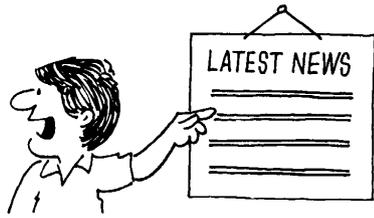




## GROUP NEWS

July 2014



### Thank You for your help at our Fair

On behalf of all of the members of PG I would like to thank Nathalie Watson (LG Akela) and her team for organising today's Summer Fair, also for arranging the weather what a lovely weekend. I would also like to thank Al Watson as I am sure the Watson household has heard nothing else for a while and without the support of families this would not be possible.

I would so like to thank all of you that help set up on Saturday, on the numerous stalls today and help pack up after.

It seems from what I am hearing that the profit forecast is good, as soon as we have a total I will let everyone know.

### AGM - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2- 4pm at the PINKNEYS ARMS.

This year's AGM will be in the refurbish hall at the Pinkneys Arms (formerly Stag and Hounds), we have chosen a different venue this year, no tent pitching or BBQ cooking! So please come along and view the surroundings, you may remember last year's was at the family camp with about 300!!.

**The formal proceedings will commence at 3pm.**

There will be a bar in the hall, everyone is welcome, families and friends. The pub serves food which you will need to organise directly with them. The garden is large and child friendly.

**VACANT POSITIONS** - WE are looking for a new Chairperson as Ian Ruffell is standing down due to a change of job. We also would like more Committee members.

We call our Executive committee the PG Parent Support Group as we feel that's what you do. (PGPSG).

So what does this involve in reality! You become part of a team!!! that meets on the first Monday of the month (except Aug and Dec).

The Chairperson's role is to work in partnership with the GSL. The main features are to Provide sufficient resources for Scouting to operate. This includes, but is not limited to, supporting recruitment, other adult support, and fundraising activities. Protect and maintain any property and equipment owned by and/or used by the Group. Manage the Group finances. Provide insurance for people, property and equipment.

Promote and support the development of Scouting in the local area.

The committee member's role is to support the Chairperson.

The chair person has to be nominated by the GSL, that's me!, so if you are interested in being our new chairperson or a committee member or know someone who you think might be just the person I am looking for please let me know asap.



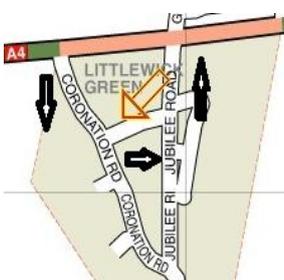
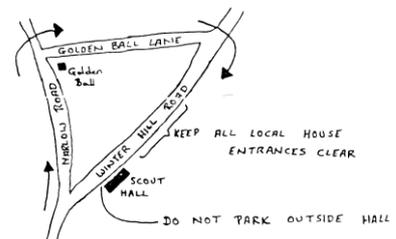
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### YOUNGSTERS SAFETY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

**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.**

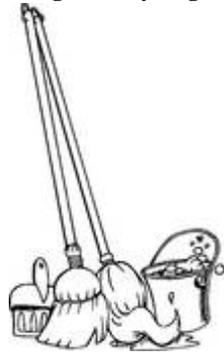
**Please observe the above instructions when dropping off and collecting from PG meetings.**

## Summer Camp – Copying Camp Booklet

We are looking for help with copying the camp booklet. Approx. 60 pages (back to back) If anyone can do a few copies it would be a great help, we are looking for 60 copies

## CLEANING ROTA – Thank you

A big thank you goes to the following parents who have cleaned (or will) the hall this year:



*Mike Sealy, Claire Eadie, Catherine Flew, Rosie Bleazard, Clare Marshall, Katrina Sell, Natalie Cassels, Sally Checkley, Gemma Woolford, Helen Pocock, Damaris Anderson, Lizzie Rhodes James, Pauline Patel, Julietta Wilson-Tromp, Louise*

*Jefferson, Catherine Allcock, Vanessa Deans, Sandi Isted, Lisa Hewitt, Jo Kersy, Lucy Broadbent, Sarah Luton, Mel Nicholson, Kiera Cohen, Jane Woodward, Karen Kirtland, Ali March, Louise Bennett, Tim Lattimer, Jo Hutchins, Alan Rawlins and Fiona Williams*

**We are looking for parents to go on the 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. The hall is cleaned on a Thursday, any time or

Friday before 6pm. We are looking to cover Thursday 28th August or Friday 29th August, or Monday 22nd December after a Scout Weekend or **join the rota** for a week in January 2015.

