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Christmas is now over. Hope you all had a great time and kept well away from the bugs!

Remembrance Service

There was a good turnout this year of Explorers, Scouts and Cubs. It was great to see them all looking so smart in their uniforms. I'm sure if the fallen servicemen and women could look down they would be very proud. The service started at the Gates to the Rectory Fields then moved into St Mary Magdalene Church.



Christmas Post

A big thank you to everyone from the Scouts and Guides who gave up their Saturday mornings to deliver the post and to those who sorted it in the hut. The amount of cards posted this year was certainly up on last year. Maybe it was due to the Post Office increasing the price

of stamps! A cheque for £1,000 was presented to Rainbows. This was raised from the Xmas Post, people changing their race details on the Turkey Trot and the Scouts making it up to a round total.



The Scouts have also donated £122 in support of Duchenne's muscular dystrophy.

Carol Service

The Carol Service took place at St Mary Magdalene Church by the Reverend Margaret who made us very welcome. The singing improved as the night wore on! It was lovely to see so many people attending - the leaders had to sit in the choir stalls as we were running out of seats. At this event we like to reward those among us who have given so much time to the organisation. Graham Blakey received his Wood Badge. Nic Ward and Paul

Clarkson received their Long Service Award. Robin Foster, Leigh Woodward and Wendy Belz will all receive commemorative glassware later. Claudia Southwell received the "Endeavour Award" and Sam Atkin was presented with "Scout of the Year Award". Every Scout brought a Christmas Present to the Carol Service which was donated to the Nottingham Refugee Forum. These were distributed to 150 children at their annual party and were greatly appreciated.

Leaders/Helpers Meal

The Scout hut was heaving for this annual event which seems to get better and better each year. The theme was the Beatles marking the 50th Anniversary of their song Love me Do going to number one in 1962. We were treated to a meal of tomato soup, goulash with rice and gateaux to finish. The explorers were on hand to serve and seemed to enjoy the evening and joined Mark for a song. As you can see in the photo the hut was turned into the Cavern with a little help from my friends!

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The evenings highlight was a karaoke of Beatles songs played by our resident Beatles Roger Wilson and Andy Baines who played brilliantly thanks guys. The song sheets were a great idea so that everyone could join in although a lot of people seemed to be reliving their youth! I have been to a few of these evenings but I must admit this was the best as everyone had a chance to join in.



Everyone had worked hard on their outfits. The Group Leader Richard looked the part in his pink suit. I remember a few of the leaders dressed as female hippies. One leader had even made a Beetle car which he was wearing - must have taken ages to make. Several people had gone wearing Beatle wigs so it was difficult

to start with to work out who was who! I went as an early Beatle wearing dark clothes and a leather jacket.

A special thank you goes to the Blakey family for the yellow submarine cake which was fantastic and a lovely surprise.



Turkey Trot

The 30th Keyworth Turkey Trot was won by Andrew Peat from Long Eaton Running Club with a time of 1:11:15. The ladies course record was broken by nearly four minutes by Juliet Doyle who set a personal best to retain her title at 1:13:38. She was also the third person over the finishing line - great running. I finally managed to make it this year and was given a marshalling spot at the top of Ashley Road which was very busy! Talking to people as they walked past it appears that certain people have marshalled the same spot for years even after

their children have left scouts. Some people even play Christmas music just to add to the atmosphere. My hat goes off to the man who ran in the turkey costume (or was it a chicken?). He had a really hard time as it was very windy. Trust Boddington to get his picture taken with his Turkey Trot hat on! I understand he was also at the start, lining up with the runners. Perhaps next year we can persuade one of the runners to run with him!



This is the only fund raising event we do each year. All the money raised is used to fund each of the Scout Packs, subsidise lots of events throughout the year including the Group Gathering and maintain the hut. Without it we would struggle as a group. A few of the people who have helped run this event are now standing down so if you would like to join a friendly team and help keep this event going please

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let us know. More details of meetings will be posted in future newsletters. A big thank you to everyone who helped.

Village Quiz

This annual event started on Monday 28th January with the Uniformed Branch taking part. As the newsletter goes to print I have to say that the "Un-informed" as they will now be known are out of the quiz. They went down fighting to Probus who were better on the night. They knew more about canals!



Our hopes of progressing lay with the Turkey Trotters and Parents who are on the 11th February. If anyone fancies joining the Parents team we can always find a spot as there was a lot of arm twisting to get a team last year!

The event is free to watch with a small donation for tea or coffee.

Boddington

Has met with blood donor mascot Billy Blood Drop and donor carers at Castle Boulevard. Boddington says that once you are 17, these lovely ladies can get their hands on you and extract a pint or two. They also come to Keyworth Village Hall during the year.



Boddington getting into the act with a famous LP cover.



Boddington makes it to the start of the Turkey Trot.



Boddington manages to get his hands on the Olympic Torch

A big thank you to all the leaders and helpers who give up their time to volunteer and provide our young people with so many different opportunities.