



GROUP NEWS

May 2013



Jumble Sale

We are looking for help on the Saturday morning 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards and taking the rubbish to the tip. For more information, contact one of our Sale coordinators: **Email:** jumble@pgscouts.org.uk

Jumble Sale Date **Saturday 11th May - 10.30am**

PARENTS - we need your support, please help us raise money to support your child.

A big thank you goes to our the parents who helped at our Jumble Sale in April

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

Jumble can be dropped off at the hall on a, Wed 6pm-8pm or Fri 6pm-10pm **between 1st May – 10th May**

PG's Hog Roast

You are invited to join us on Saturday 8th June 2013 at Stubbing Estate at our Hog Roast. The Hog Roast is open to all members of PG, their families and friends as well as supporters and friends of the Group.

Tickets are priced at £7 for adults and £5 for children, which includes meat, bap and salad, followed by a desert, plus a glass of wine or beer or soft drink. Copy of the letter is available on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk

Orders need to be returned by Friday 25th May to Scout Hall any questions please email: gc@pgscouts.org.uk

Summer Fair

We hope you are all keeping this day free in your diaries so you and your family can come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

Shortly we will be sending home a list of opportunities for helping on the day or for doing some of the preparation. Please volunteer your help as soon as possible. If you have a special interest then book your place early e.g. helping at the bar, on the games stalls or at the refreshments.



FAIR ON THE GREEN - Date: Sunday 23rd June 2013



Active Kids is nearly over

Please carry on collecting Active Kids vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's till 22nd May and donate them to PG.

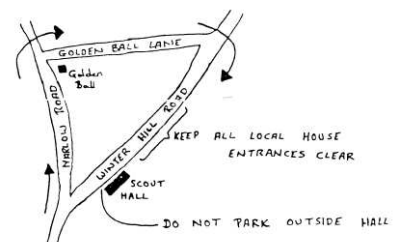
So please help us collect by donating your vouchers to us, and let anyone and everyone know that we're taking part in Active Kids! Your efforts are really appreciated and make a huge difference.

Send the vouchers along to your child's meeting, or drop them off at PG Scout Hall

WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting him from Scout Hall in Winter Hill Road.

- All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along Furze Platt Road *past* Winter Hill Road and turn right into Golden Ball Lane. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road and turn right into Winter Hill Road at the end.
- To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, **particularly the drive below the hall, to Christmas Cottage.**
- **DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES are.**



As the verges can get very muddy can we remind all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Parents to be careful when getting out of your cars and walking (**DON'T RUN**) to the Scout hall

2013 St Georges Day Awards - Congratulations Sheila Stinton and BoB Weingarh

Sheila Stinton (Raksha) has been awarded the SILVER WOLF.



The **Silver Wolf** is the highest award made by the Scout Association "It is an unrestricted gift of the Chief Scout Bear Grylls and is only awarded for service of a most exceptional nature. Sheila joined Pinkneys Green Scout Group in 1972 when her son Murray was a Cub and has now completed *40 years* of service. Her late husband Fred was a PG Cub, Scout and Rover.

In Feb 1973 on completion of her training she was awarded her Wood Badge at that time she became Akela. She was presented with her Long Service award in 1988 and a Medal of Merit for services to Scouting in 1989. Sheila also encouraged her daughter Erica to become a leader. Sheila was a District Leader for many years. Sheila was Akela until 1995 when due to age restrictions then she had to give up/retire!!! her warranted status, that year in recognition of many years of dedicated service she was awarded the Silver Acorn.

She then took on the role of Honorary Scouter and Pack assistant, in 1996 she also started assisting at Beaver meetings. In 1998 she was awarded a Bar to the Long service Award and in 2004 she was then awarded the bar to the Silver Acorn. Age restrictions were changed and in 2005 Sheila had her warranted status renewed and has continued ever since helping at Beavers and Cubs. When our new colony started at Littlewick Sheila attended the Beaver meetings assisting the leaders for the first few weeks. Sheila continues to direct the Scout Pantomime this year it is Cinderella. As you can see she continues to spend much of her time scouting I can't imagine how many children have passed through in 40 years, congratulations from everyone at PG and well done Mum!

BoB Weingarh

I am delighted to be able to announce that Robert (BoB) Weingarh has been awarded the Silver Acorn in recognition of his of 20 years dedicated service to scouting. He is a valuable and enthusiastic member of the Troop whom Simon could not do without.



BoB joined Pinkneys Green in 1990 when his sons Mark and Matthew join the scout troop from cubs. He became a warranted leader and after completing his training he was awarded his Wood Badge in 1996. In 2001 BoB was awarded the Chief Scouts commendation for Good Service.

