



Annual Report 2008-9

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Annual General Meeting
7 June 2009

Annual Report and AGM

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The Team

Group Scout Leader:	Chris Storer 07713 627240 gsl6beeston@googlemail.com
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Beaver Scout Leader: Assistant Beaver Scout Leaders:	Carmel Gummett-Kemp (<i>Paddington</i>) Adele Stewart (<i>Foxy</i>) Lucy Kemp (<i>Pooh Bear</i>) Ben Verhoeven (<i>Boo Boo</i>) Colin Smith-McGloin (<i>Camem Bear</i>) Nikki Ness (<i>to be named</i>)
Young Leaders:	Charlotte Kemp (<i>Pudsey</i>) Willem Dodd (<i>Pom Bear</i>)
Cub Scout Leader: Assistant Cub Scout Leader:	Rich Needham (<i>Rama</i>) Stephen Hessey (<i>Kaa</i>) Cat Burgess (<i>Raksha</i>) Nuttavee Needham (<i>Kim</i>) Sam Lovett (<i>Chil</i>)
Pack Assistants:	Terry Morroll (<i>Bagheera</i>) Daran Ward (<i>Darzee</i>)
Scout Leader: Assistant Scout Leader:	Mike Hobson Trevor Pierce Stuart Coxon
Troop Assistants:	Cyrus Gandhi Cliff Bone Sharon Hobson
Young Leaders:	Charlotte Kemp Mark Lovett
Group Chairman:	Colin Tucker 0115 922 1477 colin_tucker@fsmail.net
Group Secretary: Group Treasurer:	Leigh Silvester "Joe" Chamberlain

6th Beeston Scout Group



Executive members:

David Lovett
Andy McElhone
Nick Mitchell
Steve Townsend
Alyson Ward

Quarter Master:

Daz Guest

Chairman of Trustees:
Trustee:

Richard Moorhouse
Stewart Robinson

Group President:

Richard Moorhouse

Group Life Members:

Anne Jones
Phil Peck
Richard Moorhouse

Report of the Group Scout Leader

Wow, where did that year go? They say that time flies when you've having fun and that's what Scouting is about.

It remains my pleasure to be the figure head for 6th Beeston Scout Group, we really are a great group. To quote some recent feedback I received:

'The Group and the District has a friendly family feel about it where everyone helps each other out and has a good laugh'

We are all part of that ☺

The section leadership teams continue to do a marvellous job, which is proven by section numbers. By my reckoning, in the last year, we have had **20 new young members, 7 new adult members** and **2 of our young leaders move on to be adult leaders** as well as retaining many more. Having said that, life outside scouting sometimes takes us away and growing work pressures are increasingly taking our leaders time away from us, so we really **need the help of everyone** connected to the group.

Being involved in 6th Beeston Scout Group is a great experience. It is both fun and rewarding to choose just two words. Come and get involved, whether it's a single event or every week.

I must make specific mention of the Group leadership team. Just as I was beginning to be daunted by the extent of the role, Phil and Sarah came along!! Phil and Sarah have done so much to support me, and in turn the Group, in achieving so much. Not least the amount of work put in to assist Daz, our Quarter Master, in facilitating the purchase of a host of new camping equipment, particularly for cooking, that we'd planned but not got round to.

That brings me on nicely to Group events. As well as the active programme run by each of the sections there are a number of Group events throughout the year. This year these have been the Annual Summer Event, the Annual Carol Service, St George's Day Parade and County Camp. I am sure you'll have heard reports from the young people and don't need me to tell you what a great success it was where we all had a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone on the leadership team who made this happen.

Things just continue to get bigger and better though.... Beavers are again taking part in the Giant Sleepover; Cubs will continue their annual camping tradition; Scouts are planning at least two camps this year.... and.... we would like to give everyone the chance to join in the camping fun and plan to hold a **Family Camp next Summer** – please let me know now if you're interested.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Chris Storer
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Scout Section Report 2009

Since the last AGM report, the troop numbers have swelled to an impressive number, with invested members hovering somewhere around the 25 mark. This means that unfortunately we aren't currently taking new members from outside the group, with priority for membership being given to existing members of the Cub pack.

