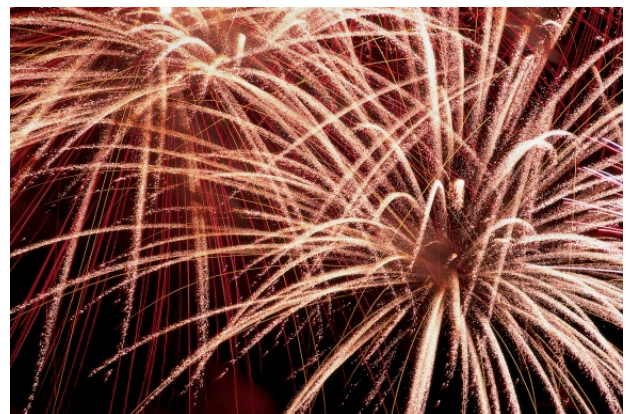


# Wargrave Woggle

## Forthcoming events

1 <sup>st</sup> November	Annual Village Fireworks
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Parade
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Scout Group Winter Show
December	Scout Christmas Post

### Annual Village Fireworks –Sat November 1<sup>st</sup>.



As is customary, the Scout Group will be organising the Annual Village Fireworks again this year. As you know, there are many ways in which you can help us “pull off” this event, ranging from cooking the meat to helping build the bonfire and clearing up after the event. We really do hope that parents from every family involved in Wargrave Scouting (beavers, cubs, scouts) can help in some way, by doing one or two jobs where you can.

In addition to this being a major community event (the bonfire and firework display), it is the Group’s most important fundraiser too. All the profits (usually in the region of £600-800) from the refreshment tent go into our Group funds. Unlike many local scout groups, we do not have to run regular jumble sales, car washing and other smaller fundraising events. This is really our big event which is why we need as much help as possible from all of you. Please watch out for a request for your help coming out shortly.

## Recent Events

### 2014 has been a year of much camping!

In May the leaders organized another very successful Family Camp at PACCAR Chalfont Heights campsite, where we also held our AGM. All sorts of activities, ranging from rifle shooting and archery to crate stacking were enjoyed by the mixture of children and adults, in between the massive downpours. A highlight was the visit of Hamish Stout, Berkshire County Commissioner to award Nigel 'Nige' Board, our Scout Leader, with the Silver Acorn in recognition of his especially distinguished and long service to Scouting. A very well deserved award, congratulations Nige! Amazingly a helicopter landed on the Sunday afternoon and out jumped Bear Grylls (the Chief Scout) and Steve Backshall; many of the kids were pleased to get their autographs on their arms.





Then in June the Cubs (2 nights) and Beavers (1 night) enjoyed their own camp in Emmer Green, none of them will forget the amazing thunderstorm that arrived on Friday night!



The Scouts also enjoyed a local camp at Paddicks Patch before .....



....heading to WINGS (Windsor International Guide and Scout camp) held in Windsor Great Park in August. Over 6,000 participants camped together in 5 subcamps for the week and many activities were offered ranging from science activities to kayaking.

1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave shared its camp at WINGS with 1<sup>st</sup> Hurst and made some firm friendships during the week which we hope will continue through the rest of the scouts' scouting careers and beyond. The scouts were also joined mid week by 6 cubs from the two packs to get a taster of the week for the day.

We also had a large contingent of leaders helping run WINGS itself: Bill Bookless, Nige Board, Richard Best, Pete Walsh, Simon Smith and Christine Walker playing key roles in what was a fantastic week.



**A big thank you must go to all the leaders who made these camps possible.**

## News of the Leaders

The Lumberjack Beaver leaders retired at the end of the summer term having given 25 years of service to Wargrave Scouting. An amazing achievement!! **Thank you so much Jane, Janet and Chris!**



So we give a warm welcome to Clare Pagdin and Jennie Herrington who will share the leadership of the Lumberjack Beaver colony. They will be assisted by Richard Knight. We also welcome Pete Walsh who has become an Assistant Scout Leader this year and has quickly become an essential part of the team and a great asset to the Troop. We are also lucky to have a number of young people helping out in the sections: Andrew Keen (Pumas), Holly Smith (Woodchucks) and Ed Fry (Wildcats)

Any additional volunteers would be most appreciated. If you would like more information please contact our Group Scout Leader Pete Fry.

