



LOOK SOUTH

The Voice of Scouting in Bristol South District

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Welcome to the second edition of LOOK SOUTH, the Newsletter that aims to keep our members and supporters "in the picture". We trust that all interested parties received a copy of the first edition. If you didn't, please see your GSL as they were all issued with copies for distribution. You should also by now have seen a copy of the first issue of the Bristol South District directory. They were also distributed by the GSLs. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can find a list of corrections to that directory. Please update your copy and report any further changes to our secretary Rose Nicholls (rose.j.nicholls@virgin.net)

The three members of the District Management Team (DMT) have been kept very active since the formation of our new District. Our thanks go to all the Groups that invited us to various functions during the last few months, from Carol Services to Executive Committee meetings! We are also kept busy attending to what seems to be a continual calendar of meetings, from those with the County Commissioner right through to those with ourselves!

At one of those meetings it was agreed that we would like to develop a Bristol South District website. We have found a volunteer to get things off the ground, but if you have any feelings or ideas that you would like to share with us or if you would like to be part of a small team to develop the idea, then please get in touch with any member of the DMT.

We are also very conscious that the District is without an ADC for Beavers and of great concern is that we have not yet attracted a Leader Training Manager. Please contact any member of the DMT for full job descriptions and the chance to discuss the opportunities.

The 21st World Scout Jamboree will be taking place in the UK next year. Have you told all your young members, who will be between 14 and 18 years old on 27th July 2007, about the opportunity to attend? They can attend a free initial selection day at Woodhouse Park on 1st April 2006. Full details are available via your GSL.

Congratulations go to Blenheim CSL Andrew Scully and GSL Allan Burnett who were recently both winners of a "One Person Can Make A Difference" award.

Looking forward to a full year of Scouting, please set the date of your Group AGM and let the DMT know. Plans are underway for a District Camp at Woodhouse over the weekend of June 30th to July 2nd 2006. More details later, but in the meantime please include the dates in your Group/Section programmes.

Finally, the DMT would like to welcome our new *Look South* editor Crispin John who has worked hard to bring to you this edition of our newsletter. If you have any contributions for the next edition please pass them on to him. Contact details may be found on page 3.

From the District Management Team; Bob Stanfield, Nick Winter and Bob Hussey

So who exactly are the 133rd?

Some of you will know 133rd Bristol as the “wheelchair group”; others as the group in Knowle with the “special needs kids”. Let me take you on a brief journey through the history of the group and some of our achievements.

The group was registered in 1952 by Ron Gover, a Scouter who felt there was a need to make Scouting more accessible to those with disabilities in the then County of Bristol. In fact, Ron started his work in 1950, working with five boys from the Elmfield Deaf School in Westbury on Trym.

We have had a number of homes over the years, eight at the last count! We started meeting in the old County HQ in Portland square, moving into a cottage at the back when the offices became unsuitable as numbers grew. In return for using the cottage, leaders and committee members rolled up their sleeves and armed themselves with mops and dusters to keep the County HQ clean! (*The things people do to avoid paying rent...*) In 1973, the Group moved to the 600 Day Centre in Knowle, a purpose built premises to cater for people with disabilities.

Like all Scout Groups, we’ve camped our way around the country, venturing abroad as a Group and sending members to World Scout Jamborees. Among the places we’ve been are Ireland, Malta, France, Scotland, The Netherlands and Woodhouse Park.

Our first World Jamboree was in 1971 when we sent Anthony Melrose to Japan. In 1983 it was Timothy Northam’s turn to go to Canada, in 1995 Scott Mason was selected to go to the Netherlands and more recently

Michael Brown went to the 2002/3 Thailand Jamboree.

In 1961 133rd had its first Queen’s Scouts, David Johnson and Geoffrey Hook. There have been seven others, the last of which was Ian Kingscott, our current Chairman, in 1989.

In 1975, Ron Gover was presented with a British Empire Medal by HM the Queen. In 2004 it was the turn of Chris Culley, and he received an MBE at an investiture held at Buckingham Palace.

