



The end to another exciting year, and the start of another! Our troop continues to grow and we now have **five** fully established patrols with 5-6 members: Bulldogs, Eagles, Kestrels, Lions & **Cobras**. Therefore the Troop numbers are stable for the next year as we have a few moving on but as always many moving up.

## Summer 2014

The summer term contained a variety of activities including pioneering, cooking, hiking and ended with archery at Jordan Heights. The summer also played host to our annual Summer Camp at Woodhouse Park Activity Centre near Bristol. The Scouts participated in many different and challenging activities, including crate stacking, rifle shooting, climbing, leap of faith, a muddy adventure course and more. We also had a day out at Burham on Sea, which is the site of the shortest pier in the UK, where we were able to hold our traditional cookout on the beach. This year's traditional cooking competition and camping competition were won by the Lions & Eagles Patrols. The camp ended with a swimming trip in Bath, followed by a game of rounders at the Rec Rugby ground in Bath with a good fish'n'chips!



## Autumn 2014

The autumn term was filled with many events ranging from traditional Scouting activities and wide games, pioneering, cooking, map reading, and drama games. The highlight of the term was our annual Firework display, which was a well received and thoroughly enjoyed evening for all of the Troop and their parents.



Towards half term we held the greatly anticipated chip shop survey where the Scouts, with the aid of parent volunteers, go out and sample chips in the area. Despite being such a gruelling hardship for the Scouts, some even returned with chips for the Leaders and parents! We also did for the first time a 'world foods evening' where the Scouts cooked a wide variety of foods from different nations. A quick thank you to Rob who organised guests to come in and supervise the traditional Indian delicacies. Other national foods included Mexican, Italian & Chinese. Unfortunately, we had to postpone the Christmas Party at Laser Quest, due to the venue being unavailable.



## Spring 2015

This term featured plenty of in-Hut activities due to potential of cold damp weather, including pancakes for Pancake day and essential scouting skills of knots, maps first aid and fires. We also had the postponed Christmas Party at Laser Quest, which all Scouts and Leaders thoroughly enjoyed. We had a weekend camp at Bentley Copse, which was dry and sunny all weekend. The Scouts were able to practice their fire lighting and knot skills along with being taught saw and axe safety and techniques. These skills were then put to the test in an Incident Hike which comprises of multiple bases with various challenges. The term concluded with a high sugar content 'Easter Party', highlighted by the eating of doughnuts on a string, which was very much enjoyed by the Scouts. Even the Leaders were coerced to partake, where it was discovered how easily sugar gets stuck on beards!

## Summer 2015

An already extremely eventful term with many activities planned, including wide games, rifle shooting, night hike and sleepover, and will end with our summer camp at Longridge, which is a water activity center and more.



## Thank You's

The Group would like to say thank you to 'Big' Ben, Zeph, Nicki, Robert and 'Little' Ben.

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