



## 1<sup>st</sup> Waterloo (International) Scout Group

### Group Scout Leader's report to the Group Council - September 2010

The Scouting year of 2009-2010 has been fairly typical for the Group; we have survived once again the usual Leadership shortages and have still been able to maintain the quality of Scouting in all the Sections for which 1st Waterloo is renowned.

**Beaver Scouts:** We have had a flourishing Beaver Colony throughout the year. My personal thanks to all the Leaders for the work they have put in to provide a varied programme. The Beaver Colony are losing Jane to the Cub Pack; and extend a hearty welcome to Vicky Revill, who has agreed to take on a uniformed appointment.

**Cub Scouts:** The Cub Scout Pack under the Leadership of Leo continues to thrive and is currently running at its capacity. We are very pleased to welcome Teresa Ebbs as Assistant to Leo. With the transfer of Jane from the Beaver Colony and the continued help of Alan the Cub Pack is as healthy as it has been for a number of years

**Scouts:** The Scout Troop again continues to grow and enjoy a very varied and exciting programme offered by Nilesch Tailor each week, including lots of outdoor activities. Nilesch now has the regular help of Stuart, Fiona and recent recruit Rob Whitton and will also be looking to draw on parental help throughout the Scouting year.

**Explorer Scouts:** The Unit has some wonderful talent amongst its members and the year has seen the growth of the unit to its largest ever. Gavin Macpherson has done a tremendous job in keeping the unit together and active, but has now decided to step down and Richard Munday will be taking on the role of Leader of the Unit.

**Scouting Active Support - (*formally the Group Fellowship*);** With 6 active members in this Section, the small group of people continue to offer valuable help to the Group in a number of ways. Anyone willing to join this group and offer support in any Section for any amount of time they have available should make themselves known to any uniformed leader.

**Group Executive:** Once again we had the privilege throughout the year of being supported by a terrific Group Executive Committee. I would like to thank all who served on the Committee, all of whom have done fantastic jobs in their roles. Thanks to the combined efforts of all the committee and parents who have helped at fundraising activities, the Group's finances are healthy, as you will see from the end of year accounts.

One final thanks is to our Quartermaster Eugène van der Meer, who has looked after our equipment for the past year in an outstanding manner. Eugène is willing to stand again as our QM.

**The Future - 2011 and beyond:** As we get another Scouting year underway, I would make my usual appeal for adults to come forward and volunteer to help in whatever capacity they can in order to continue to make British Scouting in Waterloo as challenging and as exciting as possible for our young people.

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