

8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

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Annual General Meeting

19th June 2010

Reports and Accounts





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Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group to be held on 19th June 2010 at 8th Worthing HQ.

1. Welcome by Group Scout Leader
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of AGM held on 13th June 2009
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



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group held on 13th June 2009 at 8th Worthing HQ.

PRESENT: 62

1. GSL, Ian Wetherell extended a warm welcome to everyone present at the AGM and welcomed District Commissioner Robin Strange.
2. There were apologies for absence from Mike Greenhorn, Raine Miles and Lou & Mark Scott.
3. The minutes of last year's AGM held on 28th June 2008 were approved. Proposed: Jacky Green, seconded: Deirdre Green.
4. There were no matters arising from the minutes.
5. Group Treasurer: Kevin Mullen gave his report. He thanked Kathy Shuttleworth for her help in handing over as Treasurer and Helen and Robert for their time and effort in auditing Section accounts. He also thanked Petula for taking on the Gift Aid. He referred the meeting to the accounts, which appear at the back of the booklet. The increase in training costs can be attributed to new training needs for Leaders including becoming qualified to drive a minibus and/or tow a trailer. HQ running costs include legal costs concerning the lease negotiations. The Group has been able to carry forward balances of nearly £37,000.
6. Approval was requested for the accounts. Prop: M Orpin, Sec: Barbara Wells. Carried unanimously.
7. Adoption of the Section Reports. Prop: I Wetherell, Sec: B Wells. Reports adopted.

8. Address by Group Scout Leader: Ian said that the Group had again passed its inspection and were again RN recognised. He thanked Mark & Lou and Jacky Green for all their work on the 80th Anniversary Camp. This year the Group also took part in the Remembrance Day Parade, which was a great event. 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 trip to High Salvington windmill as part of their Weather Badge and studied healthy eating and living and exercise. They also joined the Ilex Conservation Group to plant 500 snowdrop bulbs in Ilex Way.

Port Cubs have taken part in their annual camp 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 was another of their doubtless noisy activities.

Port Scouts went to Decoy Broad for their Summer Camp and took part in kayaking, sailing and pulling and visiting Great Yarmouth for the day. They also held a successful Outdoor Plus Challenge Camp at Broadstone Warren. They also found time to do some Indian cooking and make chocolates and pitch tents upside down.

Starboard Beavers have held a sleepover at the HQ in October and undertaken a trip to London to see the Dr Who exhibition.

Starboard Cubs have also been to Harry's Island for their camp, basing 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 with a sleepover to follow. They have also gained 240 Activity, 79 Challenge and 4 Silver Award badges.

Starboard Scouts also went to Decoy Broad for their annual camp. They held a raft race and barbeque at Southwater Lake. They also had a demonstration of kickboxing and learnt some basic moves. They also found time to gain a massive 400 badges.

Midship Cubs took part in their annual camp at Stanford with one of the highlights being a trip to K2 with most of the Cubs getting to the top of the wall. They also enjoyed a night hike to Devil's Dyke. The Section have also gained 208 activity badges including Navigator and Entertainer.

Explorers is now one of the largest in the country. They have taken part in Sumo wrestling and in the London to Brighton cycle ride for charity.

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.

He also thanked Jacky for all her work on the barbeque.

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 MullenIan proposed the re election of Mandi as Secretary & Kevin Mullen as the Treasurer. Proposed M Orpin, seconded P Randall. The appointments were approved.
12. Election of members of the Group Council to the Group Executive Committee:

Lawson Powell & Martin Wilton were nominated and approved.
13. Election of the Independent Financial Assessor – Mr Bryan Moon has again agreed to continue to fill this position. Proposed : M Orpin, Seconded : P Chaplain.

14. After 5 years work we now have a document for the new Lease. Steve Carleymith has been a great help because of his contact with Council members & councillors. The Council were reluctant to renew on the old terms and wanted a one year break clause. WSCC will rebuild a new HQ at no cost to us for a 1-year break clause. There was an issue at first about the area of where they will build new HQ. We have now negotiated an area between Thomas A Becket and Worthing High school. Roger then opened the floor to questions. He then gave thanks to all the Leaders and helpers particularly for help with things like the 80th Anniversary Camp.
15. Presentations: Roy Wells and Bryan McHugh have already received their Award for Merit awards. The GSL introduced Robin Strange who presented the following awards.

Wood Badges were presented to Mike Lytton, Petula Randall & Ian Stewart.

A Chief Scout's 5 Years Service Award was presented to Elaine Hammond, 10 years to Mike Orpin & James Hackett, 20 years to Jacky Green and 30 years to Ian Wetherell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1915 hours.

Signed.....

Date.....



Executive Committee



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Group Chairman:	Mr Roger Green chairman@8thworthing.org.uk
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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 written reports set out in the Group Report for 2009/10.

Port Watch Beaver Scout Colony: The Beavers visited Shoreham Airport, the police helicopter taking off just before they were about to have a closer inspection. They also had a cooking evening and made "octopus" biscuits; the mind boggles!

Starboard Watch Beaver Scout Colony: Starboard Colony have held a Chinese evening for the Chinese New Year and also held an "Imagination" session where they were asked to consider how they might travel to meetings in the future.

Port Watch Cub Scout Pack: The Cubs have made cardboard Formula 1 cars and raced them. On a visit to London, the whole Pack invaded the lobby of a hotel in search of toilets, probably the highlight of the trip!

Starboard Watch Cub Scout Pack: The Pack held a uniform night and were taught how to iron their scarves and clean shoes. The pack also held a naval Quiz Night.

Midship Watch Cub Scout Pack: Midship Cubs made bird feeders and seed cakes as part of their Global Conservation Badge. They also had a visit from Trixie's Mini-Beasts with real live snakes and beetles etc.

Port Watch Scout Troop: Port Troop cleaned gravestones in St. Andrew's Churchyard as part of their Conservation badge and had a visit from the RNLI.

Starboard Watch Scout Troop: Starboard Troop had a trip to Cheddar gorge for potholing and caving. Cheese scones were cooked in cardboard ovens!

Osprey Explorer Unit: The Explorer Unit held its annual camp at Merkenveld in Belgium. A kidnap night included the arrival of a real police car, including flashing lights, whilst the Explorers tried to find out where Alex Kershaw was being held to ransom.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme: Two awards were gained this year, Lucy Hammond and Matt Proctor gained their Bronze Awards. The DofE scheme is integrated with the Explorer activity programme but involves help from members of other sections, particularly with the expeditions.

Haiti Appeal: The Group organised a bazaar in aid of the Haiti Earthquake Appeal, raising nearly £1,000. Well done everyone and thanks to Pauline Wilton for organising the event.

Scouts and Explorers attended the 100th Anniversary Parade at HMS Victory to celebrate 100 years of Sea Scouting. The Scouts were then inspected by the Second Sea Lord.

The HQ: The HQ Lease has now been renewed and this ends an unsettling period in our history. Full details are included elsewhere but I should like to thank all those involved in our campaign to obtain security for the future of Scouting in Tarring.

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.

