



GROUP NEWS

August 2013



CLEANING ROTA – Can you help

We are looking for parents to go on the 2013 / 2014 Rota.

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** Tel: 01628 670063 or Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

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BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Hi everyone - Our LG Beaver meetings continued with kite making on 17 June. These were made out of sticks and bin liners. They were very light and were flown on the green afterwards. On 24th June we hosted an Australian evening with a 'puzzle hunt' around the green of things associated with Australia. On 1st July we were at Winter Hill with our sister colony for tent pitching.

The Beavers were working towards their outdoor challenge badges by helping erect patrol tents and had great fun banging pegs into the ground! They also played parachute games - cat and mouse was a particular favourite. On 8th July we were walking in the woods at Stubbings, following a nature trail. To end the term on 15th July we had a fancy dress party with games, food and drink on the green. I hope everybody has a great summer break.



Bubbles (Ruth Pearce)

Winter Hill Colony

We've had an excellent year at beavers this year with many highlights including some of the amazing trips we've done and some brilliant termly themes. We have managed to have a lot of fun. Tent pitching, run by the scouts was successful. The final campfire of the year, we had a wonderful sing along led by *Benny* and enjoyed some refreshments.

A big than you to all the lovely supportive parents we have and the fantastic enthusiasm of the boys who continue to make me smile each week.

We look forward to another fantastic year starting in Autumn.

Have a lovely summer.
Hathi (Catherine Weeks).

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CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

As we come to the end of the summer term and the cub scout year I thought I would reflect on some of our cubs great achievements this year. Now with 14 cubs in the pack since we started in January we have achieved so much;

- 3rd place in the District Flag Competition
- 2 cubs took part in the District Swimming Gala
- 2 cubs took part in the Cinderella Pantomime
- 4 cubs took part in the BCA Activity Day
- 2 cubs took part in District Incident Hike
- 2 cubs took part at Longridge Activity Day in June
- 10 cubs attended the PG Family Camp in June
- Loads of great activities ; Chinese evening, Trip to Grenfell Lodge Synagogue, Talent Show, Olympics Games Night to mention just a few!
- Ordered games and toys with the 2,254 Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Well done to all the cubs who took part in the various events this year and did their best!



We ended our summer term with a summer party where the cubs took part in a range of games including a Balloon Race (which was fun playing in the wind!) and a chocolate game which involved eating a large chocolate bar using only a knife and fork whilst wearing a woolly hat, gloves and swimming goggles (this was a very popular game with the cubs J) In the last week of the summer term we ended cubs with a shelter building event held at Winter Hill. Of course after building our shelters we had to test they were completely water tight and sorry to the many cubs who got wet that night! Well at least it was hot! Many thanks to WH for organising and we look forward to more joint events this term.

Finally, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to *William Hoad* and his family. *William* has just been invested at LG Cubs and is a very committed and enthusiastic member of our pack! I hope you all have a fantastic summer and we look forward to some more fun next year!

Rama (Sarah Jones)

Winter Hill Pack



It's either been a longer than normal month or we've been busy! Since the last PG Tips we have had a fantastic evening learning about car maintenance (with thanks to *Charlie Almond, Richard Russell* and *John Treacy* for risking their vehicles in the hands of Cubs!), a great visit to White Waltham Airfield and the annual Longridge water activities day. We've also made kites (on the least windy night of the year!), played water games and built shelters in the woods. All outdoors and all great fun!

This week was the last meeting of term and I heard three Cubs bragging about how tough they are. The first Cub said "I can wear out a pair of hike boots in a month". The second Cub said "Well I can wear out a pair of Cub shorts in a week". "That's nothing" said the third Cub. "I can wear out a Leader in 20 minutes!".

I'm off for a break... see you in September.
WH Akela (*David Barnes*)

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SCOUT NEWS

Summer Holidays

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 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 Meeting

A big thank you goes to the eleven Scouts and Young leaders who helped run a special Beaver meeting in July for Winter Hill and Littlewick colonies. The Scouts had to put up three patrol tents. It was a challenge with the Beavers & mallets knocking in the pegs. Once the tents were pitched the Beavers were told a story about camping. The Scouts also organised some fun games.

District Water Activities

This year 12 PG Scouts enjoyed the District Water Activity Event, they joined Scouts from all over Maidenhead for an activity pack event. They did water activities like canoeing, rafting, dragon boating . Thanks goes to *Rob Ayre* , *Phill Bristow* and *John Boothman* for helping with the canoeing & rafting and *Simon*.



SUMMER CAMP – Bodmin Moor

Special Thank you goes to farmers *Chris* and *Kathy Barrow* for allowing us to camp on their farm, near St Neot, and to local Scout Leader *Nick Hinchliff* for all his help.

Over fifty members of the Troop are currently camping in Cornwall for two weeks , at their annual Summer Camp, so far the weather has been fairly good, they had only a day of rain.

The Scouts have a busy programme of activities, which include mountain biking, paddle boarding, Wind surfing, high wires, hiking, archery 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

Simon Wheeler Scout Leader

Pinkneys Green Scouts



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