



# BRUNEL BITS

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Issue 3

## DC'S REPORT

The centenary year is now here let the celebrations begin, details of events planned for the year are starting to come out. The main County events are St Georges Day at Bath, Ton of Fun camp at Woodhouse in May and

the Sun Rise Promise Renewal in August. Within the District we held a family disco to raise funds for the Brunel World Jamboree contingent on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at the end of July we have a day visit to World Jamboree in Chelmsford and in October we are having a fun day at Woodhouse Park for all sections.

It's going to be a busy year lets hope its a good one.

## News around the District

We have a new ADC Beavers Duncan Biddulph has agreed to be our ADC Beaver for the next eighteen months to co-ordinate the District events for Beavers.

First Aid course are now being ran within the District with the first one on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 1<sup>st</sup> Filton HQ. The plan will then be to run courses on a regular basis as holding a current First Aid certificate is now a requirement for leaders.

## Diary Dates

10th March Beaver Junk Model  
Competition at 17th H.Q.

13th May Handicraft Competition  
58th H.Q

22nd April County St George Day  
Parade at Royal Victoria Park, Bath

28th April The Mac Woods Trophy  
Cub Six a Side Soccer Competition

1st May Deadline for the Articles for the  
June "Brunel Bits".

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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

7th October District Fun Day  
at Woodhouse Park  
(All sections)

## **AWARDS**



### **Wood Badge**

Kathy Hemmings,  
GSL 2<sup>nd</sup> Patchway

### **Bar to Long Service Award**

Steven Lloyd - 58<sup>th</sup> Bristol

### **Long Service Award**

Simon Foster - 128<sup>th</sup> Bristol, Heather  
Dibbens - 1<sup>st</sup> Filton

### **10 Years Service**

Philip Kevern 128<sup>th</sup> Bristol,

### **5 Years Service**

Sara Leyshon - 32<sup>nd</sup> Bristol. Maureen  
Criddle - 66<sup>th</sup> Bristol. Peter Stephenson  
- 1<sup>st</sup> Little Stoke, David Oakley - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Patchway,



### **Chief Scout Bronze Award**

Jack Williams - 66<sup>th</sup> Bristol



### **Chief Scout Silver Award**

Peter Heath, Douglas  
Woodrow, Katie Datt,

Robbie Cleary, Dan Davidson, Harvey  
Dunlop, Elenya Knots, Pippa Laidlaw,  
Isabel Mellings, Yasmin Mohamed,  
Scarlett O'Callaghan, Alex Tyldesley,  
Ben Wallcox – 63<sup>rd</sup> Bristol.

Michael Barry, Sam Gollop, George  
Hooper - 66<sup>th</sup> Bristol

## **EDITOR'S BIT**



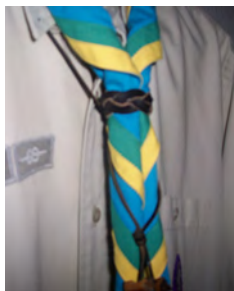
We have been  
waiting for it for

so long and well it is here at last –  
2007 – Our centenary and there are  
loads of activities to do whether you  
are in your Colonies, Packs, Troops  
and Units. At District level there are  
all the things that go on as usual but  
hopefully better and some young  
adults and some leaders from the  
District will be going to the World  
Jamboree, At County level the two  
events this quarter are the St.  
George Day Renewal of the Promise  
and the fun day after this and the  
“Ton of Fun” Jamboree at Wood-  
house Park, Avon Scout campsite.  
Nationally and Internationally obvi-  
ously the World Jamboree is the  
highlight of the Scouting year with  
46,000 people coming to Hylands  
Park, Chelmsford. It will be one of  
the memorable in the year for all  
attend whether young people or IST  
or day visitors. ( I attended EuroJam  
2005 and it was amazing – but at  
this there was only 9,500 people )

I would like to hear from leaders or  
young people who have done any-  
thing really different, that can be  
recorded in the “Brunel Bits”.

Especially for Red Nose Day –  
which is on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007 and  
events above before the 1<sup>st</sup> May  
2007.

Send items though your G.S.L. or  
direct to me either though e.mail at  
[dro.scouts@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dro.scouts@blueyonder.co.uk) or  
snail mail at 2 Lodge Walk,  
Downend, Bristol. BS16 5UQ



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.