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



Group Chairman



Last year I reported on the lease negotiations and hoped they would be completed shortly after the 2009 AGM, however, it was not until the end of December that everything was eventually finalised. Although we still have the break clause in the lease there is the provision that should it be enforced then an equivalent premises would be built, at no cost to ourselves, within the Tarring area, in other words in the Group's present catchment area. It has taken a lot of time and effort, including telephone calls and e-mails, to achieve this great result, therefore, I must thank everyone involved, particularly Paul Chaplain, Steve Carleymith and all the local and county councillors, who realised that this was a very important community resource that should not be lost, but encouraged and maintained for the benefit of young people in our area. The future of the 8th is, therefore, guaranteed for the foreseeable future and this will benefit the young people and the community.

As a consequence of the new lease being granted we embarked on a policy of property improvements, starting with health and safety, security and general maintenance. The first visible signs are the new doors on the Bosun's store, the garage and the boat deck and going forward with repainting and refurbishment of the galley, etc. How far we are able to progress this year will depend on money and, above all, the time people are able to put in. We were also able to replace about 90% of all the chairs in the wardroom and cabins, free of charge, saving about £2,500 and many thanks go to Norwich Union/Aviva and Lorrie Maslen, one of our ex-parents, for arranging this. This upgrade means that the chairs now conform to current fire resistance standards.

I would like to thank all the parents that have helped during the year, especially with the annual kit checks – a tedious but necessary job. 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.

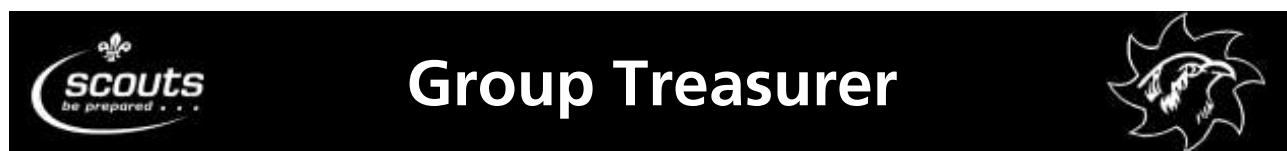
My thanks also go to Kevin, our Treasurer, Mandi, our Secretary and Nikki and John for maintenance of the minibus and trailer.

As can be seen in previous paragraphs a number of ex-parents continue to help us in various ways and I think this is a very positive situation and shows they are still prepared to support the Group that gave their children so much.

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



I am pleased to present the Group accounts for the year to 31st March 2010, which take the form of Consolidated accounts for the Group and Sections combined, plus a breakdown of these accounts for individual Sections.

As mentioned last year, the previous style of our accounts does not meet the current requirements of the Charities Commission, so this had to be changed. However, I appreciate that the change will make it more difficult to compare this year with last year. For that reason, the attached accounts are a blend of the old and the new – whilst these accounts in the new format will be available later on the Commission website.

Despite this, there are some apparent discrepancies in these accounts to be explained. In particular, it may seem as if total

receipts and total payments have both fallen, yet most of this reflects the new treatment of subscriptions paid on, in accordance with Scout Association advice; and after making adjustments for the "one off" Anniversary Camp, receipts and (especially) payments were both slightly higher. The increased payments partly reflect the cost of works at HQ, which had been deferred due to the uncertainty during the lease negotiations, and further substantial costs are anticipated this year.

Furthermore, discussions continue to agree the precise use of the new headings in all cases; for example Port Cubs would have preferred to classify some of their "other income" as donations, instead of contributions.

Finally, my thanks go to Robert and Jacky for auditing Section accounts; to Bryan Moon for again auditing the Group accounts; to Petula for all her assistance with our Gift Aid claim; and to all Section Treasurers for their commitment week in and week out.

Kevin Mullen
Group Treasurer

	31st March 2010	31st March 2009
	£	£
Non monetary assets for charity's own use		
Shirts & Hats stock [at cost]	1,190.00	?
Land and buildings [at Insurance value]	260,000.00	250,000.00
Minibus [estimated]	7,500.00	8,000.00
Boats & Trailers [at Insurance value]	32,099.00	31,369.00
Other Trailers [at Insurance value]	8,320.00	8,000.00
Scouting equipment, furniture etc [at Insurance value]	52,000.00	50,000.00
Sub total	361,109.00	347,369.00
Liabilities		
Accounts not yet paid	0.00	0.00
Other liabilities	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00

8th WORTHING SEA SCOUT GROUP

CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010

Previous Year Headings	2009		2010	GROUP	SECTIONS
		<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Section Membership Fees & Subscriptions	30,991.00	Membership subscriptions & fees	30,237.50	22,652.50	30,237.50
		Less: Subscriptions & fees paid on	(9,729.20)	(9,729.20)	(22,652.50)
		Net Subscriptions & fees retained	20,508.30	12,923.30	7,585.00
HMR&C - Gift Aid	8,399.61	Gift Aid - Received for 2008/09	7,988.62	7,988.62	-
		Less: Estimate b/f for 2008/09	(8,000.00)	(8,000.00)	-
		Add: Estimate for 2009/10	7,750.00	7,750.00	-
Donations	644.65	Donations	1,183.97	797.97	386.00
Section Camps	21,106.74	Contributions to Camps/Activities	30,653.37	-	30,653.37
Section Minibus Payments	1,116.00	Polo Shirts sales	233.70	233.70	-
Tee/Polo Shirts	591.25	Other Uniform sales	286.92	-	286.92
Section Other Income	7,742.93	Other Fund raising	286.73	-	286.73
Charity Fund Raising	259.14	Charitable collections	323.22	-	323.22
Current & Business Call A/c Interest	321.71	Bank Interest	13.07	13.07	-
National Savings Bank Interest	16.42	National Savings interest	1.48	1.48	-
Sundry Income	81.35				
Anniversary Camp	7,500.00				
	78,770.80		61,229.38	21,708.14	39,521.24
		<u>PAYMENTS</u>			
Group Running	7,156.46	Youth programme & activities	8,548.69	-	8,548.69
HQ Running	7,494.92	Adult support & training	693.75	613.75	80.00
Minibus Running	2,588.42	HQ Rent, Cleaning & maintenance	3,074.48	3,074.48	-
Insurances	3,290.07	Water & Sewerage	691.37	691.37	-
Training	1,837.50	Electricity & Gas	1,087.82	1,087.82	-
		Less: Gas estimate for 2008/09	(850.00)	(850.00)	-
		Add: Gas estimate for 2009/10	750.00	750.00	-
Membership/Jamboree Fees	10,600.50	Telephones & Internet	441.20	441.20	-
Section Running	13,774.98	Insurances [apart from Minibus]	4,362.21	4,362.21	-
Section Camps	21,438.88	Repairs & Renewals [Trailer, Boats & Stores]	4,572.23	4,572.23	-
Charitable Donations	419.09	Minibus Fuel costs	975.54	28.54	947.00

Tee/Polo Shirts	868.95	Minibus other running costs	1,642.53	1,642.53	-
Anniversary Camp	6,089.92	Other Transport costs	898.97	898.97	-
		Camp/Activities costs	30,412.09	1,120.00	29,292.09
		Uniforms	415.52	373.52	42.00
		Expenses [including AGM]	414.79	381.29	33.50
		HQ Lease costs	3,536.25	3,536.25	-
		Lottery Registration fee	20.00	20.00	-
		Charitable payments	588.16	-	588.16
	75,559.69		62,275.60	22,744.16	39,531.44
	3,211.11	Surplus (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	(1,046.22)		

BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH

45,512.73	Acc. Fund Balance Brought/Carried forward	48,723.84		
3,211.11	Surplus (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	(1,046.22)		
48,723.84		47,677.62		
	<u>FINANCED BY:</u>			
41,017.75	Cash in hand & at bank	40,120.05	28,360.42	11,759.63
556.09	National Savings Bank	557.57	557.57	-
8,000.00	Gift Aid [Estimate]	7,750.00	7,750.00	-
(850.00)	Less: Provision for HQ Gas used	(750.00)	(750.00)	-
48,723.84		47,677.62	35,917.99	11,759.63

SUMMARY OF SECTIONS' INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/CS FROM 1ST APRIL 2009 to 31ST MARCH 2010

	Starboard Beavers	Port Beavers	Port Cubs	Starboard Cubs	Midship Cubs	Port Troop	Starboard Troop	Explorer Unit	D of E	TOTALS
<u>INCOME</u>										
Gross Subs Recvd	2690.00	2660.00	2930.00	3830.00	3230.00	4470.00	4800.00	5490.00	137.50	30237.50
Less Paid to Group	2017.50	1882.50	2197.50	2880.00	2492.50	3532.50	3585.00	4065.00		22652.50

Net Subs Retained	672.50	777.50	732.50	950.00	737.50	937.50	1215.00	1425.00	137.50	7585.00
Donations	120.00			200.00	40.00		26.00			386.00
Other Income:-										
Contributions to Camps/Activities	94.30	726.84	2029.13	4195.00	1969.60	5379.00	6606.50	8653.00	1000.00	30653.37
Uniform	5.50						261.92	19.50		286.92
Fund raising		22.10				264.63				286.73
Charitable				267.46	55.76					323.22
Sub-Totals	892.30	1526.44	2761.63	5612.46	2802.86	6581.13	8109.42	10097.50	1137.50	39521.24
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>										
Youth Programme & Activities	436.94	759.99	605.26	734.44	635.33	701.80	1882.21	2459.18	333.54	8548.69
Adult Support						80.00				80.00
Section Camps & Outings		811.49	2255.87	4125.20	2387.63	4963.54	7869.56	7282.64	543.16	30239.09
Uniforms	5.50					18.50		18.00		42.00
Fees to WSCC									149.50	149.50
Charitable Donations		15.00		467.40	55.76	50.00				588.16
Expenses			5.89			27.61				33.50
Sub-Totals	442.44	1586.48	2867.02	5327.04	3078.72	5841.45	9751.77	9759.82	1026.20	39680.94
<u>BALANCES</u>										
B/f 1st April 2009	752.43	809.33	535.97	867.65	496.20	2556.15	3289.96	2111.50	500.14	11919.33
Surplus/Deficit	449.86	-60.04	-105.39	285.42	-275.86	739.68	-1642.35	337.68	111.3	-159.70
C/f 31st March 2010	1202.29	749.29	430.58	1153.07	220.34	3295.83	1647.61	2449.18	611.44	11759.63
<u>FINANCED BY</u>										
Bank balance	1507.40	753.27	449.22	1623.86	1154.77	3205.16	1704.45	2598.42	655.92	13652.47
O/s Credits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O/s Debits	-315.28	-3.98	-20.00	-741.52	-936.16	-68.50	-56.84	-149.24	-44.48	-2336.00
Net Bank balance	1192.12	749.29	429.22	882.34	218.61	3136.66	1647.61	2449.18	611.44	11316.47
Cash in hand	10.17	0	1.36	270.73	1.73	159.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.16
Totals	1202.29	749.29	430.58	1153.07	220.34	3295.83	1647.61	2449.18	611.44	11759.63
Which include:-										
Contributions for future Camps						1129.00	833.00		336.60	2298.60
Payments made for future Camps			20.00		55.00	130.00	330.75	236.25		772.00
So Net Totals held	1202.29	749.29	450.58	1153.07	275.34	2296.83	1145.36	2685.43	274.84	10233.03

Section Accounts audited by Robert Tennent and Jacky Green



Port Beavers



For the Summer term we started off with a very successful visit to Fishers Farm, where all the children had a fantastic time even if the adults were wet and frozen! Our theme for the term was the sea and so we started off with a pirate's fancy dress night where we had a treasure hunt and then practiced singing sea shanties. We visited the Priory nursing home the next week to sing these songs to the residents. We then had a nature ramble in Clapham woods, and then followed this the next week by making octopus biscuits. After the half term we had a talk from 2 parents who are ex- RN, where the Beavers were allowed to try on their old uniforms. We then had a fun messy painting evening, which is always a success. After this the children made boats which we took down to the beach the following week to sail. A small group of Beavers then entered the Broadwater carnival again this year, wearing the 'flower power' t-shirts they had decorated. Most of the Beavers also attended another District Fun Day at Dappers Lane, which was a great success again.

For the Autumn term we started off with a visit to Shoreham airport, where the police helicopter flew off just as we were about to have a look at it! We also had a visit to Worthing library where we were shown all around the building, with the bonus of being shown the basement too. We then had a senses evening, looked at the festival of Divali and held our annual Halloween party. We also had a sleepover, where we based the activities around the theme of Native Americans. After the half term we made bonfire pictures, bird feeders, had a 'bet you can't' evening and a thanksgiving evening. We then had evenings of Christmas crafts and activities and rounded off the term with a party at PLAY in Worthing.

For the Spring term we went 'round the world'. We started off visiting Canada and learning about Beavers, then visited USA and had a cowboy campfire evening. Next we had our annual night walk along the beach where we were met half way with hot chocolate. We then visited Europe where we tasted lots of different food,

Africa where we had an animal hunt, and India where we made splatter painting Holi pictures. We also had a brilliant visit from a Scene of Crimes Officer where the children could see the latest methods used to trap criminals. For 2 meetings we had Scouts from Starboard Troop come and successfully run evenings where they took us to Australia and China. We then had a Caribbean beach party where the Beavers tried to limbo and tasted lots of exotic fruit. Finally we visited the UK and made Easter baskets for their eggs.

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



The Colony has been very busy again this year incorporating the needs of the Challenge Badges into our weekly programme. During the year we have talked about and tasted healthy and fair-trade foods. We have tried to stay fit and shared running a full marathon running around the track between those there on that evening.

We have completed a few evenings covering the Air Activities badge including some work done at home. For the Imagination badge we imagined transport in the future and how we think Beavers would come to the HQ in 100 years time.

Other nights have looked at Chinese New Year, feet and hand printing, making mosaic tiles, bead pictures, simple science experiments, and letting the Beavers help the kits by considering what, in their opinion, they need to know.

Outdoor activities have been ever popular including visits to the beach for walks and rockpooling and bowling as a Christmas treat.

We joined Worthing District for the Beaver Day Camp at Dappers Lane and joined in the many activities like campfire cooking, dam building and following different trails on offer there.

Running the colony co-operatively continues to work well and Fiona and I would like to express our gratitude to Sean, Maddy, Stephen and Alex for their invaluable help during another year of Starboard Beavering.

