

# 12<sup>TH</sup> RUGBY SCOUT GROUP

## AGM 2014

### Held on July 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

### Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Last AGM (already agreed)
3. GSL's Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Section Reports
6. Election of Officers
7. District Commissioner's Comments
8. Questions for the Officers of the Group.

### Serving Officers (2013-2014)

Chairman – Gary Clough

Treasurer – Trevor Pook (standing down)

Secretary – Tim Dedman

Group Scout Leader – James Stuttard (standing down)

Gary and Tim have agreed to stand for re-election. Trevor is taking on the role of District Treasurer and James is joining the County Team

Kerrie Swords has been nominated for the position of Treasurer.



### GSL's Report

This has been a truly outstanding year for 12th Rugby. The number of young people in the group has exploded over this year and we now have waiting lists of children wanting to join in most sections. This popularity is down to the wonderful volunteers who run the sections putting on exciting events and activities for their young people. Without our fantastic volunteer leaders, 12th Rugby wouldn't be so successful and I'd like to extend my thanks to each of you for the time and effort you put in.

Our Group Council of Young people has been running for a few months now, and I'd like to thank Sam Dedman for running this, the group has implemented many of their ideas.

The Explorers have had an exciting year with Matt Hart running the section. Matt's youthful and energetic approach has been quite hardwearing on the internal walls of Hut, thank you Matt for "stress testing" our lovely new building so thoroughly. Matt is departing this summer to return to his University Studies and we wish him all the best.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mark Boote and Annis Shepherd who have recently started volunteering in Explorers and Cubs. It's wonderful to see so many parents helping as part of a parent rota, thank you for coming to help, it has been invaluable.

Trevor Pook, our Treasurer is stepping down this year. It is not an exaggeration to say that without Trevor, our hut would still be a drawing and the Group would have folded long ago. Trevor, your quiet enthusiasm has driven this group to the fantastic position it is in now, Trevor is still going to assist at group events and with some aspects of grant funding. Kerrie Swords has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer and I'm sure is going to do an excellent job.



Sadly I too am moving on from 12th Rugby, it's been a wonderful two years and I'll miss wearing the green and white nekker greatly.

Our New Building continues to be a wonderful facility for the group to use and I'd like to thank the volunteers from GE and ASDA who painted the exterior of the building for us. Our development efforts are moving towards the outside of the building next year, and we'd welcome any help from parents with this exciting work, especially if you happen to own a sit on lawn mower.

Have an adventurous summer!

**James Stuttard** (Group Scout Leader)



## **Treasurer's Report**

The attached financial statement for the 2013 / 2014 financial year for the 12th Rugby (Christ Church) Scout Group. (See the Financial Appendix for the full breakdown)

### **Account 1 - Community Account**

#### **Subscriptions**

The group has seen a steady membership roll during the year. The membership generates the revenue to finance the Group for the 'day to day' costs, which with our new headquarters will cover utility costs, census return, insurance for the building and contents, resources, materials, badges etc.

Subscription revenue amounted to £5836."

#### **Fundraising**

An excellent year for fundraising. A flurry of grants and fundraising has enabled the building fund target to be met. Significant grants have been made by Rugby Borough Council, Rugby Benevolent Fund, and DHL. Fundraising activities such as quiz evenings, buy-a-brick scheme, and the annual firework event have made significant contributions.

#### **Trips, Activities, Camps**

All sections have enjoyed a broad spectrum of trips and camps.

#### **Capital Purchases**

Some capital purchases were made, mainly to replace camping equipment or to provide needed facilities in the headquarters.

### **Account 2 - Business Money Management**

#### **Summary**

The number 2 account has seen significant transactions associated with the building costs of the new headquarters.

**Conclusion**

- 1.) Subscription rates should be reviewed, and an increase in the Gift Aid scheme would be beneficial.
- 2.) Explore cost effective solutions to activities.
- 3.) Ensure costs are kept under control, especially those associated with the headquarters utility costs.
- 4.) Promote the BT MyDonate scheme where possible.

**Trevor J. Pook** (Group Treasurer)



## **Beaver Report**

We are currently running with 28 Beavers (25 boys and 3 girls). We have a waiting list of 5 children, who are not old enough to start yet. There are 3 leaders; Ella (also ADC Beavers), Richard and myself.

We have spent a lot of time working on Challenge badges which enables most beavers to gain their Bronze Award before they move to Cubs. These include their Friendship, Global, Promise, Fitness and Outdoor badges.

