



# BRUNEL BITS

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Issue 2

## DC'S REPORT

Since the summer it's been good to see the Beavers at the District quiz, the Cubs at the sports day and the older Scouts at the patrol leaders training weekend. There have been quite a few changes since the last magazine. The running of the polar swimming club, more changes brought

in by the development team, changes to the training support provided locally and plans made to support the centenary celebrations and world jamboree contingent.

A committee has been set up to manage the running of the Polar Swimming club. The committee will form the Polar Swimming Club Fellowship ensuring all the adults supporting the club benefit from being associate members of the Scout association. We are registering the adults and completing CRB checks, so they will all appear in the next edition of District directory. The District development team have been working closely with three groups. This has resulted with one group starting a second Scout Troop in the New Year, a new parents executive committee for another and a development plan for the other group. The development team will continue working with these groups until all their objectives have been achieved and the benefits are secure.

The District training support team have reviewed the support provided locally for all leaders progressing through their Wood Badge training. Some Training Advisers have changed with a few new people coming on board. We have also decided to provide another opportunity for leaders to get support and advice apart from their Training Adviser by running bi-monthly training workshops. Any adult in the District can pop in and get some advice at any of the sessions. Mike our Local Training Manager with the support of his team runs the sessions.

We have made some plans on how as a District we can make the most of the opportunities that the centenary year of Scouting brings us. With this we have also planned how we can best support the young people representing the District at the World Jamboree next summer.

The latest on building changes at Muller Road and Filton Avenue. Muller Road is now the meeting place for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bristol Muslim Scout Group. Previously they were sharing a headquarters with the 58<sup>th</sup> Bristol in Eastville, which enabled them to get started. The help and support provided by the 58<sup>th</sup> was very much appreciated. Moving to the Muller building will allow the group to expand and develop. During Ramadan the Group used the headquarters as meeting place for the festival's celebrations drawing people in from the Muslim community around Bristol, enabling them to show off what the young people do there.

As I write this the contract is being signed to sell the empty scout headquarters on Filton Avenue. This was the meeting place for the 204<sup>th</sup> Bristol Scout Group, which closed before the Brunel Scout District started. Most of the leaders and young people from the 204<sup>th</sup> are continuing their scouting as a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Filton Scout Group.

Finally, it was really nice to see so many of the young people from around the District performing on the stage at the Bristol Gang Show. I know everyone involved had put many hours hard work in over the last eleven months, resulting in a fast moving and well-reviewed show.

*Mark Gallop D. C.*

## AWARDS

### 5 Year Service

Anne Leighfield 58<sup>th</sup> Bristol

Simon Peck 58<sup>th</sup> Bristol

### 10 Year Service

Nicola Ball 1<sup>st</sup> Little Stoke

### Medal of Merit



Julie Brooks 66<sup>th</sup> Bristol

Margaret Bolley 66<sup>th</sup> Bristol

Paul Churchill 197<sup>th</sup> Bristol

Hazel Wiltshire 1<sup>st</sup> Filton



### Chief Scout Platinum Award

Tom Trutch Fromeside ESU



### Chief Scout Bronze Award

Laurie Fripp 13<sup>th</sup> Bristol

## Diary Dates

Sat. 2nd Dec. Cub District

90th Anniversary Party

Sun. 3rd Dec. Polar Swimming Club

Xmas Beach Party

Filton Leisure Centre,

Elm Park, Filton.

## 2007 Centenary Celebrations

February Social Evening

22nd April County St George Day

Parade at Royal Victoria Park, Bath

25th to 28th May "Ton of Fun"

County Jamboree, Woodhouse Park.

27th July / 9th August

World Jamboree,

Chelmsford, Essex

Sun 29th July

District Day Visit to World Jamboree

1st August County Promise Renewal

Day on Weston Beach

October District Fun Day

at Woodhouse Park

## EDITOR'S BIT



Welcome to the second issue of the "Brunel Bits" which

is twice the size of the first issue, let's hope it will increase quite like that in further issues. Remember it is your magazine so if you would like certain things in the magazine just contact me, preferably by E.mail to [dave.owen@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:dave.owen@avonscouts.org.uk) or you can write to me at 2 Lodge Walk, Downend, BS16 5UQ.

