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1st Tidbury Green (Wythall) Scout Group

£40,000 achieved Only £60,000 to go!

Get Involved

- Look out for Panther Paperbacks. Available in the HQ
- Back by popular demand Panther Pork pies and pickles available at Xmas
- Sainsbury's bag packing is fun! More volunteers needed. See pg 3
- Clean jars needed for Panther Pickles. Bring them to the HQ
- Advertise with us & buy a brick

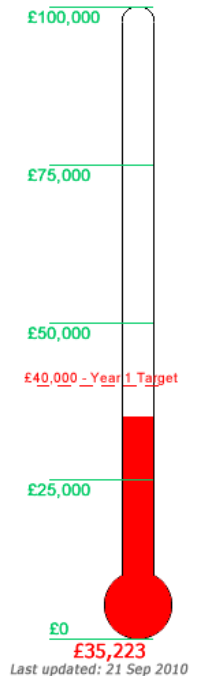
Well it doesn't seem five minutes since that first initial meeting to start the Panther Project. With no name, no volunteers and no idea how to raise such an enormous amount of money, the whole thing was a scary thought. But fast forward twelve months and here we are... now making decisions about how to spend the hard earned cash and the prospect of turning the HQ into a building fit for purpose. With two more successful grants on the way the thermometer will soon be topped up to the £40,000 target.

Phase one will see a new toilet and shower block, disabled access and a lovely new kitchen along with much needed heating, up to dated electrics and modernized meeting hall.

If you would like to receive a spec plan to put in a bid for tender please contact Dean our Chairman on: deanharris@harrisandassociates.co.uk

We would like to thank all the local people and business's who have supported us. But with more help we can achieve much more for the local youngsters in the area.

I hope you all enjoy our first edition of our Panther news. Feel free to forward onto anyone else who may be interested



LeJog August 2010 (not for the faint hearted)



The Cycling Team along with their support staff and sponsors: Sainsbury's, Cult Cycles & Johnson Coaches

After a year of meticulous planning our Group Scout Leader, Dave Harvey and his brave team of cyclists can breathe a huge sigh of relief that they have completed the Lands End to John O Groats bike ride and raised over £5,000!!!!

While most of us were holidaying in August the twelve riders and their loyal support team completed this sponsored bike ride in 8 days. They braved the weather, tough terrain and covered 923 miles including 66,478 feet of climbing!

If you would like to read more about this their incredible journey or to donate some cash check out our website.

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Thank you to everyone for the food parcels and donations.

And a special thank you to Martyn, Avril, Roy, Neil, Mark, Pete and Pete for supporting the cyclists on their journey

Events

- **October:** Skittles Night, Bag Packing at Sainsbury's
- **December:** Panther Post, Xmas Meal, 80's Disco, Sainsbury's bag packing
- **January:** Sainsbury's bag packing, Quiz Night
- **February:** Bag Packing at Sainsbury's
- **March:** Bag Packing at Sainsbury's. Band Night
- **April:** Bag Packing at Sainsbury's. Talent Show
- **May:** Ball
- **June:** Wythall & Hollywood Fun Run



To contribute to Panther in any way email: tina@1sttidburygreen.org.uk



Thank you to Liz Smith of LGD solutions for all the printing for our events.

New diary of events 2010/11

18/19th September
Sainsbury's bag packing

2nd October Skittles evening, Britannia Room

23/24th October, Sainsbury's bag packing

December 1st-Xmas Eve
Panther Post

4th December, Scout Xmas Dinner @ HQ

11th December, 80's Disco, Britannia Room

21/22/23/24th December, Sainsbury's bag packing

22/23rd January, Sainsbury's bag packing

29th January, Quiz Night, @ HQ

19/20th February, Sainsbury's bag packing

5th March, Band Night
Britannia Room

19/20th March, Sainsbury's bag packing

16/17th April, Sainsbury's bag packing

21st May, May Ball, Park Hall

May/June, Talent show @ AGM

19th June, Fun Run, Wythall Park

14th August, Carnival

Please put dates in your diary and book early.

We are offering you the opportunity to support your local Scout Troop while gaining permanent recognition of your support for the community and future generations to see. Our extension and refurbishments is planned with a large "Wall of Thanks". Sponsors buy a brick which is engraved with their name and this will be built into the fabric of the building. Costs are £50 for a single brick or £100 for a doublebrick. This project is undertaken with Briconomics (www.briconomics.com) This offer also has tax benefits as it can be classed as a deductible expense for a business, or as a tax payer making a private donation our charity can gain up to £14 tax back on every £50 brick. If you would like more details, please do not hesitate to contact our website



The Panther Team do scrub up well?!



Gorgeous



Before the wine started to flow

Glamour? Dancing? Celebrity Auction? Great Entertainment? Must be the May Ball 2010

What a night we all had at Park Hall for the black tie ball. The day started early for those plucky volunteers who transformed Park Hall Wythall into a beautifully dressed venue for our event. Swathes of luxurious fabric lined the walls, hundreds of balloons and streamers in our scouting colours bedecked tables fit for royalty, and the whole room looked amazing – a real credit to everyone there.

Our guests were greeted with champagne and canapés and Zach Sheppard and Richard Bell (Explorers) did a really professional job of taking the many welcome photos for our guests.

The up close magician Damon Conlan was amazing and luckily there were no accidents involving cutting people in half!