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 Free, the Following items:

A4 plain or Coloured paper	Empty Ice Cream Containers
HP4 laser printer toner	Used postage Stamps
Ref: 92298A	
Large Elastic Bands (Like postman use)	Pens / Pencils

PG Web Site <http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/>

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## BEAVER NEWS

### Winter Hill Colony

Beavers are continuing a fantastic term of outdoor activities. We are very lucky to be able to join up with Littlewick green for most of our evenings and have had some fantastic joint meetings so far.

The cricket coaching that was held at Littlewick Green was fantastic, the boys were 'bowled away' by the coaches and we had lots of boys asking to do that again which was fantastic. Thanks very much to the brilliant coaches for making the evening so enjoyable. We also has a brilliant evening of rocket building where the beavers got to build a variety of rockets and let them off - the louder the bang, the better the rocket! We have also completed a football tournament in Oaken Grove park and achieved another hike to go towards the stage badge.



Coming up we've got tent pitching, cooking in the woods and a campfire. We're loving the warmer weather but please do make sure that beavers come to meetings wearing both sun cream and insect repellent. Also, that they have taken any hay fever medication they might need as we are spending the majority of meetings from now on, outside.

Next term we are going to lose two leaders *Jen Nyman* (Hawkeye) who is going to have a baby, and *Alex Robins* is going back to University to do a Masters, we are looking for parents to help at Beaver meeting, please talk to a leader, if you would like more details

*Hathi* (Catherine Weeks)

### Littlewick Colony

This term we are very lucky to be able to join up with Winter Hill for most of our evenings and have had some fantastic joint meetings so far.

First of all we had cricket coaching that was held at Littlewick green was great fun and we are hoping to have another cricket coaching night very soon! A big thank you to the coaches for making the evening so enjoyable. We also had a football tournament in Oaken Grove park with Winter Hill Beavers which the Beaver loved!

Coming up this term we will be tent pitching, cooking in the woods and a campfire. We are hoping the warm weather is here to stay so please make sure that your beaver come to meetings wearing both sun cream and insect repellent.



Hawkeye (Veronica Martin)

## CUB NEWS

### Littlewick Pack

Firstly it was great to see so many Littlewick Cubs at Parent and Cub camp. So a very big well done goes to *Jenni Alvey, Abby Jones, Finley Roberts, William Hoad, Eva Murray, Brandon Newport, Charlotte Wilkinson* and all their parents for attending camp and for doing their best in all the fun activities. Also a very big thank you to all those Leaders and parents who helped to make the weekend such a great success particularly Akela (WH), Bagheera, Jakala and Akela (LG) ☺



For our pack meeting on 4th June we took part in Scout Community Week by collecting food for a local food bank - Open Kitchen. Open Kitchen is a local charity providing food and help for people in and around Maidenhead who cannot afford to feed themselves properly. Cubs brought their own food donations and collected donations in a wheel barrow from houses around the Green! Altogether we collected 4 wheelbarrows of food. We wanted to thank all the Cubs and Littlewick Green Village for their generosity and help in making the evening such a success.

To continue with our work towards the Fitness Challenge Badge Littlewick cubs have also been taking part in an evening of athletics and they have learnt how to play Rounders and Basketball. In our final weeks this term we are all looking forward to rafting fun at Longridge!

Until next time,  
**Rama** (Sarah Jones)

### Winter Hill Pack

I finished my last PG Tips saying I hoped the glorious weather continued for our Parent & Cub Camp... and it did. And then it didn't! After a fantastic weekend of zip wires, firelighting, axe skills, campfires and exploring the campsite woods we had a touch of "low flying mist" as we came to leave site (you see, it never "rains" when Akela goes camping!) Many thanks to Erica Hunter for taking the lead on drying out the canvas.

