

# LOOK SOUTH

THE VOICE OF SCOUTING IN BRISTOL SOUTH DISTRICT



Ninth Edition, Summer 2008

Welcome to the latest edition of **LOOK SOUTH**, the Newsletter that aims to keep our members and supporters "in the picture" of what's going on in our District.

There have been many district Scouting activities held since the last edition of **LOOK SOUTH**. Some are remembered below and some reported on the following pages.

The DMT were represented at the **BS Scout Fellowship** annual lunch, held at a local golf club during February. Don't forget that our Scout Fellowship could be persuaded to help out at your Group functions. By arrangement, of course, so consult your District Directory for contact details.

**The annual census return** showed an increase in our numbers from 1069 the previous year to 1087 in this. Girls, in our district were counted as 161 compared with 144 last time, although 9 of our Groups out of 22, don't record any at all. Everyone is reminded that the whole movement (all sections) had to accept females from 2007. County recorded an overall increase of 113 members in Avon.

A most enjoyable **adult quiz evening** was arranged by '**Supernova ESU**' and held at 229<sup>th</sup> HQ in Ashton during March.

The **District AGM** was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> May '08 at 81<sup>st</sup> HQ in Hartcliffe. See also separate notes regarding the Lord Mayor of Bristol. Now is the season for Group AGM's and the DMT supported by the ADC's are kept busy attending these. All Groups are reminded to arrange a date if they have not already done so.

Our annual **St. Georges Day Parade** was back in St Mary Redcliffe after a break last year when we joined County in Bath for our centenary. The theme this time was Noah's Ark and was coordinated by our Beaver Colonies. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at Whitchurch have agreed to us using their facility for the 2009 Service at 3.00pm on Sunday 26th April. Rehearsal is Wednesday 22nd April 2009.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> **District Camp (Mega Doc)** took place over a wet weekend in May. The weather didn't stop everyone who attended thoroughly enjoying themselves. Well done to the organisers and their team of helpers.

We are still looking to appoint a **ADC Scouts**. Any interested person should contact the DMT or if you can think of someone that we should 'have a word with' then please let us know.

Regular readers will recall that there are plans to redevelop the site that includes our Balfour Road District HQ. We can report that the details are slowly emerging and that we continue to ensure that a 'Scouting' presence will continue within the new buildings.

No doubt many of you would have been told of the difficulties that some Groups and their Leaders have encountered recently which have resulted in suspension and dismissals. Please accept that many aspects of decision-making process must remain confidential and that you should ignore gossip and rumours.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can find the latest updates to our **District Directory**. Please amend your copy and report any further changes to our secretary Rose Nicholls (01275 836691 or [rose.j.nicholls@virgin.net](mailto:rose.j.nicholls@virgin.net))

Did you see a copy of previous editions of **LOOK SOUTH**? If not, please see your GSL as they were all issued with copies for distribution or see our web site [www.bristolouthscouts.org.uk](http://www.bristolouthscouts.org.uk). We aim to publish four times a year to correspond with the seasons.

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

## **GONE HOME**

### **133<sup>rd</sup> Bristol**

**Ronald Clement GOVER.** Passed away peacefully on Friday, May 16 2008. Founder of the 133rd Bristol (Newfoundland) Scout Group for those with Disabilities. Ron was also GSL until 1974. In 1975 Ron was awarded the British Empire Medal and after retiring as Assistant County Commissioner for Handicapped Scouts in 1981, Ron became Group President where he led the Groups 50th Anniversary Celebrations in 2002.

Also **Cecil HOOK** who was, 133<sup>rd</sup> Scout Leader 1954 - 1960 - (Receiving The Long Service Declaration for 15 years+ Service), Group Treasurer 1964 - 1969, Group Chairman, 1981 - 1986 (Receiving The Medal of Merit in 1983) & Vice President after that until 2008.

