



GROUP NEWS

September 2014



Jumble Sale

We need some helpers to assist with the forthcoming Jumble Sale at the Scout Hall. We are looking for drivers to help collecting Jumble on Friday 12th September 6.30pm at the Scout Hall, A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the morning of Saturday 13th 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 contact our Jumble Sale coordinator Arti Mehta, email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk

We really need your support.

JUMBLE SALES: Saturday 13th & 27th September

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church on Sunday 28th September at 3.25pm, we hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders will make the effort to attend this special service. Families of our members (& friends) are also invited to attend. our special service. More details will be sent out via section meetings

Vacant Positons of great importance!!

Treasurer

We are in need of a new treasurer for the group, this could be a parent, grandparent or friend, booking keeping or basic accounts skills an advantage but not essential. You will be provided with a Laptop that has the sage package and shown how the system works.

What does it involve???

- Processing leaders expenses.
- Paying bills
- Events ie jumbles 4 and fairs 2 - organising floats and counting takings.
- Camps, Outings and Subs, paying in money received
- Subs is managed by a parent so would only involve banking the cheques not the collection.
- Our bank is in the town centre for easy access.
- Attend the annual AGM.
- How much time will this involve?.

I would say about an hour a week on average, beavers and cubs only meet term times, weeks when there are events a bit more i.e. when money needs to be counted.

There is a monthly meeting for the Parents Support Group (PGPSG) on the first Monday evening of the month (except August) where attendance is desired to inform committee of updated situation with the bank.

This is an important role within the group which supports the Leaders in running the action packed programmes we offer to the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Chair Person of the PG Parents Support Group

The Role of Chairperson is to work in liaison with the Group Scout Leader,

The chairperson of PGPSG will chair the monthly meeting (first Monday).

- The committees key roles are:
- To ensure that the Hall is maintained and repaired as necessary.
- Fundraising to support various activities.
- Ensure funds is spent wisely and effectively - equipment.
- Recruit new parents to the committee.

If you are interested in either of these important support roles please call me for more information. If you are interested in joining our team on the PG PSG we do need some more parents, more hands make light work.

At the moment I am trying to do 2 roles which is extremely time consuming and sometimes means that my primary role suffers.

Erica Hunter
Group Scout Leader

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GOLDEN SYRUP TINS

Please keep your Golden Syrup Tins for us.

When you have an empty one, please wash it and send it along to your Childs section meeting

We also want strong ice cream containers with lids – any size

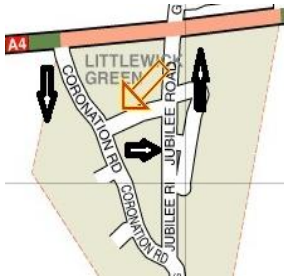
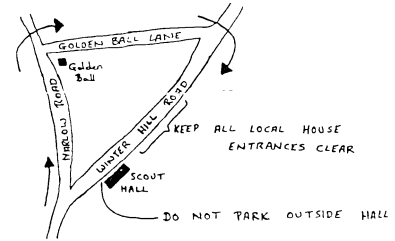
Plain A4 Paper – to print on

Plus elastic bands – like the postman uses

YOUNGSTERS SAFETY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *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 Please Don't park in the drive way of Christmas Cottage or Pond House*



LITTLEWICK GREEN - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up **Do not park in Gilchrist Way** as this is strictly reserved for residents. We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! **Please ask your Childs leader** if you are not sure.

Thank you for your support in keeping our neighbours Happy.

Please observe the above instructions when dropping off and collecting from PG meetings.

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Our online shopping has change to *easyfundraising*. We need your support; it is quite simple to access our online web shop, enter the address <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> if you go via this web site to your normal online shopping site PG are given a % of the money you spend at no extra cost to you. We have raised over £1,300 from supporters of PG who have done this.



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PHOTOCOPYING – PG TIPS

Due to a parent changing their job, we are looking for some help with photocopy PG Tips every month. It is normally 2 sheets (4 sides). If you can do 20 or 50 copies a month please email Simon at help@pgtips.org.uk Thank you goes to our current printers for your support.

BABYSITTING SERVICE

Hi, I'm *Grace Marshall* and as a fundraiser for the *Japan Jamboree*. I am offering **babysitting services**. I have been a young leader at WH Beaver colony for a year; I'm 16 years old and live in Maidenhead.
If you are interested, please call or text me at **07501 368 477**.

BEAVERS

Winter Hill Colony

Due to the fact that we have lost three of our regular adult leaders, (One has had a baby, two are off to university) we are looking for support from the parent body in order to help the beaver colony continue to thrive. If you feel that you could spare an hour a week to come and help during our beaver sessions please do let us know.

