



# BRUNEL BITS

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## D.C. COMMENTS

With our trip to the O2 Dome to see the Festival of Scouting in November our formal Scout Centenary celebrations are now all over. Following the increased public awareness of what we are doing in Scouting these days we have benefited from enquiries by 32 new young people and 10 adult leaders since July.

With the beginning of the 101<sup>st</sup> year of Scouting in 2008 we look forward to maintaining this increased flow of new young people and adults into the Brunel Scout District. To do this we have started talking to various outside volunteering coordinating organisations. These organisations are all keen to work with us to increase the number of people volunteering to support Scouting in the District. I shall be able to get you more information in the next magazine.

As we all look forward to what 2008 brings us in Scouting I would like to thank everyone for what they have done in this our Centenary year, for the many hours of time volunteered to Scouting for all the young people in the Brunel Scout District.

## SAINBURY'S COMMUNITY WEEK

We now have the total amounts of money raised for the Sainsbury's Week

The 58<sup>th</sup> Bristol supported the Sainsbury's Community Week at the Emerson's Green store on the Friday evening and they raised £461.00 in 2 hours. The following group worked together at the East Filton store and raised £2,861.00 over the week.

Groups supporting the East Filton store were: - 66<sup>th</sup> Bristol Scout Group, 128<sup>th</sup> Bristol Scout Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Little Stoke Scout Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Bradley Stoke Scout Group, Solar Explorer Scouts



During the week we also given out in excess of 10 thousands Scouting leaflets. The leaflets were the national Scout recruitment leaflets but mainly our new Brunel recruitment leaflets. From these leaflets we have received a number of enquiry's from young people and Adults.

*Mark Gollop*

## EDITOR'S BIT

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Prosperous New Year. (It might be early but it is cheaper than sending all of you Christmas cards!).

My thanks to all of you, from the youngest Beaver Scout to the oldest Leader or Scout Fellowship member, for doing their bit to help promote the Centenary of Scouting, whether supporting one of the District or County events or being a participant or a member of the I.S.T. for the World Jamboree in England.

46,000 Scouts at one venue, all in tents (and that doesn't include visitors to the site) and you will realise that the organisation of the Jamboree was a huge task.

I worked in the Jamboree Shopping area and we saw the majority of them!

Previous "Brunel Bits" are now on our own Web Site at [www.avonscouts.org.uk/brunel](http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/brunel), where there is Brunel District information and links for Groups, County and National Scouting.

I would like the young people and "young at heart" in the District to write about different Scouting events whether they are Group, District, County, National or International events – send them in to me, my e.mail address is [dave.owen@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:dave.owen@avonscouts.org.uk) or my "snail mail" address at 2 Lodge Walk, Downend, BS16 5UQ.

Yours in Scouting  
Dave Owen



The Deadline for items  
for the March 2008  
"Brunel Bits" is the  
1st February 2008.



## BEAVER SCOUT QUIZ

Nine teams entered from eight Colonies to participate in the myths and legends themed quiz, held at 1<sup>st</sup> Little Stoke's headquarters. Close to fifty Beavers enjoyed baes ranging from build your own pirate ship (from lego), through to nursery rhymes, charades, Disney movie questions and the sensory base, where Beavers had to try and identify through touch a medieval boot, bag and leather armour. A big thank you to all those who took part, to Little

Stoke for hosting and to the Leaders and Helpers. Congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> Stoke Gifford Beavers for winning this year's close run quiz.

### Brunel District Beaver Quiz Results 2007

1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Stoke Gifford	138 pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Bradley Stoke	137 pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup> Bristol (St Michael's)	136 pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	159 <sup>th</sup> Bristol (St Aidan's)	135 pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Little Stoke 'A'	132 pts
6 <sup>th</sup>	209 <sup>th</sup> Bristol	130 pts
7 <sup>th</sup>	151 <sup>st</sup> Bristol	129 pts
8 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Little Stoke 'B'	126.5pts
9 <sup>th</sup>	66 <sup>th</sup> Bristol (St John's)	120 pts

Duncan Biddulph ADC Beavers

# CUB CAPERS



## SUNRISE CEREMONY

32nd Scouts and Cubs joined in the Sunrise Ceremony at Woodhouse Park.