Also **Peter Taylor** (ex-GSL 148<sup>th</sup>) was tragically killed recently in a road accident

### **Woodhouse Park - A National Centre?**

Here is an update regarding proposals to create a National Centre at Woodhouse Park.

Summary,

A National Centre profile would give access to other funds to develop the site. It would be our local opportunity although it would have a different perspective to other centres because we own the site. What does it mean to our young members? The possibility of better activities/pride in site, only if leaders can access it. Financial guarantees for the future if interest dries up. WHP is what has kept the county together.

What is financial picture? WHP remains our asset and HQ will come on board with the financial running costs for initially 3 years. Also the interest to invest in a national centre. Possible 10 year plan with clauses to withdraw. HQ will pay for manager for 3 year period. They will have day to day running responsibilities. At end of 1<sup>st</sup> year any loss then HQ would support, if Profit then shared. If in second year loss again with HQ if profit then any previous loss would be reclaimed before any profit share. Profits would be invested back in site by both parties. Partnership arrangements have to be mutually agreeable.

National scout centre has a single charge, however we could agree that locally, county would support a local subsidy (similar to current budget accommodations) Alternatively present county levy may be stopped, although that is to be decided.

Key factor- need to get the right management structure in place!

### **DISTRICT AGM 2008**

We were honoured to welcome the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor Christopher Davies, accompanied by his wife to our recent District AGM. Councillor Davies is the ex GSL of 164<sup>th</sup> Holy Nativity and an ex member of the Bristol South East District Scout Council.

Also in attendance was Councillor Royston Griffey, as our joint President. Councillor Griffey was an ex DC of Bristol South West District.

For photos of this event see page 7

# Feedback comments regarding St. George's day 2008

## From BSL Meeting:

- Difficulty in hearing what was said at the dismissal and that the dismissal took place before some groups got around to the grassy area.
- That the service was a little too long for the Beavers.
- Explorer's in front of Cubs so they couldn't see – this was due to leaving space for Beavers that wasn't filled, so when Explorer's came in last they were directed to the empty seats.
- Most preferred groups to sit together
- Beaver animal parade could have better, perhaps around the church
- Should have broken up the Beaver speakers, perhaps with an adult
- Everyone missed the parade behind a band
- The Arky Arky hymn didn't work, probably because no one knew it
- Some uniform issues noticed (e.g. a 'collector' in a white skirt)
- Some Beavers & other didn't have a 'bucket' to help them hold the flag correctly
- Some members of all sections were wearing old badges (e.g. 20 year of Beavers badge from 2 years ago)
- Generally, everyone was happy with the format, but they want to march!

## From CSL meeting:

- Beavers did really well – nice service.
- Beavers just needed to be a bit louder.
- Could Beavers walk up and down all aisles so that all can see and not just centre aisle.
- Would like to march next year.

## Other's

- Collection – some areas of the church were missed (e.g. the parents sitting behind the flags).
- Some are unhappy with St. Mary Redcliffe; want a service more like SE used to do.
- It took a long time for the flags to go up – perhaps need two lines and two collectors.

## Bristol Gang Show Bristol Hippodrome

**Show: Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st February 2009**

As you may have seen from the Bristol Evening Post, we're pleased to advise that the Bristol Gang Show will be at the Bristol Hippodrome from Tuesday 17th to Saturday 21st February 2009. This is just a few months after the previously scheduled date.

Please spread the message that the Gang Show is back.

## Nights Away Permit

It's just a useful reminder to Groups for future NAP applications. It's important that you also highlight that people are forgetting to add their membership number to the top of the application form. This number is important as it is used as the unique number on the permit. All details about NAP applications can be found on Scoutbase.

### 10/04/2008 Safety Advisory Notice: Pierce-able Gas Cartridges

Scout Insurance Services Ltd monitors every accident notification made under Association rules. One of the reasons for this is to identify patterns or trends in order to inform and advise the Movement.