**Please type report** and take a copy for yourself, and also take copies of any photographs you send me because I may NOT return them. Explorer, Scouts, Cubs or Beavers may like to a report any activities in the "Brunel Bits", - so get the scouts writing.

I would like to thank the two Cubs who reported on the County Day at Bristol Zoo and the Sports Day. Well Done !!

Please send contributions for the March 2007 Issue by 10th February 2007.

Perhaps a report to the Christmas Festival at County, District & Group level.

## WORLD JAMBOREE



Would your Scouts like to experience the World Jamboree ?

We all know it is not possible for all the youngsters

in Brunel District to spent 2 weeks at Hylands Park, near Chelmsford, but what about a day - this is POSSIBLE - speak to Alec Williams (ADC Scouts) as soon as possible - This is NOT to be missed!!!

## TRAINING ADVISOR

Did you have enough support when you did your training?

Could you have had some extra guidance or help?

Could you now offer this kind of help to someone else?

As a training advisor you would work closely with two or three individuals to look at what their skills are and where they have areas of training need. Once

you have completed the Assessors course you would meet with those individuals you are supporting and advise of opportunities for them to complete their training, sharing ideas and experiences that you may have had yourselves.

If you feel able to support other adults in this way, please contact Mike Harper, your District Leader Training Manager, Val Todd your Training Registrar or Mark Gollop, your District Commissioner.

## A Quick Word from the ADC (Nights Away) - Margaret Exley

Hi everyone

As the new ADC Nights Away Advisor for Brunel I thought I would introduce myself to you and tell you a bit about myself.

As Scouters you must all be wondering who I am as most of my experience in camping has not been with the Scout movement but with the Guides.

The Guides have had to have a camper's license to be able to take girls away camping for many years. The equivalent of a Nights Away Advisor in the Guides is called a Camp Advisor (CA). I have been a CA in the Guides for almost 20 years, initially with central Bristol and then with Severn Vale. I am still CA for Severn Vale Guides so I wear two hats.

During my time as a CA for the Guides I have tested hundreds of camps and indoors holidays, and also taught camping at every level.

In 1992 I was a sub camp chief for Brussel's sub camp at the joint Scout and Guide Jamboree at Woodhouse and in 1996 I was joint Camp Chief with Neil Salter at a joint Scout and Guide Jamboree at Woodhouse, which many of you may have attended.

Since then you can usually find me running the medical centres at Jamborees.

My interest in camping with the Scouts has continued and for the past 7 years I have camped with the 1<sup>st</sup> Clevedon Scouts at their summer camp, gaining experience in how scouts camp.

I work at Frenchay Hospital as a Chief Neurophysiologist and as well as camping as many times a year as I can I also play in a Brass Band!!

So that I can compile a comprehensive database of everyone within the District who has a Nights Away Permit I would be grateful if all GSL's could send me this information about their particular group. – Type of permit, when obtained and any restrictions.

Please feel free to contact me with any nights away issues my contact number's are:

Home phone – 01179 311909

Email – [Margaret.exley@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Margaret.exley@nbt.nhs.uk)

## Brunel District Development update

"The District is in the process of constructing a development plan including consulting with key stakeholders - GSLs, Chairman of Execs, Section Leaders and the District Team. We're currently working with a number of Groups across the District to provide direct support for their development needs. Mike Harper, Trevor Stone and Dan Wood are currently acting as development facilitators in this.

We're taking an holistic approach to working with Groups to help them to identify their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and to translate the National / County 10 year vision into clear and relevant objectives for the precise circumstances at each Group level as the basis for then building a practical development plan for each Group. The headlines are "a growing, diverse, relevant, sound, focused, youth Movement".