We head to meet at our Scout Hut at 7:15 in the morning - we didn't know there was a 7:15am. At 8:00 we all renewed our promise with other Cubs and Scouts from other groups.

We had a good old sing song, which included the song earwig "o" and also the circle song.

We left Woodhouse in the mini-bus and drove to Weston, singing every second till we got to Weston. We joined in with every one else and renewed our promise again, linking up with Scouts in Australia. We then had lots of fun on the beach getting wet, muddy and really sandy. We finished our day at Weston at the pier.

It was an amazing day!

*Josh Keyte, Dan Pearce, Jack Jones and the rest of 32nd*

## SCOUT SNIPPETS

### SCOUTS BAG PACKING

On Friday the 5th October the 58th Scout Group went to Sainsburys in Emersons Green to do some bag packing. It was my first time bag packing and I was quite excited. I was put on a till on my own at first. We

had to ask the customers if they would like their bag packed and most customers were kind enough to say yes. They were mostly very very generous (though one or two allowed us to pack their bags for nothing!). My till closed so I moved to my friend Rebecca's till. The operator was really nice and she let us sit on her seat and even help her scan - until her boss came along!. I enjoyed bag packing and we raised a lot of funds and I would like to do it again.



By Jessie Mackereth age 11

## INVITATION CLUB

Sale or Return

- your questions answered...

- There is no financial risk to your organisation
- There is no up front payment
- Books are supplied on a sale or return basis
- There is no delivery or collection charge

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- Minimum order is 10 books
- You are guaranteed to raise a minimum of £4 from every book sold – the more you sell the more you raise!
- You never pay us for a book that you haven't already received payment for
- We are always available to offer guidance and help

- We provide you with all of the paper work and promotional information
- There is no obligation to buy – it's their choice!
- If you don't offer it to your club another organisation might

**There is nothing to lose!**

## BEATING THE BOUNDS

Good morning all,  
Well we did it, the boundary was covered between 7am and 4pm on Saturday.

A big thank you to everybody who took part, be it walking, organising or supporting.

Plus a thank you to Mike Banfield who initially worked out the route. I managed to see teams from Cotswold edge, Brunel, Kingswood, Bath, Wansdyke and Bristol South and witnessed walkers from all sections.

Apologies to Gordano and Cabot, I simply ran out of time!

I have some photographs, which will appear on the county web site in due course, if anybody else has photos and would like to share them please let me know. Please can you let me know the groups and units that took part.

YIS

Bas Burnett

## AIR RIFLE SHOOTING

The next Air rifle course for adults is being run at Woodhouse Park in November, Please check our web site

[www.avonscouts.org.uk/rifleclub](http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/rifleclub) for details and application form.

Other shooting courses will be available in the new Year.

Brian Hunt

County Shooting advisor

[Brian.hunt@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:Brian.hunt@avonscouts.org.uk)

## FUN NIGHT FOR SCOUT GROUPS

Hello

The ultimate fun night out for Scout groups is "Haunted and Hidden Bristol Walking Tour" recently featured on Living TV's Most Haunted show....

The tour visits many of old Bristol's haunted buildings, some TV locations as well as many of the Old City's Historical Buildings.

Tours run most Fridays but Private

Tours are available and Scout

Groups are charged just £3 per person!

Hope to hear from you soon

John

[www.hauntedandhiddenbristol.co.uk](http://www.hauntedandhiddenbristol.co.uk)



# THE SCIENCE EXPLOSION EVENT

at Bristol University  
on Monday 11th November.

"The Science explosion evening was a great event with around 100 people attending ranging from Beaver all the way up to Explorers and of course Leaders. There was a professor and a technician demonstrating the experiments, they made a science lesson enjoyable for once.

The experiments were all different and the people watching were able to participate and handle certain things. There was something for the older scouts to understand such as equations and simpler things for the younger ones. Overall the night was great fun and I am sure that everybody learnt something. The theme of the evening was about climate changes."

