



GROUP NEWS

May 2019

Spring Jumble Sale

We are urgently looking for help from parents to help at our Jumble Sale on the Saturday morning 11 May 2019, 9.45am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

Parents will be receiving a phone call from a parent coordinator – Please reply to any message you receive even if you can't help, to save her time keep phoning.

Offers of help or for more information, please contact our Jumble Sale Coordinator, you can email her at:- jumble@pgscouts.org.uk



Last year we raised around £3,000 at our Jumble Sales, this supports your child in their Scouting at Littlewick & Winter Hill

PARENTS We need your support, please help us raise money to support your son at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts. We cannot manage without the support of parents

Don't leave it to others – if you can spare a couple of hours on **Frid 10th** or **Sat 11th** May - **It would be great**

Jumble can be dropped off to the Scout hall between Friday 3rd May-10th May

George's Day Event



It was so good to see all the Beavers Cubs Scouts, Young leaders and Leaders at this year's District St Georges afternoon event at Braywick Nature reserve

The Beavers, Cubs and scouts joined other youngsters in their sections from all the Groups in Maidenhead and took part in fun games, before they took part in the Closing Ceremony where they renewed their promises

A collection was made for the Scout County Project Africa project, where they collect around £250, to go towards the schools building work in Uganda



Pinkneys Green Scouts

JUMBLE SALE

Sat 11th May 10.00 am

JUST ONE SPRING SALE Back in the Autumn!

Admission 50p
Single Spring Sale

Scout Hall
Winter Hill Road,
Pinkneys Green
SL6 6NS

Registered Charity No. 300501



Summer Fair

This year we will be holding our Annual Summer Fair on the Green on Sunday 23rd June 2019. We have made sure it does not clash with Father's Day

Please make a note of the date, we will be looking for support from Beaver, Cubs and Scouts and their parents

Fair Date is Sunday 23rd June 2019

Gardeners

Gardeners can we plea for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents & neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them.

Black Sack of Rubbish & Dirty Tea Towels

Can we thank all the Beaver, Cub Scout Parents who have been taking a black Sack of rubbish home to put in their wheelie bin. This is a great help to us as we don't have refuse collection at the Scout Hall as we are not domestic, if we paid commercial price it would cost us £300+ a year to have rubbish collected

If you see a black bag of rubbish outside the hall and have space in you wheelie bin, please help us by taking it home

Scout Hall Towels and Tea Towels, another thank you goes to the parents who take home and wash the Dirty towels and tea towels, it save the leaders having to do it.

Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 6 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that when they become 6 they can join. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment. If you are not sure that they are on the list, please check, don't leave it till it is too late. If in doubt please check and ask. For Winter Hill and Littlewick Beavers, email our Group Scout leader *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com with your child's name and date of birth.

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that your child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. We do have some second hand uniform, please contact *Peta Almond*. If you have any items of uniform you no longer require, we are looking for donations. Peta's email: pgsups@hotmail.co.uk

Yellow PG Group Tee Shirts can be purchased from Raksha, at £9.50 each, for more details please contact her on Maidenhead 62160

Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes – Twice a Year

We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year.



We need to sort a rota out for next term. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please email cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk for more information.

A big thank you goes to the two new Beaver parents and Cub parent who have joined the rota, plus all the parents who are currently on the rota, it was a great help. The cleaning can be done to suit you, on a Thursday or Friday before 5pm

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

BEAVER SLEEPOVER: Saturday 8th June – We have invited the older Beavers to take part in this – please let us know ASAP if you would/would not like to take part – we can extend the invitation to the younger Beavers if we don't have enough older Beavers interested. Please note that Beavers will not be able to achieve their Bronze Challenge Award if they have not spent a 'night away' at a scouting event.

Day Out On A Narrowboat

Chug gently through the English countryside aboard narrowboat 'Duntarin' on a full day cruise with skipper and crew.

A chance to operate the locks, drive the boat or just sit back and relax!

Choice of routes along the Oxford or Grand Union canals from Napton (near Southam), approx 75 mins drive up the M40.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks included, bring your own picnic lunch or stop off at a local pub (route dependent).

A lovely family day out !! Flexible dates from spring to autumn 2019.

Life jackets available for children (and adults).

£100 per day, for up to approx 8 people.



Contact Matthew Miller:-

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Proceeds to fund my Uganda 2019 Project Africa Expedition.



Marquee & Mess Tents to Hire

We hire party tents
See <https://goo.gl/3CjHFi>

Since the last issue of PG Tips, we have kept busy as usual. Some of the beavers enjoyed the scout pantomime, which was Aladdin this year. They enjoyed the young leaders number; 'Agadoo', the leaders' number; the YMCA and the usual jollity.