The District plan will then seek to add value and support that can be best provided at District level, for everything else the focus will be working directly to help Groups overcome their specific challenges and achieve their development plans.

The District's work is three-fold:

- 1) developing highly effective people in the right roles
- 2) establishing and developing adequate direct support and resources within Groups
- 3) recruiting, retaining and redeploying adults to optimise delivery of more and better Scouting through Scout Groups across the District.

All of this is underpinned by enhancing leadership (rather than just management) - e.g. a motivated focus around a compelling vision, good planning and execution of those plans in each Group. Our next steps are to map the the key issues with each Group, build a District plan involving key stakeholders, communicate this with all Groups, and then to roll out that plan over the next three years. For more information please don't hesitate to email Dan Wood: [dan.wood@skillsforhealth.org.uk](mailto:dan.wood@skillsforhealth.org.uk)

## District Beaver Quiz

We held our first District Quiz for the beaver section on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and what a great time we had. 10 teams took part, they had to listen, smell, taste, build, remember, find things and answer questions. The hall was buzzing. When all the scores were added up the winners were 151<sup>st</sup> Bristol, joint second were 63<sup>rd</sup> Bristol and 17<sup>th</sup> Bristol and third place went to 2<sup>nd</sup> Patchway. A big THANK YOU to Duncan from 69<sup>th</sup> Bristol for organising the event.



Mark Gollop, District Commissioner



Top : 1st Place  
151<sup>st</sup> Bristol  
Middle Left : Joint  
2nd Place  
17<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
Middle Right :Joint  
2nd Place  
2<sup>nd</sup> Patchway  
Bottom :3rd Place  
63<sup>rd</sup> Bristol

# Cub Capers



The Avon County Cub Scouts held a day at Bristol Zoo on October 7th October - (see separate report). On the 2nd December all the Districts in the county will have separate 90th Birthday Parties and the ADC's have challenged Graham Meikle (ACC (Cub Scouts)) to visit every party on that day - see if he will come to Brunel's Party. It will be held at the 151st H.Q. - Fishponds Baptist Church from 2p.m. to 4p.m. Remember these dates for your diary Tuesday 30th January Draughts Competition at the 69th H.Q., Forest Road.

Tuesday 13th March Handicraft Competition at the 58th H.Q., Gadshill Road

## County Zoo Fun Day

On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October the 91<sup>st</sup> Bristol Cubs joined about 1,300 other Cubs from the County for a fun day to celebrate 90 years of Cub Scouting.

We had a chance to look around all of the attractions and also attend the special events.

Joe and all of the others really enjoyed the animal show, which included rats walking along ropes to a ship and back, and ferrets going through tubes. Also flights of a huge Eagle Owl and a Parrot.

Otto enjoyed the "Hands on Animals" where everybody liked holding the Hissing cockroaches and seeing the snake close up. More cockroaches and rats were held a in the classroom where we discussed animal extinction and we were shown lots of animal products that had been confiscated at Customs. Arthur particularly liked the large polar bear here and enjoyed photographing it. Matthew particularly liked this session. Cont. . .

Lyndon and Ziggy loved the penguins especially the underwater viewing tunnel, and Arthur also liked the fruit bats and the pygmy hippos, and the new monkey jungle was popular with everyone.

We met cubs from other packs and were privileged to meet the Lord Lieutenant of Bristol who stopped to talk to us and showed us his silver sword. A birthday cake was cut during the morning and prizes were awarded at the closing ceremony for animal model making and the 'design a badge' competition. The winning badge was made up and given to everybody. They were also given a goody bag with pencil, rule etc. We also had a certificate of attendance.

## Cub Scouts Sports Day

Sunday 17th September 2006  
Elenya Knops, 63rd Cubs

I arrived for the sports day at Bishop Road Playing Fields there were Cubs from other packs there.

The first race was running, some people were very fast. My favourite races were the Egg and Spoon Race, the Sack Race and Three Legged Race. I did the Three Legged Race with Issie and won the final. I also won the Sack race. The hardest race was the Potato Race, you had to run and collect 4 potatoes and put them on your plate. You then had to run to the end with the potatoes on your plate - the grass was slippery because it had just started to rain.

