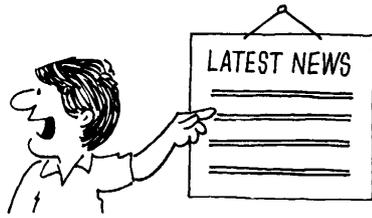




GROUP NEWS

July 2013



Thank You for your help at our Fair

Our Group fair on the Green, was very successful thanks to every one who helped. Special thank you goes to Nathalie Watson for organising the event. We had a few showers setting up on Saturday, we were very lucky on Sunday, it was dry, but windy. We all produced an excellent afternoon of entertainment not only for our group members but also for lots of local residents. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

We have raised over £3,000

Group (Family) Camp

A Big Thank you goes to everyone who attended our Group Camp at Stubbings



We had an enjoyable weekend, despite the wet weather. With 100+ Cubs Scouts, Leaders and Helpers camping in PG Contingent, plus over 40 family Units, which made up over 150 campers, including 14 Beavers and their families, (Over 200 camping) We also had approx 100 visitors over the weekend which was made up of PG families and friends.

Activities included, air rifle shooting, National Trust, local Bee club, Ground Survey with their surveying equipment,. There were competitive games, beat the goalie, water relay and tug of war, On the Saturday Night a Hogg Roast was held, then we finished the evening with a camp fire Drinking Chocolate and bed. On the Sunday we held a Scouts Own, followed by a quiz walk and circus skills. Can we thank all the leaders, young leaders and parents for their hard work, before and during & after the camp

During the Hogg Roast on Saturday evening, Berkshire County Commissioner Hamish Stout present Sheila Stinton with a Special Silver Wolf Award and BoB Weingarh, with a Silver Acorn Awards. Maidenhead District Commissioner Nigel Bevan present Scout Sectional Assistant Toby Ayre with the Queens Scouts Award. District Cub Scout Leader Heather Hauge present Kim-Marie Broadley with her Wood Badge

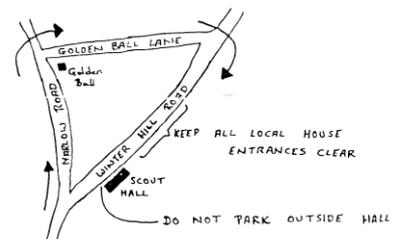
Summer Camp – Copying Camp Booklet

We are looking for help with copying the camp booklet. Approx. 60 pages (back to back) If anyone can do a few copies it would be a great help, we are looking for 60 copies

Bringing to and collecting from the Scout Hall - ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting him from Scout Hall.

- All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along Furze Platt Road *past* Winter Hill Road and turn right into Golden Ball Lane. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road and turn right into Winter Hill Road at the end.
- To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, particularly the drive at the side of the hall.
- **As the verges can get very muddy** 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.



These instructions are to ensure your child's safety whilst they are visiting our Hall

CLEANING ROTA – Thank you

A big thank you goes to the following parents who have cleaned the hall this year:

Jackie Juden, Alison Cini, Alison Cadinouche, Clare Marshall, Kiera Cohen, Louise Bennett, Louise Mifsud, Jo Hutchins, Claire Eadie, Catherine Flew, Gemma Woolford, Alan Rawlins, Andrew Hay, Natalie Cassels, Rosie Bleazard, Sally Checkley, Helen Pocock, Damaris Anderson, Ali March, Lucy Broadbent, Louise Jefferson, Catherine Allcock, Leah Bower, Vanessa Deans, Karen Exley, Sandi Isted, Lisa Hewitt, Jo Kersy, Tim Latimer, Fiona Williams, Sarah Luton, Kiera Cohen & Andy Fielding and Pauline Patel

We are looking for parents to go on the Rota from September. Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training is given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time.

For more details and information, please contact PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. **Pauline Patel** Tel: 01628 670063 or Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk



We are Looking For - Smart Phone

We are also looking for a Smartphone that can be used to keep track of the group emails, any old HTC/Samsung/iPhone/etc Smartphone's that anyone has lying around after an upgrade would be very welcome

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BEAVER NEWS



Littlewick Colony

We played host to our other colony Winter Hill and everybody played 'Olympic style' games (3 legged races, wheelbarrow races, ball games, cricket etc). These all worked towards the Beavers friendship challenge badge.

