

# 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group

Registered Charity no. 279339



**S.S.S. Osprey**

## Annual Report and Accounts 2010/11

Annual General Meeting – 20th September 2011





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## Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group to be held on 20th September 2011 at 8th Worthing HQ.

1. Welcome and Introductions by Group Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Group Scout Council.
4. Address by the Group Scout Leader.
5. Address by the Group Treasurer.
6. Approval of the annual report and Accounts.  
*Members of the Group Executive Committee will be available to answer questions.*
7. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of the Group Chairman. *Roger Green*
8. Confirmation of Section Leaders' willingness to sit on the Group Executive Committee.  
*Jane Preston (Port Beavers), Fiona Bodey (Starboard Beavers), Jayne Gathergood (Starboard Cubs), Deirdre Green (Midship Cubs), James Hackett (Starboard Scouts), Paul Chaplain (Explorers)*
9. Approval of the Group Scout Leader's nomination of members of the Group Executive Committee.  
*Mark Scott (Bosun), Barbara Wells (Group Administrator)*
10. Election of the Group Secretary. *Mandi Stevens*
11. Election of the Group Treasurer. *Kevin Mullen*
12. Election of members of the Group Scout Council to the Group Executive Committee. *Ian Brownbill, Jackie Usher, Charly Sutherland, Mark Anderson*
13. Appointment of non Executive roles.  
*Bethan Norman (independent examiner), Petula Bladen (Gift Aid administrator), Roy Wells (Health and Safety advisor)*
14. Presentations.
15. Close of meeting.



## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group held on 19th June 2010 at 8th Worthing HQ.

### PRESENT: 43

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 Roy Wells.
3. The Minutes of last year's AGM on 13th June 2009 were approved. Proposed Barbara Wells seconded Deirdre Green.
4. There were no matters arising from the Minutes.
5. Group Treasurer: Kevin Mullen gave his report and referred the meeting to the accounts, which appear at the back of the booklet. He said that the accounts layout will have to be amended next year in order to meet the requirements of the Charities Commission. Details will be on the Charities Commission website later in the year. He thanked Bryan Moon for undertaking the audit again this year and Petula for all her assistance with the Gift Aid claim. He also thanked Jacky & Roger Green for the help in auditing the Section accounts. A vote of thanks was given to Kevin for all his hard work.
6. Approval was requested for the Accounts. Prop: M Scott. Sec: I Wetherell. Carried unanimously.
7. Adoption of the Section Reports. Prop: D Green Sec: J Green. Reports adopted.
8. Address by Group Scout Leader: Ian reported on the activities of the various Sections and said that full details appeared.

**Port Beavers'** programme has included a visit to Shoreham Airport and they saw 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.

**Starboard Beavers** 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 Cubs** made cardboard Formula 1 cars and raced them. On a visit to London they whole Pack invaded the lobby of a hotel in search of toilets, probably the highlight of the trip.

**Starboard Cubs** held a uniform night and were taught how to clean their shoes and iron their scarves. They also held a navel Quiz night.

**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 snake sand beetles.

**Port Scouts** cleaned gravestones in St Andrews' churchyard as part of their Conservation badge and had a visit from the RNLI.

**Starboard Scouts** had a trip to Cheddar gorge for potholing and caving and they cooked cheese scones in cardboard ovens.

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

**DofE Award Scheme** Lucy Hammond and Matt Proctor gained their Bronze Awards this year. The DofE scheme is integrated with the Explorer activity programme but involves help from members of other Sections, particularly with expeditions.

**Haiti Appeal:** The Group organized a bazaar in aid of the Haiti Earthquake Appeal raising nearly £1000. Ian said well done to everyone and gave his thanks to Pauline Wilton for organizing the event.

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

Ian also spoke about the HQ lease, which has now been renewed, and how this ended an unsettling period in our history. He thanked all those involved in our campaign to obtain security for the future of Scouting in Tarring. He also thanked everyone for their support and work during the year. Special thanks went to our Chairman, Roger Green, our Treasurer, Kevin Mullen and our secretary, Mandi Stevens. Finally he thanked the 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 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. Roy Wells has been nominated as H&S Officer. Proposed B Wells Seconded M Scott. The nomination was carried.
11. Election of
  - a) Group Secretary – Mandi Stevens
  - b) Group Treasurer – Kevin MullenMandi & Kevin have agreed to continue. Proposed M Scott Seconded J Green. The appointments were approved.
12. Election of members of the Group Council to the Group Executive Committee:

Mick Orpin was nominated as Bosun, Martin Wilton and Petula Randall were also nominated and approved.

13. Election of the Independent Financial Assessor – Mr Bryan Moon has agreed to continue to fill this position. Proposed B Wells Seconded F Bodey.
14. The new lease was signed in December with agreement of relocation within Tarring area and if the break clause is brought into play then Worthing Borough Council will build a new HQ at no cost to us. Roger thanked everyone involved particularly Paul Chaplain and Steve Carleysmith for all their help. He also said that as a consequence of the new lease being granted we had embarked on refurbishing the HQ building with new doors on the Bosun store, garage and Boat Deck. There is also a problem with the gas supply so changing to electric in the galley. We will also try to replace the doors into HQ and although quotes have been received this is on hold at the present. Roger thanked all the Leaders and adult volunteers but put out a plea for more adult parent helpers. We have 3 members of the Group going to the Jamboree in Sweden and there will be Frog racing and a BBQ to help raise funds for this.
15. Presentations: the GSL introduced Robin Strange who presented the following awards.

A Long Service Award for 20 years service was presented to Paul Chaplain, 15 years to Mike Greenhorn and Louise Scott, 10 years to Roger Green and 5 years to Kevin Lawrence and Amanda Stevens. Wood Badge to Fiona Bodey.

Medals of Merit were presented to Mark and Louise Scott.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1850 hours.

Signed.....

Date.....



# Executive Committee



<b>Group Scout Leader:</b>	Mr Ian Wetherell gsl@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>AGSL/Explorers:</b>	Mr Paul Chaplain explorers@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Group Chairman:</b>	Mr Roger Green chairman@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Group Secretary:</b>	Mrs Mandi Stevens secretary@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Group Treasurer:</b>	Mr Kevin Mullen treasurer@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Port Beavers:</b>	Mrs Jane Preston port.beavers@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Starboard Beavers:</b>	Mr Bryan McHugh starboard.beavers@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Port Cubs:</b>	Mr Mike Greenhorn port.cubs@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Starboard Cubs:</b>	Miss Jayne Gathergood starboard.cubs@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Midship Cubs:</b>	Mrs Deirdre Green midship.cubs@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Port Scouts:</b>	Mrs Lou Scott port.scouts@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Starboard Scouts:</b>	Mr James Hackett starboard.scouts@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Elected:</b> (Gift Aid)	Miss Petula Bladen giftaid@8thworthing.org.uk
<b>Elected:</b> (Group Bosun)	Mr Mick Orpin bosun@8thworthing.org.uk

**Co-opted:** Mrs Barbara Wells  
(Group Admin) admin@8thworthing.org.uk

**Nominated:** Mr Roy Wells  
(Health & Safety) roy.wells@8thworthing.org.uk

**Elected:** Mr Martin Wilton  
(Parent Rep) martin.wilton@8thworthing.org.uk



As in previous years I shall present a brief summary of the activities of the sections. Full details are of course contained in their individual accounts.

