

**36<sup>th</sup> IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP**

Registered Charity No. 1021334

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**May 2011 – April 2012**



Financial Year Jan – Dec 2011

**Friday, May 25th 2012  
6.30 pm**

## **AGENDA**

The meeting will be called to order at 6.30 p.m.

- 1] Welcome address
- 2] Business of the evening:
- 3] Apologies
- 3a] Minutes of the 2010 – 2011 Annual General Meeting
- 3b] Matters Arising
- 3c] Confirmation of the Minutes
- 4] Group Chairman's report
- 5] Treasurer's report
- 5a] Adoption of the Treasurer's report and Financial Statement
- 6] Group Scout Leader's report
- 6a] Approval of Reports
- 7] Appointment of Group Chairman
- 7a] Appointment of deputy Group Chairman
- 8] Approval of nominated Committee Members
- 9] Election of Officers:
  - ❖ Election of Group Secretary
  - ❖ Election of Group Treasurer
  - ❖ Election of Accounts Examiner
  - ❖ Election of Group Executive Committee Members
- 10] Date of Next AGM

Appendix 1: ICVS Accounts Examiner Report

End of Business.

Refreshment interval

Scout Group Presentation

36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Entertainment.

## **Minutes of the AGM of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group held on 8 April 2011**

Welcome was extended to Graham Parker, District Commissioner

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Paul Shelley, Ray Taylor, Sarah-Jane Bloomfield, Iona Walker and Damon Hyland.

### **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

No matters arising from the previous AGM Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting by Richard Farthing and seconded by Richard Marsh. All were in favour.

### **Group Chairman's Report**

John Primmer explained how the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group is organized and asked for more members and helpers to come forward to support the group.

All members of the executive committee stood for re-election and were voted into office by a show of hands.

The fete of 2010 returned a profit of £2,500, much better than in 2009. We launched our Fun Train and this was running all afternoon raising £136. As always help is needed on the day. More people are needed to run the train – it is hired out, so please we need more train drivers

Fete Programmes will again be delivered to about 6,000 homes in the local area and raise several hundred pounds from the advertisements it carries. However people are needed to help deliver them in the weeks leading up to the fete.

The firework evening was again well attended and all enjoyed the catering laid on by some members of the group. Thanks go to the owner of Charity Farm; Mick Potter for all of the support he gives to the group.

Once again a Christmas Dinner was held for all leaders, helpers and executive members – this was funded by those attending the dinner, and a good time was had by all.

The Car Boot clean-up rota desperately needs more people. This activity can raise up to £1,200 per year and all we have to do is provide two people on 26 Sundays per year for about 1 to 1 ½ hours – do the maths that's about £30 per hour! Please volunteer to help us on this fundraiser.

2 Fun Evenings with Race Nights were arranged, and one private event where the monies raised were donated to the group; this continues to raise approximately £300 per evening.

We have added the new furniture store on the side of the main building which has greatly eased the effort needed during hiring out the hall.

Improvements have also been made to the walls of the kitchen which has suffered badly from damp, this has now been resolved by using external insulation, cladding and forced ventilation.

The successful hiring of the hall means that we are cash positive as an organisation, we suspended the hall cleaning contract in September 2010, with the intention of cleaning the hall using parents and helpers, but this has not proved possible due to lack of support and has been left to just two couples, so I will be letting out the cleaning contract through a tender process.

Thanks are of course due to all of the people, who have supported the Group over the last year. I should also mention the unsung heroes of the 'working parties' organised by Tony, who attack all of those numerous jobs at the HQ and Belstead.

However it is becoming increasingly clear that there are just not enough of you!

Part of the responsibilities of the management of a scout group is to have plans in place to cover both uniform and non-uniformed roles in the group, this includes succession planning, and this is the area of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich that needs to be addressed.

We are in serious danger of being a financially secure group but with diminishing numbers of adults supporting the children and the activities of the group – this issue has to be addressed.

What is it that motivates some people to want to "put something back in to society", and yet others cannot find the time for what ever reason? The more there are of us, the less each one has to do.

Please, please if you can spare any time during the coming year to help support the group – talk to me or one of our team. Even just 1 hour in the year can be made use of!

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### **Treasurer's Report**

The attached accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010 have been independently scrutinised by Colin Bartrum of ICVS. The overall accounts show a surplus of £8,240 and each category is detailed below.

