



12th Winchester (Greenjackets) Scout Troop  
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Dear Parents and Scouts

Welcome back from your summer holidays; we hope that you have had a good break, an opportunity to rest and recharge your batteries and return re-invigorated into a fun and challenging set of scouting activities. Many of you were on Summer Camp in Pinsent. This year the weather was kind for the 12<sup>th</sup>, and all the scouts and cubs that I saw seemed to have had a really good time and enjoyed themselves.

Thu 25 Aug saw the last Scout bonfire at which Skip (Martyn Inglis) would be there as Scout Leader, and after 38 years of being involved in scouting he is stepping aside to take on other roles such as the Pinsent Warden. With such a massive commitment having been given by him, his loss to the Troop is sure to be felt. Everyone was glad to take the opportunity to say goodbye and to thank him, and also Stan Poore and Debbie Inglis, who are taking the same occasion to reduce their scouting commitments.

This means that there is 'all change' with regard to the leadership at the 12<sup>th</sup>. The scout leaders will be Tom Burgess and Tom Luker, with Vic Kearney and Luke Inglis remaining as our young leaders. That also means that suddenly the imperative to complete our leadership training has suddenly escalated! It also means that we would be very keen to take each and every offer of assistance or other volunteer leaders into assist; if you have ever contemplated possibly coming along as an adult helper, now would be a great time to offer. Equally if you have a skill or enthusiasm that you might like to share with the Scouts, please do mention it to one of the leaders.

Scouts begins again on **Fri 09 Sep at the HQ**. We see a need to get back to the basics of scouting this term, concentrating on getting our Scouts ready for the Antler night hike competition in early Oct. Over the first few weeks whilst we still have reasonable light we will be at the HQ, St Catherine's Hill and Farley Mount; thereafter we will largely be based from the HQ. The programme on the next page should help you plan for where and when we will be meeting.

- **New Scouts.** We are pleased to welcome several new scouts to the Troop, several coming up from Cubs. We will aim to have their investiture on Fri 14 Oct starting at 2045hrs. Family and friends are welcomed to support their Scout if desired. If you know of any child wishing to join Scouts, please give them our contact details or ask them to come along on a Fri night.
- **Uniform.** Full, smart uniform is to be worn to HQ meetings and to any public events. If we are meeting at Pinsent, St Catherine's Hill, Farley Mount etc, then please send your scout in weather-appropriate rough clothing and footwear, wearing their necker (and with a torch if they wish). We will meet regardless of weather. For those who have not been to Pinsent Campsite before, the address is Clarendon Way, Winchester, SO22 5QL. Access is not great (single track lane) and can take a while at busy periods so please consider lift sharing and leave plenty of time.

- **St Catherine's Hill.** For the St Catherine's Hill meet, we shall meet/ collect at the St Catherine's Hill car park off Garnier road, (Gr SU 484 280) -
- **Farley Mount.** We will be meeting/ collecting at the 'far' car park, in front of Pittdown plantation (Gr SU 420 292). Pse ring if you cannot find us.
- **Antler Night Hike.** The Antler Night Hike takes place over the weekend of Sat 08 and Sun 09 Oct, and ranges around the countryside around Winchester for about 10 miles or so (depending on how lost they get!). Our Troop aims to put one 6-scout team into the competition; we will be taking volunteers closer to the time.
- **Remembrance Sunday.** Please note that your scout will be expected to take part in the Remembrance Parade on Sun 09 Nov 14 in central Winchester; dress is smart scout uniform. More details will be given closer to the time.
- **Badgework.** Your scout has been given their own 'Badges and Awards' book, and a Scout's Activity Log. These are theirs to keep and will enable them to find out how to gain extra badges. There is always opportunity for additional badgework, so if your scout has any hobbies or interests that they wish to demonstrate, speak to one of the leaders. There is often a badge that can be gained, or at least worked towards..
- **Subscriptions.** Subscriptions of £40 per scout are due this term please. The preferred method of payment now is via a direct debit set up through Online Scout Manager ([www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk](http://www.onlinescoutmanager.co.uk)) though it can still be given in as either cheque or cash if easier. Can you have your scout bring it to a meeting in a sealed envelope clearly marked with their name and '12th Winchester Scouts – Subscriptions'. Cheques can be made payable to 12th Winchester Scout Group.

If you have any questions or any points for me, please do ring me, or catch us on a Friday night at Scouts.

Yours in scouting,

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Winchester (The Greenjackets) Scout Group – Programme Autumn 2016

Serial	Date	Location	Event	Remarks
1	Fri 09 Sep	HQ	Map work – mainly symbols/ compass & knots	
2	Fri 16 Sep	St Catherine's Hill Car Park	Map and Compass practical	St Catherine's Hill Car Park
3	Fri 23 Sep	Farley Mount	Orienteering and Wide Games	Farley Mount (SU 420292)
4	Fri 30 Sep	HQ	First Aid (and Hike)	
5	Fri 07 Oct	HQ	Mini pioneering – spaghetti Antler prep and kit prep	
6	Sat 08/ Sun 09 Oct	Local Area	Antler Competition	Tbc – likely to be Pinsent
7	Fri 14 Oct	HQ	Trangia Cooking; blind can challenge	Investiture at 2045hrs
8	Fri 21 Oct	Pinsent	Axe, Knife and saw; wide games	
9	Fri 21 – Mon 24 Oct	Brecon Beacons	Hiking	More info tbc
10	Fri 28 Oct	HQ	Board Games/ modelling	To bring favourite board game/ model
11	Fri 04 Nov	HQ	Pioneering skills – build a catapult	
12	Fri 11 Nov	<b>NO SCOUTS</b>		
13	Sat 12 Nov	Rifles Museum	1000-1200hrs	Rifles Museum, Peninsula Barracks
14	Sun 13 Nov	Cathedral	Remembrance Parade	
15	Fri 18 Nov	HQ	Tent Pitching practise	
16	Fri 25 Nov	HQ	Indoor Climbing Wall/ Hike (tbc)	
17	Fri 02 Dec	HQ	Air Rifle Shooting/ Talk	
18	Fri 09 Dec	Pinsent	Christmas Camp (tbc)	
19	Sat 10/ Sun 11 Dec	Pinsent	Christmas Camp (tbc)	Parents invited to Christmas dinner on Sat night
20	Fri 16 Dec	HQ	Christmas Party/ reindeer making	
21			Carol service	Details tbc
21	<b>CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>			
21	Fri 09 Jan 17	HQ	Coke Can cooking and games	