After dinner, Caroline Powell and Nicky Sheppard, two members of the fundraising team launched the Buy a Brick scheme and this was an excellent opportunity to kick things off - £1300 raised on the night.

The Celebrity Ex-Scout Auction went really well with that now famous comedy partnership Whale and Meakin, Cub Leader and vice chair of fundraising (available for bookings!) leading the bidding with aplomb. A total of £1197 was raised for this.

And then we had the band Bourbon Street who were great and got everyone up and shaking their booty until gone midnight.

Our sponsors Chris and team from Davies Timber Ltd really enjoyed themselves and were extremely generous, boosting our funds with yet more contributions.

Everyone without exception had a fabulous time and remarked favourably on all aspects of the event – many cannot wait until the next time.

There are not enough good adjectives in the dictionary to describe how well it went, generosity peaked on the night and without sounding too schmaltzy there was a lot of love in the room!

A massive thank you goes out to everyone for supporting us.

Our next Ball is Saturday 21st May 2011

We are Sainsbury's Maypole Charity of the Year

Following on from being awarded Sainsbury's Maypole Charity of the Year we are very lucky to be given lots of bag packing dates.

Bag packing is very lucrative (£1,100 last time) and believe me the youngsters enjoy it. Also it's a great way to raise our local profile.

Our aim is to cover all tills. Under 11's do need an adult to stay with them and we

need 4-5 adults to supervise each shift.

I can't emphasize how important it is to get everyone involved.

For each session we need up to 15 youngsters plus 4-5 adults to supervise. A morning session 10-1pm and an afternoon session of 1pm-4pm. The volunteers don't have to be just scouts we can take brothers, sisters, cousins, aunties, granddads, friends etc in fact anyone

who would like to support us. Scouts/Leaders need to be in uniform.

Dates

- 18/19th September
- 23/24th October
- 21/22/23/24th December
- 22/23rd January
- 19/20th February
- 19/20th March
- 16/17th April

Please put the dates in your diaries & let Tina know when you can help



Cub Leader Martyn Whale along with some of his cubs collect the sponsor money from Chris Lacey the butcher from Honnor's Butchers in May Lane. Chris raised £335 doing the 5km race at the Wythall & Hollywood Fun Run in June.
Bullivant Media

Haven't we been busy?

Thank you to Marcus from the Redditch Standard for the photography



In March the cubs & their parents fed the hungry cyclists & washed their bikes raising £250
Bullivant Media



In December the Scouts acted as Posties with Panther Post and raised £290. Photos courtesy of Bullivant Media



In April the parents had a curry night at Monsoon Restaurant, May Lane & raised £530
Bullivant Media

Do you work for a company that provides funding for community projects? Are you aware of any funding available? Or can you help by contributing in kind?

Please feel free to chat to us

Explorers are grant winners



In April Bromsgrove youngsters decided how to best spend £35,000. After putting a brilliant presentation together Explorers Jake Lupoli, Joe & James Jackson along with Jamie Watson and Fred Edwards for support came out winners. They managed to win

over the audience with the tales of Panther exploits with enthusiasm winning us a £5,000 kitchen.

It was a great experience and the lads now have to keep a scrapbook and write a progress report

So besides the events already mentioned, below are some of the other ways we have kept busy over the past year to raise funds:

- Avon, candles & gold parties
- Panther pies, pickles & preserves
- Monsoon curry night & raffle
- Tea tent & bbq at the carnival
- Soup stall at the Wythall bonfire
- Personal donations
- Waitrose
- Panther Plants
- Hire of HQ
- Buy a Brick
- £1 challenge
- Xmas meal
- Panther Post
- Webb Ivory
- Company match funding

Grants

- Awards 4 All
- Leslie Sell Charitable Trust
- Udecide
- Wythall Parish Council
- Mazars LLP
- The Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust

Do you need leaflets delivering during December? Let Panther Post do the leg work

Do you use the internet to do your shopping? Yes? Then register with easyfundraising. Every pound you spend on line the retailer will donate a % to us It doesn't cost you a penny and is simple . Log onto our website www.1sttidburygreen.org.uk and click on the easyfundraising icon to register

Wythall & Hollywood Fun Run

On Sunday June 20th the very first Wythall & Hollywood 5km race and Fun Run took place all organized by Panther.

At 9.30am, started by Jo Malin of Radio WM, the serious runners set off and it was only 15 minutes before our winner finished! Over the next hour all 180 runners finished with relieved but happy faces to receive their medals

The fun run around Wythall Park followed. From babies in pushchairs to an 83 year old Grandma it was sight to behold. Lots of fun and laughter, a real family community day out.

Meadow Green won the Inter schools cup thanks to our own Ben Freeman from cubs.

Fun in the Park provided some entertainment for the families with displays from Wythall Taekwondo, dancing, Woodrush Rugby Club's tug o war and the West Midlands Police Dog display.

Honnors butchers from May Lane provided the food for the BBQ as people pottered around the fundraising stalls enjoying the sunshine.

Enormous thanks to everyone who worked extremely hard setting up the course, marshalling, running stalls, registration and generally ensuring the day was a huge success.

Roll on next year...**Sunday 19th June 2011**

Well Done

To all the scouts that raised money doing the Six Summits Climb:

- Morgan Shipley**
- Megan Hobday**
- Matthew Blizzard**
- Alex Dolphin**
- Ellie Smith**
- Jacob Smith**

