



## GROUP NEWS

### Jumble Sale

We need some kind helpers to assist with the forthcoming Jumble Sale at the Scout Hall. We are looking for drivers to help collecting Jumble on Friday 11th September 6.30pm at the Scout Hall, A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the morning of Saturday 12th September 10am-12noon selling the Jumble, clearing up afterwards and to take the remainder of the Jumble to the Tip !

If you can help at all, even if it is only for an hour, then please call **Caron Wheeler** (01628) 676021  
**We really need your support.**

**JUMBLE SALES: Saturday 12th & 26th September - 10.30am**

September 2009



### LEADERS

Hope you have all had a good summer holiday and found some sunshine.

**News from Cubs:** *Akela* has retired, well from being *Akela*? Now you are confused. Rob Harris has promotion at work – Well Done, so has now become *Bagheera*, and handed over the reins to *Jacala*, Jon Corbitt who has now become *Akela* from September, so now it makes sense.

**News from Beavers:** – Jen Nyman - *Hawkeye*, has returned early from her travels and Catherine Weeks – *Hathi*, has returned after university, welcome back to both of you.

Erica Hunter **GSL**

### NEW AWNINGS

PG use Stormhaven Patrol tents for the Cubs & Scouts to camp in, these tents range in age 10-27 years old, to prolong their age and make the entrance of the tent dryer, *Phill Bristow* has designed a fly sheet / awning. A local firm made them up for us and *Phill* spent a long time making and securing with eye splices approx 100 guy ropes to all the awnings. This year's Scouts summer camp we tested them, with the bad weather the Scouts had at camp. They made a great difference, the Scouts had the awning area to keep their muddy boots and wet items in before they went in to the tent and they found the tents were a lot warmer. **A big thank** you goes to *Phill* for getting the Stornhavens repaired and all the hours and hard work getting the new fly sheets / awnings ready for camp.

### Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church on Sunday 5th October at 3.50pm, we hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders will make the effort to attend this special service. Families of our members are also invited to attend. our special service. More details will be sent out via section meetings

### Letter from Monmouth – From Field Owner, after Scout Summer Camp

Dear Simon,

#### Congratulations

Mary & I feel you coped admirably with the awful weather, + the difficulties of the site, over the wettest 12 days I ever remember at Tregate! I think that many Scouters faced with such conditions would have cut the camp short and headed for home !

I was impressed too with the morale in your camp, virtually everyone I spoke with said they were enjoying it: I think they saw it as a challenge and had no desire to give in. Another thing that delighted me was the tidiness of the site after your departure. When we got back from lunch with my cousin, I immediately checked the whole site for litter and was absolutely amazed to find only 3 tiny pieces, over the whole area !

Normally I would have spent much more time talking to your Scouts and admiring their patrol setups; + chatting with your splendid assistants + helpers.

Would you mind telling them all how well I felt they coped ('though knowing the very high standards of Scouting + behaviour Pinkneys Green always shows, it was no real surprise to me')

Thank you for the nice touch of bouquets to the "Horsey Girls" + thank you for the field rent

With every good wish to you all

Mary & David Hopson

PS Thank you all very much for the nice card we found pushed through the letter-box on our return from lunch.

### WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your son(s) from Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways and **DON'T PARK or PICK UP** where the **WHITE LINES** are outside the hall

Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at Lemon Tree  
down Golden Ball Lane, turn right down Winter Hill Road

As the evenings are dark can we remind all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Parents to be careful when getting out of your cars and walking (**DON'T RUN**) to the Scout hall.





## BEAVER NEWS

Welcome back Beavers, hope you had a fabulous summer holiday. If you have any pictures or stories to tell please feel free to bring them along for 'show and tell'. Parents may, I remind you to keep to the one way system and don't park over any driveways and that the Beaver uniform is blue jumper plus PG t-shirt, neck-a-chief and Beaver navy cargo shorts or trousers, (**not track bottoms**)! .

We have a fun packed term ahead of us so I want lots of enthusiastic Beavers arriving on the 7th September, see you then. We are looking for help from Beaver Parents at our Jumble Sales on Saturday 12th September, 10am-12noon the money raised help pay for the running of our Scout Hall.

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## CUB NEWS

Cub Leaders welcome you and your families back from your summer holidays and hope that you all had a fantastic fun time. We are off to camp on 4th, 5th and 6th September at Berkshire College of Agriculture in Burchetts Green and hope that you will have another brilliant time with us. We will be having fun, playing games, learning new skills, practicing old skills, enjoying friendship and we hope all of you will work and play hard to achieve and enjoy. For those of you not camping, please pray for dry weather for us, as camp always runs better when it's dry.



More news next month.....

### **Some advanced dates for your diaries are:**

- 4-6 September **Cub Camp**
- 12 September **Jumble Sale** – Parent Help 10.20pm
- 5 October **Harvest Festival Service** - 3.50pm  
(**Change of Date**)
- 17-18 October **JOTA - Jamboree On The Air**
- 17-18 October **JOTI - Jamboree On The Internet**
- 28 October **Halloween Party** – run by the Scouts
- 8 November **Remembrance Day Service** at Stubbings
- 6 December **Group Christmas Fair**
- 9 December **Pantomime Trip** - Cinderella
- 13 December **Christingle Service**– 3.50pm
- 16 December **Carol singing & Old People Parcel Delivery** – Provisional

**Notes with more details will be sent home nearer the time but please book the dates in your family diaries**

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## SCOUT NEWS

**Summer Holidays** The Scouts continued to meet during the Summer Holidays, special thanks goes to Bob and the other leaders and helpers for running these troop meetings

**Friday 11th Sept** Special Troop Meeting, check your email, Thursday before, for instructions of where to meet

**Harvest Festival** – Can we remind all Scouts we are holding are Harvest Festival Service again at Stubbings Church on Sunday 5th October, 3.50pm. (This date has not changed) We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend this special Service

**PL Training Course** – 10th October (Date has changed) reminder to those APL's & Older Scouts who have already not attended a District PL Training course. The Troop will pay the course fee. The course is being held at Cookham Scout Hall. Contact Simon ASAP for more info

**Cycle Orienteering Event** – 11th October, 12noon (Date Change). This year's event will be off road, any Scout who has a roadworthy bike, cycle helmet can take part. **HELP** due to a shortage of Troop Leaders. **We URGENTLY are looking for HELP** with this event – Please contact Simon as soon as possible for more details

**JOTI / JOTA** – Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 18th-19th October 2008. We are looking for older Scouts and young leaders to help organise this event as well as parents and friends – if you are able to help please contact Simon ASAP. We will be running the Cub and Scout Communicators badge again at this event

*Simon Wheeler*



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