



# 1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Scout Group

## Annual Report

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## Treasurer's Report for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2001

Opening balance at bank 01/01/01	£26,565.79	
Add receipts	£11,922.24	
Total	<u>£38,488.03</u>	
Deduct Expenses	£21,752.25	see note
<b>Closing Bank A/C balance 31/12/01</b>	<b><u>£16,735.78</u></b>	

### NOTE

Expenditure includes repairs and renewal costs of £6,644.76 for the year 2001

Repairs and renewals planned for year 2002	£30,000.00
Funds currently available	£16,735.78
<b>Shortfall of funds required</b>	<b><u>£13,264.22</u></b>

# Group Scout Leaders Report

Welcome to you all, to our April Antics.

As anyone in the troop know, I am not the best speller in the world, so I had to look up how to spell Antics. I saw that it comes between anticipate and anticyclone in the dictionary. Antics means unusual behaviour, and I think we are in for an evening of anticipation and good winds to steer the 1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Group along in the years to come.

A number of the group know that I am stepping back as Group Leader to allow a younger leader to take the reins, to lead into the new style of scouting. I know the leaders will help him in his new venture, as long as he doesn't hold the reins too tight.

Thank you all for being there over the past 54 years in the 1<sup>st</sup> Douglas – I am now blowing through like a storm.

I have been asked to join the management committee to help keep a roof over your heads.

Finally, can I just say a thank you to all the leaders and everyone who has helped in any way to support the group during the past year.

Yours in Scouting or out of Scouting

**Peter Brew**

# Cushag Cub Pack Report

We presently have 24 invested cubs, numbers were kept down this year due to lack of leaders who are at present myself, Joy Corkill (Akela), Glen Corlett (Kaa), Jacky Dixon (Begheera) and Cub Instructor, Martin Corlett.

Thanks to Colin Brew (Chil), Neil Simpson (Wednesday pack) and Scouts, Sam Bentham and Matthew Thompson for helping out when we were short of help. Thanks also to Martin Hazell (Hathi) for his time when home from University.

The pack has taken part in all Island events;

- St George's Day Parade
- 5-a-side football
- Island Camp
- Sports Day (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- Marathon
- First Aid (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- Scout Super Splash
- Cooking Competition (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- Cub Scout Challenge (2<sup>nd</sup> place)
- Ten Pin Bowling (1<sup>st</sup> place)
- Our annual Cushag Super Cub Challenge

Thanks to all who took part and thanks to Parents for transporting them to venues across the Island

Unfortunately due to the Foot and Mouth epidemic, we were unable to have a Pack camp this year but the Pack had the opportunity to go to Camelot and Alton Towers.

Camelot was an enjoyable day but the cubs that were lucky enough to go to Alton Towers (joint trip with 1<sup>st</sup> Willaston) had a trip of 3 days of fun and enjoyment.

Again to Foot and Mouth our summer activities were cancelled – we hope to make up for it this year.

We did however hold an Athletes Badge night courtesy of 1<sup>st</sup> Willaston with every cub gaining a badge followed by a BBQ courtesy of the Brew Catering Company.

During our weekly meetings the cubs work towards their Cub Scout Award, Adventure Award, Adventure Crest Award and the Cub Scout Challenge Award.

We also held our own Bowling competition, sorry can't remember the outright winner but I know it wasn't me!!

It is impossible to cover all that the Pack do in a year, to mention badges gained or the achievements made would take up too much time. None of this would have been possible if I did not have the help and support of my own leaders or those in other Sections who help out when called upon, the Brew family who help out with my catering requirements and the Executive Committee who control the purse strings, who incidentally need extra members, so if anybody can spare a little time every other month, please contact our Secretary, June Hazell. We have a lot of new cubs, so if anybody is interested, please let June or myself know.

I would also like to thank Mr Peter Brew, our Group Scout Leader, the Cubs themselves and of course, you as parents for your continued help and support.

Yours in Scouting

**Joy Corkill** (Akela)

**1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Cushag Pack Cubs**

# Tynwald Cub Pack Report

During the summer term 2001 we planted sunflowers and made pin hole cameras as part of the science and nature section of the Adventure Award and Adventure Crest Award. Six boys attended the Island Camp at Ramsey where they cooked on an open fire, took part in rafting and canoeing on the lake and tower building. On Sunday we were joined by more Cubs for the Cub Sports. Six boys took part in the Rough 'n' Ready competition organised by the Department of Education.

Sara and four Cubs became film stars for the day, filming at Ballaglass Glen with Patricia Hodge and John Buchanan. Hopefully the filming will be released next month. They also had their picture in Scouting Magazine.

At the end of term we had a joint meeting with 2<sup>nd</sup> Onchan which finished with camp fire songs led by Mike our Scout Leader.

Our camp for 2001 was at Port Erin Scout HQ. During the weekend the Cubs worked for their Local History and Photographer Badges. We visited Cregneash and the Peggy story at Castletown. On Sunday morning we went by train to Poulson Park and spent the afternoon on Port Erin beach. We were joined on camp by Joan Cannon, a retired Cub Leader and two Venture Scouts.

In September we said goodbye to Lesley (temporary we hope), Sara to University and Mike left the Island (must have been our singing). We had a team in the Cub Bowling Competition. The Cubs visited the Manx Blind Welfare HQ, and the following week they decorated cakes etc which they sold to their parents and raised £30 for the local Manx Blind Charity.

A number of Cubs did Home Help and Sportsmans Badges. We had a board games night and a circus night. We made decorations for the hall and to sell at the Groups Christmas Fayre. Two boys took part in the Cub Marathon and we had a team in the Cooking Competition.

We started the winter term with a Harry Potter night. Four boys were in the First Aid Competition and came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our team won the Super Splash at Ramsey. This last weekend four boys camped at Ardwhallin and were joined by two more on Sunday for the Cub Scout Challenge competition which they all seemed to enjoy in spite of the rain.

A number of boys have gained their Cub Scout Award and Adventure Award. We have thirty Cubs at present and have had to create an extra Six.

I would like to congratulate on of our ex. Cubs Sam Bentham who has been picked to go to the Jamboree in Thailand. I would also like to congratulate Neil who will be representing the Island at the Queen's Jubilee Garden Party.

Once again I would like to thank Sara, Lesley, Gordon and Neil for their help and all the parents for the encouragement.

**Anne Atkinson** (Akela)

**1<sup>st</sup> Douglas Tynwald Pack Cubs**

## Scout Troop Report

Over the last year Scouts has been restricted in what activities we could do due to the Foot and Mouth restrictions but we still managed to carry on.

Through out the year we have done several wide games in different plantations on the Island.

One of the bike trips that the Troop completed started at our Scout hall and went to 2<sup>nd</sup> Onchan Scout Group's Bunkhouse, which is on the edge of Scout Barrule Plantation. They then had an overnight stay at the Bunkhouse, and the next day to Peel. When they arrived at Peel they did canoeing on Peel beach and abseiling at the old quarry

Once they had finished canoeing and abseiling they then had to cycle to Ramsey on the Peel to Ramsey coast road. Once they reached Ramsey it was time for tea.

After tea they had a little bit more cycle. They headed out of Ramsey towards Douglas where that stayed at a small Guide campsite at the Corran. They stayed the night at this campsite and a campfire before heading to bed where the Scouts slept under the stars whilst the Leaders stayed in the small hut for the night. The next morning the Scouts headed back towards Douglas whilst the two Leaders put their bikes on the car along with all the Scout's gear and headed to Douglas.

As well as doing bike rides around the Island, Scouts have been shown how to correctly erect a Patrol tent and then take it down and fold it away.

They have also done various cooking nights ranging from open fires to a two-ring gas cooker. On one of the last cooking nights the Scouts had to pick three tins out of a bag but they did not know what was inside the tins because the labels had been removed. This made it a bit like 'ready Steady Cook', the results turned out, let's say different!

Before the summer holidays the Scouts attended the Ulster 2001 Jamboree, where they were among 2,000 other Scouts from all over Europe.

The Scouts camped with 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Douglas ad Grange & Carmel Scouts. During the Jamboree they took part in many activities including grass skiing, archery and assault course. As part of an off site activity the Scouts where involved in a challenge called the Manopoly Run, which one of the Isle of Man teams won. Whilst the Scouts where there one of them found romance. I have been told what her name was but I won't reveal it. All I can say is his nickname is Kazza and I will leave you to see if you know who it is.

During the year we have had four Scouts training for the Chief Scouts Challenge award. The four have just completed their training and also their hike. They will be holding their presentation later on this year (good luck for the presentation).

Due to lack of numbers 1<sup>st</sup> Willaston Scouts joined 1t Douglas Scouts.

Mike Davis who was the Scout Leader with us had to move back to England with his wife and baby. Mike is now back in Scouting and is an Assistant Scout Leader with Grange 7 Carmel Scouts in Cumbria. He and his wife are expecting their second baby in the next couple of weeks.

Also I would like to thank Paul Ellison and Robert Thomson for all their help with Scouts over the last year.

**Neil Simpson**  
**Scout Leader**

## **T.O. Fisher Venture Report**

Unfortunately the Venture programme last year was slightly limited due to the Foot and Mouth restrictions on the Island.

Fortunately members of the Unit were able to take part in the usual events such as St. George's Day, Tynwald Day, Scout Super Splash and also as helpers at the Island camp which was held at Crossags.

The main event for the year was probably Hampshire Venture 3 Jamboree which was held at Newbury showground. Eight members of the Unit attended the camp and they enjoyed various activities such as indoor karting, hovercrafting, various team games both during the day and on stage at night and gliding. Being purely a Venture Scout camp there were various theme nights arranged, one of which was Valentines Day. In true Scouting style each member dressed up for the occasion.

The Unit was three new members join the Unit, Paul, Laura and Gilly. This increased the number of members in the Unit to 14, the largest on the Island, in fact the only Venture Unit on the Island.

The coming year will see significant changes to the Scout programme and indeed the structure of some of the Sections. The impact of the changes will mean that the Venture Unit will be split into two sections. The Explorer Scout section will cater for members aged between 14-18 while the Scout Network will cater for anyone ages 18-25. All changes will be completed by December 2003.

Looking ahead to 2002. Now that Foot and Mouth restrictions have been lifted the Unit can carry on with a fuller programme. The hills and valley are no longer out of bounds and activities, which the Unit couldn't achieve last year, can now finally be completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Neil Simpson all the best when he takes a trip over the water to take part in the Queen's jubilee celebrations in July of this year.

I would also like to thank the various people throughout the past year who have helped with the running of the Unit, I would like to wish the Unit every success for the future and I hope that the forthcoming changes will strengthen Scouting on the Island.

**Gordon Gledhill**  
**Venture Leader**  
**T.O. Fisher Venture Scout Unit**