Port Beaver Scouts visited Greenwich Naval College and apparently were very impressed to meet a "real pirate!" A sponsored walk raised £176 for African children and they were able to purchase several goats and chickens. I haven't noticed any farmyard smells so I assume they have now been safely sent to Africa!

Starboard Beaver Scouts have now said goodbye to Bryan McHugh who has gone to Africa to work and handed over the post of BSL to Fiona Bodey. We wish her good luck with the Colony. The most exciting event was the attack of the killer wasps at Dappers Lane campsite, but everyone survived to tell the tale. Another scary occasion was a torchlight walk around Worthing. I really must pay my rates and get the street lights sorted out.

Port Cub Scouts helped raise funds for Comic Relief by cutting Akela's hair. They also had a trip to Chatham Naval Dockyard and practised mini and maxi pioneering. A mufti evening was dedicated to raising money for the Poppy Appeal.

Starboard Cub Scouts held a Parents and Cubs Quiz night and carried out some interesting experiments with eggs, which involved deciding which material might make the best anti-squelch wrapping

and then dropping them from a great height to prove the point (or not).

Midship Cub Scouts held a sponsored Treasure Hunt in aid of Dogs for the Blind, an archery evening at the HQ and visited the Mosque. Some of the older Cubs went on a canoeing taster session at Southwater Lake.

Port Scouts. Built a 20m monkey bridge (as you do) and carried out some gardening sessions in St. Andrew's churchyard, weeding, clearing away some bushes and planting flowers in their place. A bit of practice and lots of parental support on the day saw the Troop win the Worthing District raft race by a large margin. Mark and Lou Scott are standing down as Leaders after the August break.

Starboard Scouts went to Longridge for their annual camp and managed to send all their Scouts over Marlow weir without a single capsizing! (Is that good tuition or good luck?) A visit to the Mercedes Centre at Weybridge saw all the Scouts having a 15 minute trip round the test track in the latest AMG models with a Mercedes driver.

The Osprey Explorer Unit with 49 members compared with the UK average of 16, are one of the largest in the country. Amusingly, the unit spent an evening ten-pin bowling at the sea front bowling alley and also tried their hand at lawn bowls at the Pavilion Bowling Club. Another activity was a Shelter Box evening which helped in their understanding of how international aid is made possible.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is still well supported, with 4 members gaining their Bronze Award, (with 3 others and a Silver and a Gold Award pending). The Explorer programme is designed to match the DofE requirements and with a bit of careful planning, the activities can be made to enable progress in both areas. Activities undertaken include coaching university rowing crews and helping at a Church Youth Club.

The Group has been a member of the Royal Navy Recognition Scheme since 1948. Usually it only gets a mention when we are

trying to spruce up the Scouts for the 18 monthly inspections. I thought I would just take a little time to explain more about the scheme. There are just under 500 Sea Scout Groups in the country (including Gibraltar and the Channel islands). Of these, only the best 100 may join the scheme. The object of the scheme was originally to provide a pool of nautically aware adults who would be able to join the RN as semi-trained personnel at a time of conflict. Today the Ministry of Defence supports the scheme to promote good citizenship without any particular aim at recruitment. You will see from the BN Inspecting Officer's Report that the Navy expects a good standard of dress and ceremonial, together with evidence of achievement in the Sea Scout programme and activities. The RN gives the Scout Association hard cash, in proportion to the number of relevant badges passed by all the Recognised Groups. This cash is used to support the 100 groups in their activities and with the purchase of equipment. Certain facilities at RN bases can be used by the 100 groups. We are allowed to fly a Red Ensign, defaced with the Admiralty Crown surmounting the Scout Badge. We are proud of our continuing membership of the scheme and this might explain why we are always nagging the Scouts about multi-coloured socks and wonky tally bands!

Finally, I am sure as you read through the report in detail, you will have noticed the large number of people who are helping the sections achieve the wonderful activity programmes mentioned. Many of these people are parents and friends, and there are also a significant number of Scouts and Explorer Scouts helping with the younger sections. So as well as thanking all the Uniformed Leaders and Executive members, I should like to specially thank these other persons who beaver away in the background because they enjoy what they are doing and think it is worthwhile.

Ian Wetherell  
Group Scout Leader



## Group Chairman



I am delighted to say that the overall concerns regarding security are now complete with all the fire doors on the main deck replaced and the front entrance double doors replaced in aluminium to wheelchair standard - this represents a great step forward.

The year has been difficult regarding gas pressure supply problems. By the removal of the hot water heater and hob in the Galley the gas supply now operates at the correct levels for the Renzoir heaters on the main deck and the entrance hall to run at full bore when required. Previously this was not the case and the supply pressure dropped below acceptable levels therefore certification would not be granted by Gas Safe. Many thanks to the all the people that were involved in all of the site meetings and discussions that took place at relatively short notice. Many thanks also to those involved from the Bosun's store to supplying hot water urns for use in the galley. This clearly is not the ideal situation and must be on the next level of improvements.

In the year ahead I would like to see the galley stripped out and all there in replaced subject to the obvious financial constraints that we all have to work to. However this is a must do project and well worthy of consideration even if we have to do it in stages.

I would like to thank all those parents that helped out during the year be it at section meetings or camp and most especially on 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 to identify the skills required for the different projects and use them accordingly in the good practice of running the Group. There's a big resource out there - find them and use them.

My thanks also go to Kevin, our Treasurer, and Petula, our Gift Aid Secretary, for all the work put into the new accounts systems that each section is now using - hopefully this will make life easier for correlation at the year end and make a more uniformed approach

for the financial year end - yet another big step forward. No doubt there will be more tweaking in years to come!

I must not forget to thank Mandi, our Secretary, for all the effort of recording the Executive meetings with all the actions lists that go with the territory so everyone knows who has to do which job and when it has to be done.

Lastly I am really proud to thank all of the Leaders and personnel of all the sections for their time that they give so freely to influence the lives of our young people, in our local area and by putting a sense of community into The Group and above all directing, teaching and imparting lifelong skills to all these young people which will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

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 2011, as Consolidated accounts for the Group and Sections combined plus a breakdown of these for individual Sections.

It will be apparent that the Group made a substantial loss during the year, partly due to decreased numbers [and so subscriptions and Gift Aid received] but mainly because of the cost of works at HQ, which are ongoing as the Chairman has mentioned in his report. As we all know, many costs keep rising including gas, electricity and fuel, whilst the minibus is aging and can be expected to incur higher repair costs unless/until it can be replaced.

Despite government pressure on local authorities we have so far continued to receive relief from non-domestic rates, although are now obliged to apply for discretionary relief for part of this each

year instead of getting automatic relief; however, we do now have to pay for refuse removal. Furthermore, transitional relief for Gift Aid has now expired, which will reduce our claim by about a tenth in future years.

