



## GROUP NEWS

### Busy Start to Summer Holidays

August 2019



As we go the print we have:

Young Leaders *Nick Conacher*, *Dan Wallace* and our Group Scout leader *Erica Hunter* are at the **24th World Scout Jamboree** in West Virginia USA.,

Young Leader *Matthew Miller* and network members *Kieran Patel* and *Frank Williams* are in Uganda taking part with 140 Berkshire Scouts in an international community projects with local primary schools in Buwala, Bubugo and Bituli as well as working at the Jinja District Scout Campsite in Buwenda.



Reports on what they have been doing, will be in Septembers PG Tips.

The Third “*International Activity !*” *Winter Hill Scouts* are currently away camping in **Wales** near Brecon, in the foothills or *Pen Y Fan*, on their annual Summer camp.

### Family (Group) Camp – 6th to 8th September 2019

We are holding a Special PG 110 Family Camp where all Pinkneys Green members (Littlewick & Winter Hill) can take part in a fun-filled weekend of camping and activities!



Families and friends of PG who are not camping are welcome to pop in over the weekend and join in the activities at no cost. A copy of all the letters is available on the PG web [www.pgscouts.org.uk/pg110/](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/pg110/)

On Saturday evening we are going to be holding a hog roast and camp fire

Copy of Hog Roast Letter is available [http://www.pgscouts.pgsg.org.uk/pdf/FC\\_2019\\_Hog\\_Roast\\_Invite.pdf](http://www.pgscouts.pgsg.org.uk/pdf/FC_2019_Hog_Roast_Invite.pdf)

If you have any questions about the weekend or would like more details please contact your child’s leaders or email [familycamp@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:familycamp@pgscouts.org.uk)

The outline programme: setting up camp on Friday evening, wide game for the children; family-friendly activity bases on Saturday morning; camp games for all on Saturday afternoon; a Hog Roast, Group AGM and campfire on Saturday evening; more activities on Sunday morning; striking of camp on Sunday afternoon; and having lots of fun!

### From Our Group Scout Leader

#### **Family Camp**

If you haven't yet returned your forms for Family Camp please do as soon as possible. We need to get all adults that are camping through a DBS check. I am going to the World Scout Jamboree from 18th July to 11th August, so any enquiries or queries please contact Assistant Group Scout Leader *David Barnes*.

His email is [david.a.barnes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:david.a.barnes@hotmail.co.uk).

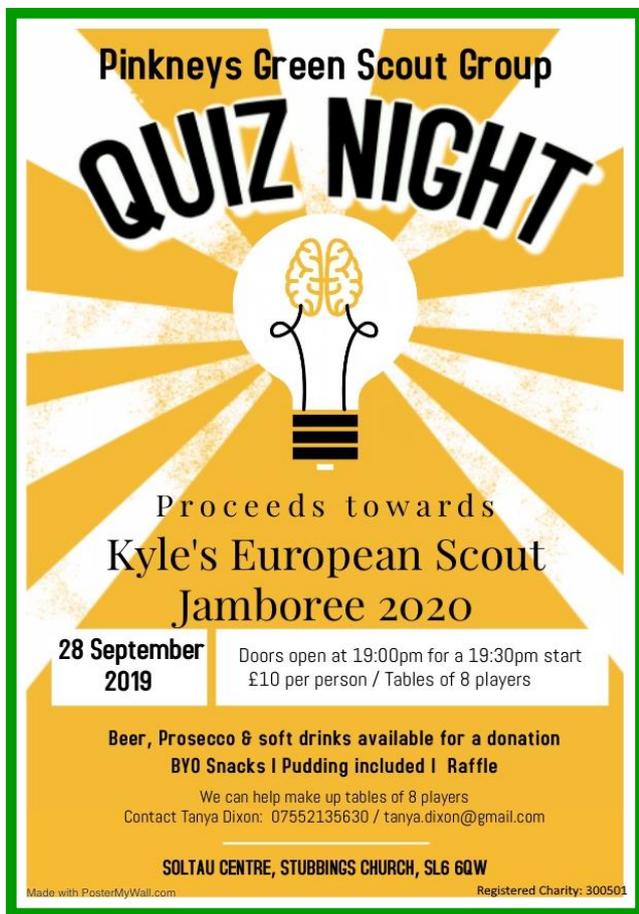
#### **Littlewick Beavers**

At the end of this term we say GOOD BYE to *Mark Bromley* "Wiley" who is leaving. *Mark* has been a leader for 2 years while his son was a beaver, *Edward* will be 8 shortly and will be moving up to Cubs in Windsor where they live. The beavers have had enjoyed all sorts of activities with "Wiley" and he will be missed. *Mark* and *Edward* will be at Family Camp as their last activity with the group.

