b>

8th WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2009

2008		2009
	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
£ 736.00	Donations	£ 644.65
£ 327.67	Current & Business Call A/c Interest	£ 321.71
£ 19.64	National Savings Bank Interest	£ 16.42
£ 1,106.75	Section Minibus Payments	£ 1,116.00
£21,607.50	Section Membership Fees & Subscriptions	£23,075.00
£ 8,518.02	HMR&C - Gift Aid	£ 8,399.61
£ 453.90	Tee/Polo Shirts	£ 591.25
£ 629.25	Sundry Income	£ 81.35
£ -	Anniversary Camp	£ 7,500.00
<b>£33,398.73</b>		<b>£41,745.99</b>
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
£ 5,796.53	Group Running	£ 7,156.46
£ 4,422.54	HQ Running	£ 7,494.92
£ 2,545.70	Minibus Running	£ 2,588.42
£ 2,868.10	Insurances	£ 3,290.07
£ 125.00	Training	£ 1,837.50
£ 9,692.20	Membership/Jamboree Fees	£10,380.50
£ 772.36	Tee/Polo Shirts	£ 868.95
£ -	Anniversary Camp	£ 6,089.92
<b>£26,222.43</b>		<b>£39,706.74</b>
<b><u>£ 7,176.30</u></b>	<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<b><u>£ 2,039.25</u></b>
	<b><u>BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH</u></b>	
£27,588.96	Acc. Fund Balance Brought/Carried forward	£34,765.26
£ 7,176.30	Surplus Income over Expenditure	£ 2,039.25
<b><u>£34,765.26</u></b>		<b><u>£36,804.51</u></b>
	<b><u>FINANCED BY:</u></b>	
£27,205.59	Cash at bank	£29,098.42
£ 539.67	National Savings Bank	£ 556.09
£ 8,000.00	HM Revenue & Customs (Estimate)	£ 8,000.00
-£ 980.00	Anniversary Camp -receipts in advance	£ -
	Less: Provision for HQ Gas used	-£ 850.00
<b><u>£34,765.26</u></b>		<b><u>£36,804.51</u></b>

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

8 JUN 2009

8th WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP

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

2008		2009
	<b><u>INCOME</u></b>	
£ 736.00	Donations	£ 644.65
£ 327.67	Current & Business Call A/c Interest	£ 321.71
£ 19.64	National Savings Bank Interest	£ 16.42
£ 1,106.75	Section Minibus Payments	£ 1,116.00
£29,250.00	Section Membership Fees & Subscriptions	£30,991.00
£ 6,137.84	Section Other Income	£ 7,742.93
£17,082.00	Section Camps	£21,106.74
£ 137.82	Charity Fund Raising	£ 259.14
£ 8,518.02	HMR&C - Gift Aid	£ 8,399.61
£ 453.90	Tee/Polo Shirts	£ 591.25
£ 629.25	Sundry Income	£ 81.35
£ -	Anniversary Camp	£ 7,500.00
£64,398.89		£78,770.80
	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	
£ 5,796.53	Group Running	£ 7,156.46
£ 4,422.54	HQ Running	£ 7,494.92
£ 2,545.70	Minibus Running	£ 2,588.42
£ 2,868.10	Insurances	£ 3,290.07
£ 125.00	Training	£ 1,837.50
£ 9,692.20	Membership/Jamboree Fees	£10,600.50
£12,086.64	Section Running	£13,774.98
£17,793.69	Section Camps	£21,438.88
£ 50.00	Charitable Donations	£ 419.09
£ 772.36	Tee/Polo Shirts	£ 868.95
£ -	Anniversary Camp	£ 6,089.92
£56,152.76		£75,559.69
<u>£ 8,246.13</u>	<b>Surplus Income over Expenditure</b>	<u>£ 3,211.11</u>
	<b><u>BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH</u></b>	
£37,266.60	Acc. Fund Balance Brought/Carried forward	£45,512.73
£ 8,246.13	Surplus Income over Expenditure	£ 3,211.11
<u>£45,512.73</u>		<u>£48,723.84</u>
	<b><u>FINANCED BY:</u></b>	
£37,953.06	Cash in hand & at bank	£41,017.75
£ 539.67	National Savings Bank	£ 556.09
£ 8,000.00	HM Revenue & Customs (Estimate)	£ 8,000.00
-£ 980.00	Anniversary Camp -receipts in advance	£ -
	Less: Provision for HQ Gas used	-£ 850.00
<u>£45,512.73</u>		<u>£48,723.84</u>



**SUMMARY OF SECTIONS' INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/CS FROM 1ST APRIL 2008 to 31ST MARCH 2009**

