



**Annual Report 2012-2013**

**Presented at the Annual General Meeting, 15th July 2013**



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## The Team

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Young Leaders:	Rufus Adams-Mitchell Benjamin Price
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Assistant Cub Scout Leaders:	Kailin "Katherine" Hu (Raksha) Yangmin "Haley" Huang (Shere Khan) Aimee Gamble (Baloo) Dave Kendall
Pack Assistants:	Terry Morroll (Bagheera) Jonny Green Wei Yi "Zoe" Siu
Young Leaders:	<i>Vacancy</i>
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Assistant Scout Leaders:	Stuart Kemp Stuart Coxon Mike Hobson Charlotte Kemp
Troop Assistants:	Cliff Bone Cyrus Gandhi Tom Genway Sharon Hobson
Young Leaders:	Max Emmett



Group Chairman:	Julian Watson
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Group Secretary:	Simon Young
Group Treasurer:	Katharina Meyer-Ohle
Maintenance Officer:	Vacancy
Webmaster:	Jon Emmett
Bookings Secretary:	Tina McGrath
Quarter Master:	Daz Guest
Fundraising Secretary :	Zoe Harrison
Chairman of Holding Trustees:	Anthony "Joe" Chamberlain
	Jill Barnes
Holding Trustees:	Colyn Kemp
	Stewart Robinson
Group President:	Richard Moorhouse
	Anne Jones
Group Life Members:	Phil Peck
	Richard Moorhouse

## Report of the Group Scout Leader (Acting)

The Group has once again had a very busy year. Many of our leaders have been involved in organising and running District and County events as well as continuing to deliver high quality Scouting week in week out in the Group.

Some of the highlights have been:

- The year started off with a well-attended St George's Day parade and service, where I'm sure that 6th Beeston were the best turned-out Group!
- The Mayday bank holiday found us all in endless traffic queues through Southwell attempting to get to the BIG Weekend, which turned out to be the MUDDIEST camp EVER! Well done to everyone who survived it!
- In June, we had an extra bank holiday and some jublations at Hemlock to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee, kicking off a great summer which included the Olympic Torch celebrations and of course the Olympics themselves and the Paralympics in London.
- We had our Group AGM right at the end of September, and formed a dynamic new committee who quickly got to grips with their new responsibilities.
- We held a very successful Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) event at our HQ in October, when we contacted scouts on every continent.
- The District Bonfire and Fireworks Display (held at the end of October for a change) once again saw Leaders from the 6<sup>th</sup> heavily involved in the setting up the event. We truly have an amazing team of Leaders at 6<sup>th</sup> Beeston! Thanks also to those who manned the Group's stall selling food and hot drinks to the hungry public, raising funds for the group in the process.
- The annual Carol Service was very well attended, and went well despite the lack of Peace Light due to unforeseen events.
- The NESST challenge walk in January was postponed due to snowy weather.
- February saw a great sleepover at the HQ for some of our Beavers.
- The Group was represented on every night at the Nottingham Gangshow in March.

Alongside this Leaders have invested even more of their own time by attending training courses to improve their skills and as a result, the safety and quality of the Scouting experience provided for the young members. Congratulations to three cub leaders who were awarded their Wood Badges on completion of their training - several other leaders are hot on their heels...

The Group saw several changes in the leadership team during the year. As well as saying "goodbye" to some long-standing support (thank you for everything you've done!), we welcomed some new volunteers (thank you!) while others took on different roles (thank you again!).

My thanks especially to the Executive Committee for all their support behind the scenes to maintain and manage the Group's wonderful building. Looking after such an important community asset is a huge responsibility to shoulder, but the team members work well together to meet the challenges involved.

On a personal note, I'd like to record my thanks to my wife, Carmel, for her continued support and encouragement.

Colyn Kemp  
GSL (Acting)



## Chairman's Report

In my first report as Chairman I am happy to announce that we have a thriving, diverse, busy, financially sound and above all, fun group. I am also pleased to report that there are no plans to increase subscription costs in the coming year. Subscriptions have remained static for the last seven years due to diligent financial planning and the economic health of the group is largely due to its popularity and the work of the management team.

I would like to acknowledge the fantastic contribution of time and enthusiasm given by the various Section Leaders and the Section Assistants to this Scout Group. I also wish to praise the time, energy and enthusiasm put into the Group by the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leaders and the members of the Executive Committee. The contribution of all of these people to the smooth running of the Group is essential and greatly appreciated.

