



Scouts

43rd Bristol Scout Group
Serving Stoke Bishop and the surrounding area

Sept 2018

Newsletter

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Diary Dates

Cubbaccino Cafe
1st Saturday
of every month
10am to 1pm

Our fabulous community cafe sells coffee, tea, cakes as well as books and second-hand uniforms at the Hut. Do come and join us... just pop along.

Team work-along
Sat 6 October
10am to 1pm

Time to tidy up the Hut and the site before winter sets in.

Quiz & Curry Night
Sat 17 November

Tickets will be on sale in October so time to start swotting up! We hope you can create a team and join us.

Xmas Tree Sale
Sat 1 December
8am prompt

Set your alarm clock for an early start. Come and choose your tree.



A beacon of success

The 43rd Bristol Scout Group is flourishing with nearly 100 children attending one of our Beaver, Cub or Scout Sections on a weekly basis. The activities are varied and give them the skills they need for life. We have been recognised by Cabot District for all the good things we have achieved.

This Newsletter is intended to give a brief snapshot of the Group and what we have been up to over the last year or so.

Our new 35 year lease

After four years of work we are really delighted to announce that we have completed on a 35 year lease of our site from Bristol City Council (BCC). This is a big step forward in our plan to build a new Scout Community Centre. We are very grateful to BCC for the encouragement and support they have given us throughout. It's been a big team effort.

NEWS

Two Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Two of our Young Helpers successfully completed their Gold Award and were rewarded with a visit to Buckingham Palace.

easyfundraising.org.uk

We have now raised over £500 via easyfundraising, so please keep using the site or sign up to help raise funds. It's free and really 'easy' to use when you are doing your on-line shopping.

New equipment

This year we have invested in a number of new patrol tents for all the various camps we take part in. We have also purchased new chairs and tables.

Online Scout Manager

Last term we moved onto a different payment system (OSM) for the collection of subs and fees to align with our database and to make it far easier for us to know who has paid and for parents to know they have paid... so far our Treasurer is much happier!

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Fundraising reaches £100,000

In our determination to build a new Scout Community Centre to replace our dilapidated hut a team of volunteers have worked extremely hard to put on events, approach numerous corporate funders, completed untold numbers of application forms to try to raise money. We are very grateful to each and every sponsor. The community has rallied round and we are bowled over by their generosity. Thank you if you have contributed. We would like to thank all those mentioned at the end of this Newsletter (sorry if we have missed anyone off!)

Building community

We do see ourselves as very much part of the Stoke Bishop and Sneyd Park community (as we have been for the past 65+ years) and we try to involve ourselves whenever we can. We are very thankful to St Mary's Church and its congregation for their constant encouragement and support.



**Sainsbury's
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And now Sainsbury's Charity of the Year

Last month we were delighted to hear that the 43rd had been nominated by Sainsbury's store in Clifton Down as their Charity of the Year. This will be a fantastic boost to our fundraising effort.

Our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be bag packing in Sainsbury's on a regular basis over the next year. If you are not a parent and are passing then please stop and say hello. We are looking forward to working with the local manager and his colleagues.



Building project

We are now working closely with a local architect (and Scout Leader!) to design our new Scout Community Centre that will be of benefit not just to our Scout Group but also to other local community groups, organisations and residents who may wish to hire the facility. We have even just had a topographical survey completed of the site. The next stage is to prepare some detailed designs. We look forward to sharing these with you in due course... look out for updates in the newsletter.

Report...



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 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have been up to over the last few terms.

Beavers

- Learnt circus skills
- Camped at Olveston Scout Hut
- Nature walk through Blaize
- Visited Portishead Lifeboat Station
- Toured Bristol floating harbour
- Had a junk modelling evening
- Tried some yoga
- Completed an Easter Night walk
- Had a visit from a guide dog and its owner
- Had a evening of den building

Cubs

- Went fossil hunting
- Built camp fires
- Played bingo at Druid Stoke Nursing home
- Learnt about water conservation
- Went on a visit to Longleat
- Help clean the River Trym with Surfers Against Sewerage
- Had a World Cup themed picnic

Scouts

- Went cycling in Leigh Woods
- Ran a fundraising spectacular at Canford Park
- Learnt first aid including CPR
- Went litter picking on the banks of the Avon Gorge
- Went caving in the Mendips
- Camped at Woodhouse Activity Centre
- Looked at landscape archaeology on Kings Weston Hill

Group events

We have put on or been involved in a wide range of events. These included a...

- Christmas tree sale
- Sleuthing Night & BBQ
- Quiz & Curry Night
- Second-hand clothes sale
- Second-hand bike sale
- Hosting the BS9 Arts Trial
- Manure and plant sale
- Public raffle
- Running a stall at St Mary's Winter Warmer



Thanks to all our many supporters...

So many different people, groups and organisations have been so generous to us. In particular we would like to acknowledge our thanks and gratitude to the following:

- Individual members of the local Stoke Bishop and Sneyd Park Community and friends of the Group who have made donations

Grant-making Bodies/Charities/Foundation

- The Neighbourhood Partnership
- Rolls Royce
- Waitrose Community Fund
- Coop Community Fund
- The LaLonde Trust
- The Rotary Club of Bristol
- Trustees of the Anthony James Estate
- Smiling Eyes
- Moto in the Community Trust
- The Rank Foundation
- Intel Corporation's Employee Volunteer Matching Scheme

Local Community Groups:

- BS9 Arts Trail
- Stoke Bishop Garden Society
- Cabot District Scouts
- St Marys Church
- The Wednesday Lunchtime Group
- Sneyd Park Residents Association
- Stoke Bishop Local History Group



And more thanks to...

Local Businesses:

- 34sp.com
- Aimee's Winehouse
- Bath Ales
- Becky Barnes Style
- Berwick Lodge
- Ciao Restaurants
- Clifton Sub Aqua Club
- Coffee No.1
- Co-op
- Dignity Funeral Services
- Grupo Lounge
- Leese & Nagle Estate Agents
- Lesley McKeown cakes
- Motus Legal Recruitment
- Orpheus Cinema
- Osborne Clarke
- Richard Harding Estate Agents
- Roderick Thomas
- Sainsbury's

Individual Fundraisers:

- Fin and Nia Evans - Cake Sale
- Maureen Watkinson - Bridge Drive
- Andy Philips Bike Ride
- Liz Tomlinson and Jenny Weeks - Donations from their book "Leaving Home to Fight"
- The family of The Late Freddie Cranmer-Brown (former Group Scout Leader) for donations in his loving and eternal memory.
- Scott Cinemas
- The Downs Festival
- Veale Wasbrough Vizards
- Young Driver
- Waitrose
- We Make Bristol



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 and can offer us some free time or expertise we would love to hear from you.

Please contact - **Nicky Woodfield, Group Scout Leader**, by emailing **GSL@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk**

If you would like to donate to our fundraising project please visit our website **www.43rdbristolscouts.org.uk** where you can donate on-line. Alternatively please email **fundraising@43rdbristolscouts.org.uk**

Do keep up-to-date with what we are doing by checking our website regularly or 'like' and follow us on Facebook (@43rdbristolscouts) or Twitter (@43rdBristol).