We have tried to limit costs where possible, in particular all insurances have been reviewed to ensure that cover matches our needs; whilst the apparent large hike in Registration etc fees is mainly due to a change of classification concerning boating costs.

Taking all this into account, we felt obliged to raise the subscription fee with effect from 1st April, as you know.

Finally, I must thank Petula for collating Gift Aid details and also for preparing a revised spreadsheet for Section Treasurers, Petula [again] and Jacky for checking Section accounts before audit, Bryan Moon for again auditing our accounts and, especially, all Section Treasurers for their hard work throughout the year.

Kevin Mullen  
Group Treasurer

	31st March 2011	31st March 2010
	£	£
<b>Non monetary assets</b>		
Land & Buildings [at Insured value]	266,500	260,000
Scouting equipment, furniture etc [at Insured value]	53,300	52,000
Boats & Trailers [at Insured value]	31,359	32,099
Other Trailers [at Insured value]	6,000	8,320
Minibus [estimated]	5,000	7,500
Shirts & Hats stock [estimated cost, ignoring pence]	953	1,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>363,112</b>	<b>361,109</b>

**CONSOLIDATED RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2011**

<u>2010</u>		<u>2011</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>SECTIONS</u>
	<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
30,237.50	Membership Subscriptions & Fees	28,656.50	21,635.00	28,656.50
(9,729.20)	Less: Subscriptions & Fees paid on	(9,801.00)	(9,591.00)	(21,845.00)
20,508.30	Net Subscriptions & Fees retained	18,855.50	12,044.00	6,811.50
7,988.62	Gift Aid - Received Prior Year (2009/10)	7,750.77	7,750.77	
(8,000.00)	Less: Estimate Prior Year (2009/10)	(7,750.00)	(7,750.00)	
7,750.00	Add: Estimate Current Year (2010/11)	7,250.00	7,250.00	
1,183.97	Donations	3,096.68	1,516.68	1,580.00
30,653.37	Contributions to Camps/Activities:-	-		
	Current Year	22,622.94		22,622.94
	Future Events	4,104.00		4,104.00
233.70	Polo Shirts sales	307.30	307.30	
286.92	Other Uniform sales	205.45		205.45
286.73	Other Fund raising	777.00		777.00
323.22	Charitable collections	1,566.37		1,566.37
13.07	Bank Interest	8.40	8.40	
1.48	National Savings interest	1.12	1.12	
	Sundry Income	270.83	40.00	230.83
<b>61,229.38</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>9,066.36</b>	<b>21,168.27</b>	<b>37,898.09</b>
	<b><u>PAYMENTS</u></b>			
8,548.69	Youth Programme & Activities	7,137.13		7,137.13
693.75	Adult Support & Training	1,632.00	1,517.00	115.00
3,074.48	HQ Rent, Cleaning & Maintenance	11,253.08	11,253.08	
3,536.25	HQ Lease costs	54.00	54.00	
691.37	Water & Sewerage	675.49	675.49	
1,087.82	Electricity & Gas	1,680.00	1,680.00	
(850.00)	Less: Gas estimate for previous year	(750.00)	(750.00)	
750.00	Add: Gas estimate for current year	-		
441.20	Telephones & Internet	459.53	459.53	
4,362.21	Insurances [apart from Minibus]	3,842.68	3,842.68	
4,572.23	Repairs & Renewals [Trailer, Boats & Stores]	4,385.87	4,385.87	
975.54	Minibus Fuel costs	1,134.21	251.46	882.75
1,642.53	Minibus other running costs	2,187.06	2,187.06	
898.97	Other Transport costs	1,191.35	1,191.35	
30,412.09	Camp/Activities costs:-			
	Current Year	25,104.58	150.00	24,954.58
	Future events	1,677.96		1,677.96
-	Polo shirts	238.00	238.00	
415.52	Uniforms	840.55	546.41	294.14
588.16	Charitable payments	1,791.37		1,791.37
414.79	Expenses [including AGM]	363.23	327.79	35.44
20.00	Registration & Membership Fees	339.03	339.03	
<b>62,275.60</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>65,237.12</b>	<b>28,348.75</b>	<b>36,888.37</b>
<b>(1,046.22)</b>	<b>Surplus (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments</b>	<b>(6,170.76)</b>	<b>(7,180.48)</b>	<b>1,009.72</b>

**BALANCES AS AT 31ST MARCH**

48,723.84	Acc. Fund Balance Brought/Carried forward	47,677.62	35,917.99	11,759.63
(1,046.22)	Surplus (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	(6,170.76)	(7,180.48)	1,009.72
<b>47,677.62</b>		<b>41,506.86</b>	<b>28,737.51</b>	<b>12,769.35</b>
	<b><u>FINANCED BY:</u></b>			
40,120.05	Cash in hand & at Bank	33,698.17	20,928.82	12,769.35
557.57	National Savings account	558.69	558.69	-
7,750.00	Gift Aid [Estimate Current Year]	7,250.00	7,250.00	-
(750.00)	Less: Provision for Prior Year HQ Gas used	-	-	-
<b>47,677.62</b>		<b>41,506.86</b>	<b>28,737.51</b>	<b>12,769.35</b>

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



Bryan J. Moon BSc, PhD, ACMA Honorary Independent Examiner

24 August 2011

**SUMMARY OF SECTIONS' INCOME & EXPENDITURE A/CS FROM 1ST APRIL 2010 to 31ST MARCH 2011**

	<b>Starboard Beavers</b>	<b>Port Beavers</b>	<b>Port Cubs</b>	<b>Starboard Cubs</b>	<b>Midship Cubs</b>	<b>Port Troop</b>	<b>Starboard Troop</b>	<b>Explorer Unit</b>	<b>D of E</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>										
Total Subs Recvd for Section	2430.00	2490.00	2720.00	3194.00	3470.00	4786.00	4116.00	5240.00	210.50	28656.50
Less Paid to Group	2037.50	1845.00	2040.00	2340.00	2655.00	3570.00	3217.50	3930.00		21635.00
Net Subs Retained	392.50	645.00	680.00	854.00	815.00	1216.00	898.50	1310.00	210.50	7021.50
Donations				500.00	395.00	120.00	505.00	60.00		1580.00
Other Income:-										
Contributions to Camps/Outings:-										
During Current Year	321.00	294.00	1820.00	1730.00	2546.20	4516.00	6122.24	5143.50	130.00	22622.94
Deposits taken for future events					339.00	505.00	1220.00	1135.00	905.00	4104
Uniform						55.50	149.95			205.45
Fund raising		27.50	339.50		410.00					777.00
Charitable collections		192.15	50.00		38.32			1285.90		1566.37
Sundry Income		6.00	14.68		160.00	0.15	50.00			230.83
Sub-Totals	713.50	1164.65	2904.18	3084.00	4703.52	6412.65	8945.69	8934.40	1245.50	38108.09
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>										
Youth Programme & Activities	917.21	1058.58	554.97	1030.00	759.66	1007.08	800.33	986.32	22.98	7137.13
Adult Support							115.00			115.00
Camps/Outings Costs:-										
During Current Year	255.00	321.04	2476.17	1947.62	2460.77	5368.77	7302.80	5326.90	378.26	25837.33
Deposits paid for future events	176.00			200.00	173.00		478.00	650.96		1677.96
Uniforms				140.00		40.00	63.48	50.66		294.14
Fees to WSCC									210.00	210.00
Charitable Payments		192.15	50.00		238.32		25.00	1285.90		1791.37
Expenses		6.00		10.00	7.47	9.00		2.97		35.44
Sub-Totals	1348.21	1577.77	3081.14	3327.62	3639.22	6424.85	8784.61	8303.71	611.24	37098.37