## **BEAVER BITS**

### **A VISIT TO THE PANTO - TREASURE ISLAND**



For most of us the District Beaver Scout trip to see Treasure Island was also the first time we had ever visited the Tobacco Factory. From the 151 Colony we had 20 Beavers and families including leaders. Unlike a normal stage, seating was on three sides of the theatre, so that you could see the action from various angles and at times the actors were just a few inches away from the audience. None of us knew quite what to expect, but the production really kept strictly to the story and the small band of actors worked really hard. I think most of the Beavers enjoyed the play, particularly the sword fight.

Many thanks to Carol Gollop for organising the trip, which can be stressful. I hope Carol will organise a similar trip next year.

Sally Green  
Beaver Scout Leader  
151 Bristol (Fishponds Baptist)



## **CUB CAPERS**

### **90th Birthday Celebration**

Come 1.45 p.m. at 151st Scout Hall - all was quiet, then suddenly the doors opened to a steady flow of Cubs all Carrying their offerings to Party you name it we had it in abundance - everything from

Crisps to Cheese on Sticks - including some home made cakes and sausage rolls, all ready for the off at 2p.m. a walk round quiz was organised they had to find out celebrities birthdays - good fun and well organised - then into party games we had balloon relays with football ring Game and Pass the Parcel & Chocolate Game combined which was rather different.

But all games were enjoyed by all - then came the Great Feast - all the contributions bought along earlier - were all neatly laid out on a long table with good manners shining through - and drinks were provided by the District with a choice of Bottled Water or orange and tea was provided for the leaders who of course had their fill of goodies - there then followed a Camp fire which was very entertaining - with individual inputs by leaders. We had a presentation from Graham Meikle ACC (Cubs) of a unique participation Anniversary Certificate to Hazel Sperrings ADC Cubs - and Roy was presented with his Warrant as DCSL Brunel District ( Which was nice ) as it was a nice surprise - - an official picture was taken of all the Cubs present - Contact me for any other pictures - thank you 151 for hosting a memorable afternoon for our Cubs there about 100 present from around the district and of course to Hazel our ADC. Each cub went home with a Goody Bag which included a Unique Anniversary Woggle.

Roy Harvey  
- District Cub Scout Leader



## DRAUGHT COMPETITION



On 30<sup>th</sup> of January we went to the 69<sup>th</sup> H.Q., St Joseph Church Hall to the Brunel District Draughts Competition. It was really fun. George and ourselves, Nathan and Oliver battled hard against the other packs and we nearly came out on top. At the end we came Third, but we knew that we did our best.

The Result was

- 1<sup>st</sup> -
- 69<sup>th</sup> Bristol
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -
- 1<sup>st</sup> Patchway
- 3<sup>rd</sup> -
- 151<sup>st</sup> Bristol
- 4<sup>th</sup> -
- 66<sup>th</sup> Bristol



Oliver Porter & Nathan Carter  
(151st Bristol)

## PHOTO COMPETITION

Details of the County photo competition are available at

[www.avonscouts.org.uk/2007/photographycompetition.html](http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/2007/photographycompetition.html)

A winner is being selected every month. So, if you've photos that you've taken during January please submit them in the next couple of days.

## COUNTY CELEBRATION FOR ST GEORGE'S DAY

You will be aware that this year we are having a



County celebration for St George's Day on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Royal Victoria Park in Bath.

Activities planned for the day include Quasar, Laser Clays, Human table Football, Bouncy Volleyball, Crazy Golf Course, Climbing Wall, Bungee Run, Bouncy Boxing, Gladiator Duel, Sumo Wrestling, Pole Joust, 'Velcro' Football, Laser Shot, Rodeo Bull, Surf/Snowboard and a Giant Games Arena which will include giant 'Jenga', giant noughts and crosses, giant 'Connect 4', and giant snakes and ladders.

Information is available at

[www.avonscouts.org.uk/stgeorge](http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/stgeorge)

on the 'Wacky Races' events, and the opportunity for Groups etc to run their own stall at the event.

So, please make sure that you have Sunday 22 April in your diary. Please also give advance notice to the members of your Group/Unit. Remember, this is **NOT** a County St George's Day Parade; this is a fun day of activities with the opportunity to renew your promise and mark St George's Day.

## **MARK GOLLOP - DISTRICT COMMISSIONER**

One day on the way home from school back in the summer of 1976 my friend suggested I went along to Scouts with him. That evening I went to the old scout hut in Beechen Drive where the 66th Bristol met we spent the evening lighting fires and cooking. I remember the talk at the time was how the subs were going to go up from eight pence to ten, would everybody be able to afford this rise. I stayed with the 66th Bristol Scout troop for five years gaining my Chief Scouts Award, Bronze D of E, as well as completing the Ten Tors Bronze walking competition. I then moved down the road to the Breton Venture Scout unit at the 13th Bristol. There I gained my Queens Scout award, Gold D of E and completed Silver and Gold Ten Tors walking competition.