I would also like to thank our hirers without whom we could not finance the maintenance of our building. We aim to achieve a good working relationship with our hirers and value their help and assistance with the running of the building.

The various sections require additional help during specific activities and I would like to thank all those parents who have given their time to help with various activities such as camps, transport, catering and supervising activities at events such as the Summer Event. All contributions of time, no matter how small, are greatly appreciated.

I look forward to the coming year and expect it to be just as successful as the last.

**Julian Watson**  
**Group Chair**

## Treasurer's Report (Financial year 2012/13)

It has been another good year for the Group's finances, however as always the work of fundraising continues.

### Income

**Subscriptions:** Membership subscription fees have remained unchanged since January 2006. Standing orders continue to result in more timely payments by parents and also make life easier for the Treasurer. A total of £6,178 in subscriptions was collected this financial year. This income to the Group was off-set by the payment of our Capitation fee of £3,290 to the South West Notts District Scout Association.

**Fundraising:** The Group raised £635 during the year. This included £224 from selling Thai Food at the District Firework Display, £136 raised at the Christmas Carol Service, £125 from Tea Towel sales and £115 from glass and paper recycling at the West End recycling centre which we look after on behalf of Broxtowe Borough Council. Please support the group by using this facility.

**Donations/Grants:** The Group reclaimed £1,311 in Gift Aid, so please make sure you complete the Gift Aid part in the registration pack. The Group also received a donation of £200 from South West Notts District for use of Scout HQ for meetings.

**Rental Income:** We have continued to hire out Scout Headquarters to help with the running costs and raised £13,379 in rental income for the year. Our hirers included 6<sup>th</sup> Beeston Guides, 6<sup>th</sup> Beeston Brownies, Magellan Explorers, Pre-school 345, Redhead-Scott ballet school, The South West Notts Tram and Light Railway Society and Socatots as well as casual rentals for birthday parties.

### Expenditure

**Premises:** The cost of ownership of land and buildings continues to be the major source of expenditure for the Group. The total premises cost came to £10,713 for the year which included: £3,254 for insurance, £2,124 for electricity, £1,368 on cleaning and £2,281 on general repairs and maintenance.

**Activities:** All sections were involved in various activities away from the Group Headquarters throughout the year. The cost of these activities was £3,393. Most of the activities were self-financing with the exception of The Big Weekend camp which received a £400 subsidy from the Group as the camp fees were set by the District and were not sufficient to cover actual costs..

**Equipment:** Equipment purchases for camping and headquarters came to £1091.

### Net receipts for the year

The Group showed an operating surplus for the year of £4,227.78. £2,500 is earmarked for routine HQ refurbishments projects with the remainder being available for additional HQ improvements and scouting activities and equipment replacements if required.

**Katharina Meyer-Ohle**  
**Group Treasurer**

## Beaver Section Report

What a busy and exciting, wet year we have shared, starting with a soaking on our St George's Day Parade.

In May the Beavers visited the BIG Weekend County Camp at Southwell Race Course on the only dry day of a very, very muddy camp. It is always good for Beavers to see where the older young people sleep, eat and play on camp. It is good to see the next step of the journey of Scouting. For pictures, follow this link: [www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Recent\\_Photos/Pages/The\\_Big\\_Weekend.html](http://www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Recent_Photos/Pages/The_Big_Weekend.html)

Our Summer Term was dominated by The Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics – what an exciting year! In June, the sun shone at least once. We invited our families to join us for our Diamond Jubilee. It was lovely to put the bunting out and play games with the whole family and of course eat our picnic together. Some pictures can be seen here: [www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Recent\\_Photos/Pages/Beavers\\_Jubilee\\_Picnic.html](http://www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Recent_Photos/Pages/Beavers_Jubilee_Picnic.html)

The torrential downpour stopped just as 6th Beeston Beavers, Cubs & Scouts; Magellan Explorers and Trent Scout Network as well as family members, Executive Members and Leaders lined the streets to see Torvill and Dean carry the Olympic Torch in the Relay. It was lovely to be part of this Group Family. You can see pictures here: [www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Recent\\_Photos/Pages/Olympic\\_Torch\\_Relay.html](http://www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Recent_Photos/Pages/Olympic_Torch_Relay.html)

In the Autumn term, the Beavers learnt about International Scouting following Yogi's and Paddington's visit to Portugal with the Explorers and Bob Bear's International Service in Finland. It is good for Beavers to learn about the world beyond Beeston and also to glimpse some of the opportunities available to them as they progress through Scouting. As a result of these experiences, our Lodges have assumed a new importance and each has its own identity and chant or animation, which we shared with the Group at our Carol Service.

