



6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing) Group

Annual Report to Parents

Friday 16TH June 2010



A view from the top

The 6th Sevenoaks Kemsing Scout Group are led by the Group Scout Leader [GSL], who makes Scouting decisions on the day to day running of the Group. The GSL is helped by the Group Executive, who make up the trustees of the Group. It is their role to give strategic direction for the charity, including its financial arrangements. We currently have:

Chairman	~ Ian Rumgay
Secretary	~ Chris Thompson
Treasurer	~ Peter Kilding

Current permanent members are Wendy Webb and Brian Treloar, who are joined by others on an ad-hoc basis.

Meetings are also attended by section leaders and assistants.

Caroline (Ash) leads the Beaver section along with Chris Thompson a uniformed Colony Assistant, they are joined regularly by Lawrence Copleston. However, help is still needed at every meeting and parents should sign up to help out on the rota in the hallway.

If you or anyone you know would like to think about an adult role in Beaver Scouts, please let me know and I can give you an idea of what is involved. Because of the adult to child ratios in the Beaver section, several parents currently have children on the waiting list. It is imperative that we find new adults to help so that all Kemsing children are able to enjoy Scouting.

Peter (Akela) and Ann run the Cub section, with help from Sam, a Pack Assistant and Hayleigh, a young leader . But they too would appreciate the stability of more uniformed or non-Uniformed adult assistant at every meeting.

Nick and Richard run the Scout section and they are regularly helped by Elliot and Oli [Young Leaders]

The Explorer section is no longer part of the 6th Group, they are now a District resource, however they are still a regular visitor to Kemsing and are treated as part of the Team. Duncan and Alison run the section.

Please get in touch if you need any information about the sections, the activities they run or if you wish to consider volunteering in Scouting

Chris Arnold, Group Scout Leader

Group Executive

I've only been in the post for a few weeks so there is relatively little to talk about at this stage. Suffice to say that it was very nice to have been invited to Chair the Kemsing Scout Group. This is an organisation that I admire greatly and I have been very impressed with the selfless dedication and hard work of the Kemsing Team. I look forward to my time in the chair and hope that I can make a useful contribution.

Ian Rungay, Chairman



Kemsing Beaver Colony

Beaver Report 2009/10

With our Beaver Colony at maximum capacity of 24, and a consistently high attendance, we have had a busy year. We took part in the two parades, on Remembrance Day in Kemsing, and St. Georges' Day in Sevenoaks. In May we participated in the Sevenoaks District Camp, as day visitors, and enjoyed the simple fun activities put on for the Beaver age group. Another example of superb organisation and fun was the Kaleidoscope 2010 Day at Snodland, run by the Kent Beaver Scout team.

Our weekly meetings in the Scout Hut have included a night walk to Otford Manor (pouring rain!), a visit to Cotmans Ash Nature Reserve for exploring and campfire (toasted marshmallows!), feeding the lambs, and finding out about Guide Dogs. Themes for the evenings have included - rockets, fitness, France, optical illusions, drawing cartoons, cooking, and some simple map and compass work.



We have been ably supported by Chris. Our assistant Laurence will be back at University next term, and Jack has completed the Service section of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award with us. Thank you to them. Thanks too, to the parents who have given their time in many ways and have helped make this such a good year.

This is now my 14th annual report, and a good time to reflect the future. At present I organise all aspects of the colony on my own. We have a rota of two parents each week to assist, but this is not always filled.

I have appealed on numerous occasions for more assistance, and also recently for volunteers to fulfil small roles in the colony but this help had not been forthcoming.

There is obviously a great demand for a Beaver Colony but this cannot rest entirely on one persons shoulders.

If you want it to continue then please step forward!

Caroline Copleston



Kemsing Cub Pack

This year Kemsing Cubs activities range from;

Board Games

Mothers Day –Croc N’Craft

Pantomime to see Cinderella

3 Camps – 2 to Halstead – May & August
Sevenoaks District Camp 10 (“mag7”)

Invested 10 cubs at the 4th followed by
an evening of rifle shooting

We had a visit from Kent Ambulance

We visited Seal Fire Station

Attended Short Mat Bowls at St Mark Collect Pavilion

The cubs made Crazy Golf Courses in the HQ

We had a visit from a health instructor and the cubs took part in Pilates, also completed 2 weeks of “bleep” testing

Completed two weeks of healthy eating and games to identify the different food types – proteins, carbohydrates, etc



A visit from Police S019 officer to talk about stranger danger and internet awareness.

We also participated in
Athletics Badge
Pinewood Rally
District Challenge
Swimming Gala
Chatham Docks
Scientists Badge



Akela, Cub Leader



Kemsing Scout Troop Report

The scout section has had another successful year; despite a high turn over of members due to other commitments, we have seen the membership rise to 15 regularly attending invested members. Many of these have been new to scouting whilst the cub pack continues to feed cubs to us. As a result of this, we have expanded to three patrols for the first time in five years and have started the process of recruiting a third leader.