## **Hall**

The 2010 accounts show a surplus of £5,136 for the Hall. The annual contract we have with the local education authority has enabled us to commit to improvements to the Scout Headquarters in Hawthorn Drive. Without this income the Hall account would have resulted in a large deficit. Maintenance, heating and cleaning costs continue to remain high for the upkeep of the headquarters and the committee are mindful of this. Income from the use of the Hall greatly contributes to the financial upkeep of the building and thanks should be given to our Quartermaster Tony Marsh for his commitment and supervision of the premises and its occupancy. The committee has agreed to use the surplus towards a contingency fund against the eventuality that this contract is not renewed. This fund will be used to support the group in difficult times.

## **Group**

The Group account for the year showed a surplus of £3,104. The surplus is higher than last year due to the excellent efforts of the Executive Committee in raising funds and controlling costs. This surplus will allow the group to contribute to the contingency fund to assist in the long-term security of the Group. The introduction of Project 36 (the motorised train and carriages) used at the Fete and other events was largely funded by Asda and has provided the Group with a unique focal point not only to promote the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group but the Scout movement. Many thanks go to John Primmer and his team for their hours of dedication and commitment. The 2010 fete was again a success and continues to generate much needed funds. However we should not forget the amount of time and effort that is put into this event. Thanks go to the Fete Committee for their efforts. Race Nights and Car Boot Clean-Ups still provide regular income to the Groups income. Fundraising is imperative to meet the running costs of the Group. Thanks to everyone who organised, helped and attended our events.

Carole Lockwood asked whether the recent newspaper article concerning cost of council tax would cause the group any financial problems. The Treasurer responded that there are contingency funds available to weather any difficult periods, and could not foresee a problem.

## **Summary**

My personal thanks go to the Executive Committee, the GSL and the Section Leaders in helping to secure the future of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group.

It was proposed by Chris Wise to formally adopt the Treasurers Report and Financial statement and second by Tony Marsh. Show of hands - all in favour.

## **Group Scout Leader's Report**

As Group Scout Leader I am responsible for the uniformed members of the group. Since the last AGM we have been joined by Damon Hyland, Scout Leader, Chris Wise, Assistant Scout Leader and Suzie Vogel, Assistant Beaver Leader. They are doing a grand job but we would like another volunteer to come forward and assist with the Scout Troop as their numbers will be increasing as our cubs are moving up.

The Beaver colonies are still going strong and it continues to be a challenge to move the two colonies into one single cub pack. We have a Cub pack which is full and a Scout Troop waiting for them.

During the year the different sections have taken part in many activities which have included the annual sports evenings for Cubs; District Olympics for Beavers; swimming gala where the whole group take part including some leaders; District quiz and handicraft competitions to name but a few. The Scouts went on District camp at Hallowtree and the Beavers had a sleepover at the Group Headquarters and a good time was had by all.

We had members of our Cub and Scout section take part in the annual Gang Show which takes place every April and this year is on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April. Again this year we have members of our group taking part. This is an evening of enjoyable entertainment.

We always encourage the children to help in the community with all of the sections having raised monies for different charities during last year including RNLI and Children in Need.

On the Monday before Christmas, we had a Christmas bag packing session at Tesco. Twenty Scouts, Cubs and Beavers turned out and Tesco's management were very complimentary about their behaviour. I was personally very proud of the children as they were so well behaved and a credit to the 36<sup>th</sup>.

The 36<sup>th</sup> remains in a good financial position but we are in need of leaders, assistants and parents to help with the children; volunteers to help with our fundraising efforts which enable us to keep costs to a minimum; and in particular we need help with the Headquarters hiring's. One of the most satisfying and rewarding things you can do is work with the children and watch them grow into young adults and be part of a worldwide association.

I would like to give a huge thank you to all my leaders, assistants who give up their time every week, sometimes at weekends and also the valuable time they give up with training. Thank you also to those parents who do give up their time to help us and lastly to our executive committee who sort out the general running of the group and fundraising and without whose help we would not be here! It's worth a mention that only one member of our executive committee has a child in the group!