I enjoyed the day, and after all the races were finished we all gathered together for the results. Our Pack finished second overall and I was given a copy of the certificate.

Tea, Coffee & Cakes were sold at the Cub sports and we raised £40 - which was split between to Local MS Fund Holders :- MS Bristol District and MS Funding Research at Bristol General Hospital. Both groups have expressed their gratitude for the kind support of the Cub Leaders and Parents

Roy Harvey DCSL

## The Mac Woods Trophy

### Six a Side Soccer Competition

This will be on Saturday 28th April 2007 and will be open to all Cub Packs across Brunel District and also Cabot and Bristol South Districts. There will be a maximum of 30 teams so it will be First Come First Served. Cub Scout Packs may enter 2 Teams which will include 2 substitutes

Entry Fee £4.00 for team - early bird entry - £3.00 by February 15th 2007

Entries to Mrs Sylvia Woods. 79 Shaldon Road, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 9NN - Pack Details - Enclose Entry Fee - SAE must be enclosed .

- You are Competing for The Mac Woods Trophy (1st Place) or the North Winds Trophy (Runner Up) Medals for 1st & 2nd places as well as the Archer Trophy for the Player of the Competition donated from Australia.

This was originally a BNW District Competition but has now been opened up to all Cub Packs - it is in it's 28th Year.

Venue : Bishop Road Junior School Playing Fields - Bishopston - Commence at 12.45pm

Toilets & Refreshments available .

Further Details Contact Roy Harvey DCSL Tel. No. 9421487.

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way your patrol leaders operate in your troop. This would help us make the next one even better!

My thanks to all who supported this event and helped make it a success.

Alec Williams (ADC Scouts)

## Explorer News

Following the set up of a new Unit in the District we now have 3 'Regular' Units and 1 Young Leaders Unit. The Units are as follows:

Fromeside ESU – Friday Nights at 17<sup>th</sup> Bristol Scout HQ , Two Mile Hill Road , Kingswood (Contact Mark Ryan 0771 6008951)

Apollo ESU – Friday Nights at 1<sup>st</sup> Little Stoke HQ , Rossall Ave , Little Stoke (Contact Kriss Dickens 0796 8870751)

Northwinds ESU – Thursday Nights at 209<sup>th</sup> Bristol HQ , Cotman Walk, Lock-leaze (Contact Kevin Smith 0796 7605489)

The Units undertake a variety of different activities and offer a great chance for Scouts to continue their Scouting 'Career'. If you know of any Scouts approaching 14 or would like us to visit your Troop to introduce the Scouts to Explorers please let me know.

### **Young Leaders**

If anyone has Leaders working in sections under the age of 18 they MUST be registered with Young Leaders. There are a couple of compulsory Training modules that they must complete. If you have Leaders under 18 then please contact Steve Foster (Explorer Leader – Young Leaders) on 0117 3777563.

In the next few issues we will introduce you to all the Units so you can get a flavour of what they are all about. In the next Issue will be an introduction to Fromeside ESU.

Mark Ryan  
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

## DISTRICT PATROL LEADER TRAINING CAMP

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006 the Scout section held a patrol leaders training camp at Mafeking Hall.

41 Scouts from 10 troops joined in the fun.

During the weekend we had lots of fun and also encouraged Scouts to examine their role within the Troop and introduced them to the PIE (Plan, implement, evaluate) system of approaching tasks.

The weather was very kind to us and we all had a great time. I would be very interested in your feedback as to whether this event has made a difference in the



# BRISTOL GANG SHOW

*"I saw the show last night and cannot believe how much of a good night I had. I'd never been before so wasn't sure if I should expect a lot of kids singing camp-fire songs and telling us about scouts. Instead I was treated to an enthusiastic performance from what seemed like hundreds of talented people singing songs from my favourite musicals!! Well worth a look if you ask me - I'll be going back next year for definite."*

Sally, Bristol from a posting to [thisisbristol.co.uk](http://thisisbristol.co.uk) show review



## ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Hi Everyone

Now that I have got my feet under the table I would like to tell you what I'm about, what I'm doing, and about some of the changes in the way we deliver adventurous activities.

