



Annual Report 2009-10

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Annual General Meeting
4 July 2010

Annual Report and AGM

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The Team

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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:	Stuart Coxon Trevor Pierce
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
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6th Beeston Scout Group



Executive members:

Nick Mitchell

Quarter Master:

Daz Guest

Chairman of Trustees:
Trustees:

to be elected
Julie Barnes
Joe Chamberlain
Colyn Kemp
Stewart Robinson

Group President:

Richard Moorhouse

Group Life Members:

Anne Jones
Phil Peck
Richard Moorhouse

Report of the Group Scout Leader

I write this with fresh memories of a fantastic family camp and still visible bags under my eyes. Family camp is without a doubt the highlight of this year and possibly my Scouting career, thank you to everyone involved. Do keep checking our website www.6thbeeston.co.uk for pictures and information of this and other events.

6th Beeston Scout Group continues to grow and we have some truly great members. Whilst sometimes life is tough, Scouting at 6th Beeston continues to stand strong and provide a strong and consistent support network and fun times for all young people and leaders alike.

Last year I wrote and asked for support and we're now training up a host of new (and not so new) leaders and are about to welcome a new Chairperson and many members of the executive committee. The leaders consistently ensure a fun and varied programme is provided and the numbers in each section are testament to the good work they do. The executive committee are there to look after the back room management of the group and free up uniformed leaders to work with children and do a great job – looking after our building, finances and equipment is no mean feat.

Thank you all for your continued support.

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Scout Section Report 2009

This year we have had an overall increase in the scout section. We are now at capacity and are going to be implementing a waiting list. Our current numbers are 24 scouts and 4 cubs are in the transition of moving of into the scout section.

We have also had an increase in the number of camps we have run which started with the High Ropes Camp we had at the end of September. Since then we have had a patrol leaders training camp, district camp and family camp. These have all been great successes and have meant a lot more nights under canvas for our scouts. We are already planning for more camps in the coming year.

The weekly programme has included a wide variety of activities such as climbing, an inter-group games competition with 5th Stapleford, scout craft, a video advert production night, a look into drug awareness and a fair share of cooking using various different methods.

Overall the scout section has had a busy year and has achieved a lot and had a lot of fun along the way. It has been a great pleasure running the scout section this past year and I hope next year will be as fun if not more so!

Stuart and the Team

6th Beeston Scout Group



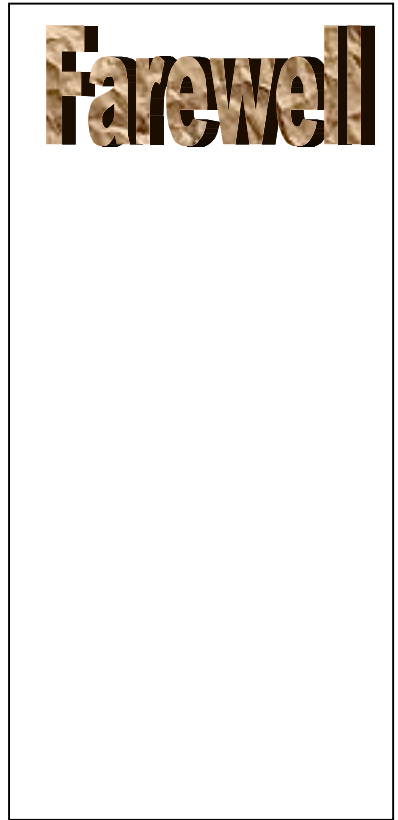
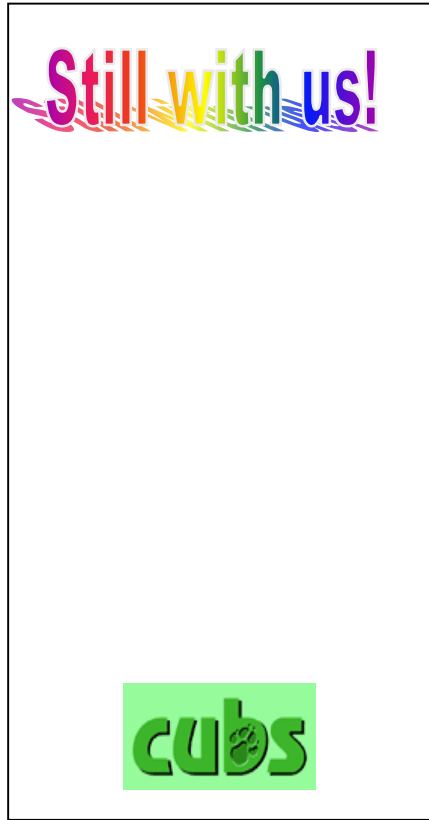
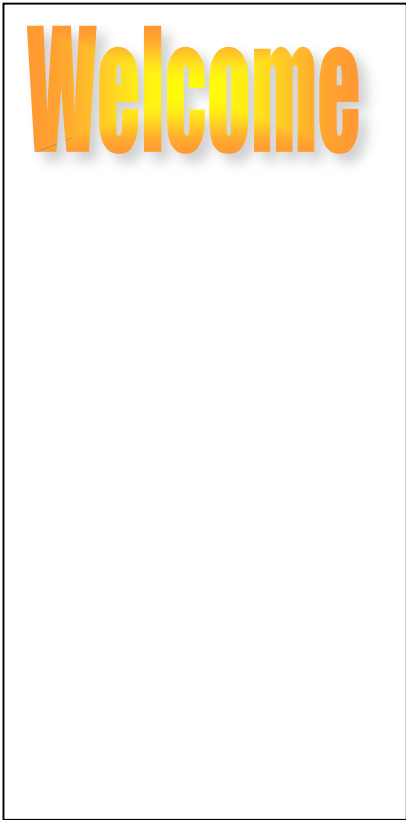
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 Harry Walton
 Heather Tait
 Isobel McElhorne
 Guilio Tolentino
 Fred Spencer
 Lawrence Mason-Guetta
 Adam Ward
 Ethan Blackwell

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

Beeston Cub Report 2008

The number leaving exactly equaling 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.



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

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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

At a time of massive cuts in public services and private financial constraint, the role of the voluntary sector in providing affordable, worthwhile activities for young people is vital. I am delighted therefore that 6th Beeston continues to provide such activities in an excellent facility that says to the young people: 'You're worth it!'

Yet we are also in an age when 'health and safety' and the safeguarding of young people is very much to the fore in people's minds, which means the enthusiasm of our volunteer scouters and their helpers has to be coupled with attention to detail for all the rules and regulations that apply.

I am delighted to say that the Group continues to flourish with our excellent building not only providing a base for our sections but also generating income which is ploughed back into the Group. That means we are able to purchase better camping equipment and even some climbing equipment to further extend the range of activities we provide. It's great that we have seen more camping opportunities this past year, something more or less unique to scouting.

Whilst our scouter team develops we continue to refresh our 'back room' staff who are so vital to the smooth and efficient running of the Group.

As I have already said, 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), Stuart (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.**

As this is my last report as Chairman, I'd like to wish Leigh every success in the role and offer my thanks and best wishes to Chris and everyone associated with the Group.

Colin Tucker
Group Chairman
June 2010
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Report of the Trustees 2009-10

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 4 July 2010

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. Appointment of new Group Chairman
6. Election of Officers 2010-2011:
 - 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. Appointment of Life Members
8. Close