Over the last few years, there have been a number of serious incidents involving the use of gas cookers and lanterns which employ pierce-able cartridges. Equipment of this type often referred to as 'Bluet' were amongst the earliest examples of personal, lightweight cookers and lanterns. As such, much of this equipment held by Groups may be over thirty years old.

Over the last ten years or so, the old pierce-able cartridge has been superseded by lightweight aluminium cartridges which incorporate a screw or clip valve fitting. These can be fitted and removed repeatedly, with a minimal risk of the escape of gas.

The old type of cartridge was, as its name suggests, pierced by a spike in the appliance. Once pierced, the canister could not safely be removed until empty.

The main risks with this older type equipment are age, lack of familiarity and misuse.

Examples are:

- Extracting a 'spent' cartridge and attempting to 'screw' in a replacement without removing the burner assembly.
- Screwing in a burner assembly 'cross threaded' which pierces the cartridge without being able to screw right down to form a seal.
- Equipment which is old and in which the rubber seal has become damaged or perished, preventing a good, gas tight, seal.

In all these cases, leaking gas can be the result and, due the lack of a valve, the leak cannot be stopped. The results, in a number of Scout cases, have been serious burn injuries to users and those nearby. In France, as a direct result of repeated serious injuries, attempts are being made to prohibit the manufacture of pierce-able cartridges. For these reasons, The Scout Association is taking the unusual step in strongly advising Groups to cease using equipment which employs pierce-able cartridges.

It is appreciated that such advice will require Groups to replace older equipment and that this has cost implications. However, the evidence of risk is overwhelming.

It is accepted that equipment cannot be replaced overnight and that some of this type may have to be used in the short term. Where this cannot be avoided,

Leaders are advised to check, carefully, to ensure that seals are in good condition and should record the inspection. In addition, use of such equipment should be closely supervised and, above all, cartridge changes and assembly should only be undertaken by adults, in the open and away from sources of ignition.

All cooking and lighting equipment utilising flammable gases or liquids are potentially dangerous but, with care, can be used safely. However, pierce-able cartridge equipment has been shown to present unique hazards, not only within Scouting but within the general public as well.

Groups are recommended to cease using such equipment and to implement a policy of replacement within twelve months at the latest. Scout Shops Ltd have a range of newer, low cost alternatives, available at highly competitive rates.

## **A note from the editor**

The District Newsletter will be published four times a year, and will usually be published as below:

1. January / February (entries by middle of January)
2. April (entries by end of March)
3. July (entries by end of June)
4. October (entries by end of September)

I would like to hear more from Scout Groups, so if you have any special events then please let me know. It could even be your experiences from District Camps or events, even your own sleepovers, pack holidays etc. To contact me please see my details on the last page!

## **256<sup>th</sup> Scout Group**

Cyril Mullen would like to report Bronze Chief Scout Awards for James and Harry of the 256 Scout Group.

## **Bristol South Football 5-A-Side 2008**

A glorious day was held at Hengrove on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, when 11 teams participated in a very exciting tournament, even the weather obliged with continuous sunshine throughout.

The tournament started on time following the help received from Simon, Doug and the various helpers to get the ground set, thank you to everyone who helped. The teams were split into 2 groups, with the top two teams qualifying for the semi-final knock out stage.

Group A was dominated by 11<sup>th</sup> Headley Park Group, who won all five matches scoring 13 goals and conceding only 1. Runners up were 15<sup>th</sup> A Team, St. Martins, who won 3 of their games, drawing 1 and losing to 11<sup>th</sup>.

Group B was dominated by 145<sup>th</sup> St. Christophers who won all 5 of their matches scoring 14 goals and not conceding any. The runners-up were 229<sup>th</sup> St. Aldhelms Group, who won 4 matches and lost only to 145<sup>th</sup>.