Victoria Richer, Patrol Leader  
128th St Gabriel's Scout Group

## WOODBADGE TRAINING EVENING

Wednesday 5 December 2007  
starting at 7:30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Bristol Muslim Scout Group  
Headquarters

Muller Road, Bristol (next to the railway  
bridge and almost opposite B&Q)  
Module 2 – Personal Learning Plan

This session will give you the chance to create the master plan for your Woodbadge training based on the requirements of your role and

taking into account your own needs. When completed it will show what training and support that you will need in order to complete the relevant modules for your Woodbadge.

You will have the chance to:

- identify the skills you need in order to do your job by discussing further courses that you feel that you need to attend.
- plan the training, learning and support you need to fill out any skill gaps
- show that you can do the job by providing evidence to validate Modules (where you have either already attended a course or feel that you have sufficient/existing experience in the subject to be validated). **Please note that attending a district run course (with the exception of Modules 3, 6 and 10) does not automatically validate the module.**

You will benefit more from this training evening if you have read through your personal file and decided whether or not you can meet the module requirements or need further learning in that particular subject. To help you decide read the explanation of what the module is about and what validation is required, then ask yourself the prompt questions. This will help you decide whether or not you have the right level of skill or knowledge to complete the module.

As the District cannot provide you with all the Woodbadge courses details of County run courses will be available. These are slightly longer and more detailed and tend to fill up quickly so don't forget your diary so that you can match your availability with the dates! They do, however, give you a chance to meet with leaders from other parts of the County and pick up different ideas and contacts for your programmes.

In any event don't forget your Training Folder plus any evidence you need to validate the modules.

Can you please let your Training Advisor or me know if you are able to come and if you cannot come how else I can help you with your training.

Look forward to seeing you.

Yours in Scouting  
Mike



# Bristol Gang Show

*A fast moving variety show for all the family*

## Audition for the 2008 Bristol Gang Show

Welcome to our audition information

You'll find below a little more information about what to expect should you wish to audition. The most important thing to let you know is that it will be fun, fun, fun! The audition is run as a very informal workshop and you'll be taking part as a large group.

**What's a Gang Show?**

Gang shows are a unique form of entertainment - a special type of variety show performed by young people. Music, dancing, drama, comedy all feature and for over 70 years Gang Shows have been entertaining audiences across the world. They have given hundreds of thousands of young people a taste of show business and an opportunity to feel what it's like to be a star!

**What age do I have to be?**

To be in the show you need to be 10 years of age by show week and an active member of Scouting within Avon.

*We are not just looking for junior cast, but adults too!*

**When does it take place?**

The show is in October 2008 at the Bristol Hippodrome theatre but rehearsals begin in May and take place every Tuesday for Junior cast and every Thursday for adult cast at the Horfield Methodist Church, Horfield. In addition there are a few Sunday rehearsals in the run up to the show.

It is undoubtedly a big commitment but in order to achieve the high standard of performance this is the minimum amount of rehearsal required. What we can guarantee is that every minute you spend working on the show will be worthwhile as you'll make loads of new friends and the amazing atmosphere of show week has to be experienced to be believed!

**Do I need to be able to sing and dance?**

A basic ability to sing in tune and move around to music is required. The majority of people do actually have these skills (some just don't know they have them!) At the audition you will be asked to sing with a group of other people and move to some music (again with a group of others). Unfortunately, we have a limit on the amount of people we can physically fit onto the stage so an audition process is necessary. However, don't let this put you off as the audition is a fun workshop designed to ensure that everyone has a good laugh - even if they are not fortunate enough to be offered a place in the show.

**When are auditions?**

Auditions will take place on Saturday 1st December 2007 at Horfield Methodist Church, Horfield. If you would like to audition, please see below for details of what you'll need to do.

**What's it like being in the show?**

Brilliant, fun, excellent, amazing, superb, wicked, unforgettable are all words which have been used by cast members to sum up what being in the Gang Show is like. Past members reckon it is one of the most amazing experiences you could ever imagine. Put simply it is five months of fun, friendship and a place where you will make everlasting memories.

