



## GROUP NEWS

July 2012

### Congratulations



Our County Commissioner Hamish Stout presented The *Silver Acorn* award, to our Scout Leader *Simon Wheeler* at our AGM.

The Silver Acorn is *awarded after a period of not less than 20 years of specially distinguished service while holding an adult appointment*

*Simon* is not only our Scout Leader but also a District Scout Leader and under takes several roles in the district, he has been a leader with PG for 36 years and has seen hundreds of children pass through the group and now seeing some of those return with their children.

### PG's QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee Event



PG celebrated the Queens Diamond Jubilee on the afternoon of **Monday 4th June 2012**, on the green opposite the Scout Hall

Over 150 people sat down for a special tea party as well as taking part in an afternoon of games and activities. **Thank you goes to everyone who provided sandwiches and cakes.**

There is a selection of photos on the PG's web site: [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

#### **STORAGE**

Due to the area where we keep the pantomime back cloths being redeveloped (Roof area of a printers in Cordwallis) we are looking for somewhere, where we can store them We have approx 50 back cloths - 6ft battens with material raped around them

They need to be stored somewhere dry. We only need access to them once in February, to pick up the ones we require for the current pantomime and once in April to return them. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let a Leader know or email us at [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)

## From your GSL

### **Treasurer**

I would like to announce that we have ourselves a new Treasurer Laura Williams. Laura's son Frank is a Scout. Laura has been gradually been handed the reins by Megan Sadie who has been on hand during Jumble sales and at the summer fair helping the transition.

I would like to thank Megan Sadie for organising us for the past 2 years.

I would also like to thank our auditor Colin Evans who has audited our books for MANY years he has decided to hang up his auditor hat so we will be looking for a new candidate next year.

Laura Williams can be contacted via email [PGtreasurer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:PGtreasurer@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Summer Fair**

The Sun was shining after so much rain, as we listened to the Band playing whilst cooking burgers, rolling the tombola, selling raffle tickets, books and plants ah and Beer that temporarily ran out!!, we would never run out of Tea but cups maybe. So many people worked to make it a great day, I look forward to a healthy profit.

Thank you to all.

*Erica Hunter, Group Scout Leader*

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## Thank You for a Successful Day at the Fair

Our Group fair on the Green, was very successful thanks to the many parents and friends of the group who turned out to help. We all produced an excellent afternoon of entertainment not only for our group members but also for lots of local residents. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

**Special thanks go** to Jane & Stuart Courtier for organising the fair. As we go to press we think we have raised over £2,700, which is just up on last year. This will go towards the cost of running PG.

### **A massive thank you to all the people who made our fair a great success.**

*A really successful summer fair. The sun shone! The crowds came out and found the new site. Children, parents and many friends of PG enjoyed the games, the popular band (The Swells), BBQ and refreshments. Many thanks are due to everyone who helped. On Saturday morning there was an expert team of marquee and tent erectors so by early afternoon the ring of canvas was almost complete. Special thanks though go to Steve Mitchell and David Hughes who were still going strong at 6pm putting up the coconut shy. The overnight team of Tim, Harvey and Eva Neeves: Anthony, Jake and Max Noyce and Steve and Alfie Windsor did a great job and even provided a sausage breakfast for the early helpers on Sunday. Thanks go to everyone who donated things for the fair. Donations kept coming for the tombola, plant stall, book tent, refreshments and other stalls. The cakes looked particularly appetising. During the course of Sunday many parents manned the stalls, thank you to everyone who joined in with a shift and to the many scouts, cubs and beavers who helped. Special thanks go to Hathi for managing the games, Harvey and Jake for goal keeping all afternoon, Raksha for looking after the plants, Dahinda for organising the tea tent, Simon for the tombola, Liz Hughes for books, Pauline Patel for Pimms and Bob and Matt Weingarth for selling out of beer. Thanks go to Emma Neeves for excellently organising the raffle which had a lovely selection of prizes. The Dog Show attracted an enthusiastic audience, thanks go to Bagheera for his commentary and to our three judges, Pip, Laura and Sarah. Thanks go to all those who entered and provided lots of fun for us to watch Finally special thanks go to Baloo who worked tirelessly all weekend including at the BBQ during the fair*