Another addition to the ranks of the troop is the arrival of Stuart Coxon, Student and Northerner. Stuart is an active individual, enjoying climbing and pretty much anything that involves heights, water, cycling, walking and rumour has it, crochet. Stuart is a welcome addition to the troop leadership team, and is planning a camp in November that will probably involve some of the activities mentioned above (except maybe the crochet).

Since the last report to the AGM, the troop has been fairly active, with a summer camp in Staffordshire, which was very well attended, with 2 patrols camping, and the weather was fabulous. The leaders even beat the 12th Crosby leader team at volleyball, even though they dispute the title victory due to bad light. We intend to defend our title this summer at Blackwell Court, near Bromsgrove – it's promising to be a fantastic camp, with 13 Scouts putting their names down on the list, which is a great turn-out. It's still not too late to get your name down on the list, with final payment being due by 17th June.

So what else have Scouts been up to, I hear you cry? Well, on the serious side of Scouting, there were 2 parades attended – Remembrance Sunday and St George's Day. Both were very well attended, and the Scouts were all very smart for the occasion – a real credit to the Group, and themselves.

In addition to all that (!) the Scouts have also been learning about pioneering, knot tying, making a more efficient paper aeroplane, map reading, team building and a host of other stuff.

Phew!

Let's hope the next 12 months of Scouting is just as flipping amazing as the last 12 months!

Mike and The Scout Leadership Team

6th Beeston Cub Report 2008

This year the number of cubs has remained consistently in the low twenties, with the number leaving exactly equalling the newcomers. However we are still largely dependent on our intake from the Beavers. It has been noticeable with other local cub packs where they have not got a strong Beaver group that the numbers of cubs is dwindling. The very good attendance continues on Monday evenings, but we still fail to attract many to the Sunday events. The other significant thing about our numbers has been the additional leaders this year. Although we finally lost Dave Haslam to the pressure of work after many years of sterling service, new faces have appeared. We have been joined by three “students”, Daran Ward, Steve Hessey, and Cat Burgess, as well as Rich’s new bride, Nuttavee. Unfortunately Daran leaves us this month but we are most grateful that he has been able to fit the cubs into his busy schedule of studies and we wish him and the family well in Hampshire. We also have another young leader to join Sam, Joe Pierce.

Welcome

Isaac Evans
Reuben Tendler
Milan Campion
Oliver Dodd
Hamish Marl
George Bird
Josh Anderson
Jonathan Townsend
Solomon Barnard
Charlie Ness
Jules Lenehan

Still with us!

Joel Price
Thomas Polkey
Harry Walton
Heather Tait
Isobel McElhorne
Guilio Tolentino
Fred Spencer
Lawrence Mason-Guetta
Adam Ward
Ethan Blackwell



Farewell

Alec Tait
Lewis Seymour-Pugh
Aidan Littleshales
Oliver Khendek
Mitchell Jordan
George Burton
Ben Anderson
Greg Bird
Jake Kwasny
Tommy Thompson
Frank Faresin-Becket

Camps

This report covers two camps this year, the cub camp at the Oaks last July as well as this year’s County Camp at Walesby.

The Oaks Cub Camp

Our camps are always the highlight of the packs year and this camp was outstanding. No one standing in the closing ceremony was left in any doubt that all the cubs and adults had had a fantastic weekend at the Oaks. From the team of parents who travelled on the Thursday evening to erect the tents to last tired leader wondering home on Sunday evening, WOW did we have a great camp. The cubs raced down the hill on grass sledges, climbed high on the tower, shot many arrows into the target, cooked on their own fire and searched in a black hole! They all enjoyed the great food provided by new volunteer cooks but more of that later....

