



**82<sup>nd</sup> BRISTOL SCOUT GROUP**  
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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

## **eNEWSLETTER**

I am sure the expression “unprecedented times” will not be a new expression you have not heard over the last couple of weeks, but they certainly are and is certainly not the way we had planned on celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. Best wishes go out to all our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Young Leaders, Parents, Guardians, Carers and Friends.

This e-newsletter has been issued via our website in the hope of keeping in touch with all our members during this period of none face to face meetings.

Please share this information with all your family especially all our young people who are no doubt finding these times as equally confusing and challenging as many of us adults.

Regards

*Jemma and Steve*

### **VIRTUAL JOINT WEEKLY SCOUT MEETING**

For the foreseeable future, until we are permitted to return to face to face meetings, we will be running a virtual joint Scout Group meeting every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30pm live on our Facebook page.

We are asking all parents and guardians to appoint themselves as virtual scout leaders, joining in with your children, and share with them this event. Many will require help with the challenges and tasks set on *your* Facebook feed. By the time you read this e-newsletter the first couple of meetings will have already taken place.

If at other times you are looking for scout inspired ideas then please look at the link below for plenty of ideas

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/>

### **VIRTUAL FACE TO FACE MEETING**

The leadership team are currently looking at various options of trying to link Beavers, Cubs and Scouts via an appropriate application.

This will give members a chance to see other members of their section and to have the opportunity to tell everyone know what they have been up to in the last couple of weeks since social distancing restrictions have come into place.

Many parents and guardians working from home may already be doing this for business. These virtual meetings will be administered (hosted) by several of our Scout Leadership Team. Joining in will be by personal invitation only. More details will be forwarded once we have more details.

### **SCOUT HEADQUARTERS**

All measures have been taken to protect our HQ during this time and we even hope to do some remedial maintenance work and cleaning whilst it is unoccupied.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Leadership and Management committee fully understand that for many families, financial hardships may become an issue during this crisis period and we fully accept financial restraint that many families will be forced to make.

We would like to ask all families (wherever possible) to continue to pay their monthly subscriptions if possible so our Scout Group has a regular monthly income to meet the running cost of our headquarters such as amenities, building insurances, capitation cost and other cost in maintaining our headquarters to ensure when social distancing restrictions are lifted we have a fully operational headquarters to return too.

If, however, due to personal circumstances you do need to either reduce or suspend your standing order payments then please let either Jemma or Steve know by private email or message which will be treated in the strictest confidence. Please do not cancel the standing order and not let us know as unfortunately members will then be placed on the deferred membership list.

## JCA VISIT

Due to the social distancing measure together with other government advice our trip to Conover Hall with JCA has had to be postponed. We are in discussions with JCA and are awaiting clarity from them inline with both government and ABTA advise as how to proceed, but as you can imagine this is taking longer than we would like in resolving this issue.

If any of those who were due to participate would like more details, again, please message either Jemma or Steve

## BROWNSEA ISLAND MINI CAMP

The Leadership team have decided that with the current uncertainty as to how long social distancing measures will be in place we have cancelled our mini camp to Braggers Wood and Brownsea Island. The £10 cost paid by parents and guardians will be transferred to a future event of your choice once we are back to our F2F meetings

## SCOUT GROUP SUMMER CAMP

No decision yet has been made about our group summer camp scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020. Planning has currently been put on hold to avoid incurring further cost but we still have a reservation for the camp site. Further details will be published nearer the date

## CONTACT DETAILS

For those of you who do not have our contact details they are as follows

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget if you want to stay in touch with all our events and activities then you can follow us on our Facebook page



If you are not already a member of our closed Scout Group Facebook page please drop Jemma a text message and we will try and get you added to the page to keep up to date with all the latest information. Alternatively, please let us have an email address so details can be sent directly to yourselves.

Finally, whilst most events around us are being cancelled, what hasn't been cancelled is the spirit of Scouting, we ask all of you to stay safe and we all look forward to meeting up again soon.

*The 82nd Leadership Team*