*Do you have any time in which you could help us? Would you or any friends or family like to join us maybe as an executive committee member or just assist with fundraising or support activities such as painting or decorating? Or would you like to join us as a leader or group assistant? Just a few hours a year would really help us and make a difference.*

**GRAHAM PARKER – DISTRICT COMMISSIONER**

*Mr Parker addressed the AGM and commented on the improvements made to the Head Quarters, especially the new shed for storing tables and chairs.*

*Mr Parker said that 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich had, had a good year as six units have shut across the county. Mr Parker ended by wishing the 36<sup>th</sup> good luck for the coming year.*

*The evening ended with a Talent Competition and beverages and biscuits concluded the evening*

*The A.G.M will be held the same time next year.*

*End of Minutes from 2011 AGM*

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## **May 2011 – April 2012 Reports**

**Chairman's Report**

This is the time when I review the activities in 2011/2012 that are hopefully not covered in any of the other reports later in the AGM.

I would first like to thank all those people who help the group in many different ways. In an environment where the rules and regulations are continuously changing from both a Health and Safety and a Scout Association point of view, it is gratifying that there are still people who will give up their time to provide activities and fundraising for Scouting. But of course, we still need more people to come forward to help us.

Whether it's one hour a week or one hour a year, we can use this to everyone's advantage.

Keeping the HQ clean has been the subject of much discussion by the Executive Committee during the year. Previously this has cost us in excess of £3,000 per year, which was sustainable while the hall was being hired to the Local Education Authority. When this came to an end we had to cancel the contract. Thanks are due to the (small) list of volunteers who now clean the hall so that it is ready for all our users.

Tony's report has more detail on the Hall Hirings, and I'm not sure how many people know just how much time he puts into just this one aspect of supporting the group.

Our 2011 fete was another success, raising approximately £2,800, and thanks to those people who spend all year planning the event and also to those people who support us on the day by manning an entrance gate or a fete stall for the afternoon. In 2011 we distributed 6,000 fete programmes. It is worthy of note that due to the changes in the authority required for holding a road procession, and the associated high cost; this year we will not be having a street procession prior to the fete. Time will tell if this affects attendance at the fete.

We still have a team of people who do the Car Boot Clean Up, once a fortnight, at Portman Road car park. The car boot is organised by the Lions Club and we are grateful to that organisation for allowing us to participate in the clean-up which earns us over £1,000 per year.

New storage at HQ – we now have the luxury of a new storage facility where we can keep all the tables and chairs, on specially constructed trolleys. This and the external cladding of the HQ have improved the look of the place dramatically, and makes the hours spent by some people over plans and seeking local planning authority and building regulation permission seem worthwhile.

Our Firework Night was again successful, well attended and well marshalled. As usual, a full risk assessment was delivered to the appropriate authorities prior to the event; especially relevant after the M5 crash close to the Taunton Rugby Club firework display.

Our Race Night Fun Evening, raised over £340, and showed just how excited some people can get over a few four legged animals!

Train No. 36, our own ride on train, was active on the following dates:

11<sup>th</sup> June 2011 – Wolveston Hall – Wedding

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 – 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Fete

24th July 2011 - Suffolk Show Ground – Birthday Party

21st October 2011 - Chantry Library – Children’s Day

14th Dec 2011 – HQ - Birthday Party

22nd Dec 2011 - Wellington Rd Childrens Centre – Christmas Party

The train brought in over £500 profit after the exorbitant cost of insurance is taken into account. Thanks to the team of engineers, drivers, guards and people with towing hitches for making this possible.

The group held another Christmas Dinner for the adult helpers involved with the group and thanks are due to the team working under strict instruction from Chef GSL!

The Group held it's first Christmas Fayre in November last year, and was a real success, with children able to make a visit to Father Christmas.

A Solar PV installation was given serious consideration, and underwent detailed planning by your executive committee. Unfortunately this was overtaken by the Government's changes to the feed in tariffs available to micro generators. The costs are now being rebalanced as prices of installation come down, so maybe this can be re-visited in the future.

We were able to support the BT Fun Day again in 2011, with Gazebos and Marquee hire. This year they would like the same with the addition of hiring the train, a potential income of over £500! If you are available for the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, please speak up soon.