	Starboard Beavers	Port Beavers	Port Cubs	Starboard Cubs	Midship Cubs	Port Troop	Starboard Troop	Explorer Unit	D of E	TOTALS
<b><u>BALANCES</u></b>										
B/f 1st April 2010	1202.29	749.29	430.58	1153.07	220.34	3295.83	1647.61	2449.18	611.44	11759.63
Surplus/Deficit	-634.71	-413.12	-176.96	-243.62	1064.30	-12.20	161.08	630.69	634.26	1009.72
C/f 31st March 2011	567.58	336.17	253.62	909.45	1284.64	3283.63	1808.69	3079.87	1245.70	12769.35
<b><u>FINANCED BY</u></b>										
Bank balance	859.82	339.17	885.46	1621.43	1952.91	4347.28	2730.79	4152.66	854.46	17743.98
O/s Credits	176.00							120.00	466.24	762.24
O/s Debits	-509.00	-3.00	-631.84	-802.88	-670.00	-1124.67	-922.10	-1192.79	-75.00	-5931.28
Net Bank balance	526.82	336.17	253.62	818.55	1282.91	3222.61	1808.69	3079.87	1245.70	12574.94
Cash in hand	40.76			90.90	1.73	61.02				194.41
Totals	567.58	336.17	253.62	909.45	1284.64	3283.63	1808.69	3079.87	1245.70	12769.35
Which include:-										
Contributions for future Camps					339.00	505.00	1220.00	1135.00	905.00	4104.00
Payments made for future Camps				200.00	173.00		478.00	650.96		1501.96
So Net Totals held	567.58	336.17	253.62	1109.45	1118.64	2778.63	1066.69	2595.83	340.70	10167.31



## Port Beavers



For the Summer term we started off looking at the environment, fair-trade and the right to clean water. To compliment this topic we then did a 3 mile sponsored walk for the Save the Children charity. The children raised £176.50 which enabled them to buy some goats, chickens and water filters for children in Africa. We did the walk with Beavers from 4th Worthing which, along with the work we had already done, allowed the children to gain their International Partnership Awards.

We continued the term with a trip to the National Maritime museum at Greenwich. We went by train and then bus to the embankment and then caught the Thames Clipper for a super quick trip down to Greenwich. The Beavers found the visit very interesting but especially loved meeting a 'real' pirate who told them all about life on board a pirate ship. We then had a meeting about the weather and followed this with a visit to the windmill at High Salvington. After the half term break the children worked towards their health and fitness and healthy eating badges. We also had a walk round Tarring, a nature ramble at Honeysuckle Lane and went rockpooling down the beach. We finished off the summer term with our annual sports evening and sausage sizzle.

The Autumn term found us working towards the imagination badge, which included a 'come as an alien' evening. Most of the Beavers also attended another District Fun Day at Dappers Lane, which was a once again a great success. We also had a visit from the Blue Cross animal charity which helped towards the children's animal friend badge. For the next meeting the Beavers made edible minibeasts, which included dirt made from cocoa pops which they loved! We also had a visit from a Music Workshop where the children learnt to do African drumming (note to self – next time bring ear plugs!). We then followed this by working towards their safety and experimenter badges. Next we had a visit by a police car and motorbike (thanks to Mel Doyle) and then had a visit to the

Mayor at the Town Hall. The Beavers then made Xmas presents and cards and then finished off with a party at PLAY.

Unfortunately, due to the problems with the heating and cooking facilities at the HQ we were unable to have our annual sleepover but are planning on having one in the summer at a different location.

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 ABSL Keith Preston and my Colony Assistants Emma Wallace and Mel Doyle for all their invaluable help and support. I would also like to thank my Scout and Explorer helpers Sam Edney, Alex Owen and Kieran Wallace for all the assistance they give to the Colony.

Jane Preston  
Beaver Scout Leader



We have continued to use the badge-work criteria as a basis for our programme and incorporate each of the challenge badges so the Beavers can earn them during their time in the colony.

Evenings about emergencies, traditions in other countries, food from other countries and various craft activities have helped us achieve this.

The boys enjoyed evenings tracking at Honeysuckle Lane, walking around Cissbury Ring, a fact-filled visit to PetsAtHome, and a torch walk allowing us to see the Worthing area lit up at night.

Perhaps for four of our Beavers one standout moment will be when the wasps attacked! We enjoyed another District Fun Day at Dappers Lane but unfortunately disturbed an underground wasp nest and

within minutes we knew about it. Four brave Beavers lived to tell the tale

Much gratitude to the whole Colony team for their dedication and fun-making, Fiona, Stephen, Sean, and Alex.

Next year Fiona takes the helm as I try other things but will keep in touch and look forward to hearing about new antics.

Bryan McHugh  
Beaver Scout Leader



This year as every year I look through my records and wonder what I am going to put in my report. We try to provide an active programme for our Cubs that allows them to achieve life skills and prepare them for their journey ahead. And of course badges. Over the last year Port Cubs have earned 130 activity badges and 44 challenge badges. Many nights away and hikes away badges have led to 8 silver Chiefs Scouts awards. That is an amazing achievement for a pack that only has 23 Cubs. A great help to the progress of the Cubs is the endless support I get from my leadership team. Thank you is never enough but thanks anyway. Thanks to Hathi (Elaine Hammond) my number one. Raan (Joel Hammond), Sahi (Martin Hunt), Bagheera (Ian Smith) and Rama (Will Radley-Smith) thank you for all you have done. Thank you too to Raksha (Val Lawrence) our camp super chef, Sona (Robert Tennent) and Kaa (Kate Thompson) for your much needed help at camp and to Sarah Walker for help on pack nights during our team shortage. Well that is what my Cubs have achieved and my team who have helped me. Now this is what we did.

April, Cubs football competition and St George's day. May, map reading and pioneering on a giant and miniature scale. June, softball, rounders and hiking. July, cycling and archery. The Cubs on the bikes were not moving targets! August as usual was our summer

squelch (camping in the rain). We even received a severe weather warning from Mark Scott! September brought us some first aid, an international evening and some much needed but soon forgotten drill practice. October was the month for keep fit, samba, a wide game and an assault course. My injury while building it has still not healed! November being a five week month had us doing home safety, fireworks, a visit to Pets at Home for animal care and a treasure trail. We topped this month off with a mufti night and cake making (and selling) to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. In December we rounded off the year with an evening bowling.