Bryan McHugh
Beaver Scout Leader



We have enthusiastic Cubs, dedicated leaders, an active programme and have achieved 134 badges – 88 activity badges, 41 challenge badges and 5 silver awards. What more could you want?

Well, when I see what my Cubs achieve, that is all I want.

So I am going to start with my thanks. First to my Cubs. Without them I would not have such a great hobby.

Second and in no particular order, my leaders. My pillar of support Elaine Hammond. The Messy Mob (the Messingham family, Fran, Mark, Keira and Azaria), good luck at 4th Worthing. Ian Smith, hope to see you as often as possible. Laura Powell-Thomas, we miss you but career must come first. Joel Hammond and Martin Hunt, still hanging in there, well done. Val Lawrence, camp chef first class. Robert Tennent, Nick Sherman, Kate Thompson, Annie Hammond and Josh Hammond, my camp helpers.

Throughout the year, we have done all the usual Cubby bits. The Scouting basics, so to speak. We have also had a quiz night, been Formula 1 racing (cardboard box cars!), learnt a bit of history, entered the district competitions – rounders, football, the district challenge and the handicraft competition. We actually did very well. We were runners-up in the football and first place in the handicraft.

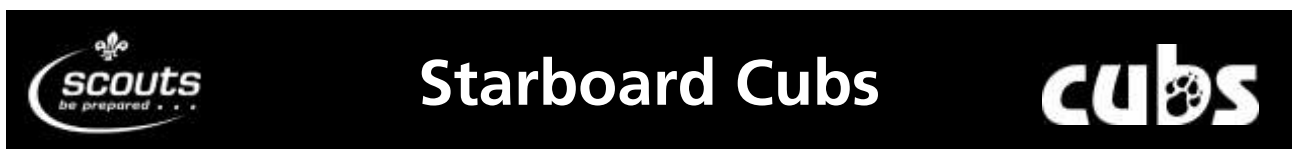
We have had outings to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and London, where we invaded a posh hotel, The Rubens, on a toilet hunt.

At camp, the main part of the year, we went to the Smugglers Caves in Hastings. We also had a refreshing swim at the pool in Eastbourne. Well, most of us. Alasdair and Sona (Robert) went to casualty after trying a new sport, heading the cricket bat! Not advisable but no lasting damage. Bat and boy survived.

The only thing that marred camp was the death of my dad the week before camp and his funeral after camp. Great Cubs and supportive leaders got me through it. Thank you.

What more can I say. Just well done and thank you. You make me very proud.

Mike Greenhorn
Cub Scout Leader



We won the rounders tournament, District challenge and the football tournament last year. Our summer camp last year was at Bentley Copse and it didn't rain, we even got a sun tan!

In January I became Akela of Starboard Cubs with the support of: Bagheera (Mick L), Rama (Iain S), Ikki (Petula R), Wontolla (Kevin L), Hairy (Nick D) and Raksha (Val L); and our young leaders: Jacala (Rachel D), Tilji (Amelia L), Rikki (Richard W), Keneau (Josh S), Will L, Charlotte R and James R.

Thank you to them for all their help and hard work and thank you for the support I've drawn from other leaders of the 8th.

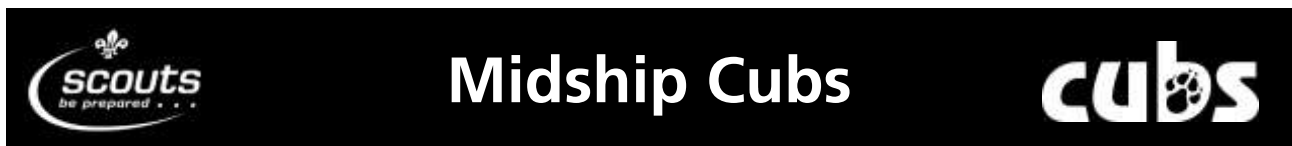
Our year so far consists of clay modelling, in the shape of woggles!, Games night, keep fit night and navy style! I ran a still life drawing night. Jacala made a DVD of last year's Summer Camp, which we sold and the proceeds are going to the St. George's Day collection. We took part in the Haiti appeal evening and sold hundreds of homemade cakes. Thank you to the parents. Wontolla ran a uniform night, teaching the cubs how to iron scarves, shine shoes, the art of turning out a smart cub! Naval quiz night, Cubs bought in a parent for the occasion, was a fun afternoon for all and prizes to boot!

Our football team has been chosen for the forthcoming tournament in May. We hope to hold on to the shield for another year with Bagheera at the helm.

And that's only a start to the year.

Again thank you to all involved with Starboard Cubs. I've enjoyed my first few months at the helm. Lets enjoy the rest of the Cub Scout year Cubs and Leaders alike.

Jayne Gathergood
Cub Scout Leader



Midship Cubs have had another busy, successful and fun-packed year.

April: We started the term with an outing to the Gang Show and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The Cubs made bird feeders and seed cakes as part of their Global Conservation Badge – thank you to Jean (Naldrett). We also took part in the Cubs District Handicraft Competition, and attended St. Georges Day on Broadwater Green.

May: This month the Cubs learnt about Personal Safety, had karate/kick-boxing with Sama, and tai chi with Ian Churchman. I am pleased to report the Cubs survived both evenings with no casualties! Midships took part in the Cubs District 7 A'Side Football Competition, and attended the County Camp 'Campalot' at Ardingly which had a medieval theme. The Cubs took part in many activities including a medieval banquet.

June: The Cubs had lots of exercise this month whilst taking the Athletics, Athletics Plus and Cyclist Badge. We also had a craft evening for Fathers Day. At the A.G.M. Midship Leaders ran the barbeque and managed to feed everyone! A team from Midships also took part in the Cubs District Rouders Competition.

July: We visited Shoreham Airport towards our Air Activities Badge, had a country code evening, a litter pick (both towards our World Conservation Badge), and had an end of term / Jackys last cub evening barbeque.

August: Our annual summer camp was held at Stanford Camp Site and was well attended. This was run by Roy Wells and was very successful. Thank you to Roy because without you running the camp I do not know what would have happened as I am unable, due to health reasons, to stay at the campsite, and only attend on a day visit. Thanks to Jacky Green and Tracie Trangmer for doing the cooking, Steve Briscoe, Thegla and Paul Christopher, Chris Sawer, an ex-Midship Leader, and our First Aider Mandi Stevens. Many activity badges were gained – Camper, Naturalist, Emergency Aid, Scientist, Astronomer, Map Reader, Navigator, D.I.Y., Nights Away, Hikes Away.

September: After the summer break I took over as Akela and we spent a week finishing our Air Activities Badge, and a week finishing our Global Conservation Badge. Thank you to one of our parents, Hatty Hall, who came along and gave an interesting talk on the Environment. The Cubs also did their Home Safety Badge.

October: This month started with some of the older Cubs planning a hike on the Saturday, and then a day out hiking on the Sunday. The senior Cubs ran an evening, and we had a visit from Trixies Mini-Bests. We all had an enjoyable evening and held many different snakes, lizards etc., and thankfully no spiders etc. Escaped! We also entered a team in the Cubs District Challenge at Dappers Lane.