At the age of 19 I became an assistant scout leader at the 66th Bristol. During my time with the Troop I worked with the older scouts, running more of the adventurous activities. During this time I completed my Wood Badge training and became a Cave leader, Abseiling instructor and Hill walking leader.

With the backing of Bryan Bolley, the GSL at 66th I started up Aquila Venture Scout unit based at St Johns. Why the name Aquila well, the 66th Bristol are sponsored by St John's church on Lodge Causeway in Fishponds and one of the symbols in church is an eagle and the Latin for eagle is Aquila. The unit ran for approximately eight years with a number of the ventures gaining the Queen Scout award and Gold D of E. The activities I became involved with the ventures led me to further my adventurous activity qualifications I gained kayaking and canoeing coaching qualifications and my MLTB summer award.

With a drop in young people of Venture Scout age in the area, I moved back to the Troop as the Scout Leader.

In early 2000 I moved on again but this time to a very different role in Scouting, ADC Adult Training in the Bristol North East District. I helped people from across the District gain their Wood Badge. This also led me to working with Avon County Training Team, where I helped run and direct courses. The family were often roped in to do the course catering, you ask Carol how she spent one of her wedding anniversaries.

When the new adult training scheme was introduced in 2003 I attended the launch and was involved with the introduction of the new scheme into the county. The new scheme also meant another change of role to Local Training Manager. The geographical area also changed, I now looked after all the leaders in Bristol North East and Bristol South East.

In 2004 I was asked to join a team reviewing the effectiveness of the Districts within Avon. The result of this review led us to the District changes and me becoming District Commissioner of Brunel. I'm still not sure when I said "yes" to taking on this role.

Family, work and being District Commissioner takes up most of my time now, any spare time I have now seems to be spent sleeping, but that is a cunning ploy so that Carol can't find me any jobs to do around the house.



# **ADULT TRAINING**

## **STUCK ON YOUR WOOD-BADGE?**

Come to the next district training evening on 19 March to talk to a training advisor. There will also be a chance to do Module 7. More details from

[mike.harper@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:mike.harper@avonscouts.org.uk) or [val.todd@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:val.todd@avonscouts.org.uk).

Coming soon..... District based First Aid Training. If your First Aid qualification has expired or is about to expire you will be interested to see that we can now offer you First Aid training at district level. Contact Val Todd on [val.todd@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:val.todd@avonscouts.org.uk) for more information and to book your place on a course.



## **PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD JAMBOREE**



Since the last up date, nova unit has been a bit busy, bag packing that is, up the mall in M & S raising just over **£2000**, and a day bag packing in Somerfield, Portishead where we managed to raise just over £25 per person. We've been off to camp at Woodhouse to help the warden tidy up what ever he needed around the site and spent

a day down at Glenny Wood helping them get the site ready to open it's gates again. On top of all this we've managed to do what all the young people enjoy, PARTYING, we had a Christmas party at 1st Little Stoke HQ with a secret Santa, musical statues and musical chairs, still not sure who enjoyed it the most, the unit leaders or the unit members them selves. And of course some of the unit attended the Brunel disco, where the unit members got dragged up to dance.

We've also decided on the 2 young people that may have the chance to spend a few days on Brownsea Island, that's Lucy Challis and Henry Bryne who are both from Brunel. Well Done to you both. Over all its been a good few months since the last update, with the jamboree getting ever closer, but at least the units getting stronger and stronger with all the young people developing and enjoying themselves. We would just like to thank all that are helping Nova unit in any way.

