



**Annual report 2010-2011**

**Presented at Annual General Meeting, 24th September 2011**



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## The Team

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

## Group Scout Leader's Report

Well another year has passed by and it was yet another year packed full of exciting Scouting events! The events have indeed risen to the occasions of 100 years of Scouting in SW Notts District, 25 years of Beavers Scouts nationally and 75 years of Scouting at 6th Beeston Scout Group.

Since the last AGM, I've enjoyed probably one of the most exhausting weeks of my life, with Scouts at Red Rose International Camp last Summer, and then one of the most chilled out camps I've ever been on, at Kibblestone with Scouts this Summer. Both weeks, for different reasons, really show the strength of our members, young people and leaders alike. Cubs continue to enjoy their annual Summer Camp, and Beavers are busy planning their next Sleepover. On top of this we've enjoyed regular weekly meetings, the District Centenary Camp, where the whole Group were able to join together along with the rest of the District to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in SW Notts, and we all had fun at the District Centenary Funday. Of course we'll also be getting together soon to celebrate our 75th Birthday, which we're combining with the later than usual Annual Summer Event and AGM.

6th Beeston continues to go from strength to strength with our numbers of young people constantly growing. All of this is thanks to our volunteers who plan and run the Group, particularly the section meetings and various events. We receive a steady flow of leaders, often thanks to the University; although many of these leaders only stay a short while before moving on to follow their chosen education paths. It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Charlotte, our Cub Pack helper, this summer after her life ended so young. With leaders moving on, Cubs now find themselves looking out for new leaders. Do let one of us know if you or someone you know can help.

We also owe a great debt of gratitude to our Executive Committee, who look after the administrative management of the Group, enabling us to concentrate on the programme and have finances for equipment, etc and have a lovely, well maintained building to meet in.

Also, big thanks go to the ad hoc parent support we get, transporting equipment to camps, running crafts, cooking, etc. It will be great to see more parents coming forward more often to help at events, section meetings and preparation for camps to support the volunteers who run a full and active programme for your children.

Scouting is such a rewarding organisation to get involved with, it takes you places and gets you involved with the things you always dreamt of and those you never dreamt of. It just keeps giving great times and great friendships!

Thanks to everyone for what you do. Here's looking forward to another great year of Scouting at 6th Beeston.

**Chris Storer**

**Group Scout Leader**

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## Chairman's Report

In this first year as Chair I have become acutely aware of the amount of time and effort that the Group Scout Leader, Assistant Group Scout Leaders, Section Leaders and Assistants put in to both the 6th Beeston Scout Group and Scouting in general. Their dedication and commitment is to be commended. The hard work put in by all the other members of the Executive Committee is also greatly appreciated. While their contribution is less immediately obvious to the casual observer, it is essential to the smooth running of the Group. Thank you all for the time you have put in.

I would also 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. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

All this work has contributed to making this Scout Group one of the strongest in the District, an achievement which we should all be proud of.

The Scout Group is not immune from the current economic climate that is affecting the lives of many of us. While it is true that we derive income from renting out our fantastic building, the costs of maintaining it are high - and rising. Certain new costs have been introduced. Paradoxically the introduction of the Beeston BID (Business Improvement District) has resulted in the charity that is the 6th Beeston Scout Group, paying a levy to support developments with Beeston that benefit the business community. This was resisted vigorously, but to no avail.

We have so far been able to resist raising the subscription costs so far. They have remained at the same amount for five years. Given the current economic climate I hope that we can continue to keep the subscriptions at the same level. However, this does mean that we need to place greater emphasis on fundraising.

Working with such a fine group of dedicated people over the past year has been an honour.

**Leigh Silvester**  
**Group Chair**

## Treasurer's Report (Financial year 2010/11)

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 £6,528 in subscriptions was collected this financial year. This income to the Group was off-set by the payment of our Capitation fee of £2,436 to the South West Notts District Scout Association.

**Fundraising:** The Group raised £880 during the year. This included £225 from selling pancakes at the District Firework Display, £275 bag packing at Tesco's, £142 from the tombola at the Christmas Carol Service and £168 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:** These totalled £5,083 which is a fantastic achievement. The Group received £3000 from the Nat West Bank Community Fund which will be spent on climbing gear and associated equipment to allow the group to take the members on climbing trips. It also included £475 of matched funding from Experian as some of the fundraising was carried out by its employees and a donation from of £200 from South West Notts District for the use of Scout HQ for meetings. The Group also reclaimed £1,364 in Gift Aid, so please make sure you complete the Gift Aid part in the registration pack.