### **A special note from the Chairman.**

I'm sure that many of you will have heard that for health reasons I do not intend to stand for the post this year. Tony tells me that I have been involved with the group for 21 years. However I still intend to help out with:

- Technical support & advice to the Group,  
HQ & HQ Hirings
- Fete Draw Tickets Design & Printing
- Fete Programme Design & Printing
- Fete Adverts Creation for Programme
- Help at the fete, PA, Money collation.
- Car Boot Rota
- Race Night Technical Support
- Train Hiring co-ordination (will need Train Drivers, Trailer towing etc)
- Other fundraising Activities as requested
- Christmas Dinner if required
- Fireworks
- Web Site Maintenance

I will not be serving on the executive committee, but will obviously be only too willing to help with any appropriate issues.

Having seen the Group through many ‘highs’ and some ‘lows’ during my time here, I am pleased that we are leaving the Group in a secure financial position – but please keep up the support and fundraising.

I would just like to end by thanking all of those people who have helped me during the past 21 years, and the many of you who have become good friends, and wish the group every success in the future.

John Primmer, Chairman (Retiring), 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group

## **2012 TREASURERS REPORT**

The attached accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 are currently being independently scrutinised by Colin Bartrum of ICVS. The overall accounts show a surplus of £5,393. However there is an outstanding bill for £14,250 for outside cladding to the HQ (Project Overcoat). Funding for this enhancement was organised by Tony Marsh and I think everyone will agree was a huge success.

### **Hall**

The 2011 accounts show a surplus of £2,023. However there is an outstanding bill for £14,250 stated above for Project Overcoat. Having lost the annual contract we had with the Local Education Authority and ever increasing costs to run the HQ and Belstead sites we have managed to survive. Income from the use of the Hall greatly contributes to the financial upkeep of the building and Group. Thanks should be given to our Quartermaster Tony Marsh for his commitment and supervision of the premises and its occupancy. No more so than this current year in difficult times.

### **Group**

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Thanks to everyone who organised, helped and attended our events. I see 2012 as an important challenging year for the Group in respect of the changes that are occurring and urge as many parents as possible to support it through this period.

### **Summary**

I have decided that I will not be standing for re-election at the forthcoming AGM on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 but will assist in the to the changeover to the new treasurer.

I would like thank the following:

- Jane Primmer (GSL) for keeping the entire Group in a strong position,
- John Primmer (Executive Chairman) for creating a legacy to be proud of,
- Tony Marsh for his relentless fundraising and all round enthusiasm,
- And Pam Marsh (my unpaid secretary/finance clerk) for assisting me.

My personal thanks and best wishes go to the members of the Executive Committee, the GSL and the Section Leaders in helping to secure the future of the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group.

Alan Martin (Treasurer)

36th Ipswich Scout Group Annual Accounts 2011

**36TH IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP  
NATWEST ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2011  
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2011**

**36TH IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP  
NATWEST ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT 2010  
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2010**

<u>Receipts</u>	Group			2011			Group			2010			
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Hall	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Receipts	Restricted	Unrestricted	Hall	Restricted	Total	
Sections				£3,303	£48	£3,351	£3,303	£3,396	£49	£3,396	£49	£3,396	
Capitation Rebate				£6,482	£6,482	£6,482	£6,482	£5,907	£5,907	£5,907	£5,907	£5,907	
Fundraising							Hall Lettings						
Hall Lettings										£17,128	£17,128	£17,128	£17,128
Donations				£5	£5	£5	Donations						£963
BAC Payment				£56	£56	£56	BAC Payment						
Maintenance/Refurbishment							Maintenance/Refurbishment						£486
Residual Building Project Costs				£13,750	£13,750	£13,750	Residual Building Project Costs						£0
Interest							Interest						£1
Equipment							Equipment						£220
Project 36							Project 36						£750
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£9,895</b>	<b>£13,750</b>	<b>£2,530</b>	<b>£26,175</b>		<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£11,286</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£17,614</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£28,899</b>
<u>Payments</u>	Group			2011			Group			2010			
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Hall	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Payments	Restricted	Unrestricted	Hall	Restricted	Total	
Sections				£90	£90	£90	Sections						£150
Capitation				£3,000	£3,000	£3,000	Capitation						£2,746
Badges/Neckers/T Shirts etc				£2,461	£2,461	£2,461	Badges/Neckers/T Shirts etc						£144
Fundraising							Fundraising						£1844
Hall Hire							Hall Hire						£0
Insurance							Insurance						£2,205
Accounts Examination				£100	£100	£100	Accounts Examination						£100
Electricity				£154	£154	£100	Electricity						£933
AGM Expenses				£45	£45	£45	AGM Expenses						£58
Stationery				£360	£360	£360	Stationery						£186
Sundries				£51	£51	£51	Sundries						£20
Propane							Propane						£722
Council Tax							Council Tax						£251
Water							Water						£348
Maintenance/Refurbishment							Maintenance/Refurbishment						£5,054
Cleaning							Cleaning						£5,276
Equipment							Equipment						£2,654
Telephone/Internet Connection							Telephone/Internet Connection						£250
Donations							Donations						£440
Residual Building Project Costs							Residual Building Project Costs						£963
Project 36							Project 36						£0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£6,525</b>	<b>£992</b>	<b>£13,265</b>	<b>£20,782</b>		<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,181</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£12,478</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£20,659</b>
<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£3,370</b>	<b>£12,758</b>	<b>-£10,735</b>	<b>£5,393</b>		<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit)</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£3,104</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£5,136</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£8,240</b>