November: We had a fancy dress party, attended Remembrance Sunday parade, and the explorers ran an indoor campfire evening! Mark Shepherd visited with a police car and gave the Cubs a talk – thank you Mark. We also had a visit from a Guide Dogs Trainer and puppy Becket, named by Thomas A' Becket School.

December: This month we had an extended Christmas party evening with a film, food and games. We also did Christmas crafts, and another week we went to the pantomime at the Connaught Theatre – oh yes we did. To my embarrassment I got picked to go up on stage, the Cubs thought seeing Akela on stage was hilarious.

January: Back after Christmas we had a Greek evening with maps, flags, language and food tasting. The senior Cubs ran another evening, and Paul Christopher, Thegla's husband, ran an evening on special needs – thank you Paul. Cubs who had gained their Silver

Award attended the annual Silver Award presentation by the Mayor at Durrington High School.

February: Over to the Cubs. They were allowed to decide which two badges they wanted to gain during the next two meetings – Hobbies, Collector, Book Reader, Skater, Martial Arts, Musician or Sports Enthusiast. We also held a Sponsored Alphabet Challenge in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind and Midship Cubs. Midships also ran the jam jar tombola at the Haiti Fayre this month.

March: We visited the Mosque as part of our World Faith Badge or the older Cubs took their I.T. Badge this month. We also had two craft evenings for Mothers Day and Easter.

We have awarded a staggering 343v activity badges, 75 challenge badges and 10 silver awards.

I would like to say a big thank you to my Leaders because without their hard work, their support and regular attendance none of the above would have been possible, and I consider myself very lucky to have such a great team working with me.

Thank you and well done to all the Cubs for making every pack meeting different and fun, and also thanks for all the parental support we have received.

I would like to express my thanks to my husband Jim for all his support and for running football and helping with rounders, for helping with badgework, and generally doing any job asked of him, and also thanks to my son Mike for all his help. Also thank you to Paul Christopher for running evenings and for camping with such energy and enthusiasm, and thanks to Wendy Bant, who was one of our parents, who has run all four of our craft evenings this year. I must also thank Explorers Lucy, Ollie, Matt and Harry for all their help, and to Kelly and Sean for helping at camp. Also thanks to Starboard Scouts Chris and Harry who helped us this year.

Our full and varied programme would not have been possible without the leadership team of Roy, Thegla, Alex and myself who

have worked well together and supported each other. Alex Kershaw joined us as a leader this year and is at present doing his training. How old does that make me feel when one of my cubs becomes a leader!

Deirdre Green
Cub Scout Leader



The Troop started the year with 43 invested members and ended with 39. Young Leaders Bradley Stratton, Amy and Ellen Barrass turned 18 during the year, Amy and Ellen will be with us until later in 2010 when they will go to Uni and Bradley left in September to go to Southampton Uni, although he still comes and helps when he is home. We now have just two Young Leaders being Rachel Austin and Rebecca Stratton.

The arrival of Finlay Scott put scouting on hold for me for the first part of 2010, however the troop was in very good hands with the rest of the leadership team rallying to ensure things carried on as normal – Thank you to you all.

Achievement of Badges during the year was good with troop members gaining 69 Challenge Badges including 13 Adventure, 12 Creative, 25 Community and 10 Outdoor. 142 Activity Badges were also gained including the normal range of water based badges, 23 Heritage Badges, 23 Environment Partnership awards, 4 Survival Skills, 1 Survival Skills plus and 6 World Conservation Badges. In addition 4 Chief Scout Gold Awards were achieved during the year.

During the year we ran the usual scouting activities of Map and Compass, Knots and Lashings, Nautical Skills Theory Training, Hikes, Wide Games and shelter building.

In addition to this four members of the troop took part in Worthing Gang Show. We ran various kayak training sessions at Lancing

College including first dunkings (spray deck test), Rescue training and Rolling training. We joined Sussex Search and Rescue on the Downs at Lancing Clump at one of their training exercises, with the Scouts joining in Sector searches to look for 'mispers' (missing persons), which was thoroughly enjoyed by the Scouts.

Other evenings included 'Crossing the Chasm', Castaway Cooking, team building, fitness and adverts. We also ran the Pioneering Badge which included building missile launcher and a 20m rope bridge.

We had a fab visit from the RNLI who amongst other things had scouts trying to get into full RNLI rescue kit in less than a minute. They also taught the RNLI S.A.F.E message – Spot the dangers, Always go with a friend, Find and read safety signs and, Emergency – stick up your hand and shout. It was a very good evening especially bearing in mind it was the first presentation given by one of the RNLI personnel.

During the summer we ran our usual round robin. Each scout had the opportunity to go Kayaking three times and we also ran Trek Cart Racing, Ready Steady Cook, Raft Building, Tent Pitching, and a Street Wide Game. We completed Community Service towards the Community Challenge at St Andrews Church, cleaning gravestones, weeding and planting. The scouts were also taught about the Church mosaics and learned about some of the people buried in the Church Yard as part of their Heritage Badge.

During May we held an activity weekend joint with Starboard Cubs with 20 Scouts and 16 Cubs camping at Broadstone Warren for the weekend which was really good fun.

In June the District Survival Skills camp was held for the second year and five scouts from the Troop attended.

July saw us entering a team in the District Rafting Competition in which we came sixth this was a day thoroughly enjoyed by Scouts and Parents alike. RN Inspection later in the month saw two of our scouts being singled out for being smartest on parade.

2009 saw us returning to Longridge for Summer Camp where we had a somewhat wet and muddy time. We had a good week on the water and were pleased to be joined by Dennis Manley and Graeme Cook to assist with Kayaking. We had the obligatory trip to Thorpe Park and ran two kayaking expeditions during the week as well as the normal Pulling, Sailing, Rowing and Kayaking Training including a weir tip.

In September members of the troop took part in the National Dragon Boat Competition. October saw 6 members of the troop attending Trafalgar Day Parade to celebrate the 100th year of Sea Scouting and in November we had a good turnout at Remembrance Sunday parade.

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 were honoured during the year to both be bestowed the Award of Merit. It is humbling to receive such an award. A big thank you to all who contributed to this.

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 until the end of 2009 -something she has done for 2½ years, and more recently both Nanna's for looking after Georgia and Finlay, all enabling both of us to be at Scouts. Finally huge thanks from the entire leadership team to Hilary Gribble and Richard Reynolds for coming to Summer Camp and looking after us very well – I don't think I cooked the entire week!

Lou Scott
Scout Leader



It has been another great year for Starboard Troop as we continue to enjoy the activities and balanced programme within in our popular Troop. Our current membership is 41 scouts and 8 regular leaders plus 2 occasional helpers.

Our badgework continues to be one of our great strengths and Pauline Wilton continues to administer and coordinate this and has helped a record number of our scouts achieve the highest award possible. Our scouts have earned a record number of Challenge badges and many are now well under way to gaining their Chief Scout's Gold Award. We are very proud that 11 Gold Awards were earned over the last year.