**Rental Income:** We have continued to hire out Scout Headquarters to help with the running costs and raised £12,850 in rental income for the year. Our hirers included 6th Beeston Guides, 6th Beeston Brownies, Magellan Explorers, Pre-school 345, Redhead-Scott ballet school, The South West Notts Tram and Light Railway Society, East Midlands Karate Club, Beeston Cycle Club 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 £11,252 for the year which included: £2,540 for insurance, £2,487 for electricity, £1,100 on cleaning and £1,633 on new shutters.

**Activities:** All sections were involved in various activities away from the Group Headquarters throughout the year. The cost of these activities was £8,690. Most activities were self-financing except for the International Scout Camp in August 2010 where transport and leaders fees were subsidised by the Group by £1,200 to keep costs at an affordable level for all participants.

**Equipment:** We spent £1,530 on camping equipment for the group which included new tables, a big gas burner and patrol boxes and £690 on climbing equipment which was purchased before receiving the donation from Nat West Bank.

### **Net receipts for the year**

The Group showed an operating profit for the year of £5,125. £3000 is the donation from the Nat West community fund which can only be spent on the stated purpose of purchasing climbing equipment. The remainder of £2,125 will be used to fund future headquarters refurbishment work.

**Katharina Meyer-Ohle**  
Group Treasurer



## Holding Trustees Report

The new Board of Holding Trustees met for the first time in June 2010. The trustees are Joe Chamberlain (chair), Stewart Robinson, Jill Barnes and Colyn Kemp.

Our responsibilities are to hold the Group's property and assets in trust, to review the Group's financial plans to ensure that adequate provision has been made for maintenance and that relevant insurance(s) are in place, to review maintenance work carried out and to review the terms and conditions of hire of the building.

We have not met formally since the inaugural meeting, so we have not had opportunity to review the financial arrangements put in place by the Group Executive Committee. We have nonetheless taken an active interest in the state of the building and have noted the installation of electric shutters for the garage area, the removal of a diseased sycamore tree and several minor repairs. Our general impression is that the building is very well used and is kept clean and tidy. The stores in particular are very well ordered with locations clearly marked for each item of equipment.

Our thanks go to the Group Executive Committee for managing the financial affairs of the Group so well, and especially to Pete Kwazny and his team for undertaking regular maintenance of the building.

**Colyn Kemp**

On behalf of the Holding Trustees.





Scouting is a BIG Adventure that begins in the Beaver Section.

It is always good to have healthy numbers of Beavers and this year we are delighted to have some girls again.

We have taken part in many exciting activities away from the HQ.

In January, we joined Beavers from all over the county on the NESST Beaver Ramble at Walesby and began our challenges for the 25th birthday of Beaver Scouts.

In April, we spent the afternoon at Hemlock Camp with other members of SW Notts celebrating the District's 100th birthday. We helped to make a mosaic, bounced on bouncy castles and launched water rockets; we enjoyed exploring the fire engine and seeing PC Mike in his other uniform; after a picnic tea we sang around the Campfire and then went for a walk in the woods!!

In June, we visited the District Centenary Camp at Sherbrooke. We saw the tents where our Cubs and Scouts sleep on camp and we had our tea with them. Rama taught us how to light a fire without using a match and Kim gave us dough to wrap round a stick and bake into bread on the fire. We climbed to the top of a very high tower, played giant chess and Jenga, as well as making cups of tea for the leaders! In the evening we went to a special clearing in the woods to sing in the Campfire circle before going back home to bed.

Meanwhile back at HQ we have played games, told stories, sung songs, celebrated Chinese New Year, churned butter, made electric cars, learned about other countries, grown sunflowers and so much more, it has all been great fun with our friends.

You can find pictures and full reports on our website: [www.6thbeeston.co.uk](http://www.6thbeeston.co.uk)

Thank you Beaver Parents for all your support.

Thank you Brilliant Beaver Leaders 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 Gummatt-Kemp**  
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## Cub Section Report

This year, 17 Cubs have left us with most of them becoming Scouts. There have been a few who were only with us briefly, and for a while we were concerned about not being able to smooth out the transition from the Beavers to Cubs, but further investigation assured us that there were other reasons for their leaving. As virtually all our new recruits are from the Beavers, we do need to ensure that we get this right.