On a previous visit to the Palace in 1962 the Group went behind the railings to watch the Changing of the Guard. The bandmaster came over to the boys and asked for requests. They asked for, and got, *We all live in a Yellow Submarine!* I wonder how many people can say they had a request played at Buckingham Palace?

My favourite royal encounter was in 1973 when David Hurley, a Scout, was told not to ask the Queen what her name was. In true 133rd style he asked Her Majesty “What’s your dog’s name then?”

There are many happy memories associated with the 133rd, also some sad. Dealing with special needs children sometimes means we have to cram as much fun into their short lives as possible. The fact that we have had members who were blind, deaf, with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, Down’s syndrome or autism just makes things more of a challenge. We are, and always will be, Scouts first and foremost.

Chris Jones

Newsbites

The Annual **St George's Day Parade** take place on the great day itself this year, so make sure you book 23rd April in your diaries **NOW!** This parade traditionally takes place at St Mary Redcliffe Church, and this year you can be assured of plenty of clowning around. Further details to follow!

Badges seem to be in abundance this year! If you're still wearing a EuroJam badge (and some of them have been spotted recently!) then you need to take that off, but you could replace it with any or all of the following; 2007 Centenary uniform badge, Cub Scouts 90th Anniversary badge or a Beaver Scouts 20th Anniversary badge.

And talking of badges, have you stitched on you new **district badge** yet? The old badges should be replaced with the new combined county and district badge ASAP! Happy sewing!

Why not ring 07940 056856 or email, scrivscreeing eagles@hotmail.co.uk and book a visit by a local **hawk expert!** For a small fee he will bring along some birds of prey and entertain the young members for an evening.

Many congratulations go to **Archie Holmes, Charlotte Burnett & Laura Treharne**, all from Bristol South District on being selected as Avon Contingent Leaders at the 21st World Jamboree in 2007.

Ordnance Survey have a website www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk where you can not only buy or download maps online, but they also have a great range of free leaflets to send you which are a programme on a plate for introducing map reading into all sections.

The 133rd Bristol Group have a Renault Trafic 12 seat **minibus** available for use by other groups in the district. To be covered by their insurance you will need a Section 19 Special Small Bus permit. You can apply for this permit online at www.vosa.gov.uk at a cost of £10. For further details, call Chris Jones on 01249 661266.

The **Volvo Activity Pack** is available free of charge from the Scout Information Centre (0845 300 1818). The pack is aimed at Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scout sections, and is awash with activities, games and ideas based around the Volvo Ocean Race. It also allows you to follow the race and to find out more about life on board a boat, along with details of an offshore albatross conservation programme. Just don't mention Monty Python or theatres....

Got any Gossip?

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BEAVER SCOUT NEWS



Amendments to POR Rule 3.7 – The Beaver Scout Colony (Further Information)

As a result of feedback from members, POR rule 3.7 was reviewed, over an extensive period, to ensure that it provides clear direction and safe framework for the operation of a Colony. Essentially, the working group wished to achieve three points:

- 1) To clarify who can and can't run Beaver Scout Colony meetings
- 2) To rationalise and simplify the adult to young people ratios and ensure that we are aligned with appropriate and current National guidance and benchmarks
- 3) To rationalise the layout of the text, removing unnecessary rules relating to organisational detail and to bring the requirements more fully in line with the principles of the balanced programme

It is intended that the amendments to rule 3.7 will provide Colony Leadership Teams with a greater level of flexibility when running Colony meetings and outdoor events, including Beaver Scout Sleepovers.

*Peter Oliver
National Commissioner
for Beaver Scouts*

Awards

Wouldn't it be nice to celebrate the achievement of all our young people throughout the district and of course their leaders?

Of course it would, and to that end, we're going to introduce a new column to do just that.

If one of your members has some news to share, from getting the Chief Scout's bronze award to the Silver Wolf, or something from outside Scouting, then let us know and we'll put it into the next edition!

Does your Group need some £s?

Of course it does! The good news is that the 2006-07 Invitation Book brought to you by The BIG Fundraiser is out now and available to all Scout groups for effective fundraising. It contains over £10,000 worth of popular savings on purchases most families will make during the year - on days out, entertainment, dining out, shopping and holidays.