	Starboard Beavers	Port Beavers	Port Cubs	Starboard Cubs	Midship Cubs	Port Troop	Starboard Troop	Explorer Unit	D of E	TOTALS
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>										
Section Subs	2620.00	3020.00	3870.00	4170.00	3020.00	4525.00	4630.00	4870.00	266.00	30991.00
Other Income	546.50	1051.60	456.94	783.10	341.40	858.92	1885.97	1818.50	0	7742.93
Section Camps	0	0	2414.50	1703.00	2235.00	4568.62	4630.00	5555.62	0	21106.74
Fund Raising	0	0	62.70	0	196.44	0	0	0	0	259.14
Sub-Totals	3166.50	4071.60	6804.14	6656.10	5792.84	9952.54	11145.97	12244.12	266.00	60099.81
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>										
Subs	2047.50	2172.50	2910.00	2970.00	2265.00	3780.00	3352.50	3577.50	220.00	23295.00
Section Running	972.10	2128.61	1119.32	1444.32	1335.57	1578.10	2851.92	2174.04	171.00	13774.98
Section Camps	0	0	2424.02	1873.01	2094.40	4929.37	3884.19	6005.58	228.31	21438.88
Charitable Donations	0	107.95	74.70	0	236.44	0	0	0	0	419.09
Sub-Totals	3019.60	4409.06	6528.04	6287.33	5931.41	10287.47	10088.61	11757.12	619.31	58927.95
<b><u>BALANCES</u></b>										
B/f 1st April 2008	605.53	1146.79	259.87	498.88	634.77	2891.08	2232.60	1624.50	853.45	10747.47
Surplus/Deficit	146.90	-337.46	276.10	368.77	-138.57	-334.93	1057.36	487.00	-353.31	1171.86
C/f 31st March 2009	752.43	809.33	535.97	867.65	496.20	2556.15	3289.96	2111.50	500.14	11919.33
<b><u>FINANCED BY</u></b>										
Bank balance	1416.33	1410.55	515.54	1990.72	448.25	3433.03	4068.90	2056.50	478.14	15817.96
O/s Credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O/s Debits	-674.07	-601.22	0	-1330.00	-53.64	-990.00	-1018.94	-35.00	0	-4702.87
Net Bank balance	742.26	809.33	515.54	660.72	394.61	2443.03	3049.96	2021.50	478.14	11115.09
Cash in hand	10.17	0	20.43	206.93	101.59	113.12	240.00	90.00	22.00	804.24
Totals	752.43	809.33	535.97	867.65	496.20	2556.15	3289.96	2111.50	500.14	11919.33

Section Accounts audited by Helen Bishop and Robert Tennent



# Port Beavers



For the Summer term we looked at the Outdoors. We looked at weather and had an evening of weather experiments. We visited the windmill at High Salvington to complete this topic. We then looked at Fair Trade and Right to Clean Water issues, which went towards their challenge badges. The Beavers also gained the RSPB Climate Action Awards. We worked towards the Healthy Eating badge which was very popular as food was involved. Strangely enough the Health and Fitness badge was not met with quite the same enthusiasm. We had a demonstration of Karate by one of the parents, which has hopefully inspired some of the children to try this sport. To gain their Hikes Away badge we did a sponsored walk around Arundel castle grounds for the Chestnut Tree House. We had a family picnic at Goring Gap and also had a walk around Cissbury Ring. Then for our annual summer trip we took the Beavers to London. We travelled on an open topped bus and had a river cruise. The parents who came with us loved this trip almost as much as the children. Finally we entered the Broadwater Carnival, which had a circus theme, and won 1st prize in the 'walking float' section.

For the autumn term we looked at the topic of people who help us. We visited the Fire and Ambulance stations and also had a visit from the Police. We visited the Town Hall and met the Mayor and must be the only Beaver colony to play sleeping fishes on the floor of the Council chamber! We had a fun Halloween party with some very wet children after bobbing for apples. The Beavers worked towards their faith badge and we had a visit from a member of the B'hai faith. They also gained their safety and imagination badges. The rest of the term was filled with Christmas activities, and was rounded off with a party at PLAY in Worthing.

In September most of the Beavers attended another District Fun Day at Dappers Lane, which was a great success again. Then in October we held our annual sleepover, where they had lots of Nature activities and crafts to keep them amused. This was then followed by a sing-along with the Beavers lying round the 'campfire' in their sleeping bags.

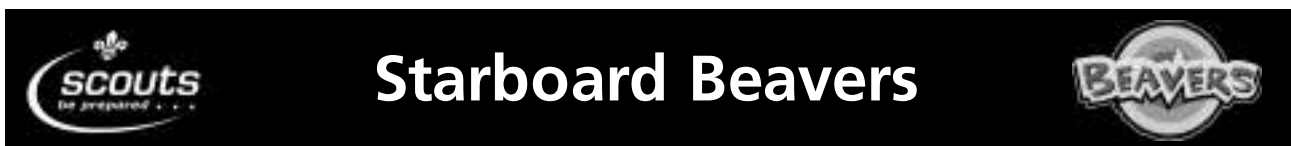
In the Spring term we started off by looking at stars and planets. The children made start gazing tubes so they could recognise the stars on our torch-light walk along the beach from Goring Gap to Ferring. Nice idea – shame about the clouds that night! Still I think they forgot all about that when they were met half way with drinks of hot chocolate! We then had a meeting looking at experiments with light and dark. The Beavers also gained their Emergency Aid 1 badges this term. In January we held a fund raising evening for the RNLI and raised £150 from the proceeds of a 'sausage sizzle' for the Beavers and the rest of their families.

The Beavers joined forces with the Ilex Conservation group in March to gain their Environment Partnership Awards. They helped plant 500 snowdrop bulbs along the paths of the Ilex Way, near to Goring Gap.

For the Summer term we are looking at the Sea. We are having visits to the Lifeboat station and Look and See centre at Littlehampton, as well as a trip to the Historic Dockyard at Portsmouth. We have already taken the children to Fishers Farm during Easter where a good time was had despite the rain.

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 Alison Boddey for all their invaluable help and support.