On 3rd June after the bank holiday break we held a sponsored run on the village green on behalf of the Save the Children Syrian children appeal. The Beavers tackled a running course with zig zag footsteps, tunnels and jumping sections. A big thank you goes to everyone who raised money towards that - the total raised was 163 pounds.

The weather held out for the family camp on the weekend of 7-9 June at Stubbings Estate. I hope everybody who attended had a good time there (the hog roast and pudding on the Saturday night was especially yummy!). Those Beavers staying over will have worked towards their outdoor challenge badge, so good for them!

On 10th June we were at Winter Hill, joining our other colony again for camp building in the woods and parachute games.

till next time....
Bubbles (Ruth Pearce)



Copas Farms

PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space for our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts

Winter Hill Colony

Firstly can I say a massive thank you to all those who helped at this year's Summer Fair. It was a great success and made even better by your enthusiasm! A big thank you to those who and made the effort to attend

We had a good turn out and Beavers at our family camp weekend at Stubbings, the following Beavers camped with their parents and will have gained a nights Away badge *Callum Bleazard, Benjamin Broadbent, Richard Budge, Max Cini, Kyle Dixon, Oliver Fielding, Ben Jones, Joshua Keane, Jack Knibbs, Sean & Ethan Montgomery, Toby Pocock and Victor Wilson.* We had a busy weekend and we hope you all had a good time.



We went to Littlewick Green for a joint meeting with our Littlewick colony where we played Olympic games. We have had a football tournament at the football pitches in Oaken Grove. Also had an evening where went out on a hike.

The beavers made their own shelters out of plastic sheets and string and some sturdy trees! They then camouflaged their shelters, which looked really good! Although I think it was agreed by all that a tent would be preferable should it be cold or pouring with rain!

Coming up in the remainder of the summer term is; fire lighting, tent pitching with the scouts, cooking sausages in the woods (always a favourite!) and our annual campfire.

Lots to look forward to!
Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Firstly a big well done to *Anna Howley, Oliver Hook, Aaron Mussell, Ava Neeves, Freddie Fuller, Jack Fulford, Jenni Alvey, Abby Jones, Freya Wilcock* and *Alexander Watson* for attending family camp and for doing their best in all the fun activities. It was also nice to see so many families camping and joining in for the Hog Roast and AGM. Also a very big thank you to all those who helped to make the event such a tremendous success and thank you to the sun for making a well timed appearance!

During the summer months we aim to hold as many pack meetings as possible outdoors. In the last month the Littlewick cubs have had lots of fun playing cricket on the green, pitching tents, litter clearing the woods and using their tracking skills on a treasure hunt around the green. Thank you to *Paul* and *Matt* who helped organise and run an excellent evening of cricket for our combined cub packs at Littlewick and Winter hill.

To continue with our work towards the Air Activities Badge the cubs took part in an evening of activities learning all about safety in an airfield, parts of a plane, how planes stay in the air and how to make paper planes. Well done to *Freya Wilcock* for designing the most aerodynamic model which won both the speed and distance heat! We will be completing this Badge with an exciting trip to White Waltham Airfield where the cubs can test their aeroplane and airfield knowledge.



Until next time,
Rama (Sarah Jones)

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Winter Hill Pack

I ended my report last month by saying "See you at Family Camp", and I certainly did... in your dozens! I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend and the excellent weather that was laid on. Personally I had a great time. My office colleagues probably regretted asking the usual Monday morning question of "Did you get up to anything this weekend?" as they got the full run down of everything from shooting to water fights! My report to the Group AGM on the Saturday evening can be downloaded from www.PGCubs.co.uk



Before camp the WH Cubs had a practice evening putting up tents on the green, a cricket evening at Littlewick and during half term cleared the woods of litter. I'm not sure if the road sign that someone crashed into and destroyed counts as litter, but the Cubs cleared it away regardless! Thanks to Simon and the Scouts for running that evening.

Finally, congratulations to Kim Broadley who was presented her Wood Badge at Family Camp. Kim has now completed her mandatory training to be a Cub Scout Leader.