The semi-finals were totally opposite, with 145<sup>th</sup> winning their match against 15<sup>th</sup> 3-0, whilst the other between 11<sup>th</sup> and 229<sup>th</sup> went to extra time, with the 11<sup>th</sup> scoring the winner in the last minute, winning 1-0.

The final was a very tight affair with no goals in normal or extra time, so it went to the best of three penalties, ending 2-2. This resulted in sudden death penalties and the 11<sup>th</sup> converted the vital penalty which resulted in them winning the tournament.

A big thank you to all the cubs who took part, the parents and leaders for their support and everyone who helped on the day.

Tony Hawes, Organiser.

## **Updates to our District Directory**

Please note that Chris' Giles (ESL Supernova), Rich' Parsons (148<sup>th</sup>), Ian Clarke (DESC), James Giles (ESL Aquila) and Chris Jones (GSL 133<sup>rd</sup>) have all recently left Scouting.

Invitations for applications for the DESC position to be published soon.

## **Success for Stockwood Scouts in the COUNTY PATROL CAMPING COMPETITION 2008 'POST and PRESS'**

Team	Group	District	Points
1 Bulldogs	148th Stockwood	Bristol South	470
2 Smallville	High Littleton	Wansdyke	445
3 Tigers	High Littleton	Wansdyke	441
4 Meaty Beaty	1st Woodend	Cotswold Edge	394
5 Black Cats	58th (1st Eastville)	Brunel	391
6 Kingfishers	29th 2nd Hanham	Kingswood	384
7 BBC1	32nd Bristol	Brunel	369
8 Stags	29th 2nd Hanham	Kingswood	368
9 Stags	227th Bristol	Cabot	356
10 Kestrels	63rd Bristol	Brunel	341

This year's success follows 148th 1st place in the 2006 competition (no comp. in 07) and 2nd places in 05 and 02.

### **NANs and DANs**

For County and District notifications of Overnight Stays and Activities, a Nights Away Notification (NAN) or District Activity Notification (DAN) must be raised at least one week before the activity. To complete one of the above online proceed as follows;-

Go to google and enter Bristol South District Scouts.

Click on the heading when found and the District Website page will be revealed.

Look down the list of headings in the green boxes on the left of the screen and near the bottom you will see Act Notifications.

Click on this box and choose the grey coloured links Nights Away Notification please click here or Activity Notification please click here.

Fill in the form and send.

You will receive an acknowledgement that County, The DC and ADC Activities will receive a copy of the form.

Hope this helps.

John Jones  
ADC Activities

## Photos from the latest District AGM



## **Mega Doc (District Camp 3) District Olympic Camp and it was Mega**

To follow last years 'Ton of Fun' was a tall order, but James Watts and his team put on a weekend of activities for Bristol South District worthy of a World Jamboree.

Although the weather could have been better and Bristol City could have won their crucial football match at Wembley, that didn't stop our young members thoroughly enjoying themselves.

After months of careful planning our district came together during the weekend of the Bank Holiday 23rd / 26th May 2008 for a host of activities based on this years Olympic games. Brockmead Campsite (between Hallen and Easter Compton) was chosen (it belongs to the 4th Bristol Scouts)

All sections camped together and the young people didn't even have to cook, as that was done for them. There were Cub, Scout and Explorer Scout Sub camps and each were competing against each other for Mega DOC medals.

The following photos are a sample of the weekends many varied activities. Others can be found on the Distinct Web Site - [www.bristolsouthscouts.org.uk](http://www.bristolsouthscouts.org.uk)



## More fun and Games at Mega Doc



**Do you have any photos of scouting events that you would like to share?  
If so please email them to the editor with a brief description.**

All entries for the next edition of "Look South" to the editor by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2008.  
Please send entries to: Philip Burnett 10 Dean Lane, Southville, Bristol, BS3 1DF. Or  
alternatively you can email the editor at: [phillip.burnett@bristolsouthscouts.org.uk](mailto:phillip.burnett@bristolsouthscouts.org.uk) or  
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