Jane Preston  
Beaver Scout Leader



Although it is not now the Beaver motto Starboard Beaver Colony is still really all about FUN AND FRIENDS!

We have combined fun with learning thus achieving the additional challenge badges in the Beaver programme. This year all our Beavers

going up to Cubs managed to gain their Bronze Awards. We have a full pack and a full waiting list. But on to our activities.

For our Outdoor Challenge we went down to the beach rock pooling and had a crab race at the end of the night. We went tracking in Honeysuckle Lane woods and also went up there for the night kite flying. Although there was not a great amount of wind we still had fun.

One of the highlights of our year was the 80th Group Camp that we joined for the day and slept over (indoors I am glad to say due to the torrential rain that night!) The Beavers had great fun joining in with the activities provided. They really felt part of scouting.

We had our second sleepover in October before which we walked from Cissbury back to the scout hut. A long walk for some but the thought of pizzas at the scout hut kept them going. For some reason all the Beavers who did the last sleepover were excited about was the hot chocolate and the leftover ice cream we gave them for breakfast! So that had to be repeated.

We also covered local history by doing a Tarring Village walk with a quiz for the Beavers to fill in.

We have learnt about fair trade, stranger safety, country code and how to environmentally save our planet.

For crafts we have made grass heads, face biscuits, our own pizzas, Christmas decorations and cards, Mother's Day cards and Easter crafts. We had a fun evening making musical instruments from recyclable materials and finished the evening with the beavers playing them all!

We took the beavers for a day trip to London on the train in the summer to visit



the Doctor Who exhibition and then went on to visit the embankment to watch the street entertainers. It was a hot day so we ended up dipping our feet in the fountains of Trafalgar Square and miraculously none of the beavers fell in.

We had a great turn out for the Remembrance Day service and the Beavers were fantastic they behaved impeccably I was so proud of them.

Last but not least we went to the pantomime at the Pavilion Theatre at Christmas that gave beavers and leaders the chance to shout as much as they wanted.

I hope you can tell from this report that we do have fun but on a serious note it would not be possible to do all these activities without the help of the parents so to them a big thank you. Also to Lucy Partridge, Maddy Roberts, Sean Ward and Stephen Turtle who came to help for a few weeks and I am glad to say have stayed with us beyond the call of duty to whom we are eternally grateful.

As Bryan (Coyote) left us for a while to visit Kenya, Jane Preston from Port Beavers stepped in to help me and has been fantastic! So many thanks to her for her input and ideas.

So I will finish this report as I started beavers is all about FUN AND FRIENDS.

Fiona Bodey  
Assistant Beaver Scout Leader



Well another year over and the same dilemma! How do I write about all that my cubs and leaders have done? A brief summary still becomes a journal.

Lets begin with the stats then. 218 activity badges, 128 award badges, 13 Chief Scouts silver awards and a pack of great cubs that is constantly full.

The activity badges were a mix and a muddle of air activities, athletes, road safety, scientist, chefs, artist, personal safety, navigator and entertainer.

Our year started with a visit to Lancing College farm. We had fun in the rain and mud at the groups birthday camp. We went litter picking in the school grounds and the roads around. We went to Shoreham airport for a visit which included an investiture. At the pre summer camp parents meeting the cubs prepared a picnic for mums and dads. Our summer camp followed in its usual tradition of wet wet wet! Glastonbury without the music springs to mind and I am sure I went home with trenchfoot. Camp was at Harry's Island in the New Forest, while we were there we went to Monkey World where I am pleased to say my little monkeys were as well behaved as the ones in the cages.

After summer we went to take a last visit to the old RNLI lifeboat station and we handed over a kind donation from cubs and parents (and leaders!) of over £70 towards the new station.

We went to West Worthing Baptist Church where all the cubs went in the baptism pool. It was empty at the time!

We had another a successful two night sleepover followed before Christmas by an evening 10 pin bowling.

After Christmas a mass band was formed with all cubs having a go at one instrument or another followed by what was actually a tuneful rendition. not sure what of though.

Australia day was celebrated with a trip down under (cabin 2!) and a barbie which upset the new smoke detectors.

The last highlights of the year were seeing so many cubs receive their silver award and our now annual sixers and seconders day out.

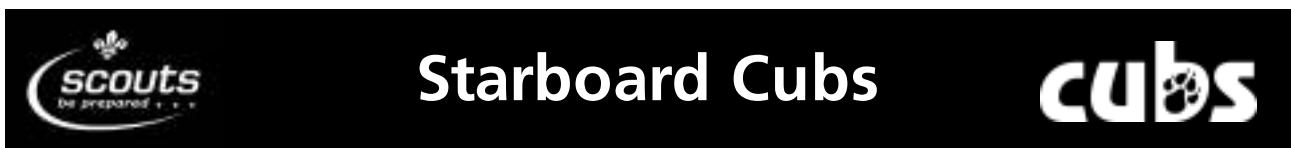
We went on a river cruise on the Thames and boarded HMS Belfast before getting stranded in London due to a rail problem.

All this was achieved due to the commitment and enthusiasm of my growing team of leaders.

Elaine, Laura, Martin, Ian, Fran, Mark, Annie, Kiera and Azaria. Thank you very much all of you and thanks also to others such as Val, Robert, Josh and Joel for your help at camp and other pack activities.

Thanks too to parents for taking cubs here there and everywhere and giving us so much support but I must not forget the cubs for without them I would not have such a great hobby.