*Jane Courtier"*



## CLEANING ROTA – Thank you

**A big thank you goes to** the following parents who have cleaned the hall this year:

*Jill Kersey, Ken Knight, Louise Jefferson, Cathy Allcock, Vanessa Deans, Maggie Dennis, Vanessa Deans, Maggie Dennis, Gemma Woolford, Natalie Cassels, Sarah Conacher, Pauline Jones, Damaris Anderson, David Williams, Tim & Emma Neeve, Alison Cadinouche, Clare Marshall, Lisa Hewitt, Sandi Isted, Sue Giles, Jo Hutchins, Julia Stubblefield, Rosie Bleazard, Karen Rayfield, Jenny Wijesinghe, Angharad Aslett-Clark, Louisa Bennett, Alison Cini, Helen Pocock, Karen Rayfield, Laura Williams and Pauline Patel*

**We are looking for parents to go on the Rota** from September. Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training is given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time.

For more details and information, please contact PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. **Pauline Patel** Tel: 01628 670063 or Email: [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk)

## We are Looking For - Smart Phone

**We are also looking for a Smartphone** that can be used to keep track of the group emails, any old HTC/Samsung/iPhone/etc Smartphone's that anyone has lying around after an upgrade would be very welcome

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We know have an eBay Account to sell items to raise money for PG

If you have any suitable items that you would like to donate to use to sell, please send a photo and details to our eBay coordinator at [ebay@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:ebay@pgscouts.org.uk)

Do we have a parent of friend of PG who is an eBay seller and could train our eBay coordinator. If you can help and spare an hour please email us at [ebay@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:ebay@pgscouts.org.uk)

**Note :** eBay sellers can donate 10%-100% to PG whenever they sell an item just choose us as a Charity donation when you do the listing PG eBay user id is **PGSGEBAY**

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

The weather has been very kind to us on Mondays allowing the Beavers to enjoy the outdoors. We celebrated the Diamond Jubilee on the Green by making our own bunting with a variety of "red, white and blue" flags and designs. The boys enjoyed the musical games and having our own special tea party.

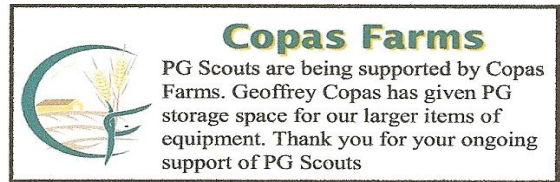


Following the half term, we had our first ever hike from the Shire Horse pub car park back to Littlewick Green via the public footpath and cycle track. We managed to spot all the items in our "to find" list including British flags, blue bins, road and public footpath signs and even 2 "not-on-the-list" ponies. We ended the walk enjoying a soft drink and a digestive back at the village hall. Well done to our Beavers for managing this walk within 55 minutes!

This was followed by a full-on cricket training session on the Green. This was run by Simon, Freddie's Dad who's also involved in running the under 9's cricket at Littlewick Green. Thank you very much, Simon, for running this active and enjoyable session. The Beavers loved it and all wanted to have extra turns bowling and batting.

We are crossing our fingers for the weather to hold up for the remaining 4 weeks of the summer program as we keep to our outdoors theme with fire lighting, tent pitching and a campfire night with our Pinkneys Green group as well as a forest walk.

*Hawkeye (Nathalie Watson)*



### Winter Hill Colony

Firstly can I say a massive thank you to all those who helped at this year's Summer Fair. It was a great success and made even better by your enthusiasm!

We've had a busy few weeks, affected only slightly by the heavy rain we've been having. The Street Party was a highlight with lots of excellent community spirit, again, thank you to all of you who helped at the event, made sandwiches or cakes, it really was a huge group effort! Other activities we've been doing at beavers have included an Olympic night, where we took part in some sporting events and made some Olympic torches, we had a football tournament at Oaken Grove Park, we planted some sunflowers (I hope those are growing fast now, we'll be checking to see who's the tallest!). We also took part in a Bug Hunt in the woods, where the most successful group found a toad.



