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The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

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Obituary

Derek Wheeler

Unfortunately Simon's father Derek died at the end of September, our thoughts are with Betty his wife who lives in Lyme Regis and his family.

Derek was a cub, scout and rover scout at Pinkneys Green during his youth. He later became Group treasurer for about 30 years, in 1980 while treasurer he was awarded the Medal of Merit, this is awarded for outstanding services to scouting and at the time was unusual for a non uniformed member to receive it, this is a reflection on the dedication and time he spent on Scouting at Pinkneys Green, Simon and his brother Neil were both cubs and scouts and Neil's son James was also a cub and scout at PG.

Erica Hunter
GSL

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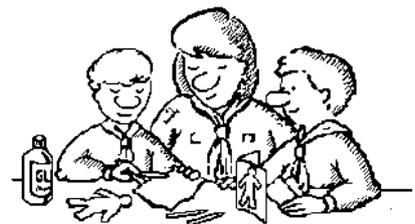
BEAVER NEWS

Another term lays ahead of us and we are very excited about the activities we have lined up for the beavers, from nature trails to cooking and art and craft to educational based activities. As always we will be doing our very best to keep the Beaver programme varied as well as incorporating the various topics set by the organisation.

We have, as ever, a strong leader work force again this year so the Beavers will be reassured to see the same old faces greeting them on Monday evenings. (I know, I know, I can hear you! Not so much of the 'old' huh)?! However, I am glad to welcome some new faces to the group, Connor Armstrong and Hal Forman. 'Welcome' also to Connor's family and hello again to Mr and Mrs Forman who we know already after their eldest son Max was a Beaver himself not so long ago, nice to have you around on a Monday night again.

Last term we said good bye to Myles Rankin. He very successfully linked between Beavers and cubs with ease and has already joined the cub pack at camp recently, well done Myles! Good luck at Cubs and enjoy the fun that lays ahead.

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents of our uniform which we **must** wear to Beavers, Beaver jumper and Beaver navy cargo trousers with PG neck-a-chief. This can be bought from the Scout shop, Wednesday evenings 7.00pm till 9.00pm at St. Marks Methodist Church. Also, if there are any brown felt Beavers out there that have not had your son's name embroidered on them and been handed in to me or Raksha please could we have them as soon as possible. This is not essential but such a lovely keepsake for years to come. They get sewn onto a blanket which we use fairly frequently during our meetings and the boys are always very pleased to see their name on it. Many Thanks.



This term we are introducing a new badge system, as you know it's something we have been looking at for some time. However, the finishing touches are in sight so hopefully you will see some badges coming home with the boys at some point this term and you know what comes with badges.....more sewing!!! Sorry.

Well that's all folks!! (As they say on the Loony Tunes, and are definitely verging on a bit loony at a Beavers. Best way to be though with twenty odd six year olds running about)! We will keep you posted on what's going on over the next few months so watch this space

Keo.

CUB NEWS

We have kicked off in September, by finishing off activities left over from the summer. Now we have all had a turn at fire lighting, laying trails and putting up a tent. Due to bad weather we still have shelters to make, so hopefully the weather will be kinder and allow us to spend a week in the woods making our shelters.

The big event of September is that we have been on Cub Camp. Held at BCA (Burchetts Green Agricultural College) and by some amazing luck, we didn't get the weather that was forecast. We had a new Cub to invest first so that he could camp with us. *Myles Rankin* had only been to Cubs the week before and then been brave enough to camp. We hope he'll be happy and have fun at Cubs.

The theme for this year was Olympics and Greek Gods. The sixes were Demeter, Poseidon, Zeus, Eros, Apollo, and Hades. Once the boys had set up their tents, they spent a few hours running around, playing games and having fun in the dark. We didn't hurry them to bed, so after hot soup and teeth cleaning they finally went back to their tents. Sleep was a long time coming!

Morning started early with outdoor, tops off washes (something new to a lot of them) followed by cereal and sausage breakfast. Then came time to sort out the tents ready for inspection! This was carried out by the Young Leaders and they were very strict! The morning was spent at scouting skills bases in the sunshine followed by ploughman's lunch and cake. The afternoon was Olympic athletics (working towards their athletics' badge) and it was great to see the efforts of the boys. Gold, silver and bronze certificates were also issued at the closing ceremony. Then they had time to get ready for their campfire skit. Dinner and a wide game followed, which was interrupted by a heavy down pour. All the boys were hurried onto a covered trailer, the campfire lit and singing commenced – nothing dampened the PG spirits. Hot chocolate and earlier bed, to be woken by sunshine in the morning.



The morning progressed with a lovely cooked breakfast, tent inspection and 'Cubs own'. Then they worked their way around bases in their Greek God teams. It was at this point I asked one team what has been their favourite thing about Cub Camp so far. One boy said that it wasn't finished yet and was old enough to know that we usually had an obstacle course on the last afternoon, so felt he couldn't judge yet. Another said that it was all so good that he couldn't choose. Yes, the boys were definitely enjoying themselves. The obstacle course was certainly a hit and our thanks go to Tarka (Barry Palmer) and Tony Curley for being so creative with their course – it needed team work. The boys had all worked hard over the weekend to earn points and were very enthusiastic and the overall winning team was Zeus, who were presented an award at the closing ceremony.

A big thank you to ALL leaders, helpers and parents, who helped make such a fantastic camp. Well done.

Rikki

I would just like to add a personal thank you to all the parents, leaders and helpers who made the camp such a success. I really wouldn't have been able to do it without you all. Final thanks are due to the cubs for behaving themselves and having so much fun!

Akela

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SCOUT NEWS

Harvest Festival – Can we remind all Scouts we are holding are Harvest Festival Service again at Stubbings Church on Sunday 3rd October, 3.30pm. We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend this special Service, and bring some produce.

Parents Evening – we report back evening for all Scouts and parents on Friday 1st October 2004, 7pm at the Scout Hall. Where we will be showing pictures of the last years Troop events / activities, as well as awarding the winning Patrol at Summer camp with their prizes, plus the Bill Hutt Shield

Cub Halloween Party – We are looking for help from Scouts running this event. It is on Wednesday 27th October. If you can help please let Andrew Wilcox have your name

JOTI / JOTA – Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 17th-18th October 2004. We are looking for older Scouts to help organise this event as well as parents and friends – if you are able to help please contact Simon ASAP. We will be running the Cub and Scout Communicators badge again at this event. Any Scout, who would like to stay over on the Saturday night, please let Simon know that you are interested. We will be surfing the Net over the weekend talking to over Scouts on the Internet as well as on the Radio

Scouts District Cycle Orienteering Event -Well done to *Toby Ayre and Alex Jones* on coming second, thanks to Rob Ayre and for helping –This year's event started off at Look Out at Bracknell and was all off road cycling

Scouts District Night Hike –The District have organised another Night Hike for Scouts to take part in Friday 12th November 8.30pm to Saturday 13th November 4am. Any Scouts or parents who wish to take part please let Simon know by Friday 5th November 2004

We are looking for help with photocopying PG Tips – currently I am printing it at home on my printer any ideas or suggestions please contact me tel Mhd 623910.

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