The books are given to scout groups on a sale or return basis, with no financial outlay or risk. Copies of the 2006-07 edition are limited so if you need to raise funds for your group contact the local Fundraising Coordinator, Rachel Devitt on e-mail

rachel.devitt@invitationbook.co.uk

World Jamboree News

You may be forgiven for wondering why everybody's getting excited about the prospect of a World Scout Jamboree happening on our doorstep. Then again, maybe you wouldn't. After all, it's only a once in a lifetime opportunity, isn't it?

Seriously though, all GSLs have details of the **selection day** for young people to form part of the Avon contingent for the 21st World Scout Jamboree to be held in the UK next year.



The selection day takes place at Woodhouse Park on 1st April and any young person who will be aged between 14 and 18 on 27th July 2007, and wants to have the experience of a lifetime will be welcome.

Although the Jamboree is primarily aimed at giving young people a life-changing experience, there are opportunities for adults as well! Applications will soon be open for adults to join the **IST** (International Service Team), amongst other things!

More details about these jobs are available on the Centenary website. You can also get a factsheet from the Scout Information Centre (contact details on the back page). It's FS 909003.

As if that was not enough, both before and after the Jamboree visitors will be offered **Home Hospitality** (HoHo), around the UK. Avon Scouts would like to host 2 units after the Jamboree. Can you offer HoHo to at least 2 young people or a leader?

To register your interest, contact Alwyn Leverton (the Avon Scouts Home Hospitality Coordinator) at alwynleverton@lycos.co.uk giving your name, address, telephone number and Group or your Scouting appointment or connection.

Do you **STILL** fancy some more? If so, then watch this space, because there will be plenty happening within both the District and the County to celebrate the centenary of Scouting.

Whatever you end up doing, do be sure to book 1st August 2007 off in your diaries. This is Scouting's sunrise and whatever you are doing, wherever you will be and whoever you will be with, this is when we will all join together to celebrate the beginning of a new 100 years of the Scout movement.

You can find out more about Scouting's centenary and keep up to date with the latest news by logging on to the official centenary website at www.scouting2007.org

Gift Aid

In the last issue of *Look South*, we looked at Gift Aid and one or two people had some further queries about what was discussed so we contacted Jack Gilbert, the Fundraising Manager at Gilwell Park.

To begin with, Gift Aid is not available on camp fees, purchase of uniform, days out to Alton Towers etc. as the benefit received is in excess of HM Revenue & Customs' 25% "rule of thumb". This means that the benefit received from what you get as a result of paying the money must be more than a quarter of what you've paid for.

Similarly, where people pay to attend an event like a quiz night or a gang show, hopefully the revenue will exceed the 25% rule, so Gift Aid cannot be claimed there either.

The only real exception to this is where the ticket price includes a donation. For example, if it costs you £7.50 to break even, you could charge £10.00 per ticket, to include a donation of £2.50 that you can Gift Aid.

However, you need to keep good records of all the costs for possible revenue inspection (for at least six years), and you could run into difficulties if you do not sell all the tickets, or somebody wants to attend but only pay £7.50! You must also ensure that you advertise on tickets and posters that the £2.50 is a donation.

Gift Aid is also available when participating in a sponsored event, such as a swim or silence, providing that the proper declaration is made on the sponsorship form.

We receive Gift Aid on membership subscriptions because HM Revenue & Customs consider the benefits received by young people and their parents are in fact less than 25% of the money paid.

Clearly the Scout Association would not agree with that but for somewhat obvious reasons we're not going to challenge it!

For more information on Gift Aid, take a look at Factsheet FS190006 on www.scoutbase.org.uk or call the Scout Information Centre, or see below!

Fundraising Road Shows

The Fundraising department at Gilwell Park is holding a number of road shows this year, including one at the Corus Hotel in Bristol on Saturday 8th April.

The purpose is to answer queries and share best practice. There will be further information on Gift Aid, and an opportunity to hear about funding available to Groups from Gilwell Park. Additionally, there will be guest speakers from HM Revenue & Customs, Landfill Tax, Awards for All and more. As space is limited, to book a place please contact:

carmen.attard@scout.org.uk

Streamline your Scouting!