BoB's enthusiasm encouraged Mark and Matthew to become assistant scout leaders, Mark has since moved to New Zealand but still visits on his trips home and Matthew, still troop assistant and although now living in York with his family joins BoB and the other leaders at Troop, Summer and Family Camps he can be seen with BoB at the Summer fair managing the bar. As well as Troop meetings BoB helped for many years at camp setting up and running activities, as well as all the norm Scout meetings he take scouts to competitions, weekend

and summer camps. In 2010 BoB was awarded his 20 year Long Service award.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bob and Sheila and the whole Leadership for their continued efforts in providing scouting at Pinkneys Green.

Erica Hunter
Group Scout Leader.

St Georges Day Event

Members of PG joined over 600 people at this years Maidenhead St Georges Day event. After a walk along the Green Way, from Howarth Road to Braywick Nature Reserve. Here they joined Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from the other Groups in Maidenhead. The youngsters to part in activities for their sections before they reaffirmed their promises

Thank you goes to the parents who joined us for the afternoon. The feed back from the children was they enjoyed the activities.



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Group Projector - Smart Phone

Unfortunately the bulb in the group projector is coming to the end of its life and will be very expensive to replace. The projector gets a lot of use at a number of group events, throughout all of the sections and it would be a great shame if we could use it any more. Does anyone know where we could get hold of a replacement bulb for an EPSON EMP _____, or another projector with an XGA or, preferably, SXGA resolution?

We are also looking for a smartphone that can be used to keep track of the group emails, any old HTC/Samsung/iPhone/etc smartphones that anyone has lying around after an upgrade would be very welcome

Please let know if you can help us out or know of any one who might sponsor us. **Email** simon@pgtips.org.uk

Cinderella DVD

We are producing a DVD of a couple of this years Pantomime Cinderella's performances.. Boxed copies will be available at £5 each. To pre order a copy please send your details to cinderella@pgtips.org.uk

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Prior to Easter the Beavers cut out and made Easter baskets with confetti inside and a n Easter chick and mini chocolate eggs. They also coloured in Easter themed pictures to take home. The following week the hall was being decorated so everyone donned their warmest coats, hats, scarves and gloves for a near freezing Easter egg hunt around the green! The Beavers were searching for parts of cut-up cereal packet fronts to piece together. Pieces were hidden under benches, behind goal posts, beside hedges, under trees and bins and in the well at the bottom of the green. The Beavers were very good at this and soon were munching the creme eggs or sweets that were hidden as a reward. After the Easter break the Beavers played some joining-in games to introduce them to some new members - *Matthew Alvey, Oliver Palmer-Page, Louis George Ringsell, Reuben Bains, Tom Palmer, Connie Howe, Freddie Chalk, Ajay Verma and Thomas Clarry*. I would like to welcome them and their families on behalf of the Littlewick Green Beaver Colony. The Beavers then drew and coloured some pictures for the PG Summer Fair on the 23rd of June. Lastly I would like to say a big thank you to some of the parents who are starting to lend a hand with our ever increasing numbers!



Photos of Littlewick Beavers at Maidenhead District St Georges Day event at Braywick Nature reserve

Bubbles (Ruth Pearce)

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Winter Hill Colony

Beavers has started the summer term with lots of different activities, including a very successful litter pick and games evening in the wood, and putting on our own play adaptation of St George's Fight with the dragon (including costumes!). Coming up we've got an Olympic games night, a summer hike, a football tournament and fire lighting and shelter building in the woods!

We have welcomed five new beavers into the colony so a big warm welcome to *Oliver Holdway, Luke Thornton, Matthew Evans, Victor Wilson, Gabriel Shaw*, and their families.

Traditionally, the beaver section (along with lots of help from you guys!) run the games stalls at the summer fair, which this year is on Sunday 23rd June. If you know already that you are free and would like to offer to help for an hour or two please let one of the leaders know. We appreciate any time you can give and the boys also have a lot of fun 'supervising' the games.

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

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CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The cubs "entertainment show" at the Cherry Garden Nursing Home was a great hit with the residents. All aspects: karate, piano playing, jokes, gymnastics and poem recitals, were enjoyed on the first... second... and yes, third showing! We finished the term by learning about energy saving and recycling; the cubs had to decide what can be recycled from 2 bin bags of rubbish before using it to make an Easter model. The models put together held a lot of imagination from Crosses to Easter eggs.

The cubs, who attended the activity day at the BCA during the Easter holidays with the Winter Hill pack, found the day exhilarating and fun. During the morning, we enjoyed climbing the high ropes and descending upside down as Spider-Man :). Building the crate stacks systematically and as high as possible before tumbling them while hanging was equally fun. In the afternoon, we learnt how to



climb the boulders on the wall and playing various games; this was only surpassed by using the techniques learnt to climb the 5m wall before rappelling down the line.

We look forward to welcoming the cubs back to a term full of outdoor activities including a visit to White Waltham airfield at the end of June.