**How do I apply to audition?**

Simple just e-mail your details to [christine.ellis@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:christine.ellis@avonscouts.org.uk) or telephone Christine (production secretary) after 7pm on 0117 9514670.

**[www.bristolgangshow.org.uk](http://www.bristolgangshow.org.uk)**



## **THE PARTICIPATOR'S VIEW**

When I arrived at the jamboree I didn't know what to expect . Was I always going to be busy? Was there going to be enough to do? Would the whole experience live up to my expectations? However I realised as soon as I stepped off the coach and started the most amazing journey of my life that this would be everything I hoped it would be and more!!

The jamboree opened my eyes to the problems faced by some people in the world today and also how we can make a difference to the people who really need it. I have made friends with people from countries I never even knew existed and I will make every effort to keep in contact with them. At the opening ceremony my eyes were filled with tears as we watched the videos about poverty in the world, Yet when I saw how much of a difference scouting has made in these places I felt so proud to be a scout and knew then that this feeling would stay with me forever. Every single person I spoke to was friendly and wanted to chat, even if there was nothing we could say because of language we still managed somehow to communicate with each other whether that meant swapping badges, pointing to where we were camping or just

waving and smiling. If I was to count how many people I exchanged smiles with during those two weeks I don't think I'd ever get to the end of the list! Until you go to a jamboree you will never experience such a feeling of pride and never understand what it feels like to be surrounded by thousands of people all of which want to know you and your story, want to have a badge from your country or just want to say hello to you in their voice. I am so grateful to all those people who organised the jamboree, my unit leaders, and the people who helped my get the money together, and to all the people from every country for making this amazing experience come together and change my life forever!

My experience at the 21<sup>st</sup> world jamboree is completely indescribable and there is nothing I can say that explains the atmosphere of 40000 scouts who were all gathered to promote a positive image about scouting and to make our world a better place.

Lucy Challis

## **THE JAMBO EXPERIENCE A LEADERS VIEW.**

Jamb.....Hello

Sadly, and I do mean sadly my Jambo experience is all most over. But what a 2 years it's been, it's been great. It all began back in winter 2005; YES 2005, when I got our beloved DC, to sign my form to go to the county selection weekend. Arriving at Woodhouse Park on a cold January morning with 11 other fellow Scouters, all wanting

to get a place at the 21<sup>st</sup> world jamboree. We spent all weekend being watched by the selection team, while undertaking a number of activities and team building exercises. Then came crunch time late Sunday afternoon, we were all gathered in the training centre's main hall, and were slowly pulled out in turn, to be told whether we were one of the lucky ones. Need I say any more! 😊

In the following 2 months or so I went around District to visit all the Scouts, and explore with Gem Gollup to give you all an insight of what WSJ2007 would be like and what EuroJam05 was like.

Then came the Young person's selection day in April. When we had just short of 100 people turn up from all over country, what a great turnout. On the day, all the YPs were split up into groups and given activities to complete, from building a cart and running through WHP to the bottom toilet block via the steps and back, with it full of chairs, all timed, and a range of other team building activities to be completed.

After that came a unit leaders meeting, up in Nottingham, as per normal on leader's weekend there lots of work to be done, and a fair bit of socialising. But it was mainly to make sure that every unit had a good start to in preparations for Jambo

Then came the first meeting of NOVA (formally known as Avon2) in June 06. Where we had a days meeting at

WHP, to meet all the young people, and see what they wanted to get out of this truly unique experience. After this we had a camp in the paddock, where two of the leaders gave some of the all 36 YPs, a small bit of fire breathing and juggling, which you would have seen at tons of fun as well. Since our first camp at Woodhouse, the unit has camped there many times enjoying, all of the facilities. We had camped out at Chelwood, stayed in a hut in Portishead, when we helped renovate Glennywood for the day. And of course we attended **Ton of mud. (I mean fun of course)** Where we had a great time selling our hoddies on that cold wet, mayday weekend, even the Peter Duncan had one (he paid, for it as well). Over that weekend we dressed up in drag, for a rocky horror show evening in the explore field. Then up top of all this add fundraising at M&S mainly, God bless them for putting up with us.