**Statement of Assets and Liabilities**  
 National Westminster  
 Cubs Section  
 Wednesday Beavers Section  
 Thursday Beavers Section  
 Scouts Section  
 Fundraising Float (Held by GSL)  
 Quartermaster  
**Balance Carried Forward**

**As at 31/12/11**  
 £37,851.03

**As at 31/12/10**  
 £31,726.84  
 £28,56  
 £50.00  
 £20.65  
 £26.19  
 £72.60  
 £150.00  
 £221.82

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## 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Group Scout Leader's report 2012

This is my last report as GSL. It is with more than a tinge of sadness that I am resigning from the position of GSL from 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012. As most of you are aware my husband John has had a health issue recently and we both feel it is time to reduce our scouting responsibilities and spend more time with one another. We will both however continue to support the 36<sup>th</sup> with fundraising and other activities, so you haven't quite seen the back of us yet!

Once again, it has been a very busy year and this year sees us going on a group camp to Bradfield Park, near Bury St Edmunds in August. Leaders, Scouts, Cubs are camping for four nights with the beavers joining for a sleepover. I know everyone is looking forward to this and I am sure everybody will have a wonderful time.

During the year we have been joined by some new leaders, and I would like to welcome Richard Marsh and Claire Barber as assistant Scout Leaders and Adrian Barker as Scout sectional assistant. The Scout troop has grown in numbers and we have been lucky in being able to increase the number of adult leaders and helpers. They continue to make the most of our country HQ at Charity Farm have taken part in several hikes and camps where they practice their scouting skills in knots, tracking and of course having a good time.

All sections took part in the District swimming gala. Congratulations go to Thursday night Beavers who won the Beavers shield and to Chris Wise, Assistant Scout leader who won the leaders race for the second year running. The cubs attended the annual quiz competition and were commended on their behaviour by the judges.

The beavers have had several sleepovers during the year as well as fun days and not forgetting their trip to Banham Zoo to celebrate 25 years of Beavers. It was a very enjoyable day and I have happy memories of the day to take with me. I am not sure who was more tired at the end of the day, the leaders and helpers or the beavers!

Last year we held our very first Christmas Fayre, which was fully supported by all sections. They showed off their culinary and craft making skills. The afternoon was so successful that it was decided that we would try again this year.

Once again this year, the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich was well represented in the Gang show with members of scouts, cubs and young leaders. A good time was had by all who performed and those attending their performances. It is really pleasing to see our members having such a good time.

After another successful year, Iona, Akela, has decided to reduce her commitments to 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich and so is stepping down as cub leader in September. Carol Lockwood who is at present, our Thursday Beaver colony leader, will be taking on the position of Akela, as Cub Leader. This means that we are closing Thursday night Beavers from September. It has always been a challenge with two beaver colonies merging into one cub section, so this will help with the cub numbers and the flow of beavers going into cubs.

I have really enjoyed my time as GSL. It is very satisfying to see our members grow in confidence as they take part in events and become young adults and thanks to all scouts, cubs and beavers who have made it so enjoyable and gratifying. Finally I would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported me over the last few years, in particular leaders who give up their time week after week and to all those that are now friends. Thank you also to all the parents who also give up their valuable time.

I would like to finish by wishing my successor good luck and that the 36<sup>th</sup> continues to go from strength to strength.