Hoping for a good summer :)
Akela LG (Nathalie Watson)

Winter Hill Pack

The end of the Spring Term started on a damp note when the District Football competition was rained off at the last minute. However, on the plus side Winter Hill now get a second year as holders of the District Football cup! Our Wednesday meetings finished with two weeks working towards the Project Africa Challenge Badge. This is a special Challenge Badge devised by Berkshire County and covers various aspects of life in Africa as part of a

County-wide project. The Cubs got to taste Moroccan pancakes, make their own versions of chicken houses and raised funds for Winter Hill to donate towards the overall County fundraising effort. The badges are on order and will be given out later this term.

During the Easter Holidays we had a fantastic day at Berkshire College of Agriculture's Outdoor Education Centre. The Cubs got to try their hand at the high ropes, crate stacking, indoor climbing and bouldering - everyone had a great time. Huge thanks to Bruce and Suzie at BCA for making the day so brilliant! See the www.pgscouts.org.uk for photos.

The summer term has started with delivering notices about the upcoming Jumble Sales. We've also welcomed Miles Almond, Finn Treacy and Alfie Windsor who have all moved up from Beavers. They've moved up at just the right time as the summer term is always the best term of the year!

Until next month,
Akela WH (David Barnes)

SCOUT NEWS



District Football Competition

PL's Robert Allcock and James Kersey are sorting out the teams for this years District Six A Side Football Competition.

Any Scout who wishes to be part, please let Robert know

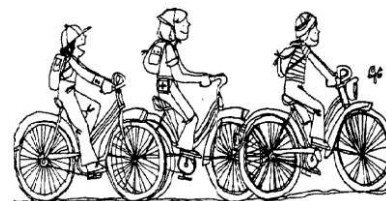
Competition Date: Sunday 19th May 2013, 2pm

Thank you goes to the Scouts who have already told us they would like to take part

Cycling

Can all Parent, 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.**
- (iii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.



Longridge Water Activity Event

The District are organising a Water Activity event on Sunday, 30th June 2013, for Scouts again at Longridge, the cost will be £25 per Scout. (Any Scout who wishes to attend must reach strict standards of swimming - Swim 50 meters in light clothing in the river, plus be able to tread water for 5 mins)

Activities we hope to include Kayaking, Gig pulling and Rafting For more details contact Simon.

Places limited, we have 3 places left. Forms available from Simon.

2013 SUMMER CAMP – Bodmin Moor

This year the Scouts are going to Cornwall for our Summer Camp, we will be camping on the edge of Bodmin Moor near St Neot. Activities have been book, as well as transport

Can we remind those who have not given our treasurer post dated cheques, can you please let Laura Williams have April and now Mays payments

Troop Camp

As we go to press we are getting ready for this years Troop Weekend camp, the weather does not look very good, looks like we will be having a cold camp, with strong winds and Ground frosts are forecasted. Thank you goes to the Scouts and parents who have offered to help load the lorry, We will be camping a Henley Park near Henley On Thames on top of a hill, so if its wet, we won't get flooded.

Full report in Junes PG Tips, there will be a selection photos of the camp on PGs web Site: www.pgscouts.org.uk

Troop Meetings – Uniform

Can we remind all Scouts, Young Leaders & Parents, that we are a member of a Uniform Organisation? **We expect all Scouts & Young Leaders** to wear Full Scout Uniform to Troop Meetings. Scout Uniform consists of Green Scout Shirt or Explorer Shirt, Blue Scout Association Cargo Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf. , plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. Scout Uniform can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop – Thursday evenings. Details www.maidheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/ PG T-Shirts are purchased from Raksha (76, Pinkneys Road)

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)



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SPECIALIST BRICKWORK



Family Camp 2013 Hog Roast



Saturday 8th June 2013, 6.30pm

Stubbings Estate, Pinkneys Green

You are cordially invited to join our Family Camp 2013 Hog Roast on Saturday 8th June. The Hog Roast is open to all members of PG & family (whether camping or not) and friends of PG.

The Hog Roast will commence at 6.30pm and will be followed by the Group's Annual General Meeting and a campfire - please bring something to sit on!

Tickets are priced at £7 for adults and £5 for children which includes a meat bap and salad, followed by desert and a glass of beer, wine or soft drink. Please return the reply slip below to your child's Section Leader or to Erica Hunter by **Friday 24th May**.

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.

Family Camp 2013 Hog Roast

Please return by Friday 24th May

Name: _____

Address: _____

I require: _____ adult tickets @ £7 each £ _____

_____ child tickets @ £5 each £ _____

Total cost £ _____

Please make cheques payable to Pinkneys Green Scout Group

Dietary Requirements: _____

*Please return to your child's Section Leader
or Erica Hunter (27 St Marks Road, Maidenhead, SL6 5DD) by Friday 24th May*