Then of course came WSJ: 07, what a mental 12 days, of song, dance, entertainment, and even SUN, OMG a British summer with the sun shining. Arriving at Chelmsford after a 4 hour coach trip, we had a hike of about 5 minutes to get to our sub camp from the main coach stop. Hello ATOL, the home of nova for the length of the jamboree. Once we had set up our camp (4 dining shelters and 22, 2 man dome tents) we had enough time to get some food inside us, take a group photo, then head up for a mass of UK Scouts, for a pre-opening party, where we had music for Lamar, and the last performance for Liberty-X, to name a few. Once

the party had finished Unit's started turning up from all over the world. Over the following 12 days I attended the opening party Sunrise Day, went to Southend-on-sea with 1/3 of the unit to do our bit in the community. Spent to morning being pirates on rafts at splash (So So cool), travelled to Scouting HQ, to look around the grounds, and take part in activities. Saw knights jousting (again so cool). Dressed up in Drag aging to do the time warp on the sub camp stage and the black magic stage along with unit to a standing ovation, (Go Nova). Then along came the closing party, a sad evening as a whole knowing that the biggest scouting party is almost over, saying goodbye to new friends, some that may never see again. ☺

But with all that I mind the unit was still alive rearing to go as ever, know that we will be meeting again, this came all to soon in September when we camped at WHP once again, where we had a go on the assault course, and a shooting competition, to win one of the CST (Contingent Support Team) polo shirts. Before the units final outing, with the unit heading out to Hanover, Germany, with the CC Neil

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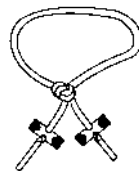


## AWARDS

### Wood Badge

Duncan Biddulph  
District Team  
Dan Wood District  
Team

Gina Smith 13<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
Steve Jones 58<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
Jenny Moore 197<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
Emma Scott 197<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
Shirley Scott 197<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
Ben Hopper Northwinds ESU /  
209<sup>th</sup> Bristol



### 5 Year Service

Chris Gavriel 91<sup>st</sup> Bristol  
Christine Gilbert 209<sup>th</sup> Bristol

### 10 Year Service

Steve Pollinger 159<sup>th</sup> Bristol  
Nigel Shore Apollo ESU



### Bar to the Medal of Merit

David Owen District Team  
Marek Petela 69th Bristol  
Wendy Petela 69th Bristol

## 101 YEARS OF SCOUTING?

Did you know that 2008 is the 101st anniversary of Scouting? 101 years since the founder's experimental camp on Brownsea Island. How are you going to celebrate this important milestone?

## **Coast to Coast**

I want to see Scouts smiling faces and hear them say "that was wicked" or "that was the best thing I've done in Scouts" or "I'm having the best time of my life!" Together can make the dream come true for your Scouts. Together we can make memories.

Brunel District are looking into the possibility of doing something a bit special next spring. At the moment it looks like a two day coast to coast camp with a night out. But it could be something else.

## **Magical Event**

Plans are at an early stage. Cornwall Scouts did something like this to celebrate the Centenary of Scouting. It will be a lot of work to organise. At this stage I'd like an indication of your support in promoting this magical event. When we get there I'll need your help to run the event (say one leader per Troop). I also need to know if your Scouts are interested and up for the adventure.

Due to the distance (anticipated to be about 15 miles over two days) and the terrain, I propose at this stage to restrict this event to older Scouts (say 12 and over,) and Explorer Scouts

Please let me have your thoughts. Telephone 01454 618789, catch me at District meetings, e-mail me [michael.edwards-jones@avonscouts.org.uk](mailto:michael.edwards-jones@avonscouts.org.uk), or snail mail me at 93 Wheatfield Drive, Bradley Stoke, Bristol BS32 9DB.

This sensational event celebrating 101 years of Scouting will go ahead if I know now it will be supported by you and your Scouts.