Jane Primmer  
Group Scout Leader

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## 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Section – Annual Report 2012

Since the last AGM we have had some additions to the scout leadership team. Richard and Clare have joined us and we now have a very balanced and experienced team which I am confident will benefit the Troop immensely. Richard has continued the family tradition by joining the Group and I am sure Tony and Pam are very pleased. He

is a former Queens Scout and will bring a wealth of knowledge whilst Clare will provide the female balance that we need to keep us boys in check.

We currently have a total of 18 Scouts with a steady influx from the Cub section which should sustain the Troop very well. I would like to welcome all our new Scouts especially our newest addition Matthew who we invested on the Town Hall steps on St George's day. Unfortunately we have lost 'Josh' and 'Ollie' who both turned 14, but the Group has benefitted as they have remained as young leaders, and we do have regular contact. We will still take this opportunity to wish them the best of luck.

Over the last year we have structured the training programme to enable us to start carrying out more traditional scout activities; namely camping. We had our first overnight camp in February at Charity Farm and we have another weekend planned for June at Hallowtree Campsite, before our big Group Camp this August at Bury St Edmunds. This is the reason that we are now concentrating on more outdoor activities this term to allow this to be as effortless and enjoyable as possible. We have spent many hours now refining our Map and Compass skills, Camp Cooking, Pioneering and First Aid. We will be spending much more time at Charity Farm between now and the summer further refining these core scouting skills.



Charity Farm Camp set up

We have had successful visits over the year to BBC Radio Suffolk as part of the Public Relations badge as well as a very interesting trip to a local Fire Station. We have a planned trip later in the summer to Wattisham Airfield where the scouts will get up close with the Army's formidable Apache helicopter which I know everybody is looking forward to, except me, as it's my day job.



Richard looking hungry and impatient – When is dinner ready?

So what of the future – our vision is to spend as much time outside as possible and really try to instil into the scouts the benefits of healthy outdoor challenging activities. This will include more camps, hiking and participating in wider district activities. We feel this will build their confidence, physical fitness and character, as well as learning lots of new essential skills; and hopefully having lots of fun!

Finally I would like to reiterate a point from last year that if you feel that you have any skills that would be interesting or beneficial to the Troop and would be prepared to spend a couple of hours instructing the scouts please speak to myself, Chris, Richard or Clare. Not only would the scouts find this extremely rewarding, but you may just find yourself enjoying it as well. On behalf of the Scout Team I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Damon Hyland – Scout Leader 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich

## **36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Cub Scout Annual Report 2012**

In August this year we are embarking on a joint camp with Scouts, Cubs and Beavers. We will be going to Bradfield Combust, a site we have visited before. It is a lovely safe site away from the busy main roads. The Cubs and Beavers theme will be Red Indians and Tina Vickers will be with us to assist in all the fun we will have. Parents - we are still on the lookout for a 'cooking crew' so if there are any volunteers out there please let us know asap.

Let us review the past year and some of the activities we have done in Cubs. Food always seems to play a big part in our programming of cub meetings – I'm sure some of you parents don't feed your children! We successfully made knickerbocker glories, which of course, had to be eaten straight away and cakes and biscuits that were stored for the fundraising Xmas Fair. Chips are always a favourite way to finish off an evening and is often saved as a treat when the Cubs have completed a task like delivering fete programmes, which we will be undertaking again this year.

We enjoyed a visit from the group Guide Dogs for the Blind and completed a sponsored silence which raised £349.00 and we are soon to hold a sponsored walk in aid of Mason's Magic which is a local cause and one which is very dear to a lot of the Cubs as Mason is known to many of them. This forms part of the Cub Scout Law and Promise.

I don't know how he does it but Brian managed to obtain some beautiful Primulas so the Cubs could present a gift on Mothering Sunday so a big Thank You to the person who generously donated the plants. He also organized a tree planting session at Charity Farm and again a big Thank You to the parents who stayed and assisted us with this project.



We took part in many of the District events, for example, Cub Sports Day, Swimming Gala and Handicraft Competition. We have managed 1st place in the Handicraft competition for 3 years running so this years team has a lot to live up to!

Finally my thanks to all leaders, helpers and young leaders

ona Walker – Akela  
36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Cub Scout Leader

## **36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich (Wednesday) Beavers Annual Report 2012**

A successful year for Wednesday beavers, we have seen many beavers move onto cubs and a steady number join the youngest section of the group. We also have a waiting list. The colony currently is 16 members strong, I have all boys with the exception of one girl, but I have a second female joining us after half term.

