



Last year was the hundred-year anniversary of Scouting and I am pleased to report that we have had a very successful year; our numbers in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts continue to increase. We are now the second largest group in Stowmarket District and I believe we have the fastest growing Scout Troop in the county.

In the past year, three of our leaders have been given Scout awards by our Chief Scout, Peter Duncan, I received the Award of Merit, Tamara Walters our Assistant Beaver Scout Leader has been given the Chief Scouts Commendation and William Wickham our Scout Leader has also been recently given the Award of Merit. Well done to them all.

James Nunn our Cub Leader and Julie Nightingale, Gary Cutts his assistants, have given the cubs another very good year. With three camps, including the scouting millennium camp, a visit to Felixstowe docks, water activities etc.

William Wickham our Scout leader assisted by Peter Wood has really given the scouts a great year, lots of camping and outdoor activities including the visits to the Army and RAF and this year are planning a camp in Scotland.

The beavers still managed for us by Coral Moreton, assisted by Tam Walters, they have had a lot of interesting activities including being present during the day at our millennium camp.

All the groups have delivered very good programmes and as our waiting lists show we have a very healthy group this is all thanks to our leaders without them scouting will not happen and with more adult help we can keep growing. We need more adults to come forward and be warranted Beavers Leaders and each of the other sections could also do with more help.

Like all the youth groups in Debenham our main wish is for a headquarters that we can manage and develop.

I would also like to thank our Executive Committee, especially Secretary Alan Moreton and Treasurer Mark Ormond for their help and support over the last year, Stuart Hudson as volunteered to be our group chairman for next year.

Our AGM is this Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> at Stonham Aspal School starting at 6.30pm, all parents of our young members should attend and anyone else who would like to help us is welcome.

#### AGM 2008 Agenda

Formal Business Max 30 minutes

1. Apologies
2. Introduction - Group Scout Leader
3. Elections
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Secretary
  - c. Treasurer
  - d. Members to Serve on Executive Committee
5. Financial Report
6. Reports
  - GSL, Scouts, Cubs, Beavers

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