## **NOVA**



Avon and Montgomeryshire girls going to the World Jamboree

## **BRUNEL DISTRICT RAFFLE PRIZES AND WINNERS**

- 1 Kodak Digital Camera and Printer  
467 John Cahill
- 2 Tickets to see Michael Ball  
2191 Claire Meadows
- 3 Case of Champagne  
911 P Munden
- 4 Carriage Clock  
723 Mrs P Haggett
- 5 Wind Up Radio  
1847 Kane Martin
- 6 5 Bottles of Wine  
1886 Chris Davis
- 7 Selection of Thornton's Toffees  
and Eggs  
906 Mrs Macgregor
- 8 Child's Annual Membership to Crealy in  
Devon  
3515 Rebecca Quarry
- 9 Thornton's Chocolate Champagne  
Bottle  
1628 Val Todd
- 10 A Bottle of Champagne  
2543 Louise Foster
- 11 2 adult tickets to Slimbridge  
618 D Bastable-House
- 12 Chocolate Cook Set  
2598 D Legood
- 13 Game for 6 Bowling at Hollywood Bowl  
2389 Jimmy Bryant
- 14 Large Vase  
2566 Sally Foster
- 15 4 Bottles of Wine  
1686 Matt Edmonds
- 16 A Bottle of Champagne  
3382 Caroline Needs
- 17 1 litre Vacuum Flask  
1369 D Bell
- 18 A Wok  
2143 Cathy Scothern
- 19 A Picture  
571 J Smith
- 20 350ml Vacuum Flask  
2125 A Shoferpoor
- 21 4 Bottles of Wine  
809 Dan Hooper
- 22 Home Food Cookery Book  
3102 Mrs Rogers

## **BATH SCOUT AND GUIDE GANG SHOW 2007**

Celebrating their 10th Anniversary with a brand new, fast flowing show at the Kingswood Theatre, Lansdown, Bath from 11th - 14th April 2007.

Tickets £7 (£5 Children 14 and under). All tickets £7 Saturday Evening Performance. 10% discount on 15 or more tickets purchased for the same performance. Evening Performances start at 7.15pm and 2.15pm on the Saturday Afternoon.

For further information, including booking forms and theatre seating plan, see [www.bathgangshow.com](http://www.bathgangshow.com), call the box office on 01225 834293, or email [Adrian@bathgangshow.com](mailto:Adrian@bathgangshow.com)

## **NIGHTS AWAY PERMIT**

If any Scouter is planning to take their nights away permit this year please can you get in touch with me so that I can help and support you in the process.

Margaret Exley (ADC Nights Away.)

## **• Red Nose Day**

You will be aware that The Scout Association is involved with Comic Relief this year and that Comic Relief Day is on 16th March. Full information at [www.scouts.org.uk/comicrelief](http://www.scouts.org.uk/comicrelief) and [www.rednoseday.com](http://www.rednoseday.com)

Please advise Philip Bird, ACC(Comms) - [philip.bird@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:philip.bird@avonscouts.org.uk) - if you're doing a Comic Relief activity so that we can try to get some publicity for you.

## **A SUCCESS STORY FROM 1ST STOKE GIFFORD**

I think I'd need more than a glass of wine for a census return of that magnitude :- A circa 35% increase on last year against a national average backdrop of circa 1% is an incredible achievement - and testament to everybody's commitment and hard work!!

Having witnessed it first hand, it strikes me that all of you are extremely dedicated to offering the best possible Scouting to the most possible young people. The Group is a beacon in the District. Well done and an enormous thank you on behalf of all those young people! They may not say or know it themselves, but you're making a huge difference to their lives week in and week out. As someone who lives locally, I also think it is so important and valuable that young people in our community get such chances. You should all be extremely proud.

Next year, there will be new development challenges which I know you have your sights set on and will turn your talents and tenacity to with the same vigour as this year. Let's hope the Group can top even the extraordinary achievements of this last year. I wish you continued luck and whatever support that the District and I personally can give.

Some of the challenges which I think you are well placed to tackle include:

- a 3 year development programme including succession planning to ensure your growth and development is sustainable and the future challenges are planned over a realistic time period
- a well-resourced local Explorer Scout Unit offering a balanced and adventurous programme to young people (male and female)
- no young people of Scouting age on waiting lists
- review for all leaders
- all training up-to-date
- at least one significant 'adventurous' residential experience for all sections (perhaps abroad for the Scouts/ES?!)
- increased co-operation with nearby Groups leaders on programme planning, sharing good practice, volunteer recruitment etc (e.g. Little Stoke, Bradley Stoke, Filton, Patchway)
- explicitly recognising and celebrating the success and achievements throughout 2007 of every adult volunteer, every young person and the Group as a whole

These things would make a tremendous difference not just within the Group but beyond it.

I have every faith that your rise to and probably even exceed the best expectations. Keep up the good work everyone and thank you for allowing me to volunteer with you – it's a real privilege.

Yours,  
Dan  
ADC Development

### **ONE PROMISE ROSE**

*Named to commemorate the Centenary of Scouting, 'One Promise' rose is a spectacular new British-bred rose, in Scouting's famous purple. Details at*

[www.avonscouts.org.uk/2007/rose.htm](http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/2007/rose.htm)

*and also in February/March Scouting Magazine.*

The Deadline for items for the June 2007 "Brunel Bits" is the 1st May 2007.

