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Cubaccino Cafe

Open on the first Saturday morning of each month selling tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits this is proving a very popular event. Come and join us next time. Now also with a second-hand uniform cupboard.

AGM on Wed 17 June 2015 @ 8.15 pm

Come and hear what we have been up to over the past year. Meet the Committee. Have your say. Become an active participant in the Group.

Quiz & Curry Night on Sat 20 June 2015

This annual event is a firm favourite. Tickets now on sale and selling fast. Only £12 and includes a curry. Make a team (max 8) or join a team on the night. Visit our website to buy tickets online, contact a Section Leader or email events@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk



Scout Community Centre

Our grand vision to build a new Centre (see above 3D model) to replace our 50 year old hut is in full swing. There has been lots of work going on behind the scenes by our Project Team.

We are in negotiations with Bristol City Council to secure a new lease. They are hugely supportive of our plans and we are hopeful of this being finalised later in the year.

Architectural plans of the new building have been produced and the 3D model is available to view in the Hut. We intend applying for planning permission in the next few months.





Above is a picture of Scouts at the top of Stoke Hill in 1917! Thanks to Stoke Bishop Historical Society for this photo.

24 Hour Bikeathon in February 2015

What a fantastic effort by 40 cubs, scouts, parents, helpers and members of St Mary's Church congregation. We raised well over £1500 by cycling over 300 miles on a static bike over 24 hours. The night shift was challenging! Importantly it started our community awareness campaign of our Group.

Beer Festival in April 2015

With over 80 guests we had a pop-up pub arrive in the middle of Stoke Bishop. Thanks to Ashley Down Brewery for allowing us to try their selection of real ales. We had a really great atmosphere and plenty of chat going on (see photo on right)

We have lots of community interest in our project and the support of Charlotte Leslie MP who came to the Hut in April.

Fundraising

Our real focus is now beginning to turn to raising the £250K we believe we need. To date our fund sits just shy of £40,000. In the last two months alone we have been awarded grants, raised funds or been donated £6,800 which is absolutely unbelievable. We even have a further £1500 pledged to us.

Monies have come from our Neighbourhood Partnership, local businesses, grant making bodies, group events, individual donors and sponsored events. We are so grateful to everyone.

However we still have a long way to go and we would welcome any further ideas or help you can provide to us. This might be through your employers charity fund, your time in making grant applications, or raising money by taking part in a sponsored event.



Simply being an advocate of the Group and telling others what we are doing would be valued.

Donations can now be made using our online facility at www.totalgiving.org.uk/ and type in "43rd Bristol" in the Search bar.

Alternatively you can donate directly through our website www.43rdbristolscouts.org.uk

Keep track of our events and spread the word. Visit our Facebook page and become a Fan of the Group by 'Liking' us.

Our Sections

All our Sections have been very busy and we hope the children have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt a few things along the way! Below are a few things we have been up to in recent months:

On the right is a photo of our Scouts having fun at Longleat!



Beavers

- Attended a district event beach party which involved lots of beach related activities and crafts
- A night on the climbing wall at Bristol Grammar School
- Visited cub camp for the afternoon to get a feel for what happens and to wet their appetite for when they move up to Cubs!
- Lots of badge work including learning about safety, healthy eating and fitness.
- Many of our Beavers are working on badges independently in their own time - this may be for collectors, swimming or adventure badges
- A number of Beavers achieved their bronze chief scout award which is great

Cubs

- 24 cubs went on our Castles & Knights Cub Camp 2015 in May to Woodhouse where they undertook various activities including archery, aerial trek, assault course, wide games, trampolining and a night hike
- Visited Bristol Buddhism Centre in February
- Cub Sleepover at St Marys Church Hall before Parade in February

- Orienteering night at Coombe Dingle in March
- Local Night Walk in April
- Many cubs gained their Promise Challenge in April



Scouts

- Our first Scout camp for a few years took place in May alongside the Cubs - a brilliant experience
- Put on a performance and made a film as part of their creative badge
- Made cinder toffee and toffee apples in November and Easter eggs in March
- Completed two night hikes !
- Learnt DIY skills at B & Q
- Volunteered to help the Avon Wildlife Trust on their Portway conservation site
- Went canoeing in Bristol docks
- Did archery in the hut!
- Went to Longleat Safari Park in April as part of a district event
- Surveyed the hut using tapes and lasers
- Took part in a district swimming gala
- Built bridges out of spaghetti, marshmallows and then balsa wood



The BS9 Arts Trail

We were delighted to be able to offer our Hut for use by the BS9 Arts Trail organisers last month. There were all sorts of artists selling their creations from paintings, table mats, cards, jewellery, photos and even woodcut lettering prints. Over 700 members of the public came and visited us over one weekend!



Sponsored 50 Mile Hike on 17-19 July 2015

Walking from our Hut in Stoke Bishop to Monmouth over 3 days we are hoping to raise funds towards our new Scout Community Centre as well as Help For Heroes. A former Scout of our Group lost his life in Afghanistan a few years ago during

combat and we wish to help this fantastic charity. You can donate online at www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/hike2015

If you would like to take part yourself please contact our Akela at nicky.woodfield@gmail.com

The Final Word

A very big thank you to the very many people who consistently give up their free time to voluntarily put so much energy and effort into our Group. Without them we would be nothing.

We are a thriving Group and want to get better and offer more to our children. Please continue to support us, no matter how small. We really do appreciate it. If you want to get involved in Scouting and feel you can help us in any way, please contact Charles Elderton, Chairman on 07768 543 026 or email chairman@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk

Finally, if you would like to make any comments about our Newsletter or have anything you would like to contribute in future editions, please use the contact details above. Thank you.

