

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

### Cubaccino Cafe - Sat April 10am-1pm

Our fabulous community cafe will be open for business. Coffees, teas, cakes as well as books and second-hand uniforms available at the Hut.

### Afternoon Tea Party Sat 7 May

A chance to come together and celebrate 100 years of Cubs. Lots of stalls and plenty of fun. Come and join the party!

### BS9 Arts Trial - 14/15 May - All Day Event

A wide range of artists will be exhibiting at the Hut. Come and meet them. Treat yourself to a painting, some jewellery, something ceramic and much more.....

### Quiz & Curry Night on Sat 18 June.....



## Celebrating Success

Last year was a big challenge for us. Not only did we embark on a once in a lifetime project to begin fundraising for a new Hut, we also focussed on delivering our best ever weekly programme of activities to the children in each of our 3 Sections.

In that time we also recruited a whole new Team of Leaders and helpers for our Beaver Section. We also expanded our Scout Section from 8 to 22 Scouts! We now want to create a 2nd Scout Section and a 2nd Beaver Section to keep up with demand! We would welcome any additional parents who feel they can offer their help.

If you are able to volunteer some of your time, please contact Andy Judd on 07767 414 653, or [GSL@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk)

## In Other News.....

### Team Work Along

In November we managed to fill a skip full-to-bursting of old rubbish from the Hut and plenty of weeds! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard helping out.

### Winter Warmer

Also in November we ran a stall at Stoke Bishop Village Hall selling books and old vinyl records. Great to see everyone and to meet so many people.

### Christmas Tree Sale

With over 140 trees sold in December we had our most successful fundraising event ever, raising over £2000!



Thank you so much for making it such a fantastic annual community occasion. As one customer said "For me, this event is the beginning of Christmas"



*(Above - always good to have a spring clean and to clear out the rubbish!)*

*(Below - we seem to have gained a few extra trees to sell!)*



### Fundraising Update

We have set ourselves a big goal to raise £250,000 so that we can build a new Scout Community Centre. As you can tell we have already held numerous events and activities to help raise enough money.

We now have over £40,000 in our fund which is a magnificent effort in such a short space of time. We now want to form a fundraising committee who can help co-ordinate and drive forward our plans to target local businesses, corporates and larger funders. Can you help

us? Do you know anyone who might be able to offer us some professional input?

If you are able to help and/or would like to be involved, please contact our Chairman, Charles Elderton to discuss on **07768 543 026** or **chairman@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk**

### Raising Our Profile

Please keep track of our events and spread the word. Visit our Facebook page and become a Fan of the Group by 'Liking' us. Alternatively visit our website [www.43rdbristolscouts.org.uk](http://www.43rdbristolscouts.org.uk) If anyone asks how they could donate to our fund all you have to do is point them in the direction of our website where there is an online donation facility.



**URGENT NEED** - we are in desperate need for a volunteer to help us with our online media presence, including our website and our contact database. Please contact Andy Judd on 07767 414 653, or [GSL@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk) if you have a basic working knowledge of these types of things and can offer us some of your time as and when - (nothing too onerous). Thank you.

### Our Sections

It's been an incredibly busy few months for all our Sections. Thank you to all the Leaders, Helpers and parents who make it possible to put on such a broad and varied range of activities.

Here are a few of the things our Sections have been up to over the last few months. It's been a busy time!



## Beavers



- Made bird feeders
- Had a Japanese night, making and eating Sushi
- Keep fit training
- Carol singing at Patron House Nursing Home
- Team challenge - building a bridge
- Looked at Brunel and constructed a globe
- Yoga night with an instructor
- Woodlice and frogspawn activities
- Night hike treasure hunt
- Eight Beavers attended a Saturday badge day and achieved 3 badges each.

## Cubs

- Evening Hike at Stoke Lodge
- Designing Balloon cars
- Working towards their Disability Badge - making sandwiches blindfolded
- Basketball at Coombe Dingle Sports Ground
- Movie sleepover night
- Kenyan night - eating Kenyan food and playing Kenyan games
- Some of our Cubs have been working towards their swimming badge. Also competing in the District Cub Swimming Gala at Horfield Leisure Centre
- Home Help badge work
- Coming up in May is our Annual Cub Camp - let's hope it will be suntan weather



### Scouts

- Digital Citizen Stage 1 badge
- Caving at Goatschurch
- Christmas tree sale sleepover
- DIY badge
- New moon night hike
- Whittling & Knife Safety
- Aeronautical Engineer visit & glider making
- First Aid Training
- Knots !
- Shooting (April 16)
- Building a 43rd Allotment (April 16)



### Bristol to Bath Marathon

Three of our Group manage to complete all 26 miles of this rather hilly run to Bath. Even more impressive was the fact they raised over £600

towards our new Hut Fund. Well done to James Pope (Assistant Scout Leader), Chris Watson (Parent Rep) and Charles Elderton (Chairman)



### The Final Word

A very big thank you to the very many people who consistently give up their free time and put so much energy and effort into our Group. Without them we would not exist.

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 please contact - **Andy Judd, Group Scout Leader** by emailing [GSL@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk](mailto:GSL@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk)