



GROUP NEWS

July 2017

GSL Ramblings

On behalf of all of the Littlewick Beavers, I would like to thank *Nathalie Watson* for stepping in to run Beavers since January. She leaves us at the end of the Summer term.

We now URGENTLY need a New leader or leaders to help at Littlewick on a Monday evening.

September Items for your Diary: Jumble Sales Saturday 16th & 30th September, AGM Saturday 23 September

Happy Holidays to all, Scouts at Summer Camp in Cornwall and the five Scouts off Sailing on the Tall ship *Stavros S Niarchos*.

Cubs and Beavers have their Camp & Sleep over at the beginning of September

Erica Hunter GSL



Thank You for your help at our Fair

On behalf of all of the members of PG we would like to thank Clive Cini and his committee for organising the fair, all the parents and friends of PG, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders and leaders who helped, plus everyone who donated items or came along on the day

This year we raised over £3,800

Food and Family Quiz

We are having a group Food and Family Quiz, 6.30pm on Saturday 23rd September, at the Soltau Centre, Stubbings Church. More details to follow

Water Containers

We are looking for some 20ltr or 25ltr containers, which we can use to collect drinking water in at camp. These can be old chlorine containers they use for swimming pools.

If you know anyone, who has a swimming pool. Please ask them if they have any containers they don't require

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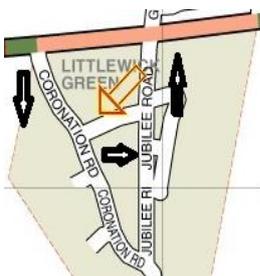
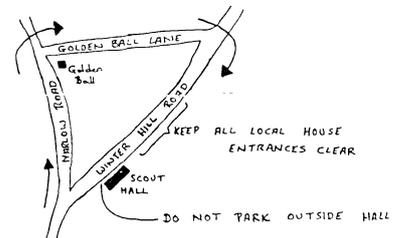
We would like to thanks one of our neighbours *Vanessa Fifield* for Printing off 50 copies of PG Tips every month for us since 2012. *Vanessa* is moving to Staines.

We are looking for some help with printing off some copies of PG Tips, if you or your company can print us off 10-50 copies a month it would be a great help.

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 child 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*



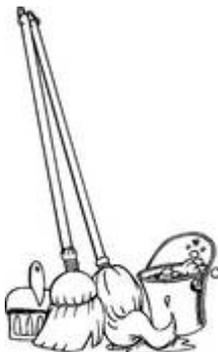
LITTLEWICK GREEN - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up **Do not park in Gilchrist Way** as this is strictly reserved for residents. We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! **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.

CLEANING ROTA – Thank you

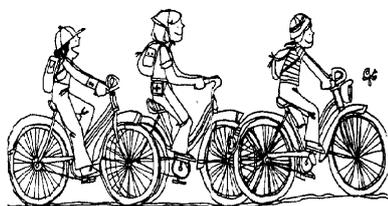
A big thank you goes to the following parents who have cleaned (or will) the hall this year: *Damaris Anderson, Mel Tudor, Claire Eadie, Louisa Bennett, Richard Standen, Helen Pocock, Margaret Russell, Alan Rawlins (Grandfather), Zoe Jones, Jo Kersey, Lucie Brazil, Laura Hourd, Catherine Flew, Ian Atkinson, Fiona Cottingham, Vetty Shervell, Julietta Wilson-Tromp, Lucy Broadbent, Sandi Isted, Karen Kirtland, Katrina Sell, Sarah Conacher, Jo Hutchins & Pauline Patel*



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 1st August or Friday 2nd August, or on a Thursday, any week after that till Christmas.

For more details and information, please contact PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. *Pauline Patel* Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

Cycling



Can all Parents and Scout / Explorers note the following?

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

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Thank you for your support.

Pinkneys Green Scout Group has raised over £1,200 using this online facility

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The Beavers enjoyed their exploration of Marlow Park on a nice evening. They continued their summer adventures with kayaking on Taplow Lake. The rain on the night just added to the races and fun that **Engage Water sports** laid on that evening. A big THANKS goes to **Littlewick Green Cricket Club** who have once more funded our cricket evening with Winterhill Beavers. **Performance Cricket** had a good mix of activities that gave a taste of cricket to the Beavers.

Our night of wall climbing at Wycombe Leisure Centre got the Beavers scampering as monkeys on the climbing walls. Each Beaver showed off their climbing skills and some overcame their fear of heights magnificently! Well done to all the Beavers who came that evening.

We would like to welcome *Alexander Davison, Joshua Hoad* and their families to the PG Scout family. We look forward to investing our remaining new beavers before the end of the term.

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Tictac Littlewick (Nathalie Watson,)

Winter Hill Colony

Once again the Beavers have been busy this month. They have enjoyed learning about Disability and have earned their disability awareness badge. We were lucky to receive a visit from a guest speaker, *Bob Stiff*, who talked about his disability and how he lives and copes with everyday life. The Beavers then played some games where they weren't allowed to use different senses so that they might gain a little understanding of what it is like to be disabled.

The Beavers have also earned their sports badge, with cricket as our sport. They made cricket bats and balls, learnt the rules and kept a log of how many times they played cricket at home. To complete the badge we joined the Littlewick Green Colony for cricket activities led by the Cricket Club.



Still to look forward to this term; cooking in the woods, pitching tents, and our traditional campfire, where family members are invited to bring their best singing voices and join the Beavers for the evening.

Tictac Winter Hill (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Last month, spring had truly sprung and to celebrate the growing season the cubs painted terracotta pot holders and did a spot of planting when *Maria* and *Charlene* from 'The Craft Shed' based at Ladds garden centre brought along terracotta pots, sunflower seeds and soil. The challenge is now for the cubs to record progress and grow the tallest sunflower.

The following meeting the cubs practised an old form of communication by sending questions between the sixes using semaphore across the green. The biggest challenge was deciphering the messages correctly. Four of our LG cubs joined



PG scouts at Winter Hill to tidy up the National Trust PG Triangle. The cubs frequently use this area for tent pitching practise, fire lighting and outback cooking. Eighteen bags of rubbish were collected and we even had time for a game or two.

We were then joined by PG cubs as Littlewick Green Cricket Club kindly hosted a cricket night with coaches from 'Performance Cricket' to give the cubs a taster session of cricket skills. They learnt and practised bowling, fielding and batting techniques before playing a fielding team game. Our hike night started at Cannon Lane, we were led by the cubs

through the thicket and made it back in time to create some lovely cards for father's day.

We had lots of fun in the sun at this years PG scout group summer fair. A fantastic turn out with LG and PG cubs, beavers and their parents supporting us by running the stalls in the games tent. Delicious food, great music and lots of prizes to be won. Thank you all for supporting this annual event, we couldn't do it without your help.

We will be sending out letters for this years Cub Camp very soon, it will be held 8-10 September at Furze Platt Scout's camp site in Cookham.

Leaders team PG Littlewick Green cubs

Winter Hill Pack

We have continued making the most of the outdoors one when we played cricket with Littlewick Green cubs. The cubs enjoyed the coaching sessions and hopefully learnt some new skills.



During half term, a handful of cubs joined the scouts and picked up litter in the woods opposite the scout hall. Thank you to those cubs that attended.

We have started our summer groups. Over four weeks, all of the cubs will take part in fire lighting, tent pitching and tracking.

We are also starting to plan for our annual Cub Camp which will take place on 8th – 10th September and we will be camping in Cookham. More information as well as medical and permission forms will be sent out soon.

WH Akela (*Rob Harris*)

SCOUT NEWS

Littlewick Troop



Since the last PG Tips we have been out and about, with only one meeting in the last 2 months actually being held inside the Scout Hut! Our May meetings were all held in the woods learning basic fire lighting skills, practicing the safe use of saws and then combining those skills to build a fire and do some backwoods cooking. In June we planned a hike which we then walked the following week, with those Scouts completing both elements earning the Stage 2 Navigator badge in the process. Most recently we had a really enjoyable evening at Jump In trampolining centre (where I found out that trampolining is actually really physically demanding!)

The rest of the term will be active too, with rocket building, kayaking, indoor climbing and shelter building. Finally, thank you to Alba Standen and Charlie Ford who both helped at the Summer Fair despite the crazy heat - well done!

David Barnes (LG Scout Leader)

Winter Hill Troop

The Scouts have been outside this term, activities have included, fire lighting and cooking, cycle evenings. The Scouts ran the Cub meeting during half term where they and the Cubs from both Packs collected 18 bags of rubbish.

Winter Hill took part in the District Orienteering competition; they joined over 80 Scouts from 6 troops, at Cookham Dean. *Josef Basarab, William Bennett, Oscar Bennett, Kyle Dixon, Matthew Hay, Luke Kersey, Tom Knott, Sean & Ethan Montgomery, Sean Montgomery and Daniel Wallace and Mateo Woodhead Pavon*, plus leader *Andy Montgomery* took part in the District Scout Water Activity event at Taplow Lake.

We would like to welcome *Thomas Muncie* and his family to Winter Hill Scouts, Thomas has made his Scouts promise and been invested as a Scout

Beaver Meeting The Scouts are running Winter Hill Beavers on Monday 3rd July and Littlewick Beaver meeting on Monday 10th July. 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.



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Summer Fair – TOMBOLA - Thank you goes to all the Scout parents who helped with the fair, plus the following **37** Scouts and Young Leaders who helped: *Ben Almond, Miles Almond, Josef Basarab, William Bennett, Benjamin Broadbent, Max Cini, Archie Cottington, Kyle Dixon, Dillon Flew, Patrick Flood, James Garitty, Matthew Hay, James Huband, Luke Kersey, Thomas Knott, Edward Lattimer, Ethan Montgomery, Sean Montgomery, Thomas Muncie, Niall Parsons, Hayden Paul, Toby Pocock, Alex Ratcliffe, Pat Russell, Alfie Savage, Ralph Sewell, Jude Taylor, Daniel Wallace, Mateo Woodhead Pavon and Simon Wilkosz, Nick Conacher, Callum Kunchur, Nicholas, Lattimer, Toby, Lattimer, Peter Marshall and Matthew Miller* who helped at the fair. We could not have managed without your help.

The Tombola's made **£618.20** well done to all the Scouts & YLs for their hard work and supporting the fair

WH SUMMER CAMP - This is the most import activity of the scouting year and puts their training into practice. This year we are camping in Cornwall near Bodmin Moor. We are taking 49 Scouts and leaders, spending 14 nights camping.

This year as well as Scouts putting their Scouting skills training in to practice, they will be Wake Boarding, Sailing, Kayaking, Mountain Biking, 24 hour hike, day at beach, plus the normal on site activities. The Scouts will be cooking all their meals on wood fires using the patrol system.. Those Scouts gong on Summer Camp will need two Yellow tee Shirts

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 6.45pm - 9.15pm -. Uniform is not to be worn, Activity Dress (PG tee Shirt & shorts) Don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet. Please check your *Thursdays* emails to see if there are any special instructions.

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)