



GROUP NEWS

August 2014

Congratulations

Congratulations goes to Beaver Leader Jen (Winter Hill Hawkeye) and Neil Nyman on the birth of their daughter Dottie Nyman on Thursday 24th July 2014, weighing 7.5lbs

CLEANING ROTA – Can you help

We are looking for parents to go on the 2015 Rota. To replace the parents who sons are no longer in the group.

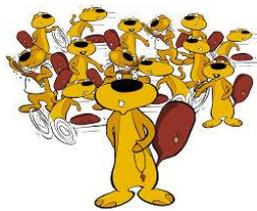
Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training is given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time. A big thank you goes to the 36 parents who have cleaned the hall so far this year

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

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BEAVER NEWS



Winter Hill Colony

We've had an excellent year at beavers this year with many highlights including some of the amazing trips we've done and some brilliant termly themes. We have managed to have a lot of fun. Tent pitching, run by the scouts was successful, despite all getting caught out in the rain. The final campfire of the year, we had a wonderful sing along led by *Benny* and enjoyed some refreshments.

A big than you to all the lovely supportive parents we have and the fantastic enthusiasm of the boys who continue to make me smile each week.

We look forward to another fantastic year starting in Autumn.

Have a lovely summer. **Hathi** (*Catherine Weeks*).

Littlewick Colony

We have finished the term off with join up with Winter Hill and have had some fantastic joint meetings so far. We did tent pitching thank you to *Simon* and the Scouts for a very eventful evening. We then did cooking in the woods.

To end the term the Beavers a dressed up as dressed up as Cowboys and Indians and the parents joined us for a camp fire in the woods.

I hope everybody has a great summer break.

Hawkeye (*Veronica Martin*)

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CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

We had a great fun combined evening of cricket with the Winter Hill pack where the cubs learnt how to bowl and catch the ball. A big thank you to **Adrian Hurley, the captain of the Littlewick Green Cricket Team** that organised the evening at very short notice and the cricket coaches from 'Cricket Performance' who came on the night.

Also thanks to **Longridge** for hosting 2 great weeks of Rafting. Cubs learnt to build their rafts practice their knots and then how to paddle! Well done to the great British weather for remaining dry for both events too ☺

We ended our summer term with our annual cubs summer party where the cubs took part in a range of games including a fancy dress egg and spoon race, parachute games and the return of the ever popular chocolate game which involves taking it in turns to eat some of a large bar of chocolate in 10 seconds using only a knife and fork whilst putting on a woolly hat, gloves and scarf.

As we now approach the end of the cubs calendar I thought I would reflect on some of our cubs great achievements this year;

- 2nd place in the District Flag Competition (only 2 points from coming first)
- 1st in the District Swimming Gala (achieved with Winter Hill cubs)
- 4 cubs took part in District Cooking competition
- 7 cubs attended Parent and Cub camp
- The Adventure Dolphin Activity Day at Pangbourne
- Cubs Easter Performance at St Marks Nursing Home
- Donated 4 wheelbarrows of food to local charity OpenKitchen.
- Handed out too many badges to mention!
- Welcomed 2 new Cub Scout Leaders – Rikki and Joe
- Increase on last year of 10 new cubs with more joining in September.....



Well done to all the cubs who have taken part in the various events this year and made a difference in our local community! Also a huge thanks to all the Leaders who give up their time to help run the pack, the many parents who help out and thanks to **Matt Dixon**, Littlewick's Young Leader who has been a very dedicated member of the support team this year and helped Akela and I with teaching the cubs knots ☺

We hope next term we will see as many cubs as possible at cub camp.

Rama (*Sarah Jones*)

Winter Hill Pack



We have finished off the term with three weeks in the woods to complete the Nature Badge, practice tracking and build (and water-test) shelters. We have also had the annual District Water Activities day at Longridge for older Cubs, which was going really until someone shouted "SPLASH AKELA!!"

As you may have read in my AGM report (see www.PGCubs.co.uk) my wife and I are expecting our second child in November and as such I will be taking a few months off from Scouting. Due to this and other Leaders' work commitments I am looking for a couple of new Section Assistants / Assistant Leaders to join the team. Please come and talk to me if you would like to find out more about how you can support your child's Scouting at PG - the roles and time commitment required can be surprisingly flexible and are very rewarding.

Planning is well advanced for our Cub Camp in September and our first meeting back after the summer holiday will be on Thursday 4th September at Berkshire College of Agriculture where we (Cubs, Parents and Leaders!) will be putting up the tents in readiness for camp starting the next day.

Have a great summer!

WH Akela (*David Barnes*)

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SCOUT NEWS

Project Africa

I am going on the Project Africa Expedition next year in Uganda with Berkshire Scouts for a month.

When we are there we are spending two and a half weeks on a community project which is likely to be building a school and then ten days traveling and doing activities such as white water rafting.

I am currently fundraising the £2500 I need to go on the Expedition, if you want to find out more you can visit the web site www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/uganda2015

PL *Ben Williams.*

Summer Holidays

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.15pm - Don't forget to check your emails on a Thursday - for any changes.

Uniform is not to be worn during August just Activity Dress (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet.

Beaver Meeting

A big thank you goes to the eleven Scouts and Young leaders who helped run a special Beaver meeting in July for Winter Hill and Littlewick colonies. The Scouts had to put up two patrol tents. It was a challenge with the Beavers & mallets knocking in the pegs, half way through the evening the skies opened, everyone got soaked before we carried on putting them up in the Scout hall. Once the tents were pitched the Beavers were told a story about camping.

District Water Activities

This year PG Scouts enjoyed the District Water Activity Event at Taplow lack, they joined Scouts from all over Maidenhead for an activity pack event. They did water activities like kayaking, rafting and body boarding. Thanks goes to *Rob Ayre*, for organising the kayaking and Simon.



SUMMER CAMP – Marcham

Due to Simon having some personal problems, and a shortage of older leaders (over 30), to drive mini buses, this year, summer camp had to be changed to a site nearer Maidenhead, we went to Marcham, near Oxford. Over fifty members of the Troop are currently camping, at their annual Summer Camp, so far the weather has been very good, with lots of sun and no rain.

The Scouts have a busy programme of activities, which shooting, high wires, water skiing, hiking, archery as well as normal PG camping activities. Photos are being updated while the Scouts are at summer camp, on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Full report in September's PG Tips

Simon Wheeler Scout Leader

Pinkneys Green Scouts



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