This year the beavers have been working hard to achieve lots of badges, these include:

<b><u>Challenge Badges</u></b>	<b><u>Activity Badges</u></b>	<b><u>Staged Badges</u></b>
The Promise Challenge	Animal Friend	Hikes Away
The Friendship Challenge	Experiment	
The Outdoor Challenge	Health & Fitness	
	Healthy Eating	

Whilst earning their badges the beavers have gained valuable skills, such as how to care for their animals, how to tie dye, make a healthy sandwich and why we should keep an active lifestyle.

We have learnt about the environment, went grassledging and raised over £250 for children in Need in a sponsored silence. Late last year we also learnt how to pitch a tent and Tony even turned it into a competition for us!

We made a visit to the new fire station at Ransomes, had an evening with the 26<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Beavers and we paid a visit to the mayors parlour and asked lots of questions. We also had a Halloween and Christmas party full of games and food.

They have had fun taking part in a District and county events  
We have taken part in the district bowling competition, We had a Easter party at Snakes and Ladders, a trip to Banham Zoo, sleepover and fun day and so much more!!

I would like to thank my fantastic leadership team; Sue, Rosemary, Matthew and Sam who have, as always, been a credit to the colony and to the group. Id also like to thank, all the parents and other supporters of the group who make the group as strong as we are and make it possible for so many children to continue scouting in this area.

Parent support is vital in the running of scouting and we could always do with a few pairs of hands, whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a year.... It all counts so please come and speak to any of the leaders and show your support.



Mitchell Billing  
Wednesday Beaver Leader

## **36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich (Thursday) Beavers Annual Report 2012**

Hi everyone

The Thursday beavers have had a very busy year with many of our beavers now happily “pulled over and reinvested” into Cubs, with nearly all of them having earned the highest award in beavers their Bronze Chief Scout award before moving onto Cubs – well done “former” beavers for all of your hard work.

Over the last year, the beavers have continued to learn lots of new skills and taken part in lots of new activities including grass sledging, archery, visits to pets at home, learning all about Bees and a trip to Copdock church, Carol singing at the Old people’s home, having a “street party” in the scout headquarters decorated with union jacks and pictures of William and Kate, together with enjoying a lovely “tea” kindly provided by the parents and a superb cake, and playing of traditional games and also learning lots of basic scouting skills including how to put up tents, bivvy building, hiking and much more.

The Thursday beavers have also taken part in district events, including district fun days which give the beavers fantastic opportunities to try out new activities and to spend a whole day together instead of just one short evening per week. The beavers also competed in the Wolsey District Swimming gala at Crown Pools and came away from the event as jubilant winners of the Beaver shield, “well done beavers you all swam fantastically”.

The beavers also enjoyed a lovely sleepover in September where we went “exploring” in Felixstowe by train and bus. The weather was absolutely fantastic and the beavers had a brilliant time not only exploring the town, but also had a lovely paddle in the sea and played lots of games on the beach, made loads of sand castles and dug loads of holes, ate lots of chips, consumed melting ice creams and many of the beavers came back rather dirtier than they went, but we all had an amazing time.

Mine and the beavers heartfelt thanks go to Popii – who has now been invested as Assistant Beaver leader in Thursday beavers, to Kim, Alison and also to Lisa for all of their help, support and caring personalities over the last year and to the parents for being so supportive of everything that we do within beavers each week.

Carol Lockwood

## **Quartermaster's Report – January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31st, 2011**

Fish-eye lens view after insulation & cladding



To the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group Council,

I would like to report that the 36<sup>th</sup> Ipswich Scout Group is still progressing with improvements to it's HQ building and to it's range of equipment as and when the funds allow.

### **The Scout Hall, 220, Hawthorn Drive, Ipswich**

In July 2011, we lost the hiring contract with Suffolk County Council to use the Scout Hall for education purposes. This, of course, affected our annual income in no small way and we looked to ways of spending less money on cleaning, improvements, equipment, etc. At the same time we tried to increase our Marketing outlets. I'm happy to report that this positive approach is working, but there are still more useable daytime letting hours available to bring in income to the Group from our biggest asset, the HQ building.

