

# 4<sup>th</sup> News

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Hello and welcome to the second edition of 4th News.

A lot has been happening with the group since January and I am pleased to announce the first of two new leaders who have taken up the challenge and applied for their warrants. The first is Neal Oxley who is becoming a new Assistant Group Scout Leader. He will be on hand to help me with events and organising and support the group where needed. The second is Harry Dunne. He has taken an assistant Cub Scout Leaders Warrant and is helping Brownsea Pack. Both have been involved with the group for many years and I am very happy that they have decided to take out warrants. I must also welcome our new District commissioner, Chris Williams. Chris took over from John Perkins at the beginning of April and has already been a great help to me. I would like to thank John Perkins for his hard work with the district and hope he enjoyed his time as District Commissioner. Plans for the Group camp are well underway and a letter with details should be with you. The summer fete is nearly upon us. Once again I am BEGGING people to come and help, support and make the day a success. The P&F are working really hard. The fete build begins on Tuesday 1st July with the Monkey Bridge and tents going up. We then work on from there. If you are available to help out, even for a couple of hours please email me on [gsl@4wp.org.uk](mailto:gsl@4wp.org.uk) or call me. We would love to make more money this year and be able to purchase our new van and some adventurous activity equipment and training for the young people

## Upcoming Events

- 10<sup>th</sup> May Jumble sale
- 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Family Scouts own
- 14<sup>th</sup> May P&F meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> May Work Morning
- 18<sup>th</sup> June Group AGM
- 5<sup>th</sup> July Summer Fete

26 Scouts and Explorers enjoyed five days staying in Coetmoor Mill, North Wales. The weather was mostly windy, but with knee-high snow at the top of the mountains, all involved pressed on to the summit of Moel Siabod. The week started with low-level navigation walks from aber falls, and also included visiting a military climbing wall and south stack light-house on Anglesey. Due to the bad weather, Snowdon this year was out of the question, however the Scouts & Explorers did manage to tackle mount Tryfan instead.



*Our thanks go to Alan, Bob Lewis, Leigh, Kevin, Juilian & Richard.*

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## **CEDAR COLONY – *Badger***

We ended the last half term in wellies with lots of water as we had great fun cleaning the vans and the toilets at H.Q. Strangely enough we have ended the term wearing wellies as we attended the District Beaver Camp Fire at Park Farm where it had rained so much we glided or squelched our way out of the field at the end. We have said goodbye to Ben Porter, Scott Prince and Soon Hyung Choi as they all moved up to cubs. We are pleased to welcome Archie Nichol, Callum Feeley, Matthew Carey and Jake Evans to Cedar.



## **ASPEN COLONY – *Ann Mays***

Firstly we had to say a sad farewell to Joshua Ingles and George Culver, they have now moved on to Brownsea Pack and hopefully enjoying Cubs. New arrivals are Holly Evans, Freya Buryess. It's lovely to have them and I am sure they will fit in well. We have been busy as well doing our computer badge and working and working towards some new badges as all beavers now have to gain 6 Challenge awards to receive their Bronze Chief Scout award. In between this we had a very muddy camp fire at Park Farm, all the children had a great afternoon but they were all covered in mud—Happy Days! Please can you ensure that all pieces of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name. Our next major event is the Summer fete. Please can we enlist your help, however small as we need to raise a lot of money to keep the group going. One of our main priorities is a new mini bus, because of new government legislation this is a necessity

## **BIRCH COLONY – *Fred Fletcher***

Many thanks to Rebecca Copp and Louise Cooper, two parents who have offered their help with the colony and also to Lisa Curly for helping with refreshments. They have all been excellent and of course the colony has benefited from their help and ideas. We have been working on the Global Challenge badges and these will be presented on our presentation evening. Parents watch out for details, we would love you to attend. A warm welcome to Jasmin Buckhurst, Charlie Hall and Alfie Summer to our colony. We all hope they will enjoy Beavers with Birch Colony. An improvement in attendance to scouts own but we need more of our beavers to attend the next one. Sunday 11th May at 10:45.

## **SILVER TROOP – *Paul Stansbridge***

Since our last report we have welcomed in the Chinese New Year by attempting to make Floating Chinese Lanterns; celebrated Mothers day by making chocolates and decorating boxes for them to be presented in. We have experienced international cooking, cooked by the boys in their patrols, and we finished the end of term by trying to get a hole in one at the driving range with donuts to follow. During this last month four boys, Kieran O'Donnell, Roy Carley, David Tappenden and Sam Oxley have moved on to the Explorer Unit after gaining their Chief Scouts Award. From all of us at Silver Troop congratulations and we wish them all the best. They have been excellent Patrol Leaders and will be missed.