2011 started with us being artistic and scientific over January and February. We went to Chatham dockyard in March for an outing. Road safety and pancakes also in March were followed by the Cubs becoming barbers. They took turns on my head with scissors for Comic relief.

Well that's it for this year. Thank you again to everyone who has helped me but thanks always to my Cubs who allow me to have such an enjoyable hobby.

Mike Greenhorn  
Cub Scout Leader



This has been my first full year at the helm of Starboard Cubs and I've really enjoyed it.

### My team

Michael Lytton: partner and colleague, walking encyclopdia! Iain Stewart: badge master! Nick Davies: fire king! Amelia Lytton: now a leader in training plus university this year, our music maestro. Rachel Drew: also a leader in training plus already at uni, our film wizard. Petula Bladen: wide game master! (now moved to Explorers)

Our Young Leaders (Explorer helpers): Josh Stewart, Richard Worsfold. Good mates and valuable young leaders.

Scout helpers: William Lytton, Ross Stewart, up and coming, great with the Cubs. Charlotte and James Randall, so helpful. Moved on with their mum now.

We are a team, and we work well as a team, giving the program strength and character and knowledge.

We have had a full year with much more in the pipeline.



To consolidate, April 2010 to date; night hike and sausage sizzle at Dappers lane, runners up in the football tournament. Parents and Cubs quiz night, Tarring village photo night linked in with the IT badge which we did alongside the chef's badge!! Summer months found us at the mosque. Then learning how to mend a bike puncture and be safe on bikes with a safe bikes! While Paul took

some of our Cubs kayaking, which they loved. We also, entered the Rounder's tournament.

Our Summer Camp was run around space and all facts relating, this was at Stanford. Pease Pottage, our favourite site.

We had a catch up badge night, then in October, communicators badge, District Challenge, do your best night, energy conservation, eggstactic night!!, wrapped eggs to see if they stayed whole whilst dropped from a height! Collectors badge, Christmas party!! Ho ho!

Italian night, Cubs made A frames from spaghetti and marshmallows, which was fine till the heater came on and melted the mallows!!! February we had a popcorn and film night to watch our Summer Camp DVD. Trampolining at the leisure centre, some good athletes we have. Our silver awards ceremony, very well achieved.

Library visit, first aid night and Town hall visit to date. We are also supporting The Air Ambulance this year and will be supporting a charity a year with fun! Fundraising.

Thank you to my leaders for all their hard work and tremendous support. Well done to the Cubs for what they have achieved this year and I'm sure will carry on when they move on to Scouts, Good luck to them. I'm looking forward to the next year!

Jayne Gathergood  
Cub Scout Leader



Midship Cubs have had another great year. I would like to start by saying a big thank you to the Cubs who have such enthusiasm and energy, and they make each pack meeting very different, interesting and fun. Also thanks to all the parents for the parental support we have received over the last year.

**April:** We started the Summer Term with the Cubs taking their Artist Badge over a couple of weeks, and having regular football practices before Cubs. Also, Midships attended the St, Georges Day service at St. Andrews Church, Tarring.

**May:** The Cubs took their Animal Carers Badge, and the County Archery Team came to three of our meetings and the Cubs enjoyed trying archery as part of their Fitness Challenge. On the weeks they were not attempting archery they either took their Road Safety or their Local Knowledge Badge. The older Cubs went camping at Yapton for a weekend towards their Outdoor Plus Challenge. Thanks to Roy, Thegla and Paul Christopher, Lucy Hammond and Owen Hall (who did the cooking).

**June:** The Senior Cubs ran an evening for their Promise Challenge, and we also had a crafts evening for Fathers Day. The Cubs were kept fit this month whilst taking either their Athletics, Athletics Plus or Cyclist Badge.

**July:** This month saw us finishing off badge-work, and having a Hockey evening, which was run by Raine Miles and family, towards the Fitness Challenge. (Thank you Raine). The Cubs also spent a Saturday evening at Lancing College Swimming Pool taking their Simers Badges. (Thanks to Adrian Parker and James Swift). The older Cubs also went kayaking with Paul Chaplain which enabled them to gain their Water Activities Badge. (Thank you Paul). The Cubs took part in the Cubs District Rounders Competition and came third. We finished off the term with a barbeque at Goring Gap.

**August:** Our annual summer camp was held at Standford Camp Site and was well attended by 22 Cubs. The camp was very successful and many badges were gained – Camper, Naturalist, Emergency Aid, Scientist, Astronomer, Map Reader, Navigator, D.I.Y., Nights Away, Hikes Away and Outdoor Challenge. Jim and I only attended on a couple of day visits, and I would like to express my thanks to Roy for running the camp, Thegla and Paul Christopher, Chris Sawyer, an ex-Midship Leader, Owen Hall, Debbie Marmont and Tracie Trangmar for doing the cooking, and Chris Woods for helping and taking the D.I.Y. Badge.

**September:** This month we visited the Fire Station, and took our Communicators Badge. (Thanks to Paul Christopher for running a session on Braille for the Cubs). We also had an enjoyable Sausage Sizzle at Dappers Lane.

**October:** The Scouts ran an evening on Recycling this month, and the Senior Cubs also ran an evening. We had a visit from Circus Seen where the cubs tried unicycles, hoops, plate balancing, juggling, diablos and balloon modelling. The Cubs also took part in the Cubs District Challenge at Dappers Lane and came second.



**November:** The Cubs took their Home Help Badge (Thanks to all the parents who helped with our cooking evening). Thanks also to Janet Chapman who came and gave an interesting talk on the Red Cross which counted towards the Cubs Global Challenge. We also had a creative evening where the Cubs bought in either stories or poems and entertained each other (towards their Entertainers Badge).

**December:** We held an extended Christmas Party Evening with D.V.D.'s, games and food, attended the pantomime at the Connaught Theatre, and had a Christmas crafts evening.

**January:** After Christmas the Cubs did their Entertainers Badge and performed plays for each other and videoed themselves. We also had an Italian evening with food tasting, flags, language and maps.

Cubs who gained their Chief Scouts Silver Award attended the annual presentation by the Mayor at Durrington High School.

**February:** We held a Sponsored Treasure Hunt in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind and Midship Cubs, and we started our Chefs Badge. (Thanks to all the parents who helped with our cooking evening). The Scouts also ran an evening on Water Conservation.

**March:** This month we finished off our Chefs Badge, and the Senior Cubs ran an evening. We also visited the Mosque for our World Faith Badge, or the older Cubs took their I.T. Badge. Our Sixers and Seconders also attended the R. N. Inspection.

Over the last year we have awarded a staggering 380 activity badges, 92 challenge badges and 11 silver awards.

I would like to thank my husband Jim for running football, helping with rounders and badge-work, and generally doing any job asked of him, and also thanks to my son Mike for all his help. Thanks also to Wendy Bant, who was one of our parents, who has run all of our craft evenings this year. Thanks to Paul Christopher for all his help and support with camping, which he does with such energy and enthusiasm. I must also thank Explorers Lucy, Matt and Harry for all their help, and also thanks to Starboard Scouts Josh Hyde, Sam Murray, and Sam Rippon who have also helped us this year.