Mike Greenhorn  
Cub Scout Leader



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 re affirms 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 Police Station, Naval games, Road Safety, Knots and Lashings and Entertainers Badge to mention but a few.

We had our Summer camp on Harry's island in the new forest and true to form we had nothing but torrential rain but as usual we continued to have great fun. This was really a back to basic camp with everything done under canvas. Our camp was run on a naval theme with each tent being named after a ship. We also enjoyed a sleepover at the HQ after a Baggy Hike before Christmas. This

coming year we are hoping for better weather and the countryside of Surrey at Bentley Copse.

This year has seen a stable leadership with the addition of Nick Davis who has many years of scouting under his belt and invaluable for camp gadgets. We have continued to have help from our Young leaders and scout helpers who have been very loyal and reliable. This year also saw Baggy, Kim and Ikki in the Gang Show and know that this was hard work but really good fun.

This year we have gained 79 challenge badges and 240 activity badges. We also managed to gain 4 silver awards which were presented by the Mayor in an annual awards ceremony.

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.

Raine Miles  
Cub Scout Leader



This has been a very busy year for Midship Cubs beginning in April with the Group's St George's Day parade and the District football competition. The County Archery Team also came to a couple of our meetings and the Cubs really enjoyed being able to take part. In May we joined the rest of the Group at the 80th Anniversary Camp which, despite the inclement weather, was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. June saw us participate in the District rounders competition and have a sausage sizzle at Dappers Lane. We had a bring a friend evening and a barbeque during July and then in August we had our annual summer camp.



This was held 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, Tracie Trangmar and Sue Wearing, and our First Aider, Mandi Stevens.

In September the Cubs got involved with recycling and the older Cubs tried kayaking. October saw the Cubs complete their Chef's badge and Paul, Thegla's husband ran a couple to special needs evenings for us. We also ran an Outdoor Challenge Plus Camp for the older Cubs at Streamside in October. During the weekend the Cubs did a night hike, route planning, hiked from Devil's Dyke back to Streamside, had a camp fire and did some orienteering. It all went very well and thanks again to the Leaders that helped; Thegla, Paul, Roy and Mike Bush. As 5th November was on a Wednesday we had a firework display and hot dogs. Also during November the Cubs took part in two evenings for the Entertainer's badge. Again, this year, we made up boxes for the Link Romania Shoebox Appeal and all the Cubs brought in various items to fill the boxes, decorate them in Christmas paper and then deliver them to the collection point. We also went to the Connaught to see the pantomime – oh yes we did!!

Back after the Christmas break saw the Cubs learning about the French way of life, First Aid and water. In February the Cubs did their Collector, Skater, Hobbies or Sports Enthusiast badges. Then they either went to the local Mosque as part of their World Faith badge or did some information technology. And finally we had a visit from the County Caving Team who did some indoor caving with the Cubs.

The leadership team of Deirdre, Roy and myself have worked well together and were joined during the year by Thegla. Wendy Bant,

who was one of our parents, has continued to come and do the art and craft things for us. 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 and rounders – thank you Jim for the coaching - the District Challenge, Ready, Steady, Cook – thank you to Helen and Mary for their help with preparing the Cubs for this competition - and the handicraft competition.

We have awarded 208 activity badges, including Navigators, Physical Recreation, Athletes, Athletes+, Entertainers and Chef and, 53 Challenge Badges and 7 Silver Awards. During February the Cubs who had gained their Silver Award attended the annual presentation by the Mayor at Durrington High School.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the Leader team and their families, also the Young Leaders – Lucy, Rachel, Kelly, Matt, Arran and Harry - 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.

Jacky Green  
Cub Scout Leader



The Troop started the year with 42 invested members and ended with 45, having seen all eight of our 14 year olds join Osprey Explorer Unit. The leadership team has again changed with Andy Higgins leaving to further his studies and Jen Trott to go travelling. Both were with us until Summer Camp. Anna Cottle also left in December due to work commitments having started with the troop several years ago to do her Silver DofE service. Nikki Gayther (one of our parents) joined us as an ASL during the summer. We also welcomed back Rachel Austin as a Young Leader.

**April:** We had an evening designing adverts, had a wide game at Lancing Clump, ran mini Olympics and worked towards Nautical Skills Badges. We also had good attendance at St George's Day parade.

**May – July:** We ran a round robin on Thursday evenings, which included Kayaking, Pioneering, Tent Pitching, Sailing Boat Rigging, Fitness Challenge, Guide Badge, Camp Gadgets, Raft Building and Camp Cooking.

During May 19 members of the troop attended the Group's Anniversary camp at Broadstone Warren. We camped at Broadstone Warren again in June running the Outdoor Challenge Camp for our younger members. Older members of the troop took part in the District Survival Skills Camp also in June.

**Summer Camp:** After our Summer Camp being cancelled at Longridge last year, this year we headed to Decoy Broad Campsite at Woodbastwick in Norfolk and what a week we had. The campsite although basic was absolutely fantastic especially the direct access on to a 20 acre broad and the River Bure. The Warden and his team could not have been more welcoming or helpful and we will definitely be returning. We were also lucky in having fabulous weather for the whole week. All the Scouts took part in plenty of Kayaking, Sailing and Pulling. We visited Great Yarmouth for the day going swimming and to a traditional theme park and ended the camp with a Raft Building competition with each team taking part in timed events, it was not particularly successful on the raft building front, but everyone had a lot of fun getting wet and it was a brilliant end to a fantastic camp.