The Beavers have also completed their Air Activities, Creative, Imagination, Experiment and Health and Fitness badges. April saw the introduction of new Beaver badges, and we have already started on the Gardeners, Camp Craft and Communicators badges. We also finished the 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of the Emergency Aid badge.

As a Colony we have taken part in many District events, including an Imagination badge afternoon and an "Around the World" Funday (as part of their International Partnership Award, with the District collecting pennies in Smarties tubes, which were then donated to Child Aid Uganda). Last December also saw the 12th Beavers host the District Beaver Carol Service at Christ Church Brownsover. 15 Beavers attended the St Georges day parade.

In May the Beavers joined almost 500 other Beavers and their leaders from across the county at Coombe Abbey for a County Funday. The Beavers also joined the rest of the 12<sup>th</sup> in a group visit to the Birmingham ThinkTank. 9 Beavers attended our group camp, and this July will see the first Rugby District Beaver Camp at Ullesthorpe Campsite. We currently have 17 Beavers attending.

We continue to attend the monthly Parade Services. We would like to see our numbers at the services increase next year.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported us over the past year.

**Michelle "Owl" Mann** (Beaver Leader), **Richard "Squirrel" Owens** (Assistant Beaver Leader) and **Ella "Badger" Dedman** (Assistant Beaver Leader/ADC Beavers)



## **Cub Report**

Last year we started the year without a home base but this did not deter the Cubs. We went out into the community, visiting places of interest. We visited Manor farm to learn how food was grown and supplied to the local community. We visited ASDA to find out the country of origin of our food and all about fair trade. We visited Think Tank Birmingham for a whole group Christmas outing. A spring Hike around Draycote was very well attended, along with a District football tournament and a visit to the Fire Station. We end the year with one of the Cubs favourite activities - a Cub pack camp to Blackwell Adventure.

We have worked on a lot of badges, including the Promise Challenge and Global activity and challenge badges. The Cubs had a lot of fun finding out about renewable energy and water filtration systems.

22 Cubs completed their Chefs badge, which was achieved with help from our Explorer young Leader and three parents who gave up their time to come in and help the children cook

As part of the DIY badge, some of the children made wooden bookends. The children also built a picnic bench. Once again this could not have been achieved without the help and support of parents.

Some of the children completed their World Faiths badge; they covered many religions and faiths. We had visitors come in to talk to them about their faiths and religion. Three Cubs also completed the My Faith badge.

As part of their backwoods cooking and fire safety, the Cubs had a lot of fun learning to start a fire safely, what they could use, and how to build one. They toasted bread, fried up sausage, eggs and beans, made damper bread and a dessert all on pit fires.

The 12th Rugby Cub pack have had a very successful year thanks to the help and support of parents and adult volunteers. Thank you All.

**Margaret “Akela” Hood** (Cub Leader)

## **Scout Report**

### **Aims for the Year**

This year my aims were to continue to stay on top of behaviour and try to complete as many Chief Scouts Gold as possible! Whilst never complete, behaviour continues to be excellent within the troop. At this stage I'm proud of how the Scouts represent the 12th and Scouting. Traditional Scouting skills and survival were the themes of the year. We've done lots of activities, looking at fires, water purification, camp gadgets, knife work and general survival skills!

### **Attendance**

The Year started with 18 Invested Scouts and ended with 25 Invested Scouts. Weekly attendance has shown a great increase due to new members from outside the Group!

### **Badgework**

Scouts have achieved over 70 badges in total this year. Many challenge badges have been completed – Community, Adventure, Outdoor and Creative. We are very close to seeing 3 Chief Scouts Gold Awards!

### **Highlights of the Year**

The new year saw us move in to our new HQ, our Scouts soon made themselves at home. Excellent involvement from the Scouts at a great Group Camp in autumn followed by the grand opening of our hut combined with participation in JOTA/JOTI.

Early in the year we asked the Scouts to bring in their bikes, learn some maintenance and check their riding ability. Fast forward to the summer, and we completed the Cyclist badge with a 24 mile bike ride. No punctures, no one fell off, they all made it back in one piece and in good time!

Continuing our links with other Troops in the district, we joined 7th Bilton on a great sailing day at Northampton Sailing Club. We also joined 5th Newbold and 7th Bilton on a competitive ice camp at Ullesthorpe. No one froze, all the Scouts performed well, and we came joint 1st with Newbold!