Although the number of leaders has been very good this year, the future looks less certain as we have lost Cat, Jen and Charlotte, and Steve is due to complete his PhD next March. Of course we wish him every success with a new career, but we would prefer it to be in Nottingham. As if this is not enough, Richard and Nuttavee are off to Thailand for an extended holiday in the New Year so we will be struggling to arrange any events away from the HQ without some additional help.

### **SW Notts District Centenary Camp 24 – 26 June 2011**

2011 marks 100 years of Scouting in South West Notts and, along with 12 other Groups and 6 Explorer Units, including Magellan, 6<sup>th</sup> Beeston attended the celebrations at the District Camp, with 17 Cubs camping along with our Scouts, and some of our Beavers visiting for the day on the Saturday. As always with such a large event, organisation is vital and this camp was such a success because of its flawless planning. Thanks to the District team and Colyn Kemp who headed it, all the Cubs had a great time.

### **John's Lee Wood Cub Camp 8 -10<sup>th</sup> July 2011**

We are always made welcome at John's Lee Wood, and this year both staff and weather were very kind to us, making for another fantastic time for both the young and young at heart. The shelter building, water Olympics and meditation time, being the favourite activities with the games, fire lighting, camp fire singing and Naturalist Badge making it a real fun packed weekend. Special thanks to Steve for running the programme and to Lucy and Stu Kemp, Alec and Rob Tait, Bob Marlow, the cooks (on who so much depends) Adam Bird and Phil Danaford-Knight and the wonderful Tash Naylor and Elaine Ashmore, who joined the cub team just for the camp.

### **Badges / Award Work**

So many badges have been earned this year it has been hard to keep up supply in fact we didn't! We still have more to award. However, we did make sure our five Silver Chief Scout Awards were presented. Taking two years and a lot of effort both at Cubs and at home, this is the highest award that can be achieved in Cub Scouting and always deserves special mention. Congratulations to Milan, Oliver, Reuben, Isaac and Tom.

### **Evening Hike**

The now traditional 'dark walk' was led by Dave through deepest darkest Bramcote. Not for the faint hearted this trek through unknown fields and mysterious woods. Wow! It even ends in a sunken Church! It was a good job we had hot chocolate and tomato soup before going home that night! Thanks Dave.

### **The Group Carol Service**

The Cubs were given a real challenge last Christmas having to learn three songs. *Santa got stuck up the Chimney* was the one they all knew, but the South African *National Anthem* and *Transport of Delight* would test them. As usual it was all taken in their stride, let's see what we can aim for this Christmas.

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, Kim Nuttavee Needham,  
and Dave Kendall.



## Scout Section Report

This year we have had a healthy troop size with numbers at 24.

Throughout the year we have been involved in a lot of interesting activities, such as climbing, walking, high ropes course and of course lots of camping too. The Scouts have represented 6th Beeston in lots of district events including Quizzes, First Aid Competition and have also represented scouting in the district at the Remembrance Day Parade.

All of the Camps we have run have been geared towards getting the patrols to work more smoothly with each other so that we can look at doing bigger and better camps in the coming year.

We have also taken part in some fundraising in order to buy more climbing and zip wire equipment.

The weekly meetings have also included plenty of cooking, which is part of working towards our chef's badge, which will be completed through a restaurant evening we are planning for later this scouting year. Also at our weekly meetings we have included go-kart building, team games, pioneering and lots of other scouting activities and challenges.

We have established a link with 5th Stapleford Scouts and have taken part in games nights at their hut and also hosted them at our hut.

The highlights of the year for me have to be all of the nights away on camps that we've done as this is the time when the troop really comes together and shows what scouting is all about – having FUN! These camps built up to the big one – a fantastic Summer Camp at Kibblestone. Beautiful weather with cooking on open fires and a memorable experience for 18 of our scouts.

Thank you everyone for another great year of scouting here at 6th Beeston and here's to the next year being just as good, if not better!

**Stu Coxon**

**Scout Leader**

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## **Annual General Meeting, 24th September 2011**

### **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 2011-2012
  - 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 Assistant District Commissioner.
8. Close of meeting