



4th News



PARENTS & FRIENDS (P&F) (Mike O'Donnell E: mesl@fsmail.net)

Fundraising events ended in 2007 with the most successful Christmas Bazaar ever, raising over £2,000 for the first time. Many thanks to the team, Dawn, Anna and Sally for all their efforts and new ideas.

With so much involved in making these main fundraising events a success, teamwork is definitely the way forward, so if you don't want to commit to joining the P&F full time, but would join a team for a specific event, please let me know.

Unfortunately, not all sections have someone on the P&F which is a shame considering that the funds raised benefit every boy and girl in the Group. So if you don't know who your P&F rep is, perhaps it could be you!

We have another busy year ahead, and have already had a very successful Jumble Sale (£700+) and Family Quiz Night (£180). Many thanks to everyone that turns out to help with the Jumbles and to Dyllan and Lorraine Tappenden for running the Family Quiz Night and donating all the prizes.

Our next Grand Auction is on Saturday 1st March at 2.30pm, if anyone is able to help or just come along with the family to pick up a bargain.

Our very popular Race Night is on Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm and is a great way to have fun while raising money for the Group.

Our Summer Fete is the biggest fundraising event of the year and although we have several volunteers already to organise certain parts, we need someone / or a team to lead the organising. Are you up for it!

Next Parents & Friends meeting is on Wednesday 12th March 2008 at 8.00pm and lasts no more than an hour, all are welcome.

FELLOWSHIP (Peter Phillips)

The Fellowship enjoyed its annual dinner on 23rd January, on this occasion savouring the delights of Nightingales, the catering training department of Carshalton College. The venue and dinner was first class and the members were further pleased to have the company of the GSL and his wife. In a short speech the GSL (Paul of course) outlined some of his ideas and hopes for the Group. He may be confident that the Fellowship members will help as much as possible.

This month we are 10-pin bowling and dining at Raynes Park, throwing away any zimmer frames for the evening.



Join us at Worcester Park's Largest Summer Fete, 5th July 2008, Quad Bikes, Inflatables, Burgers and Beer. Displays in the arena and Live music.

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The 4th Worcester Park Scout Group, Balmoral Rd

Well, I have now been in post as Group Scout leader for a couple of months. Things are already happening to change the group for the better. The leaders are undertaking more training to obtain their wood badges and adventurous activity permits.

I have set the budget with the executive committee with plans for a group camp, new vehicles and equipment. We still have the yearly bills to keep the group going, these exceed £10,000 and have to be paid. I have sent you all a letter with the details of our plans and ambitions for the group. I also included a tear-off slip on the back, please take 2 minutes to complete this and return it to your section leaders. This will aid myself and the Parents & Friends when we are organising events and activities.

If you are able to join the P&F please contact myself or Mike O'Donnell who I would like to welcome as our new Chairman. The P&F are responsible for raising about £10,000 of our income and without them we will not be able to function as a group.

Plans have now been set for the Group camp to celebrate our 75th Anniversary. This will take place on the weekend of 12th-14th September. Please keep this free as there will be events for the young people, parents, friends of the group and previous members. More information will follow soon.

We currently have need for more help in various sections of the group. If you have some spare time and enthusiasm and would like to help with a section or the P&F please let me know. We NEED the adults to be involved or the group will not be able to provide the activities and equipment for the young people. I have already seen a very successful Christmas Bazaar run by new people with new ideas. This is what we need.

Lastly, I hope you have noticed the new layout of the newsletter. Please let me know what you think and any ideas to improve it.

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Upcoming Events

- **1st March**
GRAND AUCTION
- **12th March**
P&F MEETING,
8PM AT HQ
- **29th March**
RACE NIGHT
- **30th March**
FAMILY SCOUTS OWN
- **6th April**
WORK MORNING
AT HQ
- **9th April**
P&F MEETING
8PM AT HQ
- **20th April**
ST GEORGES DAY
PARADE
- **26th April**
JUMBLE SALE

**Fancy a Challenge?
Want to do something
for the group?**

**If you have a
fundraising idea
let us know.**

**We always welcome
new ideas and
suggestions.**

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CEDAR COLONY (*Badger*)

We ended 2007 in great spirits and I was particularly proud of the beavers and the Mini Nativity News they performed so well for the Senior Residents party. We started 2008 off in good form with 21 beavers doing a fantastic Scouts own. We said goodbye to Harry and Charlie Eates, also Ryan and Scott Smith. They left us to join Brownsea having been presented with their well deserved Chief Scouts bronze award.



