



GROUP NEWS

CLEANING ROTA – Can you help

We are looking for parents to go on the 2018 Autumn Term Rota. To replace the parents who children 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



BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Beavers have had a busy time the last week in June they went canoeing at engage and all enjoy this fun on water, in July doing bits towards there cycling badge even if they couldn't ride there bike they did the parts of the badge on safety, learning how to play cricket with the local cricket club. And looking forward going to Braywick nature reserve this Monday coming.

Lots of fun is happening. We have had some beavers leave and new ones join

Wiley (Mark Bromley)

Winter Hill Colony

During July, the Beavers have focussed on the outdoors. We had an evening of tent pitching when the scouts came to help. Due to the hot weather we had an evening of water games and the beavers especially enjoyed the water fight at the end of the evening. As this has been a particularly hot summer the National Trust have not allowed us to have open fires, but this didn't put off **Benny** (John Brooker) - he persevered and we had an evening when the beavers could cook a sausage on a BBQ. We also said goodbye to **James Balfe** who swam up to Cubs; we wish him well.

The final meeting of the term was a visit to the fire station. The beavers got to look round a fire engine and use the hoses. They also learnt about the other jobs the fire-fighters attend apart from fires like road traffic accidents and helping the police to break doors to enter properties.

In September we look forward to welcoming all the new beavers and continuing the exciting new term of activities.

On behalf of the beaver leaders I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.



Tictac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

We have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last few weeks outside. We had a fantastic football skills evening led by two coaches from Progressive Sports. Cubs have taken part in tent pitching, laying trails, fire-lighting, and completing the Naturalist badge as part of the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges. Unfortunately, not all the cubs were able to light fires due to the hot weather but I have promised them that we will catch up in the autumn term! During the week of the World Cup Semi Final, six cubs, Racksha and I built a shelter in the woods. It was a very peaceful evening!

The postponed District Flag Competition took place in July; the team of **Isaac Stevenson, Tom Atkinson, Noah Thomas, Daniel Brazil, Zach Evans** and **George Stevenson** did a great job and came second. They enjoyed the obstacle course and playing the outdoor game. Well done team!

Don't forget Cub Camp will take place on 7th – 9th September in Cookham. The first meeting of the new term will be tent pitching at the campsite on Thursday 6th September. We will also need help loading the van with camp equipment on Wednesday 5th September – look out for an email with details over the summer. Best wishes for a relaxing summer break!

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

Littlewick continued its winning streak at the rescheduled flag competition. This is the annual event run by Maidenhead Scouts for all Cub Packs in the district. We honed our scouting skills at the beginning of the year, and though it seems hard to imagine now it was postponed because of extreme cold weather. But obviously what we've learnt has stuck and our team put in a fantastic performance, well done team !!!

Having learnt to be responsible with fire the Cubs practiced different ways of starting one by using sticks, fire steel's and matches. And with our evening tent pitching on the lower Green we should all be ready for Cub camp in September. Unfortunately we postponed our backwards



cooking evening because of the dry weather, but I'm sure we'll create and cook some culinary delights at camp.



We had a great evening with Blue Watch at Maidenhead fire station. It was hands on with the main fire engine's equipment, the Cubs enjoyed rolling out the hoses and spraying (imaginary) fires. They also learnt valuable information about fire safety.

Lorraine, our local PCSO came with a Police van to talk to the Cubs about her role in the community. 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".

Although we don't run a regular parent rota we do rely on parents to help when we're out and about, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us during the summer term.

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop

Summer is here!

We have made the most of the gorgeous weather and been outside every evening - campfires (before it was too dry!), water-fights, pioneering and lots of manhunt!

Sadly we've had to say goodbye to *Tom Lonsdale* and *Alba Standen* as they move out of scouts and hope to become young leaders.

When we come back in September we will have new patrols and patrol leaders and I'm looking forward to seeing how the new scouts take n the roles!

See you in September, all the best

LG Scout Leader (*Sam Gibbins*)



Winter Hill Troop



The end of the summer term has been busy with getting ready for Summer camp, the other activities we have been taking part in include District Orienteering event where 120 people took part. WH teams C came second and team B third, well done to them

We also had two evening where the Scouts took part in a cycle activity around the Cookham Dean Park Corner area, thank you goes to *Matthew Milston* for organising the evening, and the parents who went along to support him

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 colony. 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 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.

SUMMER CAMP - Brightwell Baldwin

Special Thank you goes to farmer Lady Pamela Hicks for allowing us to camp on her estate and farmer John Mears for all his help with the camp, including supply a water bowser with over 1,00 gallons of water for us to use in case of a fire.

Nearly fifty members of Winter Hill Troop are currently camping in Oxfordshire for nearly two weeks, at their annual Summer Camp, so far the weather is very hot and gusty, we have had problems getting in the wooden tent pegs due to the ground being so hard and managed to break over 10 mallets as well as a few hundred pegs.

The Scouts have a busy programme of activities, which include building rafts and using them on the Thames, water skiing, climbing 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

Full report in Septembers PG Tips



WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)