I am the District Activities Advisor. For the most part I do not run activities, but I try to support and help you to do so

I am trying to compile a list of who had what authorisations. The records- such as they were that I inherited from Severn Vale and Bristol North East Districts were at best out of date, and at worst, non existent. I am contacting leaders to find out if my records are accurate, but if I have missed you out please e mail me, [michael.edwards-jones@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:michael.edwards-jones@avonscouts.org.uk) or call me on 01454 618789. I need to hear from you whether or not you have any authorisations, just so I know you have not just been overlooked.

The old activity authorisations are on the way out, and next year will be replaced by a new permit scheme, where you will have a credit card sized permit issued by the District Commissioner.

There will no longer be a requirement to undertake training prior to assessment, nor will you need the DC's approval prior to taking training or assessment. However, he will still be responsible for your actual approval and issuing your permit. I am not sure how this will operate where gaining a National Governing Body Certificate is the criterion

You will no longer need a current first aid certificate, even though it is good practice. However, you will be required to have adequate and appropriate first aid cover. Ideally this would be another Leader, rather than one leading or training the activity (ie the permit holder).

On all adventurous activities the permit holder is responsible for the safety of the group and training or supervising the group. A Leader from the Scouts/Unit own Group should be present, and THAT person is responsible for the conduct and behaviour of the group. . This is especially relevant when you do not have permit holders in your own group

For further information or if you have any questions please feel free to contact me; or download the Adventurous Activities Permit Scheme fact sheet FS120100 from [www.scoutbase.org.uk](http://www.scoutbase.org.uk)

Michael Edwards-Jones  
ADC (Activities)

# 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING AND WOODLAND TRUST

Hello all,

As part of the Scout's centenary celebrations, the Woodland Trust and the Scout Association have formed a partnership to provide our members with a number of opportunities to learn about, and engage in, woodland conservation.

As part of this scheme we can obtain sapling trees at a cost of just £20 per pack of 30 saplings which covers the fulfilment, packing and posting of the trees, the trees themselves are free of charge.

There are two types of packs, the copse pack and the hedgerow pack so there are plants to suit most requirements

I would like us to **plant at least 100 trees to celebrate 100 years of Scouting** and as a legacy for our Young People.

It's entirely up to us where we plant them as long as we have the land owner's permission. This is a great opportunity to get our Young People thinking about conservation and the environment and there are some great links with the programme zones.

I have provided a web link below to give you some ideas.

Ideally a mass planting somewhere in the district would be great and could generate some media attention, but I have not been able to locate a suitable site yet so **if anyone knows of somewhere we can arrange a mass planting please contact me.**

If groups / colonies / packs/ troops prefer, they can plant wherever they can.

I am happy to co-ordinate if groups want to share packs of trees.

For more information and to order tree and hedgerow packs follow this link <http://www.treeforall.org.uk/scouts>

Yours in Scouting

Alec Williams (ADC Scouts)



## Woodbadge training is BORING!!

Not if you come to one or more of the evening sessions now being run bi-monthly in the district.

There is a chance to sit down and talk "one to one" about what training you actually have to do (lots can be signed off if you have the experience and know-how) OR Join with others to cover and validate a module (or two) "on the night"

Tea/coffee and fun provided - all you need is your training folder and an open mind!!

### Woodbadge training - SORTED!!

For details of the "What, Where and When" contact Mike Harper on Tel No. 0117 377 0465 or E.Mail [mike.harper@sip.co.uk](mailto:mike.harper@sip.co.uk)



We have now obtained more of the District Scarves at £5.00 each, the scarves are in the hands of the D.C., Mark Gollop.

The Deadline for items for the MARCH 2007 "Brunel Bits" is the 10th February 2007.