**Miss it-Miss out!**

## **PAPERWORK FOR NEW LEADERS AND ALL**

I am concerned to be receiving completed AA and CRB forms for new leaders/GSA's and main executive members (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) direct from Groups. Apart from not knowing who these people are - and in a lot of cases which position they are applying for - it means that they have not received any information about who we are as a district and the way that we work. It is also very embarrassing to have to phone people up when the forms are not completed properly to find out why they have sent the paperwork! We have had a system in place now for more than two years where the persons details are passed to either Mark Gollop or myself and the "start up" package of forms and a covering letter is then sent out. This way I not only know who is being involved - and what position they are after - but can schedule appointments meeting to suit the volume and also chase the paperwork when needed.

**PLEASE USE THE SYSTEM  
IN FUTURE.**

### PLEASE NOTE

POR requires that ALL adults working in scouting, regardless of role, have to be CRB checked. This means not only your parents rota but the transport team, camp cooks, minor exec. members (i.e. not Chair, Secretary or Treasurer) , etc. need to be CRB checked at least every five years. (Main exec members, leaders and GSA's are CRB'd at the same time as their AA forms are processed). I am quite happy for Groups to get these forms completed at Group level and passed to me for processing as long as a note of the persons role is also enclosed with the completed form. I need this information as the checks carried out are slightly different according to the role undertaken and I need to put the role on the paperwork that goes off with the CRB. If you need forms and guidance notes on how to fill in the form please let me know.

Thanks for your co-operation.

Val

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## HOW DID I GET INVOLVED WITH SCOUTING

I first became involved with cub scouting at 151<sup>st</sup> Fishponds Baptist in September 1969, when I dropped in to see a friend I was asked if I was interested in helping with badge work to which I agreed. I was a Girl Guide so this also co-inside with my service flash. Instead of going from Guides to Rangers I decided I would

stay with the cubs and took a cub instructor certificate and following that at the age of 18yrs I found myself at the warrants committee and then starting on my woodbadge training. I continued as an assistant cub scout leader until 1976 when I took over as cub leader . During this period I gained the Medal of Merit.

I left 151<sup>st</sup> in 1990 and became District Cub Scout Leader assisting the ADC Cub Scouts in the arranging of District events and helping with training. During this period I gained the Silver Acorn. After a year the ADC left the District to take on the role as Assistant County Commissioner and I was asked to take over as Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts.

## AVON SCOUT CENTENARY WOOD

Pennsylvania Farm,  
Newton St Loe, near Bath

### TREE PLANTING OF A FOREST

By Jozef Clark (151<sup>st</sup> Scout)

As part of the 100<sup>th</sup> Scouting celebrations, we were asked to plant 2,500 trees in some land belonging to Prince Charles at Newton St Loe, Near Bath. Brunel District day for planting was on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

I was the only scout to turn up, so Dave, Claire and me armed with spades and wellies, drove to New-

ton St Loe. It was a sunny day, and the ground was so hard, I could not dig a hole, because I am so small!!! My job was to carry trees half way across the field to Dave and Claire who had dug holes. There were about 30 other people there from our district. We planted 230 trees; there were oak, ash, crab apple and cherry trees to name a few.

There was hot chocolate, tea and coffee for us when we finished. I was exhausted after all my carrying. In a few years we will be able to go back and camp in the forest, so I will be able to say 'Planted those trees, well carried them'!



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **DECEMBER**

Monday 3rd Appointments Meeting  
 Tuesday 4th District Cubs  
 Christmas Party at 69th H.Q.

### **JANUARY**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> G.S.L. Meeting  
 1<sup>st</sup> Bristol Muslim H.Q. 8.0 pm.  
 Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Cub Leaders meeting  
 69<sup>th</sup> H.Q., 8.0pm.,  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Cubs Draughts  
 Competition.  
 Application forms to be circulated.

### **APRIL**

St George's Event

### **JULY**

Weekend 4/6<sup>th</sup> Cubs Camp.  
 Woodhouse Park