However, since then we have been back to sunshine, which has meant our recent tent pitching and firelighting cub meetings have been a great success - many thanks to parents *Andy Paul* (twice), *Andy Jones, Rosie Bleazard* and *Caroline Atkinson* for their help with those evenings. Hopefully our new Cubs *Mattie Roberts, Henry Lansley, Benjamin Broadbent, Nyle Cohen, Otto Basarab* and *Joseph Woodward* enjoyed it. Welcome to the pack!

I still need parent help towards the end of term to help cover leader absences so please check [www.pgcubs.co.uk](http://www.pgcubs.co.uk) for dates and let me know if you can help.

**WH Akela** (*David Barnes*)



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## SCOUT NEWS

### Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers on Monday 7th 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 - 9.15pm -. 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.

### New Scouts

We would like to welcome *Alex* and *James Garrity* and their family to the Troop.



### Scouts District Orienteering Event

This year PG joined 79 other Scouts from 7 troops, at the District Orienteering event at Cookham Dean. The Scouts had to navigate an orienteering course in the quickest time getting to as many check points as possible

**Congratulations go to following PG Teams who found all the controls:** - *Rob Anderson, Jay Hutchins & Jonathan Otun* in 1 hours 22 mins, they came **1st**, *Dillon Flew, Matt Miller, Tibias Lattimer, Callum Kunchur & Nick Lattimer* in 1 hours 49 mins and coming **3rd**, *Olly Hickey, Joseph Ruffell, Patrick Flood & Alex Ratcliff* in 1 hour 58 minutes and coming **4th**, the other PG teams did not manage to find all the controls

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

Can we thank all the Scouts who helped on the Tombola at our Summer Fair, we had a huge response **with 30 Scouts helping** at the fair, which I think is fantastic turn out. Also thank you goes to young leaders for all your help with the fair We could not have managed without your help. The Tombola took over £500

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## Water Activities Day

The PG Scouts and Young Leaders who attended the District Water Activities event at Taplow Lake. The activities they did were, Kayaking, Open Canoeing, Rafting . . Thank you goes to leaders *Rob Ayre*, and *Simon* for supporting the Scouts with their water activities skills.

The District are holding a Land Activity event on 20th September, activities will be climbing, shooting and archery, watch out for details in PG Tips.

## SUMMER CAMP

This is the most import activity of the scouting year and puts his training into practice. We are taking 50 Scouts and leaders from Wednesday 23rd July. Can Parents please return permission to camp / medical form to Scout Hall by Friday 27th June – so we can get it photo copied

**HELP** – We are looking for two parents to drive the lorry to camp on Wednesday 23rd July and two parents to drive a lorry at end of camp and bring the equipment back. If you can help us please let Simon know,

Can we remind all Scouts & Parents, that we are a member of a Uniform Organisation? **We expect all Scouts** to wear Full Scout Uniform to Troop Meetings. Scout Uniform consists of Green Scout Shirt, Blue Scout Cargo Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf. Also to bring a pair **the Scout Association Blue Shorts**, plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. PG Tee Shirts and Scarves are purchased from Raksha (76, Pinkneys Road)

Those Scouts gong on Summer Camp will need two Yellow tee Shirts

## Laminating – Covers Summer Camp Booklet

We are looking for someone to laminate the cover for our Summer Camp Booklets 55 A4 Sheets of paper

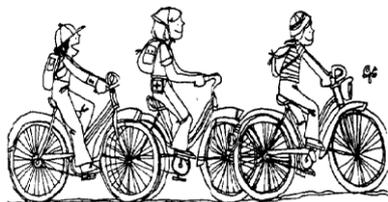
## Printing Cover – Summer Camp Booklet

The cover for this years Summer Camp Booklet is a A4 Sheet in Colour – Help required to print this in colour

If you can help with either of the above, please contact Simon either by email: [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk) or call Mhd 623910

## Cycling

*Can all Parents and Scout / Explorers note the following:*



- (i) Any Scout / Explorer who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts/Explorers Cycling to/from Scout activities wear a Cycle Helmet.
- (ii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.

*Simon Wheeler*  
Scout Leader



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