



## GROUP NEWS

August 2017



### CONGRATULATION

Congratulations goes to PG Young Leader, Thomas Sellers on being awarded the Gold Duke of Duke of Edinburgh's. He had to complete the following:

- Volunteering – Helping as a Young Leader at PG Beaver & Cub section for 18 months
- Physical and Skills sections: One he did for over 12 months and the other was for 6 months
- Expedition section: 4 days/3 nights, plus the training expeditions
- Residential section: Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights.

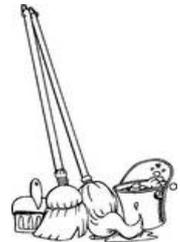
Thomas joined Foresters (Cox Green) Explorers to do the expeditions

### CLEANING ROTA – Can you help

**We are looking for parents to go on the 2017 Rota.** To replace the parents who sons are no longer in the group.

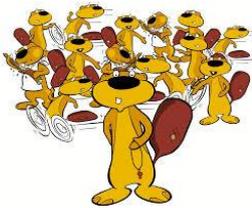
Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training is given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time. A big thank you goes to the 36 parents who have cleaned the hall so far this year

For more details and information, please contact PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. **Pauline Patel** Email: [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk)



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### BEAVER NEWS



#### Winter Hill Colony

We finished off the term with; cooking in the woods, pitching tents, thank you goes to Simon for organising the Scouts to show the Beavers how to put up Patrol tents, we finished off the term with our traditional campfire, where family members came along and joined the Beavers for the evening of singing camp fire songs.

From all of us at Winter Hill, we would like to thank all our parents who continually support the group and hope that everyone has a great summer break. We will see you all in September!

#### Littlewick Colony

We finished the summer term with even more outdoor activities. We managed to locate and see a lot of wildlife including a newt and a centipede at both our pond dipping and mini beast hunt excursions. The pond was teeming with life and still had water in it despite the recent hot weather; the Beavers got wet and messy while having a fun evening. The groups of Beavers managed to build several mini beast homes in the Thicket... I can report back that these are still up and are teeming with insect and bugs two weeks later!

Thank you to all the Scouts and *Simon* who came on the night and organised our Beavers for the tent pitching on our last day of term. As usual, all the Beavers loved the opportunity to hold and hit the pegs with the mallets. Parents, watch out as you have a budding group of DIY enthusiasts. This activity completed the My Adventure Challenge Badge series of evenings. Well done to *Edie Neeves, Marcus Watson, Niamh Ravenscroft* and *Struan Haley* who earned their Bronze Medal award

A big welcome to *Harry Marland, Izzy Keane, Sophia Mormech and Zain Hamid* who got invested and are now part of the Littlewick and Pinkneys Green Scout Group family.



*Tictac* (Nathalie Watson)

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### CUB NEWS

#### Littlewick Pack

We had a fantastic evening with *Steve* and *Dan* from Red Watch at Maidenhead fire station. It was hands on with the main fire engine's equipment, the cubs enjoyed getting stuck in being fire fighters, rolling out the hoses and spraying (imaginary) fires. They also learnt valuable information about fire safety.

Having learnt to respect fire the cubs were asked the best way to start one by using sticks, flint and steel's or matches at our backwoods cooking night at Winter Hill. They also cooked bread twists over the embers, which tasted lovely with jam.



Horse riding was a rare treat for PG cubs and all enjoyed the visit to *Sue Meakin's* Banstock stables in Cherry Garden Lane. Everyone led, tacked up and rode a horse and also learnt about looking after the horses, stables and equipment.



The cubs had a lesson in Road safety with a twist, when *Mike* from McLaren brought a 570S from McLaren's HQ, and a lot of maths. The cubs were surprised how far it could travel in a second and its

stopping distance.

*Lorraine*, our local PCSO came with a Police van to talk to the cubs about her role in the community. There was a question and answer session and a discussion about strategies in dealing with stranger danger. The Cubs got to try various items of Police equipment and also explored the Police van, getting a view of the other side of the law by being locked up in the back, which was apparently "Smelly".

PG Littlewick Green Cubs Leaders team



### Winter Hill Pack

We have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last few weeks outside. Cubs have taken part in tent pitching, laying trails, fire lighting, making shelters and playing wide games. The cubs have enjoyed getting muddy in the woods!

Don't forget Cub Camp will take place on 8th – 10th September in Cookham. The first meeting of the new term will be tent pitching at the campsite on **Thursday 7th September**.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer break!

WH Akela (*Rob Harris*)

## SCOUT NEWS

### Littlewick Troop

After a fantastic summer term with lots of activities tackled, we have another great term planned.

We finished up last term on a real high with climbing followed by kayaking on the Jubilee River. Some very assured skills were on show, particularly from the older Scouts and everyone participating (including some of the Cubs who are about to move up) gained their Paddlesports Stage 2 badge.

*David Barns* (LG Scout Leader )



### Winter Hill Troop

The end of the Summer term has been busy with getting ready for Summer camp, plus scouts have been out on their bikes two evenings completing a cycle activity, thank you goes to *Matthew Milston* for organising the evening



**Summer Holidays** - As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.45pm - 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 Meetings** - A big thank you goes to the Scouts and Young leaders who helped run a special Beaver meetings in July for Winter Hill and Littlewick colonies. The Scouts had to show the Beavers how to put up two patrol tents. It

was a challenge with the Beavers & mallets knocking in the pegs in to very solid ground. Once the tents were pitched the Beavers were told a story about camping.

### SUMMER CAMP – Bodmin Moor

Special Thank you goes to farmer Mr & Mrs Barrow for allowing us to camp on their farm, near St Neot, on the edge of Bodmin Moor.

Nearly fifty members of Winter Hill Troop are currently camping in Cornwall for over two weeks, at their annual Summer Camp, so far the weather has been fairly good, they had only a day of rain on arrival, forecast is not too good for August.

The Scouts have a busy programme of activities, which include Go Karting, Sailing, Wind Surfing Wake Boarding, Mountain Biking 24 hour hike 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](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

Full report in Septembers PG Tips

*Simon Wheeler* (WH Scout Leader)