Our full and varied programme would not have been possible without the leadership team of Roy, Thegla and myself who have worked well together. I would like to say a big thank you to my Leaders because without their hard work, their support (especially when I was in hospital earlier this year), and their 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.

Deirdre Green  
Cub Scout Leader

A busy year has seen the troop make some fantastic achievements. Numbers have again stayed around the mid forties. 10 of our 12 14 year-old leavers have transferred to Osprey Unit. Ollie Kershaw joined us as a Young Leader.

Badge-work again was high on the Agenda with the troop achieving over 400 badges during the year. Well done to the seven scouts who achieved their Gold Awards during the year and also to the following for being the first/s to achieve a badge in the troop – Andrew Shakespeare – Small Holder, Ross Stewart and Will Lytton – 75 Nights Away and Harrison and Samuel Price – Martial Arts. Amongst the other badges gained were 7 Dinghy Sailor, 25 Pioneer, 24 Watersports, 32 Craft, 28 Heritage, 18 Emergency Aid 3, 32 Community Challenge, 10 Outdoor Challenge, 14 Outdoor Plus Challenge, 4 Fitness Challenge, 14 Promise Challenge, 18 Adventure Challenge, 19 Creative Challenge and 25 Environment Partnership Awards. As well as a multitude of other activity and staged badges.

April saw us completing the Pioneers Badge by the troop building a 20 metre monkey bridge, which was found to be a lot of fun to use. We had an Easter Egg hunt, Night Hike ran kayaking at Lancing College Pool.

The summer saw us again using the rotational programme with Kayaking held at Southwater, Worthing Beach and Adur Low Water. We again had Scouts at St Andrews Church clearing up the Church Yard, weeding and planting the flowerbeds and have seen a huge improvement since the previous year, with years of overgrowth now being kept at bay. It is also great to hear the encouraging comments from those walking through and it is clear that it is not just the Church Congregation who realise the scouts are 'doing their bit' but also in the wider local community. We also went Hiking, Orienteering, Practised our Raft Building, did some cooking and some Tent Pitching (a few times).

We ran the Outdoor Plus Challenge Camp for the older scouts in May and the Outdoor Challenge Camp in June both at Broadstone Warren. June also saw 14 members of the troop, plus Mark attending the District Survival Skills weekend as an instructor. Port troop accounted for over 1/3 of the attendees and 2 members were part of the winning team. Comments on Port troop Scouts behaviour from the district team were extremely complimentary.

Having come in, in 6th place at the District Raft race in 2009, we returned for the 2010 race, picnics in hand with many parents coming along to give support (and make the raft). A few races later and leaving the rest of the field in their wake by 1/3 of the course length our team came in a well-deserved first place.

Summer camp saw a return to Decoy Broad (minus 1 x SL), and hence the report for summer camp is by Mark. What a fantastic site liked by Scouts and Leaders alike, 22 acres of private Broad linked to rivers so for once an ideal location to do Sailing (controlled drifting apparently to the kayaking fraternity), Kayaking and Pulling. Badge-work haul was huge as we managed to get lots of activity on the water. For the sailing we used the sites Coypu boats which proved fantastic for the kids especially with Martin and Kelly Stevens on Board as instructors in very good winds which could vary in direction by 90° in the session times making it very interesting conditions! We had a day out at Pleasurewood Hills in Lowestoft, which was wet but excellent! Hopefully the 8th can make use of this facility more in future. We are more than welcome there and Ken and Diane cannot be more accommodating!

The Autumn term saw us finishing off the Nautical Skills from Summer camp, undertaking the First Aid Badge and Promise Challenge and having a visit from the Sussex Music Workshop which the scouts thoroughly engaged in and enjoyed and had the obligatory Christmas Party. We also held our indoor activity camp at Broadstone Warren which was enjoyed by all and had good attendance at Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Having spent many hours investigating sites for the location for 2011 summer camp Mick, Mark and I set out in the snow on a very

cold day; destination Oxford. Roads were clear – traffic and snow, and we were very pleased with what we found. 22nd Oxford have a fantastic location on the Thames with campsite and are incredibly lucky! Summer Camp 2011 Booked!!

The start of 2011 saw Edible Pictures, paper Towers and Team Building activities. For the Global Challenge we undertook the Shelter Box Challenge with scouts learning about disaster areas, how shelter box gives support and the process of getting shelter box volunteers to disaster area. It was interesting that the Scouts didn't fathom that they needed money first to get a passport, visa, vaccinations etc! It goes without saying that we cooked pancakes Nutella and Golden Syrup being the order of the day and we also had good attendance at RN Inspection in March.

The troop has had a fantastic year and I am very proud of our scouts and leaders; Mick, Matt, Nikki, Ollie, Rachel and Rebecca and their achievements. There are also some others without whom it would not have been possible to run our programme. Many of our parents have given their time during the year to help with specific activities others have supported many activities so thank you to; Emma Wallace, Andy Price, Alan Nye, Dave Bruford, Tracy Shakespeare, Sarah Walker for their support on Thursday night activities and/or camps and huge apologies if I have missed anyone.

Summer Camp thanks go to Richard Reynolds and Helen Stewart for looking after the leaders very well in my absence and to Martin Stevens for coming to camp for Dinghy Sailing. Also thank you for the umpteenth year to John Nighy for providing our Summer camp lorry and van and to John and Dave Scott for driving such a long way with our kit!

Big thanks also go to Dorothy Orpin, both Nanny's and Auntie La for babysitting on Thursday evenings to enable us both to attend.

At the time of reading Mark and I have obviously stepped down from being involved with the troop due to having a young family and the pressures that gives. Thank you to all of the Leaders and Parents both past and present for their support and guidance. We

wish all of the Scouts, Parents and Leaders Good Luck and continued Scouting successes for the future and hope that we are able to provide support in some way.

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 badge-work 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 this year that 8 Gold Awards were awarded.

Since last April, our Scouts have earned almost 400 badges between them. These include 18 Adventure Challenges, 12 Basic Nautical Skills, 16 Canoeist, 16 Camper, 6 Community Challenges, 17 Creative Challenges, 5 DIY, 7 Emergency Aid Stage 2, 18 Fitness Challenges, 8 Global Challenges, 9 Expedition Challenges, 26 Meteorologist, 20 Outdoor Challenges, 24 Pioneering, 6 Power Coxswain, 8 Promise Challenges and 15 Quartermasters.

Last year's summer camp was another great success; 32 scouts camped at Longridge Boating Centre in Marlow and had a brilliant week of water and land based activities. The highlight for the leaders was getting every single scout to kayak over Marlow weir without capsizing! 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 activity camp at Blackland Farm where some of the scouts went crate stacking, potholing and mountain biking, we played wide games, took part in the Dragon Boat championships at Longridge, set pioneering challenges, went canoe rolling and complete swimmer badges at Lancing College. We ran an Outdoor Challenge Camp at Broadstone Warren for the younger scouts. They were taught knife and axe skills, fire lighting and basic cooking skills. We went on a joint trip with the Explorer Unit to Alton Towers during half term and then visited Cadbury World on the way home. Over 3 weeks the scouts had a choice of completing either their Mechanic, Chef, DIY or Photographers badge. At Halloween the scouts made horror movies. 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 Blackland Farm where the older Scouts were able to complete their Expedition Challenge. Their expedition aim was to study wild mushrooms and fungi! Everyone passed their challenge badge.