Walesby Centenary Camp

This year scouting in Nottinghamshire is 100 years old, so all involved in scouting in the county were invited to share a camp together. Once more supported by a great team of parents we were able to prepare all the canvas prior to the camp. The camp was a great success; please take a look at the photos taken by our camp photographer David "Rob Tait" Bailey and Colyn Kemp to judge for yourselves. I would also like to mention our cook team for this camp for both their new heights of outdoor culinary skills and their late evening entertainment, great work thank you.

Badges / Award Work

As usual badge work involves us in the art of convincing the cubs that they would rather be doing something towards achieving an award, than playing games. We try to make it as little like school as possible and are extremely generous with our pass marks (just like GCSEs). Fortunately they see the fitness challenge as little more than a game and it always helps if the badge also involves some outdoor activity such as tracking on the recreation ground and navigating their way around the streets of Beeston in the dark. Another good example of this was the Pond Dipping at the Attenborough Nature Reserve which contributed towards the Global Conservation badge.

Silver Award

For the first time in years we are pleased to report that a number of cubs gained the Chief Scout's Silver Award. It is not easy to and if any of the parents look at the details of what is included they will be proud of the achievement. These cubs deserve a special mention in this report and they are Alec Tait, Lewis Seymour-Pugh, Jake Kwasny, Greg Bird, Aidan Littlehales and Tommy Thompson.

Climbing/Tunnelling

The popularity of this ensures that it is one of the events we include in the programme every year. However this year saw the last performance of Dave Haslam in the tunnel, which means that in the future another leader will have to get wet instead of staying in the warmth of the climbing wall.

Evening Hike

Once again Rama organised his evening "dark" walk down the riverside during which each cub spends part of the time walking alone in the dark, and once again we finished the evening with the same number of cubs as at the start. As usual we were also pleased to welcome quite a few parents with us for this event and hopefully it is because they enjoy it rather than feeling the need to keep an eye on their children.

St George's Day Parade

The Cubs all turned out smart and were well behaved the whole time during the parade. Special thanks goes to the 3 cubs who, at very short notice attended both the parade and the rehearsal for the flag bearers. They carried and escorted the District Cub Flag. Well done Ethan, Fred and Solomon. The big disappointment was that this, our only visit to a church as a cub pack this year was so poorly attended.

The Group Carol Service

This year saw another appearance of Frosty the Snowman, and thanks to Frank's mum, he had a brand new fur coat. This performance has the advantage that it does not matter too much who turns up on the night and the audience all know the words anyway, but this year the cub attendance was excellent.

We always try to provide a varied programme for the fun and enjoyment of the Cubs and we hope that this report demonstrates that we also succeed in fulfilling the aims of the Scout Association;-

"The purpose of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities."

Rama *Richard Needham*, Bagheera *Terry Morroll*, Kaa *Steve Hessey*, Raksha *Cat Burgess*, Kim *Nuttavee Needham*, Darzee *Daran Ward* and our young leaders *Chil Sam Lovatt*

Report of the Beaver Section

As usual, 6th Beeston Beavers have enjoyed a very busy year.

Our wonderful HQ finally opened officially, and we welcomed all our visitors by inviting everyone to join hands all over the hall to take part in our Beaver Yell! We provided various craft activities and who could forget the human fruit machine?

We took part in the **Giant Sleepover 2008** www.giantsleepover.com/. This was the first time 6th Beeston Beavers had ever taken part in a sleepover at our own Headquarters. Nine Beavers and six Leaders slept over at the HQ, two other leaders visited, but wisely took to their own beds! The Beavers pitched a tent, ate their tea and then struck the tent again in time for the arrival of our very important guest AJ Anne Jones, 6th Beeston's first Beaver Leader who came to lead an indoor campfire sing-along! The Beavers were brilliant about going to bed and despite their obvious over-excitement were all asleep by 9.30pm (the same cannot be said for the leaders who completely forgot to go to sleep and suddenly discovered it was dawn!) After our Beaver's Own it was time to welcome the Mums and Dads for morning coffee and then everyone went home (some of us to sleep!)

12 Beavers accompanied by two leaders, ably assisted by one parent joined SW Notts. Beavers for an action-packed and fun-filled day at **Twin Lakes** Theme Park. www.twinlakespark.co.uk/. Great fun was had by all!