**September:** We revisited Pioneering and Knotting, ran a logic evening, started the Promise Challenge and members of the troop took part in the National Dragon Boat Championships at Longridge. We also ran a night hike and several members of the troop took part in the Gang Show workshops.

**October:** We ran Indian Cooking, did some Nautical Skills, Completed the Promise Challenge and ran a wide game.

**November:** We ran evenings on Map and Compass, did more knots and Nautical Skills and Crossed the Chasm. We also held a kayaking session at Lancing College Pool, had a good turnout at the Remembrance Sunday parade and were well supported by our parents at the Group Kit Check days.

**December:** We made Chocolate Sweets, pitched tents upside down and the Young Leaders ran our Christmas Party.

**January:** We worked started working towards Emergency Aid badges, taught the scouts about route cards, played pirates and also did part one of the Green Footprint award which we chose to meet the criteria of the Global Challenge. Four current scouts and two ex scouts received their Gold Awards at the County Presentation at Lodge Hill.

**February:** We completed the Green Footprint award, did more first aid, went on a night hike and made pancakes.

**March:** We completed the Emergency Aid syllabus, worked towards the Communicator's Badge, which amongst other things involved the scouts building Morse Code Oscillators. We also made crafts for Mothers' Day and 12 of our older Scouts attended our Outdoor Plus Challenge Camp at Broadstone Warren.

During the year we have worked hard to get to grips with the revised Chief Scouts Gold Award requirements, which has seen the number of Challenge Badges required increase from 5 (plus personal challenges) to 8. Fortunately the requirements did not come fully into effect until February, giving us ample time to rethink our programme to allow for these changes.

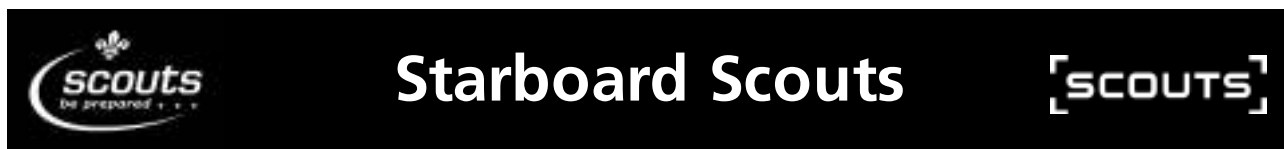
The year also saw the introduction of the BCU's new Paddle Power scheme, which we took up enthusiastically. It proved to be a great success and a much more enjoyable way for the Scouts to gain a kayaking award. Everyone at Summer Camp achieved some form of qualification.

Achievement of Badges during the year was very good with troop members gaining 175 activity badges including 19 Basic Nautical, 7

Nautical, 16 Canoeist, 8 Canoeist Plus, 36 Communicator and 24 Emergency Aid 3. We also saw the achievement of our first Advanced Nautical Skills Badge and Canoeist Instructor Award courtesy of Rachel Austin who worked very hard to gain both. In addition to the Activity badges awarded we gained 104 Challenge badges across 8 of the 9 Challenge Badges enabling the completion of 8 Chief Scouts Gold Awards with a few more not far off.

I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge well done to the members of the troop for their achievements during the year and 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. Mark and I would like to extend special thanks to John Nighy for provision of vehicles and drivers for Summer camp, Dorothy Orpin for looking after Georgia on Thursday evenings, enabling both of us to be at Scouts and to Hilary Gribble for coming to Summer Camp to look after Georgia and actually looking after all the leaders very well too.

Lou Scott  
Scout Leader



It has been another successful year for Starboard Troop as we continue to enjoy the activities and balanced programme within in our popular Troop. Our current membership is 42 scouts and 7 regular leaders plus 3 occasional helpers.

Our badge work continues to be one of our great strengths but has been given a huge boost over the last year thanks to Pauline Wilton, who has put a lot of energy into maintaining all our records and managing the scouts through their Challenge badges and ultimately onto their Chief Scout's Gold Award. We are proud that five of these top achievements were earned over the last year.

Over the last year our Scouts have earned almost 400 badges between them. These include 15 Adventure Challenges, 14 Basic

Aviation Skills, 13 Basic Nautical Skills, 8 Canoeist, 10 Community Challenges, 23 Creative Challenges, 15 Fitness Challenges, 29 Global Challenges, 11 Expedition Challenges, 25 Outdoor Challenges. I could go on but the list is too long.

Last year's summer camp was a great success, the Troop travelled up to Norfolk to camp at Decoy Broad near a village called Woodbastwick. A great week was had by all and everyone got the chance to try kayaking, canoeing, sailing, dry slope skiing, pulling, and cooking to name but a few activities. This summer we are heading back to Longridge Boating Centre on the River Thames, a great favourite of both Leaders and Scouts!

Other activities over the year included a raft race and boating BBQ at Southwater Country Park, a trip to Shoreham Airport and a look around the Sussex Police helicopter, a round of par 3 golf at Rustington, an incident hike on Cissbury ring and the Dragon Boat championships at Longridge. At Christmas we went to watch Jack and the Beanstalk at the Connaught Theatre and we also went ice skating at the Guildford Spectrum. Pauline organised a great weekend camp at Broadstone Warren where the older Scouts were able to complete their Expedition Challenge. They also went grass sledging and potholing.