During the year the troop has enjoyed a wide range of activities including competing in district events such as the Plender hike in which, despite entering a much less experienced team than many troops, we did very well; our tent was certainly pitched much more quickly and professionally than a lot of the older teams managed! They further showed their mettle (along with the cubs) at the "7 mag 7" district camp where cold wet weather failed to dampen spirits despite drenching everything else!



In line with the "wet" theme, scouts have also participated in kayak pool sessions and the recent water activities day whilst in weekly meetings we have been concentrating on navigation skills, which preparation will culminate in a "Parachute Drop" hike and survival skills camp.

I anticipate further increases in troop numbers over the coming year and, due to the enthusiasm and initiative of many of the scouts, hope to be able to present some with their Chief Scout's Gold award before next summer.

Nick Johnson, Scout Leader



New Scout Headquarters

For those who remember 1972, it was the year of the last manned mission to the moon (Apollo 17), Nixon's Watergate, the attacks at the Munich Olympics. The Rolling Stones conquered the U.S and David Bowie released Ziggy Stardust and the spiders from Mars!

The Vietnam war still raged and M.A.S.H. was launched on television, to carry on for exactly 25 years. This was, bizarrely, longer than the Vietnam War and longer than any proposed lifespan of the newly erected 6th Sevenoaks Scout Headquarters built on the recreation field in Kemsing.

The new prefabricated 'Banbury' building was purchased and erected in 1972 at the grand cost of £1,559 and 50 new pence. 15 years later a small porch was added at the preferential rate of £3,177.45

Over the last 38 years many young people from Kemsing and surrounding villages have attended Scouting here, some young Cubs and Scouts have returned and led the sections. Some parents who saw their children grow all through their Scouting years, are still with Scouting! Many, who cannot assist regularly, help out with activities and fund raising. Scouting is one of those things that you just can't get out of your blood.

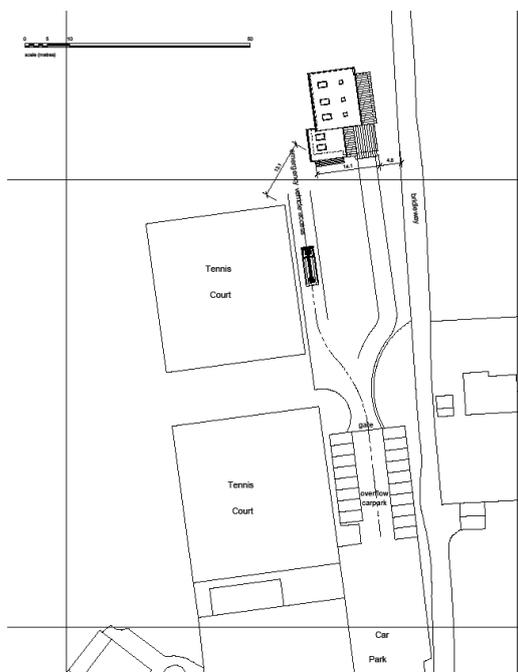
I started Scouting in 1963, when I moved to an area with an 'attached' Group, the 37th Croydon was a Group attached to the local 'All Saints' church in Norwood. I went on to be a young leader here. Later I was a Scout Leader at the 1st West Wickham, before I moved to Kemsing, where I have been assistant Scout Leader, Scout Leader and now Group Scout Leader. It is my mission to replace the current Scout hut with a new Headquarters. The old hut made it to the end of the last millennium and has now seen out the first decade of the 20th century and all that know it, realise that it is past its prime!



Following discussions with the Recreation Grounds Committee (the trustees of the land) and Kemsing Parish Council, we are now in a position to have preliminary plans. These are currently being transposed into detailed drawings for planning approval. We would like to hear from everyone as to what you think of the proposals.

The hut will boast the latest 'green' technology, a 'living' roof, rainwater harvesting, passive ventilation and the like. The Headquarters will be available to all youth organisations and projects as well as all community ventures. The proposed site will be at the East end of the Recreation field, to the North of the Pavilion and Tennis Club car parks, just above the top tennis court, near to the bridgeway. As can be seen in the 'concept' drawings, it is envisaged that the new hut will be 'set into' the slope of the land. This, together with the 'green' roof, will ensure that the hut blends into the surroundings, when viewed from the Recreation Field.

This area of the field already has the advantage of large car parking areas and is an area of activity with the Pavilion and Tennis Club. It has dense foliage to the North and East of the proposed building. The building will also be placed so as to allow the normal movement of grounds maintenance equipment as well as emergency vehicles, whilst also allowing normal access for pedestrian traffic. The area of the current hut will be returned to the Recreation Grounds Committee, once restored.



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Kemsing Scout Group
 New Scout Hall
 Proposed Site Plan
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The cost of the project is envisaged to be £325,000 and we would be pleased to hear from individuals and organisations that could help us in achieving this goal.

Thank you for taking the time to read this review of the last year with the 6th Sevenoaks (Kemsing) Group. If it encourages you or your children to belong to any of the sections, or you would like help with any of our activities please contact the relevant person below :-



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