July 2004 was an important month for Scouting, as it saw the launch of the online membership solution to improve communication and reduce administration throughout the movement, combined with our new look website.

The move towards one centralised database for the whole movement, instead of lots containing similar data, enables Section Leaders to access and amend the data on themselves and the young people they directly work with. This means you can now share the administration duties across your Group, District or County. At the moment, only adult members can use the system, but soon, youth members will also be able to handle many of their own details.

To access the system you need to sign up using your own unique membership number (which can be found on your warrant or Scouting magazine carrier sheet) to log in. It's a simple process and there is a guide on www.scouts.org.uk.

Ease of use has been an essential part of the design of this system and, as long as you can use the Internet, you should have no problem using the resource.

The importance of security has been paramount throughout the development of this database. A great deal of time has been spent making sure data is not accessible by non members and that you can only see information for people within your own area of

responsibility. Data storage is taken very seriously and is managed by a leading provider of data centre management based at an external site.

There is a factsheet (FS270001) available which gives you guidance on data protection. It also consists of a form for parents informing them on the use of data upon young people.

The Census will still run in its current format. However, the long-term view is that the membership database will eventually replace the current Census collection process. This will take a couple of years because we need to ensure the system is being used across the whole movement.

By accurately recording everyone in Scouting we will be able to communicate with each other more efficiently.

At a glance, signing up to the new database means that you can:

- View and update your own personal information
- Choose your own personal Scouting magazine option
- View, add and amend people who you are line manager for
- Access Programmes Online, A brand new resource launching in the very near future.

This (edited) article by James Wren appeared in the February/March edition of Scouting

DAN's & NAN's

Just a gentle reminder to those who are still not yet using the District Activity Notification (**DAN**) Forms or Nights Away Notification (**NAN**) Forms.

DAN forms are to be raised and submitted for Beaver Colonies, Cub Scout Packs, Scout Troops, Explorer Scout Units, District Sections Activities, groups of Scouter's or members of the Scout Fellowship, who propose to undertake a **ONE DAY** or **PART DAY** Visit or Activity **OUTSIDE** of the **DISTRICT BOUNDARY**.

The **DAN** in paper copy is to be submitted to the **ADC ACTIVITIES** at least **7 DAYS** before the event.

Form **NAN** is to be raised and submitted by an Event Leader or Nights Away Permit Holder to the **ADC ACTIVITIES** at least **SEVEN** days before the event.

When the event is being held at facilities not owned or operated by Scouting, such as public or commercial campsites and youth hostels, the **HOST DISTRICT COMMISSIONER** must also receive a copy of the information, normally this should be **FOURTEEN DAYS** before the event.

Alternatively the **DAN** or **NAN** can be submitted electronically by visiting the Avon Scouts Website at www.avonscouts.org.uk and going to the **Main Index Page** and under the heading **Activities...** look for **Activity Notification to DC's** or **Nights Away Forms & Info**

When you submit an electronic copy it is sent to DMT member Bob Stanfield, copied to the ADC Activities and a copy is retained in the Avon County Scouts Office.

Any problems please contact John Jones (ADC Activities) he's in the District Directory or at john.jones@avonscouts.org.uk.

ST GEORGES DAY PARADE ST. MARY REDCLIFFE CHURCH

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 2006

Parade Assembly Point and time:

Park Furnishers Car Park, Willway Street, Bedminster at 2:00 p.m.
The Parade will consist of two parades.

Route

The route will be: Willway Street, Sergeant Road, Whitehouse Street, Philip Street, East Street, Bedminster Bridge, Redcliffe Hill, St. Mary Redcliffe Church.

First Parade

A.D.C (cubs) in Charge, with Union Flag and World Flag.

This will consist of the following Groups: if groups have a Beaver Colony the beavers will be in front of the cubs.

Groups will be in the following order: 5th, 11th, 15th, 21st, 60th, 81st, 82nd, 107th, 127th, 133rd, Blenheim. This parade will be ready to move off behind the first band at 2:20 p.m.