As we go to print we **DO NOT** have a leader/s for Littlewick Beavers in September.

We are doing our utmost to be able to reopen in September. If you would like to help and let 18 children continue to enjoy beavers please do contact me,

Group Scout Leader *Erica Hunter*



Winter Hill Scout, *Kyle Dixon*, has been selected by the District to go on the Euro Jamboree in Poland in August 2020. His first fundraising project is going to be a quiz at Soltau Centre at Stubbings church on Saturday 28 September @ **7.30pm**. For more details contact *Tanya Dixon* **07552 135630** or email [tanya.dixon@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.dixon@gmail.com)

**Follows is a report written by Kyle:**

On Saturday I met most of the 36 lucky scouts coming on the European Jamboree to Poland with me, next Summer, and although I didn't know anyone there, and that I am the only PG scout going, surprisingly, we all got on quite well. We played a few games to get to know each other. We then discussed fundraising ideas as well as choosing a name for our group.

Throughout the past week or so, I have been in contact with the other scouts. We have discussed several fundraising ideas, to raise a staggering £1500. So far, we have quite a lot of ideas, including fun runs, car washes and bake sales. In September I will be doing a fun quiz night. I am really looking forward to this opportunity as it's the first European Jamboree in 15 years and will be meeting people from all over. I will be keeping you updated through my amazingly exciting journey to get to Poland next Summer.

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Thank you for your support.

*Pinkneys Green Scout Group* has raised to date **£1384.62** using this online facility



## Supermarket Crates

We are still looking for supermarket crates, like the ones used for home deliveries

We want to use these plastic storage boxes to store equipment on our shelving, in the containers.

They can also be stacked on top of each other, which makes the use of the shelving a lot more productive. If you have any to spare or know where we can buy them for a reasonable price please email Simon. [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)

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## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beavers have had an action packed July, 2 new beavers were invested into the colony and quiz. the following week they had a visit to The 3 Discovery centre in Maidenhead High street where they did lots of things. Followed by and evening making towers with spaghetti and marshmallows. The final week of the term will be making water rockets.

This is also "Wiley's" (*Mark Bromley*) last week as a Beaver Leader, *Edward* will be moving up to Cubs in Windsor where they live.

**Group Scout Leader** (Erica Hunter)

### Winter Hill Colony

As the summer holidays are upon us the beavers have finished off the term enjoying lots of outdoor activities. We had an evening of tent pitching. The beavers were joined by the scouts and enjoyed helping pitch tents especially using mallets to bang in the pegs!

The beavers also had fun with water! We had a meeting where the beavers played various team games with water. A water relay with sponges, getting water from one end to the next. Another game was using a cup to transfer water down the line by tilting their heads. Finally they enjoyed having a water fight when the beavers, and some of the leaders got very wet! The last meeting of the term was our traditional campfire. The beavers were joined by parents and siblings to have a good ol' sing song. We also invested *Charlotte Khanna*.



We would like to thank all the parents and leaders who have helped this term. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

**Tictac Winter Hill** (Tom Beynon)

## CUB NEWS

### Winter Hill Pack

We have thoroughly enjoyed spending the last few weeks outside. Cubs have taken part in tent pitching, laying trails, fire-lighting, and completing the Naturalist badge as part of the Outdoor and Adventure Challenge badges. They also did fires and cooking with *Tarka*. The final meeting of the term the cubs built shelters in the woods.

Don't forget Family Camp will take place on 6th – 8th September at Stubbings. The first meeting of the new term will be tent pitching at the campsite on Thursday 5th September.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer break!

**WH Akela** (*Rob Harris*)



### Littlewick Pack

Littlewick Green Cricket Club very kindly hosted a cricket evening on the green with 'Performance Cricket', both packs joined together for the evening with 40+ Cubs taking part. The Cubs rotated through three bases where they enjoyed playing a number of games to improve their basic ball skills and cricket skills.

We followed that with a hike from Cannon Lane back to Littlewick Green. The last time we hiked the same route it was the middle of winter and very dark, this time we compared the change in our environment, mainly the abundance of flora and fauna of summer. After the hike we welcomed two new Cubs to the Pack, *Daisy Rooke* and *Elliot Wilkinson*, we hope they will enjoy their time with us in Cubs

Although we don't run a regular parent rota we do rely on parents to help when we're out and about, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported us during the summer term.

I'm sure you've heard me mention this once or twice..... Its group camp from 6th – 8th September at Stubbings. The first meeting of the new term will be tent pitching at the campsite on Thursday 5th September.

I would also like to mention that *Keeo* will be joining us at camp but after that she is taking a step back from regularly helping at Cubs. I know we'll all miss her at Cubs, THANK YOU Keeo for being such a great leader !!

We wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to seeing you in September.

**LG Akela** (*Pete Matthews*)

# SCOUT NEWS

## Littlewick Troop

For a rare rainy evening we had a meeting indoors decorating plant pots and planting them with some annuals. We have enjoyed seeing photos of the plants' varying growth. We then had a meeting raft building at Odney Island. The Scouts were given poles, barrels and rope and had to assemble rafts in two teams. This was a good test of their lashings which we had practised a couple of weeks before. There was an incentive to do it properly so their rafts stayed in one piece. Both teams were successful and went for a paddle up and down the river in the evening sunshine. Thank you to *Rob Ayre* and *Nicolette Smith* for organising and running the evening. In other meetings at the hall we have built shelters in the woods, helped with maintenance on one of the marquees and practised firefighting. To finish the term we headed back to Taplow Lake for an evening of canoeing. If fun is measured by noise levels, the scouts had an amazing evening!



Outside of our Monday meetings we have had a team competing at the district orienteering competition and scouts helping on the soft toy tombola at the summer fair. Thank you to all of the scouts who got involved in these activities.

A massive well done to our Scouts this year. They have thrown themselves into every evening and have earned a whopping 170 badges since January. So it looks like it will be a summer of sewing ahead! We look forward to seeing them at Family Camp or our first Scout meeting on the 9th September. Have an incredible summer!

**LG Scout Section Assistant (Mark Courtier)**

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## Winter Hill Troop

The end of the summer term has been busy with getting ready for Summer camp, the other activities we have been taking part in include pioneering building large catapults out of big poles and having a battle. A raft building evening in Cookham. The final meeting of the term, the Scouts decided to end the meeting with a big water fight on the green, despite it being a wet and chilly evening, all the Scouts enjoyed the activity and went home quite damp.

### **Beaver Meetings**

A big thank you goes to the Scouts and Young leaders who helped run a special Beaver meetings in July for Winter Hill colony. The Scouts had to show the Beavers how to put up two patrol tents. It was a challenge with the Beavers & mallets knocking in the pegs in to very solid ground. Once the tents were pitched the Beavers were told a story about camping.



**New Scouts** - We would like to welcome *Alex Barnett* and *Mahad Mian* and their families to the Troop. They have both made their Scout promises and been invested as Scouts.

**Summer Holidays** - As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some activities - Friday evening 6.45pm - 9.15pm -. Don't forget to check your emails on a Thursday - for any changes.



**SUMMER CAMP - Brecon** Members of Winter Hill Troop are currently camping in the foot hills of Pen Y Fan at their annual Summer Camp, so far the weather is very fairly warm, but thunder storms are forecast. The two streams running down sides of the field are low in water, the Scouts are planning to dam one of them.

The Scouts have a busy programme of activities, which include gorge walking, climbing, two day expedition on the mountains, visit to Big Pit, local town and swimming pool as well as activities on site and the normal PG camping activities.

Special Thank you goes to farmer *Mr Phillips* for allowing us to camp on his land and supplying some firewood.

Photos are being updated while the Scouts are at camp, on PG's web site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk) Full report in Septembers PG Tips.

**WH Scout Leader (Simon Wheeler)**

## Family Camp 2019 Hog Roast



**Saturday 7th September 2019, 5.30pm**

Stubbings Estate, Henley Road, Maidenhead, SL6 6QL

You are cordially invited to join our Family Camp 2019 Hog Roast on Saturday 7th September. The Hog Roast is open to all members of PG and their friends & family (whether camping or not).

The Hog Roast will be served at **5.30pm** and will be followed by the Group's Annual General Meeting and a campfire - please bring something to sit on!

Tickets are priced at **£10 for adults** and **£7 for children** which includes a pork bap (or vegetarian alternative), salad and a glass of beer, wine or soft drink, followed by desert.

Please return the reply slip below, with payment, to your child's Section Leader or to Erica Hunter by **Monday 12 August 2019** ~~Sunday 23rd June~~. **Tickets will be handed out on the day at the Hog Roast.**

**Important note: Hog Roast tickets are included in the camp fee for Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders. They are not included for Beavers, Family Groups or day visitors.**

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### Family Camp 2019 Hog Roast

Please return by ~~Sunday 23rd June~~  
Extended to **Monday 12 August 2019**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I require: \_\_\_\_\_ adult tickets @ £10 each = £ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total cost = £ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please make cheques payable  
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