Due to our leader shortage **we must now use a parent rota** in order to have enough adult supervision during our sessions. However, if you feel you could contribute your time more regularly, and would be interested in becoming a sectional assistant in the



group that would also help us out greatly. Beavers is great fun for adults and children alike and we want to ensure that we can still run the engaging and active activities that we know the children love. If you are free for the hour of beavers and are able to sign up to the parent helper rota, **please email beavers@pgscouts.org.uk**. Equally, if you are interested in becoming a sectional assistant please do let us know!

Please remember that beavers should be dropped off and picked up from inside the hall and that full uniform including navy trousers or shorts should be worn. Our first meeting of the Autumn term will be 6.15pm prompt on Monday 8th September. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break,

Hathi (Catherine Weeks).

Littlewick Colony

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a good summer and are well rested and ready to start another year's worth of fun at beavers!

We have a lot to look forward to this term at beavers, with our remembrance service, our Halloween and Christmas parties along with lots of exciting and new activities for the beavers to try!

Please remember that beavers should be dropped off and picked up from inside the hall and that full uniform is worn. Don't forget to use our one way system, when bringing and collecting your child from Beavers. We start back on Monday 8th September at 6pm

Hawkeye (Veronica Martin)



CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Hello and welcome back! I hope you have had a wonderful summer break and you're ready for what is going to be a fun packed programme this Autumn!



We have a lot to look forward to this term with cub camp in our first week back and some important dates already for your diaries including two Jumble Sales on Saturday 13th September and Saturday 27th September, which will give you a great opportunity to clear out any unwanted items! These sales help to generate essential funds for the group so we can run the many events we organise.

Also please make a note of our Remembrance Service on Sunday 9th November, this is our most important date in the national cubs calendar especially given that this year it is the 100 year anniversary. Also cub's attendance at the Remembrance Service will go towards achieving and completing their Promise Challenge Badge which we will be doing this term. So mums and dads please save the date and further details will be given to you nearer the time ☺

Other badges and activities we will work towards this term include the Scientist and Backwoods Cooking Activity badges and following the huge success of our visit to Coral Reef last term we will be returning ☺ We also have our joint Winterhill/Littlewick Halloween Party to look forward to and our Autumn Night Hike!

Finally we would like to say a very warm welcome to Chloe Wheatley and her family. Chloe was invested to Littlewick Cubs at the end of last term. Also to extend the welcome to our beavers swimming up this term who will be invested in the coming weeks. Until next time....

Rama (Sarah Jones)

Winter Hill Pack

New term begins back on THURSDAY 2nd September when we will be at the Cub Camp site (Berkshire College of Agriculture) pitching the tents for Cub Camp which starts the next day.

WH Akela (David Barnes)

Black Sacks of Rubbish

A very big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub and Scout parents who have taken home a black bag of rubbish. To save the leaders having to take it down to the local rubbish tip



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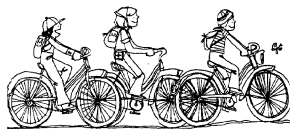
SCOUT NEWS

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

Friday 12th September - Special Troop Meeting, check your email, Thursday before, for instructions of where to meet.

District Land Activity Event - Saturday 20th September at Wye Valley School Bourne End. Activities will be Shooting, Archery and Climbing on a climbing wall. Cost £14 per Scout. Places limited, for more information, please contact Simon.

PL Training Course – Saturday 4th October, reminder to those APL's & Older Scouts who have not already attended, a District PL Training course. The Troop will pay the course fee. Places limited. The course is being held at Cookham Scout Hall. Contact Simon ASAP for more info.



Cycle Orienteering Event – Sunday 12th October, 10am ? 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 for more details.

JOTI / JOTA – [Jamboree On The Air & Jamboree On The Internet] Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 18th-19th October 2014. 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 doing the Cub and Scout Communicators badge, again at this event.

SUMMER CAMP – Marcham

Fifty plus, members of the Troop attended this year's camp the first couple of weeks of the summer holidays in Cornwall. We managed to update the PG web site www.pgscouts.org.uk all but the last two days at camp were dry, with photos of the activities and events we did.

Congratulations go to Cobras - PL *Jay Hutchins*, on winning both the **Cooking and Camp competitions**



I would like to thank *Philip Kersey, Ian Miller and David Williams* for driving the 7.5 ton lorries. *All the parents and friends for helping with photocopying & binding the camp booklet and supplying various items for camp, and unloading the lorries after a long camp.* I would also like to thank all the other parents and friends who helped us this year with donations and time.

A Special thank you goes to the following leaders and helpers, who camped for the whole camp; *Mark Courtier, Graham Wolfe, Kieran Patel and Myles Rankin* plus the leaders and helpers *John Bannerman, Alex Robins, Michael Crown, Rob Ayre, Matthew Milston, Kim-Marie Broadley, Edmund Otun, James Woodward and Toby Ayre* who were able to help for part of the camp.

Simon Wheeler, Scout Leader, August 2014



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