



G.S.L. Report

There is a joke that does the Scouting rounds from time to time and that is – Question: “What is the difference between a Scout Leader and a Youth Leader?” Answer: “Currently, approximately £12.50 an hour”! Leaders and other supporters of Scouting volunteer their time freely to give young people the opportunity to experience Scouting. Scouting’s purpose is to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. Scouting takes place when young people, in partnership with adults, work together so that our young people:



- enjoy what they are doing and have fun;
- take part in activities indoors and outdoors;
- learn by doing;
- share in spiritual reflection;
- take responsibility and make choices;
- undertake new and challenging activities; and make and live by their Promise.

I think there a few key words to remember above, “in partnership with adults”, adults being both Leaders and parents. Scouting does not provide child care as such, it needs the support of parents and families. Not all activities our young people take part in are ‘cool’, some are essential to the provision of Scouting in the ‘151’. Parents can help by ensuring your child is given every opportunity to take part in all activities – not just the ‘cool’ ones, like Christmas parties, but also helping with fund raising, like Santa’s Sleigh and Bag Packing.

You will see in the Group Calendar dates of events which includes several which require the support of parents and families of our young people – please do your best to give your child every opportunity to take part in all activities and events.

When we meet

- BEAVERS, Mondays 5.15pm—6.15pm
- CUBS, Mondays 6.30pm—8.00pm
- SCOUTS, Tuesdays 7.45pm-9.15pm

This time of year I have to undertake a 'census' of all our young people to provide to Scout Association HQ. The numbers generated from this dictate the amount of money we as a Group have to pay to National, County and District – the Capitation fee. This year it is going to be £45 per young person. This is a large chunk out of what our young people pay in annual 'subs', so to ensure that the Group is solvent and can provide the necessary financial support, fund raising is an essential activity for all to support. Financial support by the Group is given to all sections as and when considered relevant. This support includes:

- Paying for the coach to take Cubs to the helicopter museum
- New tents for Beavers Cubs and Scouts
- Circus skills evening for Beavers and Cubs
- Transport to Group and Scout Camps
- Equipment and resources for all sections

The decision to provide this type of support is made by the Group Executive Committee whose members include representatives of all 3 sections. Section Representatives are as follows:

Beavers – Sharon Jenkins

Cubs – Pete Hook

Scouts – Shaun Nurse

If parents have any issues they feel cannot be directed to Section Leaders or myself then please have a word these people. They can then take it on as an 'independent' voice.

Yours in Scouting

JT Group Scout Leader





Beaver Bits

The Beavers were concentrating on their disability, collectors and personal challenge badges. It was great to see the boys collections of things from football cards to precious stones. We ran an interesting evening where they could try out using a wheel chair, walking stick and wearing a blindfold to see what it's like to be blind. It gave them an insight what it's like to be disabled. It was a pleasure to hand out the badges at the end of the term as they had worked very hard to achieve them.

As some of you may be aware it will be my last session with them as I have hung up my neckerchief. I would like to say that I have really enjoyed being part of the 151st Scout Group and especially being in charged of the Beavers. It has been great to see the children who were Beavers when I started, now become young adults as they have made their way to scouts and explorer scouts. It's great to watch them develop through the scouting programme to be confident individuals and that is what scouting is all about.

I would like to thank Fiona, Sarah and Mandy for their help over the years to ensure that our section is run without too many hiccups! I will be leaving the Beaver's in Meg's capable hands who is an experienced Beaver Section Leader from Bath, who has been with us since October and has got to know the boys well.

I wish JT and the rest of the leaders all the very best and yes I will be joining the SAS so you will still see my around at events.

Yours in Scouting
Jen (TicTac)



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Cub Capers



Hi all hope you had a good Christmas and new year. Once again the cubs had a busy term. It started with us welcoming two new cub leaders Bagheera and Baloo (Denise and Jon).

At the Group 91st birthday celebrations the Cubs showed off their very well learned knotting skills. The Cubs started working towards their new badges this term, at first they started learning about local knowledge. We investigated the plane crash that happened in the woods near Overndale Road in Downend in 1957. A prototype of the Bristol Britannia came down, while on its way to Filton Airport. There were no survivors. For the scientist badge the Cubs learned about electrical circuits, rising heat, chemical reactions, how to make a magnet, and growing Cress. We learned all about how to keep safe on the road for the road safety badge and also brought in our favourite collections for the collectors badge.

This year for Remembrance Sunday we met up with groups from the Staple Hill area. We marched down Staple Hill High Street to Page park to join in with the formal ceremony, it was so well attended and nice to see young and old together celebrating Remembrance Day.

This year as it was 100 years of Cubs the Avon County had organised a trip to the helicopter Museum at Weston-Super-Mare, the Cubs had a fantastic day out!

Then came the Christmas season where we started off by making Christmas cards. We had the district Cub Christmas party and went round the neighbourhood with the Santa Sleigh earning well over £100! We finished the term with carol singing.

Looking forward to a new term



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Scout Snippets

So we have all enjoyed another fun packed term. We now have 20 scouts and are looking forward to welcoming more Cubs after Easter.

Last term as the dark nights drew in, our attention turned to indoor activities to keep us entertained. We decided to have a go at our DIY badge and revisited the tradition of patrol boxes, boxes where patrols can keep their own supplies of pens, paper, compasses etc. in fact anything they like! The scouts practiced using various tools before they measured, nailed and glued their boxes together and painted them (with only one major paint spillage and that was the leaders! This term we plan to make the lids.

We also had a go at the MasterChef invention challenge, made poppies for remembrance and enjoyed the festivities going out with Santa on his sleigh and carol singing at Colliers Court.

This term we are looking forward to indoor archery, fencing, a draughts competition and a quiz night with other troops from the district. In Feb we will also be taking part in the annual district night hike so watch this space!

Just a quick reminder that we are also planning our scout summer camp which will be in Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire between the 5th and the 12th August 2017. Save the date, it's shaping up to be a great week!



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The best of the 151 so far...



*Many thanks to the 37 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who took part in the Remembrance Parade at Page Park this morning. Thanks also to Leaders, SAS members, friends and families - all in all there must have been close to 100 151ers 'on parade'.
A message of thanks from an elderly member of the Royal British Legion, who explained how much it means to her to see the younger generation coming along to pay their respects, and how impeccably well behaved all of our group were.*



Events for your diary



151 Group Calendar to August 2017

26th Feb - Winter Walk (10am – 12.30pm)

11th Mar – Bag Pack at CoOp Downend (10am-3pm)

9th Apr - Egg Rolling at Oldbury Court (2pm – 4pm)

25th Apr – Group Executive Committee Meeting (7.30pm)

26th to 29th May - Group Camp at Wiltshire Scout Centre Devises (includes Beavers for one night)

30th June to 2nd July - Family Camp (Coalpit Heath)

7th to 9th July – Cub Camp (to be confirmed)

5th to 12th Aug – Scout/Cub Camp (Pembrokeshire)

Full details of these will be sent out well before the date of the event

SAS Scout Active Support



151 Scout Active Support Unit

Our Group SAS (members of which are members of the Scout Association and wear SAS Neckerchefs), continue to support the Group. In particular our SAS members have been active as follows:

- Planning and organising the recent Christmas Bazaar (which raised £996 for Group funds)
- Organising walks
- Repairing and maintaining equipment
- Running the '151 Club' fund raising initiative
- Helping out at section meetings
- Preparing rotas for bag packing
- Providing refreshments at events
- Taking advantage of Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers (this is being relaunched in January)
- Gift Aid
- Fund matching
- Preparation of a Database of 151 friends and supporters
- Production of the Request Newsletter



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