A team from the 12th won the District Quiz. We spent a night with the Explorers at the climbing wall at the



new Gym. And a hot and sunny Princethorpe District Camp saw two 12th Patrols complete a cooking challenge (and nearly set a shelter on fire!).

With all this, the Troop has also managed to fit in Christmas Post, Burns Night, made Hobo Stoves, carved soap and made spike trolls. Brownsover School Community Day rounded off an extremely busy year!

### **Aims for Next Year**

I don't believe Behaviour is ever a "complete" task – will continue to stay on top of it. Next year will see the culmination of a lot of hard work from the Scouts towards the Chief Scouts Gold Award. Getting the Scouts out and about more than normal will be our goal for the year!

More of the same next year! Troop Events, Group Events, District Events and County Events (Looking forward to Get In 2015).

### **Thank You**

Just like to say a big thank you to the leaders and execs for supporting me. A special thank you to Janette Clough, Jason Heard and Robert Greaves who continue to support the Troop at an amazing level; our leadership team goes from strength to strength. And lastly the Scouts themselves for their participation and enthusiasm!

**Dave "Skip" Markham** (Scout Leader)



## **Explorer Report**

### **Aims**

The aim for the year was to keep explorers as an environment where the RDKs could get away from school and home life and engage in a variety of fun activities.

### **Attendance**

We had 2 move-up from scouts at the beginning of the year and another 2 moving up at the end of the year. We have also had 1 new starter. Our current numbers are officially at 10 with hopefully a few more moving up in the new school year to replace those who are leaving. I would like to wish the five who are moving away to university the best of luck with their futures and thank them for their outstanding service to the group.

### **Year highlights**

I believe it has been a good year for the RDKs which saw the explorers take part in a range of activities. There has been very little badgework done this year unless individuals have driven for them themselves. A couple have expressed interest in starting their Queen Scout award and 2 are currently doing their young leaders training. The RDKs entered a team of mixed abilities and did extremely well at the Pineapple Cup finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9. We have also enjoyed a climbing night with the scouts, a new investiture tradition of investing people in unusual places, a film night sleep over and a range of team based activities and cooking challenges. I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as acting explorer leader and wish Mark Boote all the best for next year.

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank all the leaders from the different sections for their support in running explorers this year. Without their regular help, explorers would not have happened this year. Finally, I would like to thank all the explorers for being extremely welcoming from day 1 and for making the year so enjoyable.

**Matt Hart** (Assistant Explorer Leader)



## **Hut Report**

We have now been in the new headquarters for approximately 9 months. The relationship with the school and RATS is very positive. There remains circa £15k of loans which need to be repaid and fundraising events are being planned to do this. Your support with these events is both welcome and appreciated.

The building is also being used by the local community more, and these room hires help contribute to the overall running cost of the building. The running costs are comparable, if not slightly less than the group used to pay at the old community centre, but the new building has significant other advantages; e.g. Control over building use, better storage, own grounds which provide an excellent area for scouting activities, and access to the school grounds should these be needed.

A hut maintenance and management group meet on the first Sunday of the month to carry out routine maintenance. Anybody who can help please contact a leader.

There are ongoing plans to build a trailer store next to the new storage container, complete the raised beds and eventually fit solar panels when the finances allow.

**Ian Warburton** (Hut Project Manager)



# Financial Appendix

<b>Financial Year 2013-2014</b>		
<b>Summary</b>		
	Community Account	BMM Account
	£	£
Start Balance (from Statement)	<b>2,278.06</b>	<b>61,424.12</b>
Income	<b>98,612.53</b>	<b>76,811.40</b>
Expenditure	<b>152,103.42</b>	<b>132,292.00</b>
Start balance + net transactions	<b>4,279.17</b>	<b>5,943.52</b>