Since last April, our Scouts have earned almost 400 badges between them. These include 12 Adventure Challenges, 18 Athletes, 2 Basic Nautical Skills, 12 Canoeist, 12 Camper, 24 Community Challenges, 13 Creative Challenges, 3 Emergency Aid Stage 2, 12 Emergency Aid Stage 3, 11 Fitness Challenges, 30 Fire Safety, 6 Global Challenges, 12 Expedition Challenges, 12 Heritage, 25 Outdoor Challenges, 24 Pioneering, 6 Power Coxswain, 13 Promise Challenges and 14 Quartermaster,

Last year's summer camp was a great success; the Troop camped at Longridge and had a brilliant week. We are looking forward to another great summer camp at Longridge this year and are excited about using their new facilities and trying out their new activities.

Other activities over the year have included a weekend trip down to Somerset to visit Cheddar Gorge where some of the scouts went potholing and caving, we also visited Longleat Safari Park, we played wide games, took part in the Dragon Boat championships at Longridge, set pioneering challenges, went canoe rolling at Lancing College. We organised a bike safety evening which the police attended to give the scouts advice about cycling safety. During the autumn term our scouts took part in the Ilex Conservation Project.

They met with the group at Aldsworth Avenue once per month in order to gain their Community Challenge badge. In October the scouts made cardboard ovens and cooked cheese scones! We went to Alton Towers during half term and then visited Cadbury World on the way home. We went sailing and power boating with Sussex Yacht Club in Shoreham. At Christmas we had a party and took the scouts ten pin bowling and we went ice skating at the Guildford Spectrum. Pauline organised a great weekend camp at Blacklands Farm where the older Scouts were able to complete their Expedition Challenge. Their expedition aim was to study wild mushrooms and fungi! A great trip was had by all.

In February some of the scouts travelled to the Brooklands Museum at Weybridge to carry out some research on British cars and aircraft as part of their Heritage badge. The highlight of the day was a tour through Concorde! The next visit will be to Mercedes World, which seemed to take some attention away from Brooklands whilst we were there!

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 week in week out. I would like to pay particular thanks to Paul for his ongoing support at Starboard whilst also heading up Explorers, to Tanya for keeping our accounts in order and finally to Pauline for her continued hard work and organisation of our badge work and Chief Scout's Awards.

And finally a big thanks 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 make leading the troop a lot of fun!

James Hackett
Scout Leader



Osprey Explorers



At the end of March this year, we had 46 invested Explorers (34 boys and 12 girls) split into 6 Patrols named after Royal Navy ships: Ocean, Somerset, Portland, Richmond, Exeter and York. We've invested 20 new members this year and grown by 12%. The average size of an Explorer Unit in the UK is 16 so we are 3 times this. We continue to be the biggest Explorer Unit in Worthing District and one of the biggest in the UK.

April: House of Rhythm visited us to deliver a hands-on drumming experience. During the second week of the Easter holidays the Worthing District Gang Show was performed at the Pavilion theatre. 6 of our Explorers took part and 1 got on TV in "South Today"! Kevin Lawrence visited us to give a presentation and display on the Royal Navy. Thank you Kevin. 36 Explorers attended the District St George's Day gathering on Broadwater Green. 7 of them gave readings and a prayer in front of the whole District.

May: We ran a circuit training evening. 2 coaches from Worthing Rugby Club taught us how to play Tag Rugby. Thank you to Steve Briscoe for arranging this. We attended a first aid course to gain Emergency Aid 4 and Young Leader Module K. The 2 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award (D of E) teams went on a training weekend.

June: We took part in the District Explorer treasure hunt starting from 3rd Worthing HQ. We had a barbecue at Goring Gap. 6 Explorers and 2 Leaders took part in the London to Brighton bike ride and raised £632.85 for the British Heart Foundation. Thank you to Steve Partridge and Keith Preston for driving the minibus for us. 18 Explorers completed Modules E ("Game On") and G ("Programme Plans") of the Young Leader training scheme. We set up an assault course for the District Beaver fun day.

July: Explorers had to identify streets where the names had been mixed up to form anagrams then use their mobile phones to take photos which matched ones taken previously by us. The Silver D of E

team completed their practice expedition. We went on a beach walk from George V Avenue to Lancing Beach Green. The Bronze D of E teams completed their practice expedition. We attended RN inspection. 11 Explorers went to Southwater for the inspection and either did pulling, open canoeing or kayak rescues. We turned the main deck into a cinema and watched a film.

August: We boarded a coach and headed to Belgium for our Summer Camp. A record 32 Explorers (16 boys and 16 girls) attended accompanied by 5 adult leaders. Our coach took us through the Eurotunnel and on to Merkenveld Scout Centre which was our base for the week. Everyone was given a personalised hoody as part of the cost. We used buses and trains to get around. Activities included: a day trip to Bruges including a boat trip on the canal; a day at De Kijkuit Activity Centre where we took part in zip wire, high-ropes, open canoeing, BMX track and archery; a day trip to Ostend including an afternoon at the beach in Mediterranean temperature; we hired a coach for a day trip to Ypres and visited the museum, trenches and graves from WWI followed by a meal in a restaurant and then finished with the last post ceremony at The Menin Gate; a day at Walibi theme park; we hired some bikes and explored the local area including a visit to the labyrinth at Loppem castle. Thank you to Sam Briscoe, Steve Briscoe, Joe Houslop and James Swift for their help in running the Camp.

September: We said goodbye to Joe Houslop but hello to James Anderson and Jacky Green who both joined us as Assistant Explorer Scout Leaders. The Bronze D of E teams completed their qualifying expedition. We made bullying awareness presentations aimed for the younger sections. We took part in the National Youth Dragon Boat Championships at Longridge again. We had a Wide Game at Highdown.

October: We made our own Unit Quiz. 3 Explorers attended the Trafalgar Day Parade to celebrate the 100th year of Sea Scouting. Thank you to Ian Wetherell and Mark Scott for arranging this. We had a fashion parade.

November: Tracey Stevenson gave a talk on her experience at the last World Scout Jamboree and also gave an introduction to the new Worthing Scout Network - Pubbles. Thank you Tracey. We attended the town's annual remembrance service and parade. We went to The Screen 2 Cinema next to The Connaught Theatre to watch "Michael Jackson's This Is It". We went on a night hike from Bramber Castle to Downland Business Park. We had a casualty simulation evening with make-up! 1 of our Explorers and 2 of our future Explorers (currently still in Scouts) were selected to go to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden next year. Only 8 spaces were allocated to Worthing District.

December: Karen and Sheila from AddAction, the UK's largest drug and alcohol treatment charity, visited to run a workshop on drug and alcohol abuse. We went ten pin bowling at Worthing Bowl. We hosted the District Explorer social, Christmas disco.

January: We ran a life skills evening including how to build a computer and how to change a car tyre. 10 Explorers attended the District Explorer Camp to "Fire & Ice" hosted by Tolmers Scout Camp in Hertfordshire. We went ice skating at Guildford Spectrum. We went swimming at the Aquarena.

February: A guest speaker from the National Blood Service gave us a talk on blood doning and some Explorers registered to donate. We went on another night hike, this time from Sleepy Hollow to Honeysuckle Lane. We made pancakes. We helped raise over £900 at the Group Fayre for the Haiti disaster fund. Thank you to Pauline Wilton for arranging this.