In January we invited two kick boxing instructors to the HQ and the scouts spent the evening learning some basic kick boxing moves. In February we spent an evening at Lancing Leisure Centre playing badminton, squash, table tennis and using the gym. Also in February 10 Scouts travelled down to the New Forest to visit the Beaulieu National Motor Museum to carry out some research on British cars as part of their Heritage badge.

Our list of activities goes on. We like to keep the favourites in our programme but we 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 pay particular thanks to Paul for

his ongoing support at Starboard whilst also heading up Explorers, to Tanya Sephton for keeping our accounts in order and finally to Pauline for all her hard work with the badgework and supporting the Scouts.

And thanks finally to our supportive parents and to all our Scouts, without whom there wouldn't be a Scout Troop to lead. They are a fantastic group of kids and are certainly no reflection of the continuing bad reputation that young people in the UK get at the moment. This continues to show how important our role is in the local community.

James Hackett  
Scout Leader



At the end of March this year, we had 41 invested Explorers (25 boys and 16 girls) split into 6 Patrols named after Royal Navy ships: Ocean, Somerset, Portland, Richmond, Exeter and York. 4 new members joined in April, taking us up to 45. We've invested 17 new members this year and grown by 11%. The average size of an Explorer Unit in the UK is 15 so we are now 3 times the national average size. We are also now as big as all the other 4 Units in Worthing District combined and are one of the biggest in the UK.

**April:** We took part in the District Explorer quiz held at 2nd Durrington HQ. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D of E) group went on a training weekend. We made some global videos. 33 Explorers attended the Group photo and St George's Day parade. We developed awareness about the difficulties experienced by homeless people sleeping rough by building a shelter and talking about some of the other issues.

**May:** We held a Dodgeball tournament with real Dodgeballs and learnt the 5 D's: Dodge, Duck, Dip, Dive and Dodge! 23 Explorers completed Module C ("That's the way to do it!") of the Young Leader training scheme. The D of E group completed their practice

expedition. 8 Explorers attended a first aid course to gain Emergency Aid 4 and Young Leader Module K. 18 Explorers attended the Group's 80th Anniversary Camp at Broadstone Warren. Thank you to Mark and Lou Scott for arranging this.

**June:** We hired 2 giant sumo wrestling suits complete with a padded ring and held a Unit sumo tournament. 3 Explorers and 4 Leaders took part in the London to Brighton bike ride and raised £629.20 for the British Heart Foundation. Thank you to Steve Partridge and Keith Preston for driving the minibus for us. We set up an orienteering course on Cissbury Ring. 3 coaches from Worthing Rugby Club taught us how to play Tag Rugby. Thank you to Steve Briscoe for arranging this. 6 Explorers attended a County presentation to receive their Chief Scout's Platinum Awards.

**July:** We ran the District Fun Paddle. An evening of paddlesports (canoeing and kayaking) at Southwater Country Park for all Explorer Scouts in Worthing District. 17 Explorers went to the annual Gilwell 24 Camp. The D of E group completed their qualifying expedition. We had a boating barbecue at Southwater. Andy and Tanya moved home out of Worthing.

**August:** For Summer Camp we went to Longridge in Marlow. 16 Explorers and 8 Leaders attended. Activities included: camp fire, climbing, dragon boating, jacob's ladder, launch trip, kayaking, leap of faith, open canoeing, power boating, rafting, rowing, sailing, team challenge and a weir trip. Thank you to Steve Briscoe, Lewis Chidwick, Jacky Green, James Hackett, Joe Houslop, James Swift and Sue Wearing for their help in running the Camp.

**September:** For our 5th annual Kayak Camp we started at Longridge and visited WWTCC and Chertsey weir, then we went up to Overstone Scout Activity Centre in Northampton and visited Nene Whitewater Centre. We ran canoeing sessions for all 3 Cub Packs. We changed our uniform so we now wear Group polo shirts every week when it's not full uniform. Sam Briscoe came back as a Unit Assistant. 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. We set up an assault course for the District Beaver fun day. We kayaked up the



Arun to the new bridge at South Stoke and jumped off it! 31 Explorers took over the Dome Cinema in Worthing to watch "Disaster Movie". What a very apt name! We took part in the National Youth Dragon Boat Championships at Longridge again. James Swift made it into Longridge's 2009 brochure!

**October:** We made some training videos aimed for the younger Sections. We went surfing in kayaks at Goring. We went indoor canoeing at Lancing College swimming pool. We had a treasure hunt, sending Explorers around the local area searching for photo clues. We ran a BCU Canoeing Safety Test course at Southwater which 5 Explorers passed. We held a talent contest - Osprey's Got Talent (The Xplorer Factor). Scotia Gas Networks donated £500 towards our next Summer Camp. Thank you to Martin Wilton for arranging this. We had a pub quiz.

**November:** We had a "Show and Tell" talk about Camp America. Thank you to Phil Wiles and Iain Stewart for arranging this. We attended the town's annual remembrance service and parade. We produced our own Unit newspaper in one evening! We went ten pin bowling at Worthing Bowl. We went to Xscape in Milton Keynes to go skiing and snowboarding in the SNO!zone. We had a Wide Game at Sleepy Hollow. Another 9 Explorers attended a first aid course to gain Emergency Aid 4 and Young Leader Module K.