We spent an evening on the playground at Courthouse School, finishing off the Cyclist Badge. The Beavers had a great time, cycling around the playground and avoiding crashing into each other! The Leaders enjoyed playing the roles of police officers, traffic lights and pedestrians!

15 Beavers joined other Beavers from around Maidenhead at the annual District Beaveree. The children all took part in various craft activities and games and learnt about this year's focus local charity – The Brett Foundation. All the Beavers who took part had a great afternoon.

Coming up this term, we will be getting outside as much as possible. We will be putting up tents, singing around the campfire and doing other activities to make use of our local environment.

WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

During the month of March, the cubs used the pantomime stage to entertain us with jokes, magic tricks and music. Many of the cubs earned their Entertainers' badge that evening. Well done to *Poppy Broadbent*, *Edward Coppins*, *James Balfe* and *James Almond* for doing so brilliantly in the pantomime, it was great to see them acting alongside the scouts.

The cubs also spent a couple of meetings working towards the Skills Challenge and Personal Safety badges.

During the summer term, we will be going outside as much as possible. We will be pitching tents, fire lighting, following trails and building shelters.

WH Akela (Rob Harris)



Littlewick Pack



Just before Mother's Day the Cubs made chocolate truffles which were beautifully gift wrapped, hopefully Mums enjoyed their presents although I'm not sure all of the chocolates made it home... thank you *Matt Milston* for a great evening.

Our Young Leader *Matt Miller* is off to Uganda in August as part Berkshire Scouts Project Africa, an international community development programme to help our young people understand the lives of their peers in an African country and to provide support to projects in Uganda . . . young people supporting young people! *Matt* spent an evening describing to the Cubs the training and preparation needed as well as the projects and likely challenges of his trip to Uganda, *Matt* also brought along a number of African themed team games for the Cubs to play. A really well thought out and delivered evening, thank you *Matt* !!

Now the clocks have changed its the first real opportunity to get outside this year and we've started our community project, we will be looking after the planting around the war memorial at St Johns Church in Littlewick. We will also take responsibility for and tend a small garden just outside the Church Lych Gate, we will choose which plants to grow and monitor their progress throughout the year.

Thank you to the Cubs and parents who came along to St Georges day at Braywick, its the main opportunity for all Cubs in the District to meet up and have lots of fun together with ton-sack races being a firm favourite again.

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

SCOUT NEWS

Cycling - Can all Parents, Scouts & Young Leaders note the following

- (i) Any Scout or Young Leader who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with **working** front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts & YLs cycling to/from Scout activities **wear a Cycle Helmet, plus Hi Vis vest.**
- (iii) That their bike is in roadworthy condition



Littlewick Troop

For our first meeting of this period we went skiing at Bracknell Ski Centre. They have 2 dry ski slopes there. After kitting up and discovering (or rediscovering) how uncomfortable ski boots are, the scouts were split into 2 groups; those with experience and beginners. The experienced skiers were given free rein to use the larger slope. Everyone else was taken to the smaller slope and taught the basics by the instructor. Everyone learnt something, skied some distance, probably fell over and had a lot of fun.

At our next meeting the scouts researched different Fairtrade products for Fairtrade Fortnight. They produced some posters and we had some interesting discussions about what would and wouldn't be a good salary in different parts of the world.



For our final meeting of the term we went down to the woods for the first time this year. The scouts played some wide games and then we had a fire and cooked some marshmallows as it became dark. This was a great way to end the term. We hope all of the scouts are enjoying their Easter break and we look forward to what will be a busy summer term.

LG Scout Section Assistant (Mark Courtier)



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Outsourcing

- Company secretarial
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Please get in touch to arrange an initial complimentary meeting:
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Winter Hill Troop

Friday nights have been have done pioneering and were taught how to do lashings, they built ladders with square lashings. The Scouts then tested them by climbing over the beams.

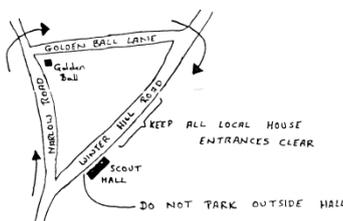


A special evening was organised on Good Friday where 60 Easter eggs were hidden on the green opposite the Scout hall, the Scouts who took part all eat and took some Easter eggs home. As we have a camp coming up the Scouts learnt how to put up toilet tents and pack them away as well as the

bigger patrol tents.

Troop camp plans are well under way with most of the Scouts attending, activities will include the Scouts cooking all their meals on wood fires, learning basic camping skills, having a go at archery and shooting. There will be a cooking competition on the Saturday afternoon. The Patrol Leaders and Scouts have been busy sorting out the equipment they required for their patrols at Troop camp, which we are going on in May. Thank you goes to *James Huband, Jude Taylor and Toby Pocock* for organising this.

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)



YOUNGSTERS SAFELY 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.

