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Work-Along - Sat 7 Nov 10-1pm

We have a skip arriving. Your help is needed to fill it! We want to clear all rubbish from inside and outside the hut and tidy the place up before the winter. If you can help for an hour or so please let us know by email events@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk

Cubaccino Cafe - Sat 7 November 10-1pm

To keep us energised our cafe will be open whilst we have our Work-Along. Remember you can also buy books and visit our second-hand uniform cupboard.

Xmas Tree Sale - Sat 5 December 8-11am

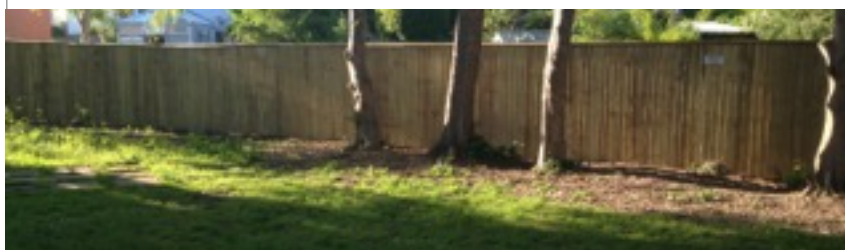
Our big fundraiser of the year. Set your alarm clock and tell your friends. There will be a large range of quality trees of different sizes on sale. Come and buy yours.



(Above - Our Scouts setting off on a 20km bike ride)

A New 40m Boundary Fence

With huge thanks to our local Neighbourhood Partnership who provided the necessary funding we now have a brand new fence. Not only does this make our site look far better it also ensures a much safer area for our children when playing outside. (see photo below)



Going Modern!

In September we moved our subscription payments from the trusted cheque to paying online via bank transfer or standing order. Feedback so far has been very positive.

Thank You Waitrose



During August our local Waitrose in Westbury Park raised £294 towards our new Community Centre Fund. Thank you to all the public who dropped a green button into our box. We appreciate it.

Marathon Runners

James Pope, Chris Watson and Charles Elderton are all mad enough to be taking part in the first ever Bristol to Bath marathon on Sunday 25 October! They are raising money for the Group so if you wish to donate please visit www.totalgiving.co.uk and search "43rd Bristol"

Antiques & Record Fayre

Last month we ran some stalls at the Village Hall selling books and old vinyl records. We raised over £200. Every little helps!

We hope this change not only make it easier for parents but it also removes the burden on our Section Leaders from collecting the monies.

Quiz & Curry Night in July



What a fantastic evening we had with over 80 guests at the Village Hall all eager to avoid winning the dreaded wooden spoon prize! We raised nearly £1000 so a huge



thank you to everyone who helped out, as well as for all the donations for the fabulous raffle prizes. The curry went down a treat, as did the Bath Ale!

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 will have read already we have not stopped in our mission to run events and activities to help raise enough money.

The total raised so far keeps creeping up and once recent donations are included our fund will sit at over £40,000. Next target is to reach 50K.

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of local residents who continue to make significant personal donations. Indeed so impressed was our local Cabot District Scout Association with our vision that they have given us £1000.

To achieve our goal we will probably need to also secure some large grants, bequeathed a legacy and/or have the assistance of some local businesses.

We would like to form a focussed fundraising committee over the coming months. If you might be able to help us 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 If anyone asks how they should 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.

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 and have planned for later in the year.



Beavers

- Getting to know each other and meeting our 5 new leaders, 3 Duke of Edinburgh helpers, 5 new Beavers and 9 existing ones
- Drawing and writing postcards and posting home to parents
- Tennis coaching session at Coombe Dingle sports complex - with 3 tennis coaches
- Making clay models of Shaun the Sheep - we hope they got home in one piece!
- Making dream catchers
- Conker walk on the Downs. Everyone then potted up a conker to grow

We are delighted that 10 of our Beavers will shortly be awarded their Chief Scout Bronze Award - fantastic effort.

After half term they will be:

- Making and firing rockets!
- Finding out about Japan - making sushi
- Singing carols at a Residential home

Cubs



- Having fun at the climbing wall and abseiling at Woodhouse

- Backwards cooking campfire night
- Opened the new term up with a Pack Forum night when our cubs thought about what future activities they would like to do together!
- Enjoyed a bingo night with residents at Druid Stoke Nursing home, having made the game for them the week before. All enjoyed ... especially the old folk! We're carol singing for them in December too
- Local history and nature trail out and about in Stoke Bishop
- We are looking forward to a visit from the Mayor in November and celebrating Kenyan food, culture and life

Scouts

- Completed a 20km cycle challenge taking in Hotwells, Ashton Court and the Downs (see picture on front)
- Traversed the Brecon Beacons, climbing Fan y Big and Pen y Fan
- Invested our two Assistant Leaders, Chris and James
- Orienteering at Blaise
- Had a very smokey but tasty camp fire cooking night
- Visited a Sikh Temple as part of our faith badge and had lots of food (see opposite)
- Completed our fire safety badge

- Worked with the Avon Wildlife Trust clearing weeds and stabilising newly planted trees



Sponsored 50 Mile Hike in July 2015



Five of our Leaders/Committee Members, including one Scout, managed to walk 52 miles over 3 days in July this year, starting from our Hut and ending up in Monmouth. We enjoyed staying at the 1st Bulwark Chepstow Scout Group hut on the

first night, where we were treated to fish and chips on behalf of Dignity Funerals. On the second night we thoroughly enjoyed staying in St Braviels at a campsite, from where we completed our third walking along Offas Dyke. Great weather, beautiful scenery and plenty of good humour made the trip a

great success. On behalf of the team we'd like to thank all those that supported us and donated to the fund. We raised just over £1500 in total, of which £750 will be donated to Help For Heroes as a charity dear to the hearts of our Scout Group. The remaining £750 will go towards our Hut Fund.



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**