**December:** We had a Deal or No Deal game with a top prize of 250,000 Zimbabwe dollars! We went to Worthing Leisure Centre to try trampolining. We were invited to attend a national event at Westminster together with Tim Loughton, our local MP and Shadow Minister for Children. We had a Christmas party.

**January:** We went to Laser Quest at Horsham Super Bowl. We had an open evening and showed a video of our Summer Camp to the parents. We cooked oriental beef stir-fry to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We went swimming at the Aquarena.

**February:** We went on a night hike. We helped out at the District Scout incident hike. We made pancakes.

**March:** Lewis left the Unit. We took part in the District Explorer quiz

held at 2nd Durrington HQ. We had a Summer Camp meeting to start planning for our trip to Belgium. The County Caving team visited to give a talk and demonstration of their Squeeze Box. Thank you to Roy Wells for arranging this. 8 Explorers attended Module A of the Young Leader training scheme to gain their Young Leader Badge.



Osprey Explorer Scout Unit - 6th May 2009

Our average attendance was 75% which is very high. 13 new members joined us from Scouts and 1 came back from just being a Young Leader. 1 member went on to be a Leader and 9 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. A summary chart of our accounts appeared earlier in this booklet. Thank you to Tanya for her work as our treasurer. At the end of March the Unit held 94 Participation Awards totalling 337 years! Our average participation is over 8 years. 30 of our Explorers (73%) have previously been Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. 35 of our Explorers (85%) are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. 4 Explorers gained both the Bronze D of E Award and the Chief Scout's Platinum Award. 26 of our Explorers (63%) are registered with the District as Young Leaders and 20 of these help regularly at the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections.

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: Sam Briscoe, James Hackett, Joe Houslop and James Swift. Special thanks to Lewis Chidwick for his help over the past year and Andy and Tanya Sephton for all their help over the past 3 years while they were Leaders with the Unit.

Paul Chaplain  
Explorer Scout Leader



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) 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: Volunteering – undertaking service to individuals or the community. Physical – improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities. Skills – developing practical and social skills and personal interests. Expedition – planning, training for and completing an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad. Gold programme participants must also do an additional 5th Residential section which involves staying and working away from home doing a shared activity. The DofE offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to learn about commitment, responsibility and independence. Gaining any one of the 3 levels of the DofE is a huge achievement.

This year 5 members of the group achieved Awards. Kelly Stevens, Bradley Stratton, Ian Tester and Stephen Turtle achieved Bronze. Lawrence Shaw achieved Silver. Well done to them all. Rachel Drew, Amelia Lytton, Lucy Partridge and Maddy Roberts gave a musical performance at the area's annual presentation evening.

23 participants have already completed their Bronze journey. In March this year a further 12 participants started training for their

Bronze expedition and 6 for their Silver expedition which should both be completed later this year. Volunteering programmes chosen this year included: helping as a Young Leader. Skills included: Accordion Playing, Acting, Guitar and Hockey Umpiring. Physical included: Badminton, Golf, Hockey and Kung Fu.

A huge thank you to James Hackett, Andy Sephton and Martin Wilton for their help as expedition instructors and Tanya Sephton for her work behind the scenes as our treasurer for the past 3 years. Next year we have a few changes: Martin Wilton will co-ordinate Bronze and Mark Scott Silver, and Jacky Green will take over from Tanya as our treasurer. Thank you to them all.

Paul Chaplain  
DofE Leader



On Spring Bank Holiday weekend 2008 members of the Group headed to Broadstone Warren Scout Campsite near East Grinstead for a four day camp to Celebrate the Groups' 80th year.

During the weekend and supervised by 25 Leaders, Helpers and Parents; 58 Cubs, 46 Scouts and 19 Explorers took part in over 93 hours of activities including Climbing and Abseiling, Grass Sledging, Shooting, Archery and Pot Holing. Human Table football was very popular and some even went for a dip in the outdoor swimming pool!

35 Tents were erected on the Friday morning to accommodate everyone.

17 Beavers took part in a sleepover during the weekend at Broadstone Lodge with 9 Beavers also visiting for a day.

Our fantastic catering team cooked and served a staggering 1,440 meals – a huge thanks to them for feeding us all so well!

Unfortunately the weather was particularly unkind with one of the campsites running with water and ditches needing to be dug. Fortunately this did not seem to affect spirits with all going home having had lots of fun, if a little wetter and muddier than usual.



Trenches on Campsite B1

Lou Scott  
Camp Leader



On 31 March we reached a significant milestone in our negotiations with West Sussex County Council (WSSC) to renew the lease for our headquarters. Via our solicitor, we formally agreed to all the heads of terms for a new lease as detailed below. Although a final lease still needs to be prepared, after almost 5 years of telephone calls, emails, letters and meetings we're now finally almost there. Please note that WSSC have no current plans to invoke the break clause.

1. **Term:** 20 years.
2. **Rent:** £300 pa reviewed every 5 years.
3. **Break Clause:** Landlords break clause operable at any time throughout the term upon 18 months prior written notice.
4. **Timescale for Identifying Site:** As soon as reasonably possible after service of the Break Notice, WSSC to identify alternative site(s) within the Designated Area.

5. **Vacation of Existing premises:** The Scouts shall not be obliged to vacate their existing building until the new building is ready for occupation.
6. **Cost:** At its own cost, WSCC to provide, erect and fit out new building which is to be of similar size and to have similar facilities to the existing Scout building as at the date of expiry of the existing lease.
7. **Parking Facilities:** Car parking spaces to be available for the use of the Scouts at no additional cost. The number of spaces to be sufficient to satisfy planning requirements.
8. **Lease of New Premises:** To be for term equivalent to unexpired term of existing lease other provisions to be the same as existing lease save for break clause which is to be excluded and reasonable updating of wording.
9. **Grants:** If called upon by WSCC the Scouts shall, at the cost of WSCC, co-operate with and assist in any grant application lodged or contemplated by WSCC any grant monies resulting to be applied at the absolute discretion of WSCC.
10. **Location:** WSCC to have absolute discretion as to the location of the alternative sites(s) provided any such site(s) are within the Designated Area.
11. **Area:** Designated Area to be identified by the highlighted area on the plan shown below.
12. **Act Reasonably:** Both parties to act reasonably and in good faith in all matters relating to these Heads of terms.
13. **Dispute Resolution Clause:** Disputes to be determined by an independent surveyor acting as expert. In the absence of agreement the choice of surveyor to be made by the president for the time being of the RICS. Cost of dispute resolution to be in the award the surveyor.
14. **Security:** Scouts to co-operate with and implement any reasonable security arrangements required by WSCC including

(without limitation) identity cards for those persons regularly using the new scout building.



 **Worthing Gang Show** 

April 2009 saw the latest Gang take to the Stage at the Pavilion Theatre after Six months of gruelling rehearsals. With more new and younger cast members than ever before the task was on to put on a good show. Boy was I proud that the 8th were there in numbers.

We were extremely well represented in the Gang. The following members of the 8th joined up to be in the Main Gang: Osprey Explorers – Rachel Rooke, Richard Worsfold, Amelia Lytton and Dan Golds (more about him later...); Port Scouts – Azaria Messingham, Tors Head, Will Lytton and James Randall; Starboard Scouts – Adam Stevens, Gemma Stevens, Joe Butcher, Harry Rippon, Sam Rippon,

Harriet Cooper and Georgia Starr; Starboard Cub Leaders – Mick Lytton, Jayne Gathergood and Petula Randall.

These 18 members formed 26% of the main cast. One thing that can be said is that during the week the camaraderie between all the 8th cast members just grew and grew. It was very special to be in a position to watch this happen. As the week went on you could see them extend their arms around the rest of the Gang and help bring them all together. Joe Butcher gets a particular mention as every night I could see him frantically helping cast members get onto the rostrum for the finale. A real Gentleman!

Three new leaders took on a big challenge this time – Mick, Jayne and Petula dived in and got far more than they bargained for!

Mick was anticipating being in the back from for a few numbers and doing a few funnies. I have never seen someone be so wrong. He was at the front in most numbers being the leading man in many. Ask him for the recipe for Scrum-diddly-umpcious and if you want a loud shirt, he's the man! He even got a special mention from the Mayor!

Jayne was nervous before the show and was again put on the front of the stage giving Mick a good telling off in the RNLI number with style and great composure. As well as their Cub names they are also now well known as Cynthia and Geoffrey as a result of that number.

Petula had previous theatrical form from her early life so had a bit of an advantage! Giving it her all from the front in the 60's and Skid Row numbers she shone well and gave it some wellie! Alarm goes off at 7!

Dan Golds managed to gain the attention of the Choreographers and this year won the Choreographers Cup for the most improved performer. That is a real achievement! At Band Call he was really concerned about his MC Hammer role in "do not pass me by!", he took it on and he really delivered on the night – job well done! He was also last out of the theatre every night due to the number of cast members queuing up for a hug! He also took a starring role in the "Georgie Helps Out" section of the South Today programme as



he was interviewed whilst Georgie was putting on his make-up – he'll never live that down.

Behind the scenes is crucial to the smooth running of the show. This year Rachel Drew from Explorers gained the coveted Red Scarf for two years service in helping make set, collect props and run props throughout the week. Without the likes of Rachel the show wouldn't happen.

The 8th Cub sections were also well represented in the Junior Gang. 5 cubs out of 12 from across the District: Port Cubs – Jack Mitchell, Taran Messingham and Michael Shields; Starboard Cubs – Charlotte Randall and Jonathan Starr. Jack got to play the leading man in the Pirate King! A Johnny Depp for the future with his Sword fighting. Scouts beware! We hope to see them all carry on into the main Gang in the next show.

Finally it made me really proud to be part of the show this year and to be amongst the members of the 8th. They formed a true Gang and Dennis Hudson would have been immensely proud of them. A heartfelt well done to you all! You really deserve it!



Mark Scott  
Assistant Producer



# Group Census



		5	6	7	8			Total
Beavers	m	-	14	31	3			48
	f	-	4	4	-			8

		7	8	9	10			Total
Cubs	m	-	27	36	19			82
	f	-	6	3	4			13

		10	11	12	13	14	15			Total
Scouts	m	7	23	19	19	2	-	m		70
	f	2	2	3	4	-	-	f		11

		B	C	S	G			Total
Leaders	m	1	6	10	1			18
	f	5	9	5	-			19

<b>Total Group Membership</b>								<b>269</b>
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		13	14	15	16	17	18			Total
Explorers	m	-	7	12	2	5	-	m		26
	f	-	3	3	5	5	-	f		16

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Explorer Leaders								m	3
								f	1

<b>Total Explorer Unit Membership</b>								<b>46</b>
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