What a Winter! We enjoyed the snow, unfortunately there was so much of it that the NESST Ramble had to be postponed until April. We did manage to have a Brilliant Beaver Sleepover in February, you can read about it, there are plenty of pictures here as well: [www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Beavers.html#widget2](http://www.6thbeeston.co.uk/files/Beavers.html#widget2) We were visited by the Police. It's OK, we had invited PC Billy to come and tell us about keeping safe. He brought some friends along and they showed us around the Police Van (the siren is VERY LOUD!!) and some of us even dressed up in their uniforms! Cookie Bear really looks the business!

When we are not out and about exploring the world, we are at HQ playing games, singing songs, creating art, learning about maps, making models, planting seeds and bulbs, learning about other countries, reacting to fire drills, running races, dad-dancing, building mega-catapults, circuit training, cooking, telling everyone about our hobbies, asking questions endlessly... we are just so busy!

6th Beeston Beaver Colony continues to thrive.

We have offered a full and varied programme to our amazing Beaver Scouts who make us smile - most of the time! In return, the Beaver Scouts have shared with us their laughter and their curiosity as they make sense of their ever-widening world. They have impressed us with their kindness and automatic accommodation of each others' varied needs. They put the Scout Law into practice without even thinking about it. This makes us feel both privileged and proud to work with them.

Scouting is a GREAT BIG ADVENTURE that begins in the Beaver Section. Long may the adventure continue!

You can find out what we are up to on our website: [www.6thbeeston.co.uk](http://www.6thbeeston.co.uk)



# *6<sup>th</sup> Beeston Scout Group*



Thank you Beaver Parents for all your support and lending us your little joy-bringers each week.  
Thank you Brilliant Beaver Leaders (and our families) for being a fantastic team.  
Thank you Beavers for being the best and most Brilliant Beavers in the whole wide world and Beeston.

Paddington – Carmel Gummett-Kemp

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## Cub Section Report

As always the cub section has had another productive and fun filled year. Most notable for the number of new leaders and helpers we now are fortunate to have. I feel we have a great leadership team now and intend to use them to the full in the coming months. Not that we haven't been busy since last year's report, making model planes from lollipop sticks, finding out about recycling, watching the stars, played new sports for the fitness challenge and of course passing badges and camping!

Two more Chief Scouts Silver Awards have been awarded to Ed Bird and Sam Lennon- congratulations to you both.

This year's cub camp was held at Fox Coverts Scout campsite, set in a wood the cubs enjoyed building shelters, lighting a fire then cooking their evening meal on it, backwoods style using only foil and sticks. For many the highlights were our wide games which had them all running through the woods for many a happy hour. The cubs also had fun with a quiz and a many small ball bearing puzzles which was the only rest before another wide game and a great sing song round the campfire to end the busy day.

We welcome new leaders and helpers to our team Sarah Watson, Drew Allen, Aimee Gamble and returning as a young leader Issie McElhone. Who join myself, Terry, Dave, Haley, Katherine and Nuttavee. Sorry to report our wonderful compère of the Carol service and cub helper Jonny Green has had to step down very gently due to a very serious back injury, we all wish you a full recovery Jonny.

Rich Needham  
Cub Scout Leader



## Scout Section Report

This year has been a good one for the Scout Section. Numbers have once again remained fairly consistent and we are pleased that the members we have attend regularly and are committed to extra events. The Section has also been fortunate to welcome two new leaders to the leadership team, who have settled in very quickly and are a great asset to the Section. We have had a few members moving on to bigger and better things at Explorers and therefore have promoted new PL's and APL's who are relishing their extra responsibility. The section has welcomed many new Scouts from Cubs as well as outside the group and with our re-structured Patrols the Section is looking as strong as ever.

Throughout the year we have been involved in a lot of interesting activities, such as climbing, walking, pioneering, laser tag and of course lots of camping too. The Scouts have represented 6th Beeston in the district at events including winning the district quiz for the second year in a row! We also took part in the annual St. George's Day and Remembrance Sunday parades.