We had to bid '**Bon Voyage!**' to Mark –Yogi - as he struck off on his adventurous gap year working as a teaching assistant in St Andrew's school, Kenya www.standrewsturi.com. He returns later this year, but will be heading off to University. We hope to see him during the vacations as we do Lucy – Pooh Bear.

As the seasons changed, we looked for the signs that autumn was upon us, the Beavers found brightly coloured leaves and interesting seeds to decorate our 'Signs of Autumn' tree. We had so much fun with this tree that it became the inspiration for our contribution to the **Carol Service**. Who could forget the sight of our Beavers wearing specially adapted green bin liners bedecked as Christmas trees? This year, as well as planting our traditional hyacinth bulbs ready for some New Year cheer, we also planted daffodils in 'mini pots of care', supporting the **Marie Curie Cancer Care** www.mariecurie.org.uk These were ready to go home for St David's Day. You may remember that the refreshments donations at the Carol Service were for this charity. Following on from the Carol Service, some of our Beavers and Cubs were among the party of Scouts who passed on the **Peace Light** to a local church, thus spreading the symbol of peace that Magellan Explorers had brought to us, further into our community. www.peacelight.org.uk/

Changes in Leadership

As soon as he came of age, our former young leader Ben – Boo Boo - became an Adult leader.

Charlotte – Pudsey didn't remain our only Young Leader for long; she was soon joined by Willem – Pom Bear.

Changes to their work patterns meant that Adele - Foxy and Cheryl - Rupert had to cut back the time they could commit to Beavers. It is wonderful to see them whenever they can join us. Thankfully Colin - Camem Bear and Nikki – (as yet nameless!) stepped up to the challenge. We welcome them and look forward to working with them for many years to come.

In the New Year, we concentrated on healthy eating. Our Beavers proved how trustworthy they can be by using sharp knives very carefully to prepare a fruit salad. They also created healthy snacks and some very interesting sandwiches! They can all be sure to tell you that you can never wash your hands too often when you are cooking!

Foxy helped us to celebrate Burns' Night with some Scottish country dancing and by playing 'Ma Broom's Messages'. Paddington made Welsh cakes and told dragon tales for St David's Day and we spent some time on the computer, typing questions to Yogi in Kenya so that we could find out all about what he is up to there and what life is like in Kenya.

In March, Pudsey took to the stage of the Theatre Royal once more, for the Nottinghamshire Gang Show while Paddington was among the 'meeters and greeters' working front of house. Sadly this time, the group trip was not to be; nevertheless it was great to see so many of the leaders coming to the theatre to support Pudsey.

This has been an interesting year for 6th Beeston Beavers, a year of changes and some uncertainty, but hopefully we are beginning to settle down at last. Of course, 6th Beeston Beavers continue to be brilliant!

We, the Leadership team, are privileged to share in the excitement experienced by the Beavers while they explore the world and make sense of it all. Of course they're not bothered about that – they're just having fun - and in the end, we can't help but join in!

Thank you, Brilliant Beavers! Thank you, Young Leaders! Thank you Parent Helpers! Thank you, Leaders – A brilliant team proudly delivering Scouting to 6th Beeston Beaver Colony.

*Carmel – Paddington, Adele – Foxy, Lucy - Pooh Bear, Ben - Boo Boo, Colin – Camem Bear,
Cheryl – Rupert, Nikki –(no name yet), Charlotte – Pudsey, Willem – Pom Bear*

Report of the Group Chairman

I am pleased to say this has been another successful year for the Group. Each section is thriving and it is good to report that we have had an increase in the number of adults coming forward to volunteer to help in a variety of ways.

Our terrific building not only provides an excellent base for our sections and the Explorers, Guides and Brownies, but also for local groups as diverse as the 345 Playgroup and the police, as well as occasional users such as parents who book the hall for children's birthday parties. They get an excellent facility at a reasonable price and the fees in turn help us to maintain the building with a modest profit which is, of course, ploughed back into scouting. We are currently in the process of completing an upgrading of our camp catering equipment, to add to the new tents we purchased last year.