Until next month, keep calm and carry on Scouting!
WH Akela (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS



Queens Scout Award

Congratulations goes to out Scout Section Assistant, *Toby Ayre* on being awarded the Queens Scouts Award at PG 's Group Camp. The Queen's Scout Award is the ultimate goal of a progressive award scheme it is the highest youth award achievable in the Scouting movement. Individuals who achieve the Queen's Scout Award receive a Royal Certificate from the Queen and are referred to as a Queen's Scout. The requirements involve achieving challenges from several areas such as community involvement, adventurous activities, personal growth and leadership development.

Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers on Monday 1st July. This will be a joint meeting between Littlewick and Winter Hill Colonies. We will be getting Beavers to pitch patrol tents., on the green We are looking for Scouts to help run the evening. If you can help, please let Simon know. Don't leave it to others – We need your help – SCOUTS

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some special trips and activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.15pm -. Uniform is not to be worn, Activity Dress is (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) Don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet.

Please check your *Thursday* emails each week to see if there are any special instructions.

Scouts District Orienteering Event

This year PG joined 130 other Scouts at the District Orienteering event at Maidenhead Thicket. The Scouts had to navigate an orienteering course in the quickest time getting to as many check points as possible

Congratulations go to following PG Teams - *Nicholas, Tom, Matt* on finding all 27 Controls in 2 hours 5 mins, they came **2nd**, *Mason Bowers-Turner, Frank Williams, Jake Noyce, Harvey Neeves*, on finding 26 controls in 2 hours 6 mins and coming **5th**, *James Carr, Matthew Miller, Nadav Rahimi* on finding 23 controls and coming **14th**

This was a good opportunity to practice their map reading and compass skills, as one or two of them found out

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Summer Fair – Scouts TOMBOLA

Can we thank all the Scouts who helped on the Tombola at our Summer Fair, we had a huge response **all but 3 Scouts helped** at the fair, which I think is fantastic turn out. Also thank you goes to young leaders William Boothman, Kieran Patel, Jordan Day-Hunt & Jordan Flynn for all your help with the fair We could not have managed without your help.

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Water Activities Day

The PG Scouts and Young Leaders who attended the District Longridge Water Activities event at Longridge had a very good time. The activities they did, Raft building, Kayaking and Canadian canoeing. Thank you goes to leaders Rob Ayre, Phill Bristow and Simon for supporting the Scouts with their water activities skills.

The District are holding a Land Activity event on 21st September, activities will be climbing, shooting and archery, watch out for details in PG Tips.

SUMMER CAMP

This is the most important activity of the scouting year and puts his training into practice. We are going to Bodmin Moor this year. Activities for the Scouts attending including, Wakeboarding, Sailing, Wind surfing, Mountain biking

We are taking 55 Scouts and leaders from Wednesday 24th July to Wednesday 7th August 2013

Can Parents please return permission to camp / medical form to Simon at Scout Hall by Wednesday 3rd July – so he can get it photo copied

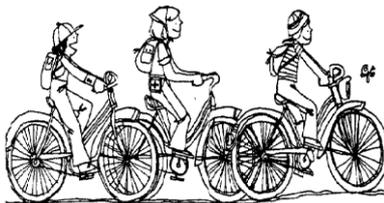
Special thanks go to all the four parents who have offered to drive the lorries, to from camp.

HELP – we are looking for help to transport Scouts from Cornwall back to Maidenhead on Wednesday 7th August, if you can help us please let Simon know,

Troop Meetings – Uniform

Can we remind all Scouts & Parents, that we are a member of a Uniform Organisation? **We expect all Scouts** to wear Full Scout Uniform to Troop Meetings. Scout Uniform consists of Green Scout Shirt, Blue Scout Cargo Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf. Also to bring a pair **the Scout Association Blue Shorts**, plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. PG Tee Shirts and Scarves are purchased from Raksha (76, Pinkneys Road)

Those Scouts going on Summer Camp will need two Yellow tee Shirts



Cycling

Can all Parents and Scout / Explorers note the following:

- (i) Any Scout / Explorer who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts/Explorers Cycling to/from Scout activities wear a Cycle Helmet.
- (ii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.

Simon Wheeler
Scout Leader



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