



BRUNEL BITS

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Issue 1

This Badge of 2 of Brunel's greatest works as designed by David Stonham of 63rd Bristol Scout Group (St Andrews with St Bartholomews) in a competition to design the badge for the new District.

DC'S REPORT

The Brunel Scout District is just over a year old now and it seems so much has happened in such a short time. I would like to just summarise a few things that have happened.

We have been working closely with the records department at Gilwell to ensure the records they hold and our District directory match with the people that are actually in each of the groups. We have appointed someone to review each leader in the District to ensure that adult service recognition awards are presented.

When the District started we had two empty buildings where scouting had not ran for some time. The Ex 204th Headquarters is being sold and the 1st Bristol Muslim Scout Group are moving into the ex Northwinds building on Muller Road. At the moment we are looking possible funding initiatives to re develop the Muller Road site for the 1st Bristol and as the District resource for training, meetings and storage facilities for the Scout Groups with no Storage facilities of there own, mainly those that meet in Schools.

Back in the spring we started on a development support programme to work with Groups one at a time to see what we can do to maximise the potential for Scouting in the area. This project started with the 1st Stoke Gifford where we have been able to help the Group open up a second Scout Troop. We are now working with the 63rd Bristol on recruitment initiatives and the 128th Bristol on developing Scouting in the area. It is planned that the team will visit each Group over the next 18 months.

Finally we are proud to be sending 11 young people and a one leader to the 21st World Jamboree next year. The District is currently looking at ways that we can support these people.

Mark Gollop D. C.

District Neckerchiefs (like the ones worn in picture on right) can be bought at £5.00 from Mark Gollop



AWARDS



Silver Wolf - Jack Payne 128th Bristol
"In recognition of service to Scouting
of the most exceptional nature"



Silver Acorn - Bob Gray 151st Bristol
"In recognition of specially
distinguished service"

Wood Badge

Alex Williams	ADC Scouts
Kris Dickens	Apollo ESU
Sue Reason	1 st Little Stoke
Janet Porteous	1 st Stoke Gifford

Certificate of Appointment

Robert Giles	District Chairman
Roy Harvey	District Cub Scout Leader
Diane Simms	13 th Bristol

5 Year Service

David Pace	1 st Bradley Stoke
Michael Hopes	159 th Bristol
Steve Jones	58 th Bristol
Martyn Gillard	1 st Filton
Daniel Stride	13 th Bristol
Robert Giles	District Chair
Kevin Smith	66 th Bristol
Mark Brimson	151 st Bristol
Claire Lewin	1 st Stoke Gifford (Treasurer)

10 Year Service

Sue Baker	1 st Stoke Gifford
Lynne Duffett	17 th Bristol
Kevin Neville	159 th Bristol
Neil Loudon	1 st Filton
John Cahill	1 st Filton
Elizabeth Tovey-Clarke	55 th Bristol

Long Service Award

Brian Wood	1 st Little Stoke
Brian Bird	1 st Little Stoke
Paul Smith	1 st Stoke Gifford
Malcolm Taylor	2 nd Patchway
Val Todd	District Appointments Secretary
Celia Williamson	69 th Bristol

Bar to Long Service Award

Chris Parkes	2 nd Patchway
Graham Smith	55 th Bristol
David Moate	1 st Stoke Gifford

Chief Scout Commendation for Good Service

Michael Edward-Jones	1 st Little Stoke/District
Brian Bird	1 st Little Stoke
Brian Wood	1 st Little Stoke
Sally Alford	1 st Little Stoke (Chair)

Medal of Merit

Christine Rosewell	1 st Little Stoke
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EDITOR'S BIT

Oh Well, This is the first of many "Brunel Bits", and it is what you make it. If something interest You it may interest others. Sent it in to me or GSLs or ADCs and they will pass it to me, Dave Owen, 2 Lodge Walk, Downend, BS16 5UQ or sent it through e.mail in Microsoft Word to dave.owen@avonscouts.org.uk

Please send all copy 1st November 2006

BRUNEL & CABOT DISTRICTS ST. GEORGE'S DAY PARADE

This was held in the Bristol Cathedral on Sunday April 23rd 2006. The Cathedral was packed with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Scouters and invited guests as well as Neil Salter (County Commissioner).

The Parade took about an hour to get into the Cathedral.

The Service of Renewal of Promises was by Scouts for Scouts, and it was a great service. Neil Salter presented two awards for Distinguishable Service an award of Silver Wolf to Jack Payne (128th Bristol) and an award of Silver Acorn to Bob Gray (151st Bristol).