## Subscriptions

The price of subs is £30 per term. If you pay before October 5th you will get a £2 discount reducing this to £28. Please send all subs to Pennie Withers 20 Langhams Way, Wargrave. Tel no 940 6037. (Email: [pennie@photosbypennie.co.uk](mailto:pennie@photosbypennie.co.uk)).

## Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Checks, now also known as the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

Although the Group currently operates within the Policy Organisation and Rules of the Scout Association with regards to all aspects of its running, including safeguarding and child protection, the Group Executive has agreed the following aim for all sections within the Scout Group in order to promote the safeguarding of all of our children:

*The Group requests that at least 1 adult from each family completes a CRB check such that if asked to assist in any activity, both parents and leaders can be reassured that the likelihood of inappropriate adults being in close proximity to any children has been reasonably addressed and the risks minimised.*

*For those adults wishing to participate in any overnight Scouting activity (e.g. a Family Camp) the Group will strictly uphold the Scout Association requirements that all adult participants must have completed a CRB assessment.*

It should be noted that most outdoor activities that are run in the Group can only be safely provided if all adults involved have been assessed for their suitability for working with children. For occasional helpers and parents assisting on a parent rota this can be readily addressed by means of the completion of a CRB check.

**It is imperative that parents of a child within the 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave Scout Group take an active role in the completion of the CRB form. Forms are available from your LEADER or on the website and these should be completed and returned with appropriate ID to your LEADER who will check them and then pass on for processing.**

## Uniform

Uniform is available from the 1<sup>st</sup> Woodley Scout hut ([Shop@LoddonDistrict.org.uk](mailto:Shop@LoddonDistrict.org.uk)), however you may want to check with Pennie Withers on 940 6037 if there is any second hand available before you buy new. If anyone has any old uniform they would like to donate for selling for Scout funds please leave it in the Wargrave Scout hut in a bag labelled for the attention of Pennie with your name and phone number.



The dark green “1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave” polo shirts are uniform for Beavers and Cubs and optional for Scouts. They are available from our scout hut for £11, please pay your leader.

## Hire of hut

The Scout Hut is available to be hired out to people in the village, eg for birthday parties, at £10/hour (2 hour min). The hut has a fully equipped kitchen, trestle tables, chairs, etc. Contact Sarah Ayels on 940 6918, for more information ([Email: firebirdsac@yahoo.com](mailto:firebirdsac@yahoo.com))

## Exec. Committee

Chair	Helen Vonka	940 1139
Secretary	Wendy Dowling	940 6460
Treasurer	Janet Moseley	940 3254
Subscriptions/2nd hand uniform	Pennie Withers	940 6037
Quartermaster	Bill Bookless	940 4441
Scout Hut Hire	Sarah Ayels	940 3190
Exec Member	Lesley Thomas	934 2810
Exec Member	Andy Silby	327 6744
Exec Member	Bruce Glasby	940 1504
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Group Scout Leader	Peter Fry	940 1134
Scout Leader	Nigel Board	934 4390
Cub Scout Leader - Pumas (Tues)	Fiona Keen	01491 413184
Cub Scout Leader - Wildcats (Thurs)	Simon Smith	940 6110
Beaver Scout Leader - Lumberjacks	Clare Pagdin	07947 761616
	Jennie Herrington	940 4204
Beaver Scout Leader - Woodchucks	Paul Worthington	940 6599

The only change to the Exec Committee this year, is a change of contact for hut hiring. Sarah Ayels has kindly taken over this role from Abby Luckhurst who has moved to Wales with her family.

As you can see from the gaps in the table above, we do really need a couple more volunteers to join us. Being part of the Exec is not onerous; we just need the input/help of a few more parents. So please contact me ([Email: hvonka@yahoo.com](mailto:hvonka@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## Photos

Finally as you know, and can see from the photos above, there are occasions when photographs of the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers participating in scouting activities and events may be published in scouting literature, on our scouting website or in the press. We will assume that you give your permission for your son/daughter's photograph to be published for these or similar purposes, unless you write to Pete Fry, the Group Scout Leader to indicate otherwise.

**Helen Vonka**

**On behalf of 1<sup>st</sup> Wargrave Scout Executive committee**