This year the Scout Section has had a renewed focus on the community at large by attending community events such as litter picks and learning about different cultures from around the world through JOTI, the annual event held every year in October. This year's JOTI was an outstanding success, we even had Scouts from around the district take part.

While we had no summer camp this year we have had other great opportunities, including the sub-zero winter camp in December and the equally frosty adventure challenge camp in at Easter! I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Scouts who took part in the NESST Challenge Hike as they all did very well and raised some much needed funds for this year's summer camp. Expect even bigger and better things next year!

Overall the Scout Section has had a busy year and has achieved a lot and had a lot of fun along the way. the Scout Section is now looking forward to another exciting year of Scouting at 6th Beeston, especially our summer camp at Poacher 2013!

Paul Gibson  
Scout Leader

**Annual General Meeting, 15th July 2013**

**Agenda**

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting
3. Any Matters Arising
4. Presentation of reports
5. Appointment of Group Chair
6. Election of officers 2013-2014
  - a. Group Secretary
  - b. Group Treasurer
  - c. Bookings Secretary
  - d. Social Secretary
  - e. Group Webmaster
  - f. Fund-raising Co-ordinator
  - g. Maintenance Co-ordinator
  - h. Ordinary Executive Members
7. Comments from District Commissioner.
8. Close of meeting

## Annual General Meeting 2012

29th September 2012

15:30-16:00

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting

**Attendees** C Kemp (Acting GSL), D Guest (AGSL, QM), L Kemp D Guest (AGSL), P Gibson (SL), R Needham (CSL), C Gummett-Kemp (BSL), S Coxon (ASL), S Kemp (ASL), N Needham (ACSL), H Hwang (ACSL), K Hu (ACSL), S Danaford-Knight (ABSL), R Marlow (ABSL), W Yi-Siu (helper), S Stanton (DC), L Silvester (Chair), J Watson (Secretary), J Emmett (webmaster), T McGrath (Bookings), K Meyer-Ohle (Treasurer), J Stanton (Guides).  
**Parents:** R Hill, S Hillier, C Langstaff, C Kerrigan, M Evans, R Evans, S Burrow, Z Harrison, J Kirby, K Shalloe, A Otes, S Watson, C Harrison.

**Apologies** D Bagshaw, D Kendall, E Smith, T Pierce, J Barnes, A Jones, P Peck, R Moorhouse, J Peberday.

**2) Previous Minutes** The minutes of the previous AGM were accepted

**3) Matters Arising** None

#### 4) Reports

The reports were introduced and the attendees invited to read them. No comments were made.

**a) Group Scout Leaders Report**

**b) Executive Reports**

**c) Section Reports**

**d) Statement of Accounts**

The group is financially secure enabling purchase of some new items of equipment.

#### 5) Appointment of Group Chair

The Acting-GSL invited Julian Watson to take the post. Agreed.

#### 6) Officers 2012-2013

a) Treasurer: Katharina Meyer-Ohle invited to continue in the post.

Nominated: L Silvester, seconded: C Gummett-Kemp. Agreed.

b) Secretary: Simon Young.

Nominated: J Watson, seconded: K Meyer-Ohle. Agreed.

c) Booking Secretary: Tina McGrath.

Nominated: J Emmett, seconded: R Needham. Agreed.

d) Social Secretary: None.

e) Webmaster: Jon Emmett.

Nominated: L Silvester, seconded: K Meyer-Ohle. Agreed.

f) Fundraising Coordinator: Zoe Williams.

Nominated: J Watson, seconded: C Gummett-Kemp. Agreed

g) Maintenance Coordinator: none

#### 5) Comments from Stuart Stanton (District Commissioner)

The DC welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Scout Leaders, the assistants and the Executive Committee for their work over the previous year. He thanked the outgoing Chair (Leigh Silvester) for his work.

The DC extended an invitation to all parents to join in with any Scout Group activity, no matter how little time they could commit. The DC was pleased to present Activity Permits to Daz Guest and Stuart Coxon.

Colyn Kemp gave the following notices:

**Parking:** Urged parents not to use the Scout Group car park to drop-off and collect; as this was inconveniencing nearby residents.

**Firework Event:** The group would be having a Thai food stall at this event and assistance would be needed.

**Carol Service:** To be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**Family Camp:** A family camp would be arranged for summer 2013

#### 7) Meeting closed

16:00