In February we travelled to Mercedes Benz World at Weybridge, Surrey to see the latest range of Mercedes cars, including old classics and also their Formula 1 cars. The day culminated in all the Scouts having a 15 minute high speed passenger ride with a Mercedes driver around the test track in the latest AMG models!

In March we devoted two evenings to passing the Meteorologist badge, our scouts also had to make and record weather observations over a 2 week period.

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 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 very rewarding.

James Hackett  
Scout Leader



At the end of March this year, we had 49 invested Explorers (41 boys and 8 girls) split into 6 Patrols named after Royal Navy ships: Ocean, Somerset, Portland, Richmond, Exeter and York. We've invested 15 new members this year and grown by 7%. 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:** The Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) team completed their qualifying expedition. The 2 Bronze DofE teams went on a

training weekend. We had an Easter egg hunt. We attended the Group's St George's Day service at St Andrew's church in Tarring, carrying the Union Flag and made a reading.

**May:** We hired 2 giant sumo wrestling suits complete with a padded ring and held a Unit sumo tournament. We had an open evening and showed a video of our Summer Camp at Belgium to the parents. We had a guest speaker to give a practical demonstration on self defence. The Bronze DofE teams completed their practice expedition. We had a guest speaker from Guild Care.

**June:** We made model hot air balloons. We hosted the District It's A Knockout! We hosted the Group AGM and ran Frog Racing to fundraise for our members attending the World Scout Jamboree. We had a barbecue and water fight. Arundown Archery club ran an archery session for us at Angmering School.

**July:** We played pitch and putt at Rustington Golf Centre. We took part in the District Challenge and barbecue. The Bronze DofE teams completed their qualifying expedition. We attended the District swim and barbecue at Arundel Lido.

**August:** For Summer Camp we went back to Longridge in Marlow. 17 Explorers and 9 Leaders attended. Activities included: bell boating, camp fire, climbing, crate stacking, dragon boating, giant swing, go karts, jacob's ladder, kayaking, launch trip, leap of faith, open canoeing, power boating, rafting, rowing, sailing, water orbs and a weir trip. Thank you to James Anderson, Sam Briscoe, Steve Briscoe, Jacky Green, James Hackett, James Swift, Sue Wearing and Phil Wiles for their help in running the Camp.

**September:** We went canoeing and kayaking at Southwater. We attended Sussex 24 at Broadstone Warren together with the other Units in Worthing. 39 Explorers took over Worthing Pavilion Bowling Club to try lawn bowls and made it into the paper! We weren't expecting it to be quite so popular and some Explorers weren't expecting it to be so much fun! We took part in the National Youth Dragon Boat Championships at Longridge again.

**October:** Our Jamboree members ran a Quiz Night. The Royal Navy Students Presentation Team visited to give a presentation. We ran an Operation Shelter Box evening. The District Shooting Squad visited to turn the Main Deck into a Rifle Range. Red Driving School visited to give driving taster sessions in the caged playground. We ran a trip to Alton Towers and Cadbury World together with Starboard Scouts.

**November:** We made pumpkin lanterns and held our own fireworks display. We went ten pin bowling at Worthing Bowl. We attended the town's annual remembrance service and parade. We went indoor canoeing at Lancing College swimming pool. We went on a night hike from Bramber Castle to Downland Business Park. We hosted Modules B ("Taking the lead") and D ("Kids behaving badly") of the Young Leader training scheme.

**December:** It snowed quite a lot! We had a visit from an Australia Explorer Scout and had a paper aeroplane competition! We went to the cinema to watch Part 1 of Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows. We made death masks! Some Explorers made arm casts! We attended the District Christmas disco.

**January:** We had an open evening and showed a video of our Summer Camp at Longridge to the parents. 5 hardy Explorers attended Wintercamp at Gilwell Park and got very muddy! We went to Laser Quest at Horsham Super Bowl. 5 local magistrates from "Magistrates in the Community" visited to run an excellent interactive evening. We hired the main sports hall at Lancing Manor Leisure Centre to play basketball.

**February:** We went ice skating at Worthing Ice Rink in Steyne Gardens. We visited Rock UK Carrotty Wood Activity Centre in Kent and chose it as the venue for our next Summer Camp. We visited Worthing Mosque in Ivy Arch Road.

**March:** We had a joint Unit Forum with Excelsior. We made pancakes. We had a wide game at Highdown. We welcomed Petula Bladen and Lt Kevin Lawrence RN who transferred to us from

Starboard Cubs. We had a first aid evening. We attended RN inspection.



Osprey Explorer Scout Unit - 4th May 2011

Our attendance is flexible to allow for the school and college coursework and exam commitments which affect our members' age group. 15 new members joined us from Scouts. 2 members went on to be Leaders and 10 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. Our Explorers selected to go to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree attended a programme of events with the rest of the County contingent in readiness for the Summer. A summary chart of our accounts appeared earlier in this booklet. Thank you to Jacky for her work as our treasurer. Most of our Explorers have previously been Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. 40 of our Explorers are participating in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. 14 of our Explorers are registered with the District Young Leader Unit and help regularly at all 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, Petula Bladen, Sam Briscoe, Jacky Green, James Hackett, Kevin Lawrence, James Swift and Phil Wiles.

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 Charlie Gilbert, Dan Golds, Alex Kershaw and Alex Owen gained their Bronze Award. Rachel Austin, Ben Blake and Joel Hammond are just awaiting their books to be signed off for Bronze and Amelia Lytton and Brad Stratton are awaiting their Silver awards. Also Lawrence Shaw is awaiting national confirmation of his Gold Award – well done Lawrence – another name for the skis!

Eight participants completed their Bronze journey this year and another 13 have started their training. Six young people have also started their Silver training.

As usual a large number of our participants carry out their Young Leader Training through Explorers and help with various sections in the Group as their Volunteering Section of the Award. This assistance is always greatly appreciated by the Leader teams in the various sections. Also others have helped at a Church Youth Club, in a Charity Shop and coaching rowing with their university teams, so helping other sections of our community.

The participants also show their other abilities in the Physical Recreation and Skills Sections of the award. These include playing various sports, including cricket, football and badminton, keeping fit and rowing. The Skills Section is always interesting as the young people show what a wide variety of skills they have. These include playing the clarinet, guitar and drums as well as acting and the Young Enterprise scheme.

A huge thank you to Paul Chaplain, Wayne Dix, James Hackett, Tim Hill, Andy Price and Martin Wilton for their continued help as expedition instructors. Also to Petula Bladen and Kevin Lawrence who have been helping with the Silver expedition training this year. Tim and Andy completed their expedition assessors' training in May and Tim has assessed various expeditions for us, while Andy has taken over the Silver expedition training.