The coming year is likely to be one of change for the Group. Several 'lay' helpers have indicated they do not wish to continue beyond this financial year, including our excellent and long-standing Treasurer, Joe Chamberlain. That is why we are urging parents and others associated with the Group to consider whether they can give us some practical support. We not only need a Treasurer but Bookings Secretary, Social Secretary, Webmaster, Fund-raisers and a Maintenance Co-ordinator.

The Group, like all scout groups, runs entirely on volunteer help. If we are to continue to thrive, new people need to come forward to fill the places of those who are moving on. **This is perhaps a good point at which to thank, on behalf of all of us, Chris (Group Scout Leader), Mike (Scout Leader), Richard (Cub Leader), Carmel (Beaver Leader) and all their helpers, plus the Executive Committee Officers and Members, who have given so freely of their time and energy to make 6th Beeston what it is.**

Colin Tucker
Group Chairman
May 2009
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John Moorhouse R.I.P

It is sad to report the death of John Moorhouse, at the beginning of May.

John was an Assistant Scout Master (in those days when we had such things) and he and his brother, our President, Richard, contributed a lot of time and energy to maintaining the old scout hut. John was also Vice-President and a Trustee of the Group.

As a true scout, John always 'did his best' and was a great servant to scouting in general and the 6th Beeston in particular. We remember him with affection and gratitude.

Report of the Trustees 2008 - 9

Sadly I must report that one of the Trustees, John Moorhouse, died on May 14th this year. John had 6th Beeston in his blood. He came through the sections and eventually, with his brother Richard, became an Assistant Scout Master under the expert and charismatic leadership of Vic Guy. John held that position for many years and camped with the Troop in all four corners of England and also abroad. He did a lot of electrical work in the headquarters which the new building replaced. John will always be fondly remembered for his enthusiastic control of the reunion coffers, his Vespa scooter and a willingness to tell a tale.

This year has seen steady progress, all sections have ample Leaders and good numbers (though I suspect that all sections are not full to capacity), they appear to have a varied programme of events. Much new camping equipment has been purchased for the benefit of the members.

The finances of the Group are, thanks to the fantastic facilities that the new H.Q. offers, in very good health. Regular use means that the likelihood of vandalism is virtually nil in the weekdays. However, the credit for most of this must go to Joe Chamberlain, our treasurer, who does very much more than keep the books, he wears many hats at different times and will be very difficult to replace when his announced departure from the group in 10 months time comes about.

The Executive Committee meet bi-monthly and have a forward looking approach. G.S.L Chris has enthusiastic ideas and is constantly seeking new ways to forge bonds within the group.

The building is in fine fettle, but redecoration in the lower half of the main hall is required to keep the hall looking its best, improvements have been made to ensure the safety of those using the building. Further parental help on an ad hoc basis may be required in the future as further events are planned.

Richard Moorhouse and I look forward to another successful year of Scouting at 6th Beeston.

Stewart Robinson

Trustee

Group Treasurer's Report

What another fantastic year for the Groups finances, however the work of fundraising continues. Unfortunately next year 2009/2010 will be my last year as treasurer of the Group due to work commitments. I have enjoyed my time with the Group immensely and have worked with many outstanding people over the last 13 years, all volunteers who have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Group to establish our new headquarters as an excellent place for scouting, I am proud to have been part of the "team" and wish everyone well for the future.

Income

Subscriptions

Membership subscriptions have again remain unchanged. Standing orders continue to result in more timely payments by parents and fewer "bad payers", a total of £5,631 in subscriptions was collected this financial year. This income to the Group was off-set by the payment of £2,160 to the South West Notts District Scout Association.

Donations/Grants

These totalled £2,234 of which £1,714 was as a result of Gift Aid claims for 2003/2004 and 2004/2005, please make sure you tick the Gift Aid box on the Standing Order forms it makes a big difference to our Group!