ASPEN COLONY (*Ann Mays*)

A special reminder for April, The St Georges Day Parade is on Sunday 20th April and everyone is expected to attend. We would like to welcome into the colony Andrew Mares, Joshua Benham, Cameron Chubb, Alexander Cuthbert and Holly Evans. Two boys have transferred from birch, they are Luke Gale and Nathan Miles. Our next Scouts own is on 11th May. Finally just to say, that the panto, Frostie the snowman was a great success and enjoyed by all. Last but no means least, a big thank you to Paul Green for taking the position as group scout leader.

BIRCH COLONY (*Fred Fletcher*)

We had a very enjoyable time at the district panto, Frostie the Snowman, which was held at our HQ. Plenty of noise and fun. It was a pity that a few beavers were not able to attend and enjoy it. We have had a visit from 2 local police officers from the Worcester Park Safer Neighbourhoods team, to tell us what they do for the community. We are also practising our cooking skills with pancakes. Louise Myers who has helped with the colony since September has now left us. Many thanks to Louise for your wonderful help, We appreciate it very much.

It's also a "hello" to another Louise as Louise Cooper has offered to help with our colony when she is available, as has Rebecca Copp. A big thank you to both of you mums for your assistance, Is anyone else able to help us????

We have been doing a lot of Beaver badge work, these badges should be awarded soon. Don't forget to collect a calendar of events from the entrance hall and I will notify you of Colony events in due Course.

SILVER TROOP (*Paul Stansbridge*)

So far this term we have had a planning session, during which the scouts helped us to organise a programme for this term. They have also planned, organised and run an evening in their patrols, have made and cooked pancakes as well as collecting jumble, of which we collected a rather large bounty.

All of us at Silver Troop wish Grant, William and Tom, all the best in their future as they moved on to the Explorer Unit. They have been excellent patrol leaders and have great qualities, which will help them succeed with the trials and tribulations of being an Explorer!



PURPLE TROOP (*Alan Avery*)

The troop always seems to enjoy the cooking and open fires, this has featured many times in the programme and is always a success. Preparations for the mountain camp (15th - 20th April in Wales) have begun and I will pass the details to you soon. Summer camp will be 26th July - 2nd August, again details will be with you soon.

BROWNSEA PACK (*Ben Alembick*) Akela

This is my first newsletter as Akela of Brownsea Pack and I would like to thank Les Prescott for all he did as Leader during his stewardship of the Pack. I am delighted that he has agreed to continue working with the Pack as an Assistant Leader. Since the last newsletter the Pack has been very active. In the autumn, we had a great time 10-pin bowling in Sutton, we organised a Halloween party with fancy dress and enjoyed a wide game in Nonsuch Park in the dark. Thanks to all the parents who supported us on our Parents' Evening in November when we showed the camp film - thanks very much to John Humber for the time he put into producing the excellent film once again. At the Senior Residents' Party, Les produced an item where the Cubs depicted a Radio Show from the 1930's featuring The Ovaltineys. Many of the audience remembered the show, but Les tells me it was before his time... We concluded the term with a party games night. The New Year programme started with a Beetle Drive, and we've included Code Breaking, learning about the Patron Saints of Britain, practising for the District Chess Competition and making pancakes. The Cubs have also had a go at creating a design for the Group's 75th Anniversary badge. In our future programme, we look forward to visiting the Mansion in Nonsuch - visiting a Police Station and undertaking work for the Local Knowledge badge. We've welcomed eight into the Pack since the last newsletter: George Culver, Joshua Ingles, Harry Eates, Charles Eates, Scott Smith, Ryan Smith, Regan Winter and Tyler Carroll.



At the February Scouts' Own, Matthew Coates went up to Silver Troop, and we wish him well in his scouting.

Dates for your diary

Scouts' Own - 16th March at 11.00am

Outing - 29th March

Weekend Training Camp - 10th and 11th May

Summer Camp - Sunday 27th July to Friday 1st August

CHARTERHOUSE (*Margaret Pennington*)

We've managed to fit in a couple of badges and a few games at pack nights over the last term. As well as supporting the groups fundraising activities we helped the Sutton Lions raise funds for St Raphaels Hospice.

We started the group's birthday year with a trip to Disneyland Paris, The weather although cold was bright and sunny and a good time was had by the cubs (the adults enjoyed it too).

ANGLIA

Unfortunately we have no input from Anglia this month. I have been speaking with the leadership team of Anglia pack and trying to help them solve some of the issues they are suffering. I fully support what Ashley, Steve, Tom and the rest of the team are doing and will help with what I can. I am aware that their summer camp plans are all in hand and information for this should be available to you soon.

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