



GROUP NEWS

May 2018

Spring 2nd Jumble Sale



We are looking for help on the Saturday 19th May, morning 10.15am selling the Jumble and from 11.30am clearing up afterwards and taking the rubbish to the tip. For more information, contact one of our Sale coordinators: Email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk

Saturday 19th May - 10.30am

PARENTS - we need your support, please help us raise money to support your child.

Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday 19th May-

It would be great

Last year we raised over **£3,000** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your child in their Scouting at PG, and keeps the subs down

**Please save any Jumble you have and drop it off at the Scout Hall
between Friday 4th May-Friday 18th May**

Hall will be Open on Monday 6pm-9pm, Wednesday 6pm-8pm or Friday 6pm-10pm



Summer Fair

This year we will be holding our Annual Summer Fair on the Green on Sunday 24th June 2018. Please make a note of the date, we will be looking for support from Beaver, Cubs and Scouts and their parents

Fair Date is Sunday 24th June 2018

Gardeners

Gardeners can we plea for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents & neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them.

District St George's Day Event



Thank you goes to the Littlewick & Winter Hill Cubs and Winter Hill Scouts who joined 600 Beavers, Cubs and Scouts at this years St Georges Day event at Braywick Park

They took part in the fun activities and renewed their promises



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

Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 6 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that when they become 6 they can join. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment. If you are not sure that they are on the list, please check, don't leave it till it is too late. If in doubt please check and ask. For WH and LG Beavers, email *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com with your child's name and date of birth.

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that your child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. We do have some second hand uniform, please contact *Peta Almond*. If you have any items of uniform you no longer require, we are looking for donations. Peta's email: pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk



Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes – Twice a Year

We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year. We need to sort a rota out for this term. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please email cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk for more information.

A big thank you goes to the 3 new Beaver parents who have joined the rota, plus the 25 parents who are on the rota, it was a great help. The cleaning can be done to suit you.

PG2 off to West Virginia 2019 (World Scout Jamboree)

Two Members of PG *Nick Conacher* and *Dan Wallace* are representing PG as part of the Berkshire Unit to World Scout Jamboree in America, this month's report from *Dan Wallace*.

Continuing on our journey towards the Jamboree, we have recently participated in a weekend camp to build on friendships and team cooperation. Dan and I went along on the 24th March to join other participants from Unit 63, now called "Royal Berkshire Stags", camping overnight, and enjoying different activities and learning more about the Jamboree. The camp enabled Dan and I to make new friends, and help us gain new ideas to fundraise.



On the 7th April, Dan and I took part in the Three Towers Hike across Oxfordshire and Berkshire. It was a sponsored event and our team consisted of us and two other Jamboree participants - David Russell and Joseph Havers. We were signed up for the 45K hike. We commenced in the late morning just before midday, starting off strong. However after a major accidental detour we had hiked an extra 5K or so in a loop, but managed to regain our position and get back on track. We hiked throughout the day stopping at bases to get our hike cards stamped and for drinks and biscuits.

Into the night, we were still walking with blisters and aching legs. Unfortunately Joseph Havers had to drop out two bases before the end, but the three of us remaining managed to complete the hike in the early hours of the next day at 00:26 am, overall taking a time of 13 hours and 1 minute. There was a presentation of certificates and badges at 10 o'clock the following day, and pictures were taken of our Unit 63 team and the other Berkshire Unit 62 team.

Sarah Luton ran a successful craft workshop for families on April 4th making bird and butterfly mobiles. Along with the sale of *Vanessa Wallace's* hand-made cakes, it was a really enjoyable and productive event for everyone and so we are planning to run a Wind Spinners workshop during half term. On Wednesday 30th May £10 per child, 6 years-13 years details <https://goo.gl/QkpvHY>

We are also hiring the Party Tents Copy of poster: <https://goo.gl/3CjHFi>

Nick Conacher WH Cubs Young Leader)

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The beavers have been busy doing bits towards different sections of challenge badges and learning more about what it means to be a beaver.

We invested 3 beavers Eva, Oliver & Freddie

We had a nature trail in bray the week before Easter and took the beavers to the Fire station.