Coming up in the remainder of the summer term is; a hike across the thicket, fire lighting and shelter building, tent pitching with the scouts, cooking sausages in the woods (always a favourite!) and our annual campfire. Lots to look forward to!

*Hathi (Catherine Weeks)*

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## CUB NEWS



Cubs is all about variety - and we've certainly had lots of variety this month! The Wednesday pack evenings have included a Dodgeball tournament (strictly enforcing the official rules of the National Amateur Dodgeball Association!), planning a sightseeing trip to London, starting our summer bases (fire lighting, pioneering, tracking and the nature badge) and playing the ever popular Postman wide game in the woods

During the half term break, Simon and some of the Scouts kindly ran the Cub meeting and the Cubs were tasked with helping clear litter from the woods. The usual array of odd items were recovered in a haul of 30+ bags - you wouldn't believe it was only 12 months since we last did it. Thanks to all the parents who helped dispose of the rubbish.

The highlight of the month has been Parent & Cub Camp where 20 sets of parents and Cubs joined us at Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre in the New Forest. With camp fires, pioneering, orienteering trails, obstacle courses, a long (hot!) hike and an impromptu water fight it was a busy weekend. Many, many thanks to Akela (Jon) for all the work that went into the planning.

I can't sign off this month without mentioning my impending "promotion" to Akela. Jon is handing over a first class Cub pack with a great team of leaders to support me. I am very glad he will be remaining part of the team. We will hand over at Cub Camp (7th - 9th Sept in case I need to plug it again!). As we say in Scouting, I promise I will do my best...

*Mysa (David Barnes)*

## SCOUT NEWS

### Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers on Monday 2nd July. This will be a joint meeting between Littlewick and Winter Hill Colonies. We will be getting Beavers to pitch patrol tents., on the green We are looking for Scouts to help run the evening. If you can help, please let Simon know. Don't leave it to others – We need your help - SCOUTS

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some special trips and activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.10pm -. Uniform is not to be worn, Activity Dress is (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) Don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet.

Please check your *Thursday* emails each week to see if there are any special instructions.

### Scouts District Orienteering Event

This year PG joined 99 other Scouts at the District Orienteering event at Knowl Hill. The Scouts had to navigate an orienteering course in the quickest time getting to as many check points as possible

**Congratulations go to** Zac Gordon-Smith, Nadav Rahimi, and Christopher Otun

This was a good opportunity to practice their map reading and compass skills, as one or two of them found out

### Summer Fair – Scouts TOMBOLA

A big thank you goes to the 29 Scouts and 7 young Leaders who helped last weekend at our Summer Fair.

We could not have managed without your help. The Tombola made over **FIVE Hundred** pounds profit

### Water Activities Day

The sixteen Scouts and Young Leaders who attended the District Longridge Water Activities days at Longridge had a very good day despite the river running very fast, by the afternoon it was on a yellow alert for a fast flowing stream. The activities they did this year were Gig pulling, Raft building, Kayaking, Canadian canoeing and Dragon boating. Thank you goes to leaders Rob Ayre, Phill Bristow, Matthew Milton and Simon for supporting the evening with their water activities skills and to Nicolette Smith for organising all the leaders to run the activities, over 67 Scouts and PG's 5 young leaders took part from 11 groups in Maidenhead

The District are planning to hold a Land Activity event in September, watch out for details in PG Tips.

### New Invested Scouts

We would like to welcome *Josh Hewitt, & Harry Allcock* and their families to the Troop.

**They have completed their Moving up award from Cubs and been invested as members of PG Scouts.**

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### Thank You

Can I thank every one for my gift voucher and very pleased with the card as it will make a lovely memento. I am very proud and pleased for being awarded the Silver Acorn.

*Simon Wheeler*  
Scout Leader



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