March: We had a pioneering evening to construct tripods and create an obstacle course. We went ten pin bowling again at Worthing Bowl. We staged a kidnap complete with police arriving in a van with sirens and lights to deliver a video demand and start a treasure hunt to rescue Alex! Thank you to Alex Kershaw for being our victim, Richard Treagus and Rob Fitzgerald for being our kidnapers and Mark Shepherd for bringing the police van. 15 Explorers completed Module F ("Special People") of the Young Leader training scheme.



Osprey Explorer Scout Unit - 5th May 2010

Our average attendance was 67%. 20 new members joined us from Scouts. 6 members went on to be Leaders, 1 transferred 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 term 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 term isn't eligible to be a PL or APL. A summary chart of our accounts appeared earlier in this booklet. Thank you to Jacky for her work as our treasurer. At the end of March the Unit held 100 Participation Awards totalling 372 years! Our average participation is over 8 years. 34 of our Explorers have previously been Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. 34 of our Explorers are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. 3 Explorers gained both the Bronze D of E Award and the Chief Scout's Platinum Award. 16 of our Explorers are registered with the District Young Leader Unit and 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: James Anderson, Sam Briscoe, Jacky Green, James Hackett and James Swift. Thanks also to Joe Houslop for his help over the past 2 years while he was a Leader with the Unit. Special thanks to Brian Ashfield for all the encouragement and support that he has given to Osprey Explorers over many years. He will be dearly missed.

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.

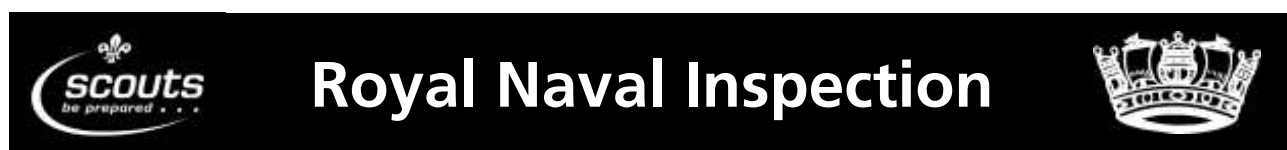
This year Lucy Hammond and Matt Proctor gained their Bronze Award.

11 participants have already completed their Bronze journey. In March this year a further 8 participants started training for their Bronze expedition and 6 for their Silver expedition. The Bronze

expedition should be completed later this year and Silver in April. Volunteering programmes chosen this year included: helping as a Young Leader in all sections of the Group. Skills included: Drums and Guitar. Physical included: Football and Swimming.

A huge thank you to James Hackett, Paul Chaplain, Mark Scott, Andy Sephton, Tim Hill, Andy Price and Martin Wilton for their help as expedition instructors. Tim and Andy Price are also training to become expedition assessors and should complete their training in May.

Jacky Green
DofE Co-ordinator



Royal Naval Inspection of 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group on 16th July 2009.

This water based inspection was held at Southwater Lake and the Group's HQ in Worthing. In attendance were the Mr N Laws, representing the County Commissioner, and Mr R Strange, the District Commissioner.

The 8th Worthing are a very large Sea Scout Group with limited access to water and boats. This inspection was therefore split between the Southwater Lake where some 24 Scouts and Explorers were seen boating and the Group HQ where the remainder of the group were inspected.

Activities witnessed this evening included kayaking, canoeing and pulling. Sailing was not conducted due to the presence of a swimming/ triathlon club. 2 groups were kayaking with a Scout group practising the skills required for 1 star whilst the older Scouts and Explorers were learning about rescues and practising the various types of rescue. Some of these are at BCU 3* standard but have yet

to take the test. All activities were well led by competent and qualified instructors and thoroughly enjoyed by the young people.

Southwater Lake is some 20 minutes North of Worthing and is the regular water activities site. It is not ideal for sailing due to the extensive tree cover acting as a very effective wind break. Also it is used by many people and, in addition to the Scouts, this evening there were the Sea Cadets, a canoe club, swimming club and lifesaving club all using the lake. They are currently looking for another venue, particularly for sailing, which does not involve travelling any further than now but this is proving to be difficult. It is recommended that they liaise with other Sea Scout Groups in the area, notably Lancing and Shoreham to discuss availability and use of their facilities.

The boat fleet remains the same as before and previous comments remain valid.

The inspection then moved to their HQ for the formal part of the evening. This commenced with colours conducted in a full and formal manner with a good standard of piping. Once again the number on parade was impressive and demonstrated the strength of this Group with 3 Cub Packs, 2 Scout Troops and a large Explorer Unit all present. All proved to be most smartly dressed and highly disciplined, making an impressive sight for which they are congratulated.

When spoken to, the Cubs and Scouts described a very full, active and rewarding programme of activities. Given the limited equipment and access to water they have all nevertheless experienced a range of water activities with a significant number holding the pulling badge and kayaking badges. There is a good number of challenge badges earned each year and they have a high success rate for Scouts achieving their Chief Scout Gold Award.

The Explorers are a large unit which is attached to the group. Whilst reluctant to talk about it, they also enjoy a full and active programme with a clear emphasis on kayaking as their preferred water activity. They are undertaking the DofE and Scout award

schemes with both DofE Bronze and Silver award underway in the Unit at present. When they have someone working on their Gold Award they should be aware that the RN Recognised Explorer Camp can count as their DofE residential qualification.

The Group hold regular camps and last year the Scouts summer camp was held at Decoy Broad, Norfolk whilst this year they are going to Longridge, on the Thames. The explorers are holding their summer camp in Belgium. Other camps include survival skills, outdoor and outdoor plus challenge camps and Gilwell 24.

They are also active within the District where they fare well in events and support the Gang Show. They participate in the RN Recognised events attending, with some success, the football competition.

The Group Headquarters continues to be well maintained. The recent difficulties with the Council over the lease now appear to have been resolved, with the Council keeping a short term lease but agreeing to provide the equivalent facilities, within the local area, should they decide to develop the current HQ site.

The Leadership team is very strong and experienced and provide a well structured and balanced programme to the young people. The numbers in the Group are ample evidence of the quality of both the programme and the Leaders. The Group Executive continues to provide excellent support to the Leaders and the new Treasurer has been fully integrated into the committee. Financially sound, they continue to fund themselves primarily through Subs and Gift Aid with specific projects being funded through grants and special fund raising events.

The evening closed with prayers and Evening Colours, again conducted with full and formal ceremony. The Inspecting Officer then addressed the Group, congratulating them on a good inspection before announcing that they had successfully passed this inspection and presenting the Certificate of Recognition to Mr I Wetherell, the Group Scout Leader.

This was a good inspection of a large and thriving Sea Scout Group who continue to provide a first class Scouting programme to their young people. It was good to hear that the uncertainty over their HQ has been resolved and they will now be able to move forward with confidence over their future. Smart and highly disciplined, they are fine ambassadors for the RN in Worthing and fully earn and deserve their continued RN Recognition. Well Done.

