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WATERSIDE LODGE SOUTHPORT

TEMPORARY CLEANER WANTED

**TWO MORNINGS PER WEEK –
TUESDAY & FRIDAY**

*Usually 9.30 – 12.30 or by agreement:
flexibility an advantage!*

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Explorer Dragon Boat Night.

Southport Explorers held a Dragon boat night on Tuesday 26th May at Waterside Lodge. Spearhead and Griffin Units took part on a very windy night. Practice was held and then races between the two Units took place. Some very fierce competition surfaced and after 3 races Griffin won 2 to 1.

The coach to the Great Britain under 18 squad was present and he was most impressed with the quality of the paddlers. He was anxious to try to get a Dragon boat event arranged for Scouts and wondered if we could get a Southport Serpents Dragon boat Team up again.

For those of you who do not know our Dragon boat Team were National Champions in 2005 at Marlow, racing on the Thames.

Roy Smith



Camp Fire Blanket Badge

UK Scouting Campfire Badge Set



www.facebook.com/HandmadeByRaksha Or Raksha O'Fox

The 2nd Beccles Sea Scout Group is selling these handmade camp fire blankets to raise funds to buy new tents for their 'growing Group'. The information about these and other items can be found on the "handmade-by Raksha" Facebook webpage.

District Cub Sports

On Saturday 13th June approximately 100 Cubs from all 10 Southport Cub Packs took part in the Annual Cub District Sports Day. Cubs took part in various track events including running, relay race, sack, obstacle, egg and spoon and the three legged race. As well as the track events there were also field events including cricket ball throwing and basket ball shooting.

The Team Relay Race and Trophy was won by the 61st Southport. The overall competition was won by 1st Southport Panthers. Runners up were the 58th Southport and third place the 62nd Southport.

Congratulations and well done to the 1st Panthers.

A big thank you goes to all the judges, leaders, helpers and everyone who helped and took part on the day. Also thanks to the Griffin Explorer Scout Unit for providing the tuck shop.

Byron Chapman

CSL

62nd Southport

(I hope to publish photos in a future newsletter – Ed.)

Recent reports from Waterside Lodge:-

1 - Around 120 of our Cubs attended our Annual District Cub Water Fun Day on 7th June (split over a morning and afternoon session). The cubs had a go at Kayaking, Canoeing, rafting, Bell boating, Kata Canoes and Sailing.

The each session ended with a mass water battle between all the craft. Even our District Commissioner joined in and almost sank a boat! It was a fabulous day.



2 - Well done to the 61st Cubs who won this year's Dragon boat racing competition. They were closely followed by a combination of the 58th and 19th Cub packs with the 2nd Cub pack in 3rd place.

Over 135 cubs took part, forming 8 teams, each having 2 races in tough gusty weather conditions.

Well done to all the Cubs that took part, the Explorer scouts who helped crew and put the buoyancy aids on, the helms, safety boat crews and all the other land based instructors/leaders who helped time, load the boats, run the tuck-shop, produce certificates and re-vamp the Dragon Boat Trophy.



Many thanks to all the leaders and instructors for helping to organise and run it.



3 - Congratulations to Ian Butler, (61st Scout Group) who was presented with a Bar to his Silver Acorn by our District Commissioner at a recent District Wet Night. (Ian Butler also serves us as R.Y.A. Principal (Sailing) and Warden at Waterside Lodge. – Ed.)



Cheers

Mark Furness

From The Archives:
1952

80 Supersonic Soapboxes Ready To Race Today

IT was after midnight when Scout executive Mr. Laurence Mansfield, of 32 Hartwood Rd., went to bed after spending yesterday billeting boys arriving in Southport from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales for today's Soapbox Derby finals on the Marine Drive.

(Photos in a future newsletter – Ed.)