Activities

All sections were involved in various activities away from the Group Headquarters throughout the year, the cost of those activities was nearly £3,000, all self financing.

Fund Raising

The Group did little fundraising last year, the main contribution was from Broxtowe Borough Council for 6th Beeston's contribution for overseeing the Westend recycling centre, the income from the Glass and paper re-cycling was £242. The Beavers raised £114 from the Giant Sleep for the Save the Children charity.

Rental Income

We have continued to rent out our headquarters to help with the running costs, we raised £10,640 in rental income for the year. Our rentals include Pre-school 345, Redhead-Scott ballet school, The South West Notts Tram and Light Railway Society, The Nottinghamshire Police Authority and Socratots, long may our relationship with these groups continue.

Expenditure

Premises

The cost of ownership of land and buildings continues to be the major source of expenditure for the Group. The premises insurance was over £2,300 and we had an electricity bill of £2,088 and we spent £2,580 on maintenance, this included items such as radiator guards to ensure the safety of the children using the premises. The total premises cost came to £8,214 for the year.

Equipment

We spent £3,9020 on new equipment for the Group which included new camp cooking equipment, benches for camp, a sound system for the main hall and a projector and screen.

Net receipts for the year

The Group showed an operating profit for the year of £3,036, this money will be paid into our investment account and will be used to fund future headquarters refurbishment work (repainting, cleaning and general repairs).

Headquarters Building

We continue to hire out the hall on Sundays for children's parties and hope to increase this over time, please see the "hire" section of the web site for contact details etc. We are also seeking other permanent lettings to help cover the running costs of the building.

Web Site

Our web site address is www.6th.beeston.org, please check it for the latest news, information, events calendar, photos etc

Please remember all the leaders and committee members are unpaid volunteers who contribute time and effort to ensure your children enjoy their time with the Group, your help and assistance would be greatly appreciated.

"Joe" Chamberlain, Group Treasurer.

Annual General Meeting 7 June 2009

AGENDA

1. Attendance and Apologies for absence : please complete forms on arrival
2. Minutes of last AGM
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. Reports :
 - a. Group Scout Leader
 - b. Sections
 - c. Group Chairman
 - d. Financial Statement and Accounts
 - e. Trustees
5. Officers 2008-9 – to be elected :
 - 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
6. Suggestions for Group Charity
7. Close

Annual General Meeting 2008

*6th July 2008
15:00-15:45*

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Attendees	Rich Needham, Stu Stanton, Lucy Kemp, Carmel Gummatt-Kemp, Darren Guest, Jill Stanton, Jill Barnes, Colin Tucker, Joe Chamberlain, Adele Stewart, Chris Storer, Cyrus Gandhi, Nick Mitchell, Leigh Silvester This meeting was also well attended by approximately 40 parents.
Apologies	Richard Moorhouse, John Moorhouse, Wendy Sadler, Charlotte Kemp, Ben Verhoeven, Sam Lovett, Mike Lovett, Sally Bales, Mark Wright and Stewart Robinson
Previous Minutes	Due to the extraordinary nature of previous AGM no minutes were available.

Executive Reports

The chairman thanked all section leaders and assistants for all their hard work.

Section Reports

Attached.

Statement of Accounts

Stuart Stanton (District Commissioner) noted that health of accounts was very good in comparison with some other groups.

Group Scout Leader's nomination for Group Chair

Colin Tucker nominated by Chris Storer, seconded by Richard Needham.

Elections of Secretary, Treasurer and parent representatives

Leigh Silvester nominated and seconded for position as Group Secretary

Joe Chamberlain nominated (Cyrus Ghandi) and seconded for position as Group Treasurer

Parent Representatives: Andy McElhone, Steve Townsend, Alsyson Ward, Dave Lovett and Nick Mitchell were nominated and seconded.

Appointment of auditor/scrutineer of accounts

The accounts have been checked by Derek Tarr for past five years. Was proposed by Joe Chamberlain that this arrangement continue. Seconded by Ann Jones.

Meeting closed at 15:45