Second Parade

D.E.S.C. & A.D.C. (Scouts) in Charge, with St. George's Flag and World Flag

This will consist of The following Groups: if groups have a Beaver Colony the beavers will be in front of the cubs.

145th, 146th, 148th, 175th, 208th, 229th, 255th, 256th, 275th, 286th, Explorers. This parade will be ready to move off behind the second band at 2:25 p.m.

Colours

On arrival at the Church the colour bearers will fall out at the entrance and come under the direction of John (Moe) Jones A.D.C. (Activities) and Brian Day A.D.C. (General Duties). Moe will lead the colours to the Altar.

Seating arrangements

The Scout Fellowship will endeavour to ensure that the Beavers will be seated in a position where they will be able to see what will be going on, but with the numbers involved, this cannot be guaranteed. If you want your Beaver colony to be seated with your group mention it to the fellowship steward, but you will take potluck where you will be sitting.

Collection

Collecting bags will be distributed to section leaders by D.E.S.C. before the service to collect from their own young people and the section leader will arrange for a young person to take the bag to the back of the church during the hymn designated for the collection.

After the Service

The parades will form up in Pump Lane (beside the church) in reverse order:

continued

First Parade

Blenheim, 133rd, 127th, 107th, 82nd, 81st, 60th, 21st, 15th, 11th, 5th. Again the beavers will be before the Cubs.

Second Parade

Explorers, 286th, 275th, 256th, 255th, 229th, 208th, 175th, 148th, 146th, 145th. Again the beavers will be before the Cubs. This parade will leave 5 minutes after the first parade has cleared Pump lane

The route back will be the reverse of the route to the church.

General Behaviour

Would all leaders please ensure that your members are aware that behaviour of the highest standard is expected, both on the parade and in the church. Everyone should stand quietly at the alert whilst the flags are being carried to and from the altar, during the renewal of promises and for the singing of the National Anthem.

Uniform

Full and proper uniform will be worn, with dark trousers and plain black or dark footwear.

JEANS WILL NOT BE WORN or trousers that have stripes or other adornments on them.

Weather

Should the weather be inclement, the decision to march will be taken by the D.M.T. before noon whether to march or not. If the march is cancelled then G.S.L.'s will be contacted by a member of the District Team and all groups will meet at the church, and will march back after the service.

Emergency Vehicles

Should an emergency vehicle appear then all leaders will move the parade to the left and wait for the vehicle to pass before resuming the parade, should you find that your section of the parade is near a junction then please ensure that the junction is left clear as the emergency vehicle may want to access it.

Rehearsal

A rehearsal will be held on Thursday 20th April at 7:00 p.m. at the church. ALL those taking part in the service, whether they are carrying flags (including escorts for the Union, St. George, or World flags) or doing a reading or prayer, MUST be in FULL UNIFORM, at the rehearsal. If you do not attend the rehearsal your flag will not be allowed to be carried in the Church.

Other Matters

Parking

Only Group Mini-Buses and Band Transport will be allowed to park in Park Furnishers car park, and they will park on the right hand side as they enter the car park. All other vehicles to park in side roads or on car park areas of the adjacent buildings. Please make your drivers and Parents aware of this.

Parents and Friends

Only those presenting the official invitations will be admitted via the South Door. ALL other members of the public will only be admitted after the parade and official guests have been seated.

Policing

Whilst we are reasonably confident that we will have police to control traffic on Bedminster Bridge, we are unsure of what level of policing we can expect to receive, so we will need as many leaders and stewards wearing hi-vis jackets to walk along the side of the parade as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this a first class day.

We are the example that other districts try to emulate!

Any Queries, please contact any member of the District Management Team

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District Contacts Update

If you would like a copy of the updates please e-mail dmt@bristolsouthscouts.org.uk

Please e-mail any amendments and new entries to District Secretary
rose.j.nicholls@virgin.net

And Finally...

Firstly, I would like to apologise for this newsletter being out somewhat later than was originally planned. This is entirely my fault and hopefully it won't happen again! The next edition will be rolling out to the presses soon and if you have anything you'd like to see in your newsletter, then do get in touch with me!

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