<b>Financial Year 2013-2014</b>									
<b>Community Account</b>									
<b>Income</b>				<b>Group</b>	<b>Explorers</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	<b>Cubs</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>Total</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Subscriptions</b>				910.00	1,540.00	1,727.00	1,659.50	<b>5,836.50</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>Scout Sailing Days (x2)</b>			0.00	0.00	345.00	0.00	0.00	<b>345.00</b>
	<b>Skips Challenge Camp 13</b>			0.00	0.00	327.00	0.00	0.00	<b>327.00</b>
	<b>Princethorpe Scout District Camp</b>			0.00	0.00	464.17	6.00	0.00	<b>470.17</b>
	<b>Cooking Camp</b>			0.00	115.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>115.00</b>
	<b>CubJam</b>			0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	<b>200.00</b>
	<b>Science Museum Trip</b>			0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	<b>25.00</b>
	<b>Blackwell Cub Camp 13</b>			0.00	0.00	0.00	319.80	0.00	<b>319.80</b>
	<b>Hike and Hammock Camp 13</b>			0.00	0.00	8.50	0.00	0.00	<b>8.50</b>
	<b>District Fishing Day</b>			0.00	0.00	5.50	0.00	0.00	<b>5.50</b>
	<b>Explorer &amp; RATS Camp July 13</b>			0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>10.00</b>
	<b>Blackwell Cub Camp 14</b>			0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	<b>75.00</b>
	<b>ThinkTank Trip</b>			0.00	0.00	15.00	190.00	0.00	<b>205.00</b>
	<b>Ice Station Zebra Camp</b>			0.00	0.00	185.00	0.00	0.00	<b>185.00</b>
	<b>Beaver Trip 1</b>			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	205.00	<b>205.00</b>
	<b>Clothing &amp; Badges</b>			51.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>51.37</b>
	<b>RATS Payments for Headquarters</b>			939.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>939.51</b>
	<b>Float Returns</b>			9.69	11.80	18.04	0.00	0.00	<b>39.53</b>
	<b>Loans</b>			15,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>15,000.00</b>
	<b>Fund raising</b>			71,812.50	0.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	<b>71,852.50</b>
	<b>BT Mydonate Income</b>			2,382.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>2,382.14</b>
	<b>Other Income</b>			15.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>15.01</b>
							<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>98,612.53</b>





<b>Financial Year 2013-2014</b>							
<b>Community Account</b>							
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>Group</b>	<b>Explorers</b>	<b>Scouts</b>	<b>Cubs</b>	<b>Beavers</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Premises Hire	310.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>310.50</b>
	Group Insurance	559.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>559.29</b>
	Float	500.00	0.00	193.40	0.00	0.00	<b>693.40</b>
	TV and Film Licence	295.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>295.00</b>
	Leaders Training	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>20.00</b>
Activities	Scout Sailing Days	0.00	0.00	280.00	0.00	0.00	<b>280.00</b>
	Cubjam	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	<b>150.00</b>
	Skips Challenge Camp 13	0.00	0.00	187.23	73.52	0.00	<b>260.75</b>
	Princethorpe Scout District Camp 13	0.00	0.00	584.95	0.00	0.00	<b>584.95</b>
	Scout Winter Hike 13	0.00	0.00	18.31	0.00	0.00	<b>18.31</b>
	Broadwater Camp 13	0.00	0.00	1.69	0.00	0.00	<b>1.69</b>
	Cooking Camp	0.00	0.00	261.08	0.00	0.00	<b>261.08</b>
	Thinktank Trip	0.00	0.00	0.00	435.92	0.00	<b>435.92</b>
	Blackwell Camp Cubs 13	0.00	0.00	0.00	916.04	0.00	<b>916.04</b>
	Explorer & RATS Camp July 13	0.00	28.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>28.80</b>
	October Camp	327.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>327.86</b>
	Shoebox Appeal	45.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>45.00</b>
	Blackwell Camp Cubs 14	0.00	0.00	0.00	171.90	0.00	<b>171.90</b>
	Founders Dinner	150.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>150.50</b>
	Pride of Rugby Event	180.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>180.00</b>
	Headquarters Rates Costs	506.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>506.81</b>
	Headquarters Electric Costs	463.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>463.23</b>
	Clothing and Badges	708.78	0.00	0.00	12.50	0.00	<b>721.28</b>
	Capital Purchases	1,006.06	0.00	54.72	0.00	0.00	<b>1,060.78</b>
	Headquarters Build Expenses	140,953.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>140,953.14</b>
	Fundraising Expenses	2,170.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	<b>2,170.03</b>
	Other Expenditure	532.17	0.00	4.99	0.00	0.00	<b>537.16</b>
		<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>152,103.42</b>

<b>Financial Year 2013-2014</b>				
<b>Account 2</b>				
<b>Income</b>			<b>Group</b>	<b>Total</b>
			£	£
	Fund Transfers in		76,800.00	<b>76,800.00</b>
	Bank Interest		11.40	<b>11.40</b>
				<b>76,811.40</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			<b>Group</b>	<b>Total</b>
			£	£
	Fund Transfers out		132,292.00	<b>132,292.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132,292.00</b>