Jacky Green  
DofE Co-ordinator



## **Royal Naval Inspection of 8th Worthing Sea Scout Group on 30th March 2011.**

This land based inspection was held at the Group's HQ in Worthing. In attendance were the CC, Mr J Spickett, the DC, Mr R Strange and the DESL (YL), Mr M Hudgell.

The inspection commenced when the Inspecting Officer was piped into the HQ and introduced to the Leaders. Once again this large Group made a most impressive sight when assembled all together in the Hall. Colours was conducted with full and formal ceremony following Naval tradition, including use of the bell.

On inspection all were smartly turned out and had clearly made significant personal efforts for which they are commended. When spoken to they described a most varied and enjoyable programme of activities of which their clear favourites were camping and kayaking. However both Troops have imaginative weekly programmes including such things as making horror movies. It was good to hear that the older Scouts know what Challenge badges they need to complete their Chief Scouts Gold Award and are working towards them. All Scouts have a good number and range of activity badges as applicable to their time in the Troop.

The large Explorer Unit continues to grow with most of the Scouts from both Troops moving up. Keen and enthusiastic, they have a full programme of activities and are following the DofE and Scouting awards programme. A significant number work with other sections within the Group and District and are completing the Young Leader training. All modules are covered and they should be encouraged to complete the missions and gain the Young Leader Belt Buckle.

The Cub and Beaver sections continue to thrive with numbers now effectively being limited by the size of the Troops into which they feed. They also have an active programme and many gain their Chief Scouts Silver award. Given that they are part of a Sea Scout Group it would be good to see the older Cubs having some form of positive water activity experience as a taster for what they will do in the Troop.

Given the size of both Troops plus the Explorer Unit running the inspection requires good organisation and coordination. This was well demonstrated this evening as the inspecting officer was moved seamlessly between meeting the young people and seeing them at their activities. The activities seen this evening included the Scouts knotting, whipping, learning about life jackets and buoyancy aids,

parts of the boat and distress signals. The Explorers were seen undertaking Young Leader training, First Aid training and expedition planning. All activities were well led and fully engaged the young people who had learnt the lessons well.

They are active outdoors holding several camps throughout the year including Summer Camps at Longridge and Decoy Broad as well as survival, expedition and other training camps locally.

Water activities continue to be focussed at Southwater and Summer Camps. It was good to see so many in the Group holding kayaking qualifications. Sailing experience is limited, with the conditions at Southwater not being good. Given this I remain surprised that more is not made of the opportunities to sail locally on the River Adur as the 3rd Shoreham and 3/5th Lancing Sea Scouts successfully do so. The comments on their boat fleet made in previous reports remain valid and they have recently replaced their older buoyancy aids and life jackets.

They support the District participating in events and in particular with the Gang Show. They have not really engaged with the RN Scheme through the events but do take advantage of the other privileges associated with the scheme.

As usual the HQ was well presented for inspection. The lease has now been secured and they are confident in their position such that they have invested in new, more secure, doors and have plans for refurbishment of the galley. Overall it is a good facility which clearly meets their needs.

Each sectional group has its own clearly defined and identifiable Leadership team who consistently provide a good Scouting programme to their young people. Their success can be measured by the large number of young people in each section and the low leakage rates on transfer between sections. The Leaders also work well together and there is a good friendly, family atmosphere to the whole Leader team.

The full Group Executive continues to work well in support of the Group and whilst parental support to individual troops and sections is reported to be sound they would like to see more parental representation on the Executive and for whole Group activities. Financially sound and well managed, funds continue to be raised as previously reported.

The evening ended with the presentation of 2 Chief Scout Gold Awards following which Sunset was conducted with the customary ceremony by the Scouts. The Group were the addressed by the Inspecting Officer during which he announced that they had most successfully passed this inspection and presented their Certificate of Recognition to Mr I Wetherell, the GSL.

Smart, disciplined and having a first class Scouting programme this very large Group most ably demonstrated that they have fully maintained the standards expected of an RN Recognised Sea Scout Group. They are fine ambassadors for the RN in this locality and fully earn and deserve their recognition – Well Done.

Lt Cdr Griffiths thoroughly enjoyed this inspection and thanks his hosts for their warm and friendly welcome and most generous hospitality throughout. He wishes the Group all success in their future activities.

David Griffiths  
Lieutenant Commander Royal Navy



**Youth:**

<b>Beavers - Bronze Chief Scout's Award</b>	
<b>Port</b>	Charlotte Boucher, Harry Chaplain, Luke Edmunds, Oliver Keys, Daisy Mitchell, Zach Moore, James Price, Rebecca Redman, Ieuan Rice, Charlotte Walker

Starboard	Samuel Borthwick, Denholm Coxhill, Toby Horn, Jackson Howard, Harvey Lodge, Adam Mallone, Harrison Mcdonald, Zak Melville, Harvey Pike, Harry Roberts, Harrison Southby, Hayden Williams
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<b>Cubs - Silver Chief Scout's Award</b>	
Port	Louis Bateman, Joe Birch, James Horn, Adam King, Ben Redman, Sam Sandford, Chris Sherman, Harvey Willmont
Starboard	Skye Bacon, Aidan Baker, Callum Honess, Jason Redman, Ben Rees, Holly Seacombe, Max Tozer
Midship	Alexander Davies, Dane Earl, Reece Faithfull, Amelia Hall, Charlie Hartley, Anthony Marmont, Kirsty Mason, Phoebe Millard, Brae Parker, Morgan Tomlinson, Harry Trangmar.

<b>Scouts - Gold Chief Scout's Award</b>	
Port	Phoenix Ameida Amir, Leo Bant, Harry Gilbert, Tors Head, Jacob Jepson, Will Lytton, Jon Proctor, Kitty Smith
Starboard	Matt Appleton, Chris Byran, Harry Hartley, Josh Hyde, James King, Sam Murray, Will Radley-Smith, Sam Rippon

<b>DofE - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award</b>	
Charlie Gilbert, Dan Golds, Alex Kershaw, Alex Owen	

### Adults:

<b>Leaders - Chief Scout's Service Award</b>	
5 Years	Mel Doyle, Mike Lytton, Iain Stewart, Phil Wiles
10 Years	Andy Price, Richard Treagus
15 Years	Mike Standing
20 Years	Paul Chaplain

<b>Leaders - Award for Merit</b>	
James Hackett	



## HQ Registration Number - 3738

		5	6	7	8			Total
Beavers	m	-	21	12	6			39
	f	-	2	3	-			5

		7	8	9	10			Total
Cubs	m	-	17	31	21			69
	f	-	3	1	4			8

		10	11	12	13	14	15			Total
Scouts	m	2	23	18	17	7	-	m		67
	f	-	4	5	1	1	-	f		11

		B	C	S	G			Total
Leaders	m	2	7	11	1			21
	f	5	6	5	1			17

<b>Total Group Membership</b>								<b>237</b>
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		13	14	15	16	17	18			Total
Explorers	m	-	7	14	9	7	-	m		37
	f	-	1	3	2	1	-	f		7

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Explorer Leaders								m	3
								f	2

<b>Total Explorer Unit Membership</b>								<b>49</b>
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