



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

## Group Scout Leader's report to the Group Council - September 2011

The Scouting year of 2010-2011 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 Kiki and Vicky, the Leaders, for the work they have put in to provide a varied programme. The Beaver Colony does however need at least one additional uniformed Leader so anyone with an interest is asked to contact either of the Section Leaders or myself.

**Cub Scouts:** The Cub Scout Pack under the Leadership of Leo continues to thrive and is currently running at its capacity. Unfortunately the year has seen the resignation as regular helpers of Alan McConville and Jane Leadley and only recently Teresa Ebbs and family have left Belgium due to work transfers to the USA and the latest recruit to the Leadership team Tiago Quintino has announced his immediate transfer to work in the UK. This leaves the Cub Pack, once again in a serious search for more regular help and our ability to recruit the help we need may dictate what programme the Cub Pack can offer for the coming year.

**Scouts:** The Scout Troop again continues to grow and enjoy a very varied and exciting programme offered by Nilesh Tailor each week, including lots of outdoor activities. Nilesh now has the regular help of Wendy, Stuart, Fiona and Rob but as usual he 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. Without a regular Leader for the Section however the programme has however been a little sparse. I will wait to see what the response is to this years enrolment to the Section, but unless we can get some adult commitment to help with the Section it may be necessary to suspend the Unit for the year. I will be meeting with the people interested in keeping this Section open in the very near future.

**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 Eugene Vandermeer, who has looked after our equipment for the past year in an outstanding manner. Eugene is willing to stand again as our QM.

**2011 World Scout Jamboree:** We were fortunate to have three members of the Group attend the World Jamboree recently held in Sweden. The young people themselves will be making a presentation to the Group on their experiences at this wonderfully camp of almost 40 thousand young people. The World Jamboree is held every four years and the next one is scheduled to take place in Japan.

**The Future - 2012 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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