Top :- Bob Gray gaining the Silver Acorn
Bottom:- Jack Payne gaining the Silver Wolf



World Jamboree 2007 Update

Hello everyone.

Congratulations to all 11 young people who are in the two World Scout Jamboree Units going from Avon (David Stonham, Josh Burnell, Paul Clayton, Lance Hammond, Ashley Pearce, Henry Bryne, Joseph Mooney, Lucy Challis, Matthew Edmunds, Christopher Hayes and Ryan Simmonds.). For those of you that are still in the dark about the jamboree it's being held in a big field at Hylands Park, Essex, Chelmsford . In total from the U.K there will be 4600 young people and leaders attending just over 10% of the total people attending (44000). At the Jamboree the unit's from Avon will be



able to interact with young people from all over the world, spending the day at Gilwell Park, taking part in the Renewal of the Scout Promise, which everyone in scouting will be doing on the 1st August all over the world and many more exciting outward bound activities.

Over the Coming months there will be a lot of fundraising and publicity events happening around the country, all details of which can be found though the website <http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/worldjamboree/>, by emailing your District 2007 rep on matthew.alner@avonscouts.org.uk, or in the next newsletter.

LEADER TRAINING

One year into the new District and I would have to say that Adult Training has been a bit of a mixed bag.

On the plus side we are I believe doing a good job on the initial inductions of new leaders and GSA's. This is because we have a good appointments committee process which is non threatening but supportive and everyone gets to complete module one essential information by the end of the evening.

On the downside we have not delivered on the follow up training well enough. Part of this has been a lack of Training advisers (see my plea elsewhere in this bulletin) but also there has been a lack of activity from some of the existing TAs and also from the new leaders themselves. We are not alone in this but it is something we need to see turned around in the next 12 months.

The training programme is very flexible now allowing you to go on courses for the areas that are relevant to your learning and validating the ones that you are already experienced in. The training programme is often seen as only for new leaders but if you are looking to get a brush up in certain areas as part of your ongoing learning please give me a call to get you booked onto relevant course for you.

Val Todd, Local Training Administrator

Is your H.Q. Suitable ?

Is your HQ suitable for another group to over-night in ? Why not add this information to your directory entry by contacting Dave Owen

E.mail dave.owen@avonscouts.org.uk



Activity Authorisation.

The system for activity authorisations is about to change and a new process is due after April this year. If you presently hold an authorisation please check if it is O.K. Michael Edwards-Jones your ADC (Activities) contact him on 01454 618789 (day or night) or e.mail michael.edwards-jones@avonscouts.org.uk or the County Office may help you.

GROUP SUPPORT, WHAT IS THAT ABOUT ?

Each section has a team support role, and the Group Scout Leaders should be no different. The District Commissioner would like to offer the best support to all the groups, but recognises that this may take more than one person to fulfil.

Your role would include maintaining good communications with the GSLs, gaining a good understanding of the dynamic of all the Groups in the District and working more closely with them on individual group matters, offering guidance, teaching and support where necessary. In this role you would be able to support and advise the District Commissioner to best meet the needs of all Scouts in the District.

This is a new role that you could really help to develop in supporting adults to deliver to the Young People.

A quick word from the District Chair.....

Hello everyone

My name is Rob Giles and I'm the Chairman of the Brunel District Executive. I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you something about myself.

My scouting began way back in 1979 (before mobiles and computer games!!!!) when I enrolled as a Cub Scout at the 33rd. During my time with the group I experienced my first Weekend away, annual camp, climbing, abseiling (where I lost my welly as it fell down the rock of ages!!) And canoeing to name just a few.

I then joined the Scout Troop where I achieved the Chief Scout award and the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, as well as being a Patrol Leader. Then suddenly I was too old and had to join the Venture Scouts (Fromside VSU) initially it was quite frightening as the guys were a lot bigger and most had cars!! However during my 4 and a bit years there I had fantastic time experiencing activities that most kids my age had no idea about. During my time at FVSU I achieved the ultimate gaining both my Queens Scout Award and DofE Gold as well as completing all 3 TenTors. After Ventures I helped start 2 venture Units as well as being a Beaver and Scout leader. Then at 24 I suddenly decided I wanted to work with young people as a career so I became a Teacher. Some 11 years later I had phone call at school it was our beloved DC who persuaded me to rejoin Scouting. I was thrilled at the prospect but also felt obliged as I believed it was my duty to put som

ething back in to an organization that gave me so much as a young person and made me a better person in the process as well as igniting the passion for outdoor life. I hope that over the coming year I get to meet some of you and hear some of your exploits.