## **PURPLE TROOP – *Alan Avery***

The troop undertook a sleepover at the HQ and cleared much of the rubbish and debris from around the field, this gave them the fuel for "backwards cooking" I have been on a mountain First Aid course and qualified just in time for Mountain Camp, which 24 young people are attending. Summer camp is the 26th of July—2nd August and is near Marlborough, the site is a "Green Field" one and back to basics camping. Thanks to Valerie Street for running a muffin cooking evening

## **BROWNSEA PACK – *Ben Alembick (Akela)***

This is now my second newsletter as Akela of Brownsea Pack, and would like to thank my whole leader team for their continued support, without which the activities we do would not be possible. The last few Thursday nights have had quite an outdoors theme with a chip survey being carried out on the high street, the cubs decided that kingfish won by a large gap, so they designed a certificate for them which was presented to the owner. We also managed to get the whole pack to earn their communicator badge and they are well on their way to earning the local knowledge badge. At the March Scouts own we saw Lewis Webb and Scott Marshall go up to Silver troop, I would like to wish them the best of luck. We have also welcomed two into the Pack since the last newsletter Ben Porter and Scott Prince



### **Dates for your diary**

Scouts' Own - 11th May at 11.00am (for those not on our camp)

Weekend Training Camp - 10th and 11th May

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

## **CHARTERHOUSE – *Margaret Pennington***

Since we came back from Disney we did some planning on future activities. We have lots of ideas, now all we need is the time and the money to carry them out. We have had the local police in to talk about their work and strange danger. Following that we have looked at road safety and almost all the cubs have put the effort in to gain the badge. They have also almost completed the chef and sport enthusiast badge. For some months cubs have been working on their caring challenge and those who volunteered to put the effort into our Scout's Own at the end of March have completed that challenge. The leaders challenge was in helping Ray with a very successful race night the night before Scout's Own (that was the night we lost an hours sleep). Very well done Ray and all those who worked very hard to raise funds for the group.

We are now looking forward to the next challenge- that of offering fun outdoor challenges for the cubs to enjoy.

## **ANGLIA – *Tom Newman***

We've had a busy term, incorporating badge work, sports activities and an outing to 'Goals' in North Cheam. We welcome Christopher Watkins to the pack, who has recently been invested, and we hope he has a great time within the group. We started the term in January with a games evening, followed by work on the Creative Challenge – most of the pack are now proud owners of this badge. February soon arrived, and with it, the joy of pancake day – Amanda and Lucy worked hard in the kitchen, helping the cubs put together the "perfect pancake". In the following week we held our own crab football tournament, before moving onto designing mother's day cards. An outing to 'Goals' followed; the Cubs' really enjoyed themselves on the football pitch. Thanks go to Ashley, Steve, Tom, Amanda and Lucy for all their hard work this term

## **FELLOWSHIP – *Peter Phillips***

Our 10-pin bowling evening was an unqualified success with the laughter making almost every one a winner, even if they did not all receive a certificate and bottle of plonk. Ray also managed to bounce the bowl over the bar some of the time on its way to the skittles. We were pleased to have Anne and Carol with us for the evening - as indeed we welcome guests at all our events - see our notice board for the current list. But there was no way we were going to tip that hairy waiter. At our 24th AGM in March there were no new nominations for our officers so the existing committee was re-elected without dissent, if not with acclamation. On the other hand, the cheese and wine was very well received! Thanks to Pauline and Geoff. In May we are going boating (with afternoon cream tea) on the River Wey. Call Mary Root NOW if you have not booked.



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## **PARENTS & FRIENDS (P&F) – Mike O'Donnell (p&f@4wp.org.uk)**

A good start to the year with more successful events having taken place recently. The Grand Auction raised £610.00, and the helpers support was much appreciated. The Race Night raised in the region of £280.00, so well done to Charterhouse and all the helpers for this event. The Race Night, for the uninitiated is a fun sociable evening, where friendly betting takes place based on re-runs of old races, the races being randomly selected so the thrill of the event is very real. All this and a meal, which is always of the highest standards, make this a great evening out, so hope to see you at the next one. We have a great deal of equipment at the 4<sup>th</sup> that is used for fundraising and this includes things like a mini roundabout, coconut shy etc etc. But these things need to be sorted and maintained occasionally.

So, anyone that can spare a couple of hours on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May between 10am and midday to help check things over, male, female, young or not so young would be very welcome.

Our Summer Fete is the biggest fundraising event of the year, held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 12 midday, and can only be a success with the help of the many rather than the few. The P&F, Leaders and Fellowship already put in a great deal of effort to make this a fun (and profitable) day for everyone, but more help is always appreciated.

### **Dates for your diary**

Jumble Sales – Saturday 26-04-08 and 10-05-08 at 2.30pm.

Work Morning – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May from 10.00am.

Summer Fete – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 12 midday.

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!

### **What does it mean? – The P&F**

The P&F (Parents & Friends) is simply a committee which as the name suggests is made up of Parents, both past and present, and Friends i.e. people that do not have kids in the Group but give an amazing amount of support. Our main aims are to raise funds for the Group so the boys and girls can do all the activities that the Leaders etc lay on.

The events can be the hard graft type such as Jumble Sales, Summer Fete, Christmas Bazaar and the Auctions as well as the more social Race Night, Quiz Night, Big Band Night etc etc etc.

All parents are more than welcome to join in, and we only have a meeting once a month on a Wednesday night at 8pm, which (honestly) rarely lasts more than an hour, and is held in the small 'chapel' looking building to the left of the main hall entrance.

### **Next Parents & Friends meeting is on**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 8.00pm and all are welcome.**

## **QUARTER MASTER – Andy Marshall**

A welcome to Keith Poles who has become assistant Quarter Master, Thank you for your commitment and hard work. Also, Thank you to all those who helped take down the shelter after the auction.

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