It is gradually becoming known in ever-widening circles, as a reasonably priced, fully fitted building in which to hold Seminars, Presentations, Training Courses, Exercise sessions, Dance Classes, etc. by Service Providers, Council departments and Businesses, rather than just as a venue for Birthday parties, most of which take place at the weekends any way.

Overall, the number of lettings has increased a lot over the last year. A look at the Treasurer's Report will confirm that, but the total income has not matched that of the year before when the school was using the building full time.

Even though we lost a large amount of our income, we still went ahead with Project Overcoat, a project to insulate and clad the remaining external walls of the whole building and I'm pleased to say that the finished result is not only more pleasing aesthetically but is proving to save costs on our gas heating bills and lower our Carbon Footprint.

Had we had a larger pot of money to invest, we would have also had Solar panels on the roof but this was cautiously put on the back boiler. It now seems that the Solar Panel installation costs have reduced considerably since then, making the proposition even more worthy of consideration in the near future.

### **Equipment**

We have spent very little on the Group's equipment in 2011, mainly because we were concerned about having a reserve amount in the bank to cover basic running costs, should we run into hard times, our investment in Project Overcoat, and our earlier improvements to the New Furniture Store and Kitchen improvements.

Under it's new Leadership team, our Scout Troop is now very much more active, I'm glad to say, and will require newer equipment for camping, hiking and outdoor activities in the near future. Early in 2012, we purchased three new lightweight tents as a start. With your support, we will aim to gradually improve our tent and equipment stocks in the coming year, as some of it is now 20 to 30 years old.

My very appreciative thanks to our Executive Committee, led by John & Jane Primmer and all those who have supported our fund-raising activities to keep our Group strong, active and community minded. Long may it continue.

Tony Marsh

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOMINATIONS.**

The GROUP CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN & QUARTERMASTER are appointed by the Group Scout Leader and those appointments endorsed by the Scout Group Council at the A.G.M.

GROUP CHAIRMAN..... Vacancy

QUARTERMASTER TOWN..... Tony Marsh

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN.....Richard Farthing

QUARTERMASTER COUNTRY..... Tony Marsh

Nominations received and approved by the Group Scout Leader are as follows: -

#### **NOMINEES: -**

GROUP TREASURER..... Vacancy

COMMITTEE MEMBER 3.....Jonathan Gorham

GROUP SECRETARY..... Vacancy

COMMITTEE MEMBER 4..... VACANCY

MINUTES SECRETARY..... Vacancy

COMMITTEE MEMBER 5..... VACANCY

COMMITTEE MEMBER 1..... Richard Marsh

COMMITTEE MEMBER 6..... VACANCY

COMMITTEE MEMBER 2.....Keith Taylor

*The Group Scout Leader and the Executive Committee may co-opt the particular skills, services or advice of people other than those above, this may be done without the approval of the full Scout Group Council, and within POR guidelines.*

### **Current Leaders and Helpers**

Group Scout Leader..... Jane Primmer

Beaver Leader Wed..... Mitchell Billing

Scout Leader.....Damon Hyland

Beaver Leader Thurs.....Carol Lockwood

Assistant Scout Leader.....Chris Wise

Assistant Beaver Leader Weds .....Sue Thompson

Assistant Scout Leader.....Richard Marsh

Assistant Beaver Leader Thurs ..... Poppi Turner

Assistant Scout Leader.....Claire Barber

Beaver Sectional Assistant Weds....Rosemary Howe

Scout Sectional Assistant.....Adrian Barker

Beaver Sectional Assistant Thurs .....VACANCY

Cub Leader.....Iona Walker

Young Leader.....Samuel Allum

Assistant Cub Leader.....Pam Marsh

Young Leader.....Matthew Hall

Assistant Cub Leader.....Sarah Jane Bloomfield

Young Leader.....Charlotte Griffin

Assistant Cub Leader.....Brian Ellul

Young Leader.....Josh Day

Cub Sectional Assistant .....Sharon Munnings

Young Leader.....Oliver Burton

Cub Sectional Assistant.....Jane Primmer

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**36<sup>th</sup> IPSWICH SCOUT GROUP**  
**CHARITY NO: 1021334**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2011.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

C L Bartram

Associate Member of the Association of Independent Examiners

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Dated: 18 MAY 2012