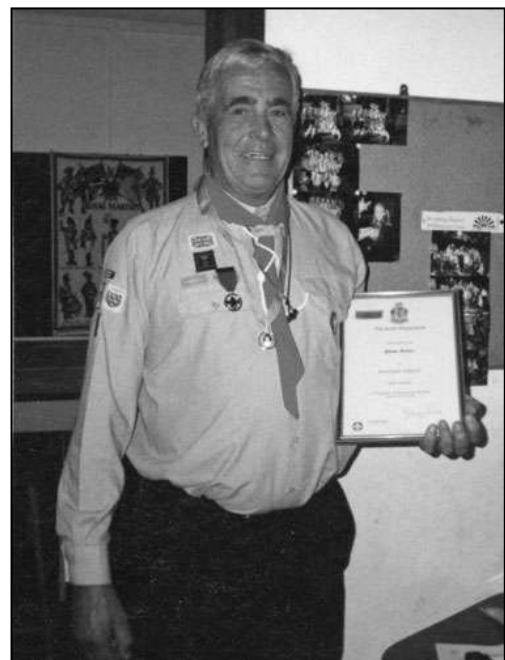
Lt Cdr Griffiths thoroughly enjoyed this inspection and sincerely thanks his hosts for their warm welcome and generous hospitality.

David Griffiths
Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy



Brian Ashfield passed away on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 after a battle with cancer. He will be sorely missed by many as he was heavily involved within the 8th Worthing Sea Scouts and the Scout District and a mentor to many of the current Leaders that remain.

Brian became involved with the 8th Worthing as a Parent helper when his son Stuart joined cubs in 1972. He soon became an active member of the Group and became the Group Supporters Chairman until 1976 when he became the Venture Scout Leader and set up the first mixed sex Venture Unit in West Sussex. This was just the start of a lively career in Scouting and typical of a new approach to Scouting which was Brian's way of doing things.



In 1979 the 8th Worthing was out growing its existing Headquarters in Glebe Road and Brian was fundamental in the fundraising and

development of our current headquarters in Thomas a' Becket Middle School.

In 1984 his son Stuart, aged 20, was tragically taken in an accident whilst serving with the Royal Marines in Norway. Brian continued on within Scouting and provided the momentum for the youngsters currently in the Group at that time to develop their Nautical skills with the setting up a trust fund for training in Stuart's memory. The trust fund is still in place today providing regular funding for training and development for Leaders in nautical skills.

In 1985 he was awarded the Medal of Merit in recognition of his work. After positions as the Assistant District Commissioner for Venture Scouts and Scouts up to 1989 he then became the Assistant Group Scout Leader.

Brian supported the Worthing Scout and Guide Gang Show as the Assistant Stage Manager and making of scenery for the shows for many years until 2004 when he made full size Bill and Ben costumes for what was to be one of the funniest numbers in years. As well as the Gang Show he also supported the District Chess competition for the Cubs and numerous training courses passing on his skills.

Brian retired and became an Honorary Scouter in 1996 when he became 65. His support to the Group continued as the Group Bosun. In this position he ensured that all equipment and the Headquarters were kept in pristine condition. You could always guarantee that if anything was broken or needing replacement it was done. He drove the standards of the equipment up and set the standards for all to follow – and we did without question. It was Brian's way and it was the right way!

On St. George's Day in 2001 Brian was honoured with the Silver Acorn and this was deservedly presented to him in June 2001.

He was a Giant both in stature and in heart. He lived for Scouting and all those around him. He was dedicated to the 8th Worthing and all of its members. He will be sorely missed but very much remembered.



HQ Lease



We own our headquarters, but we lease the land it sits on and we have been in negotiation with our landlord, West Sussex County Council (WSCC), to renew our original lease which expired in August 2007. In December 2009 we finally concluded negotiations and signed a new 20 year lease.

We have corresponded with WSCC via numerous phone calls, emails, letters and meetings for over 5 years. We appointed a local solicitor, formed a sub-committee and lobbied support from local councillors. Many additional hours were volunteered to achieve a successful outcome. Thank you, on behalf of all members, to everyone who assisted in this process.

In May 2006 WSCC confirmed they were prepared to renew our lease but wanted to introduce a break clause allowing them to give us 12 months notice to vacate their site and potentially leave us homeless. We successfully argued that this was unreasonable and in December 2008 they amended their offer. Although it still included a break clause they were now prepared to fully fund an equivalent brand new building if they ever need us to move. This was great news but they had not identified an alternative site because they had no need for us to move yet. They specified a designated area for searching for sites within but this covered most of Worthing. We potentially could have ended up being located outside of our Tarring catchment area where we have been based for over 80 years. Once again we successfully argued that this was unreasonable and in March 2009 they reduced their designated area to our catchment area. In June 2009 a draft lease was drawn up and in December 2009 a final version was agreed, signed and completed.

Our new lease is now in effect. The terms are better than those of our original and the future of our Group is now secured up to 2027 when we will be planning how to celebrate our centenary.



Awards



Youth:

Beavers - Bronze Chief Scout's Award	
Port	George Bonetti, Michael Landy, Donovan Tomlinson, Oscar Tranemar, Rachel Usher, James Walker
Starboard	Aiden Baker, Oliver Briscoe, Joe Bruford, Benjamin Butler, Dane Earl, Luke Gowler, Thomas Hall, Max Hollingdale, James Horn, Lewis Jan, Joshua Jones, Finley Kesteven, Jamie Smith, Ethan Stone

Cubs - Silver Chief Scout's Award	
Port	Alasdair Tennent, Jacob Thompson, Samuel Thompson, Hannah Walker, Patrick Webber
Starboard	Josh Appleton, Joel Baker, Dan Coxhill, Megan Edwards, Harry Leaman, Oliver Lifford, Samuel Peirce, Ryan Porter, Harrison Price, George Usher, Edward Walker, Kiran Wallace, Luke Whittaker
Midship	Zachary Boucher, Tom Eden-Rea, Michael Howarth, Carley Meighan, Declan Southby, Edward Taylor, Ethan Tomlinson, Harry Tooth, Luke Turner, Jonah Williams

Scouts - Gold Chief Scout's Award	
Port	George Crosby, Mike Donlevy, Tors Head, Harvey Simpson
Starboard	Joe Anderson, Joe Butcher, Harriet Cooper, Adam Hart, Ben Manley, Harry Rippon, Philip Shaw, Georgia Starr, Adam Stevens, Iain Taylor, Tom Turner

Explorers - Platinum Chief Scout's Award	
George Crosby, Lucy Hammond, Matt Proctor	

D of E - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award	
George Crosby, Joe Davies, Lucy Hammond, Matt Proctor	

Adults:

Leaders - Chief Scout's Service Award	
5 Years	Elaine Hammond, Kevin Lawrence, Mandi Stevens
10 Years	Roger Green
15 Years	Lou Scott
20 Years	Jacky Green

Leaders - Award for Merit	
Lou Scott, Mark Scott	



HQ Registration Number - 3738

		5	6	7	8			Total
Beavers	m	-	13	17	8			38
	f	-	2	3	-			5

		7	8	9	10			Total
Cubs	m	-	25	25	29			79
	f	-	1	4	4			9

		10	11	12	13	14	15			Total
Scouts	m	2	21	21	13	4	-			61
	f	-	5	1	2	1	-			9

		B	C	S	G			Total
Leaders	m	1	7	10	1			19
	f	5	6	6	-			17

Total Group Membership								237
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		13	14	15	16	17	18			Total
Explorers	m	-	10	10	11	1	-			32
	f	-	2	3	3	5	-			13

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Explorer Leaders	m									3
	f									2

Total Explorer Unit Membership								50
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