Wiley (Mark Bromley)





Winter Hill Colony

We hope you all have had a good Easter break. Before the Beavers broke up they completed their cooks' badge. They had a week of learning about kitchen safety. The Beavers also brought in cakes as part of the beaver bake off. Benny and I had the hard task of judging the bakes, as they were very delicious indeed. The final week the Beavers enjoyed making pizzas to finish off their cooks' badge.

In the coming weeks and months the Beavers have a lot planned. As the days get longer the Beavers will enjoy being outside more. They will be working towards several badges this term, and as always we look forward to welcoming any new Beavers to the colony and can't wait to get the term off to a flying start.

Tictac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

During the month of March, the cubs used the pantomime stage to entertain us with jokes, magic tricks and music. Many of the cubs earned their Entertainers' badge that evening. Well done to Poppy Broadbent, Isaac Stevenson and Oscar Mastrilli for doing so brilliantly in their musical number in the pantomime, I know that many of the audience members enjoyed their performance immensely.

The cubs also spent a couple of meetings working towards the Skills Challenge and Personal Safety badges.

During the summer term, we will be going outside as much as possible. We will be pitching tents, fire lighting, following trails and building shelters.

WH Akela (Rob Harris)



Littlewick Pack

There were only a couple of meetings in March since the last PG Tips and before the Easter holidays. We started with an international theme to coincide with the UN World Water Day. And a very welcome visit from Gill Hill, who has a wealth of experience looking after the District Cub Packs as Cub ADC, thank you Gill for coming to see us.



The week before Easter the clocks changed, the first real opportunity to get outside this year, so we hiked from Knowl Hill back to base in time for hot chocolate and a few games.

I'm sure everyone will have noticed from the emails that we've started to use OSM Events this term, thank you to those parents who have embraced clicking yes or no, both responses help massively in planning each event.

The weather is looking better now, it's not an exact science but we've probably passed the last frost this year so it might be time to start hardening off the pumpkins by leaving them outside on warm days. They'll be ready for planting in the garden soon so choose a suitable spot to put them in.

We hope that everyone has enjoyed the Easter holidays and is looking forward to the summer term, we'll be out and about a lot more this term taking advantage of this much improved weather.

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

SCOUT NEWS

District Football Competition

Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Six a Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let Simon know

Competition Date: Tuesday 22 May 2018



Cycling - Can all Parents, Scouts & Young Leaders note the following

- (i) Any Scout or Young Leader who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with **working** front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts & YLs cycling to/from Scout activities **wear a Cycle Helmet, plus Hi Vis vest.**
- (iii) That their bike is in roadworthy condition



Littlewick Troop

Prior to Easter the scouts had an evening being taught circus skills. For this we were joined by instructor Steve and some cubs and scouts from other parts of the group. The majority of the evening was spent being taught to juggle; first with handkerchiefs to get the hand movements correct and then juggling balls where the key was timing.

The second part is much harder but many of the scouts were successful by the end of the evening.

Since Easter we have had an evening with bases doing different activities that work towards badges. Over the next couple of weeks the scouts will be building sculptures from junk and visiting White Waltham Airfield.

This is followed by camping in early May.

Mark Courtier (LG Scout Section Assistant)



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Winter Hill Troop

Members of Winter Hill Scouts joined Littlewick Scouts for an evening where they were taught circus skills. The Scouts who attended had a good evening and were able to juggle by the end of the evening.

Friday nights have been busy with a challenge evening, where Scouts had to build a tower as high as possible out of canes to support a weight at the top of it. . Been practicing pitching Patrol tents. Building a catapult out of 6ft yellow poles.

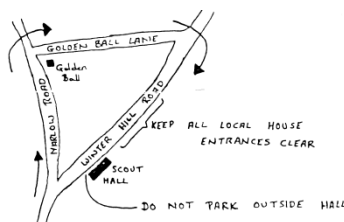


We also held an LAN weekend thank you goes to Alex Robins for organising the event.

The Patrol Leaders and Scouts have been busy sorting out the equipment they required

for their patrols at Troop camp, which we are going on at the beginning of May. Thank you goes to *Dan Wallace, Alfie Savage, James Huband and Niall Parson* for organising this.

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)



YOUNGSTERS SAFLEY 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.

