



GROUP NEWS

April 2013

PANTOMIME – Cinderella

Well done to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs and Leaders for taking part in PG's 2013 pantomime Cinderella, especially the Scouts & Young Leaders, who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas, and the Cubs for all the hard work they put in.

We would like to thank every one who supported this year's production especially to *five leaders / parents* who helped take the stage down on Sunday after the performances.

A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha), *Avril Broadley* (Chil), *Catherine Weeks* (Hatti), *Teressa Williams* (Dahinda) & *Simon Wheeler* for organising the rehearsals. *Alex Robins* for doing the music, *Pauline Patel* for organising the tickets, refreshments and Raffle *Graham Wolfe* for doing the curtains, *Matthew Milston* for organising the scene changes, *Jo Kersey* for sorting the costumes, *Linda Sellers* for doing the makeup, *James Ashe* for helping back stage and to every one else who helped at one of the performances, plus, *Jackie Juden*, *Andy Jones*, *Steve Banister*, *Ian Ruffell* & *Erica Hunter* for transporting all the costumes, back cloths etc. to the Hall.



St George's Day Event

This year as normal PG will be taking part in the years St George's Day Event (Patron Saint of Scouting & England).

- Date:** SUNDAY (**Note:- it's a Sunday**) 21st April 2013
- Meet:** Howarth Road, off Stafferton Way, at 2.00pm.
- Parents:** If you are available we hope you will be able to join us for this special District Scouting event
- Finish:** **Approx 4.20pm**, back at Howarth Road
- Dress:** Full uniform is to be worn and in case of wet weather everyone will need to bring a rucksack with a drink and their waterproof.
- Collection.** Money for Collection, in aid of *Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Charity*

We really encourage every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader to attend this event as it celebrates our patron saint of scouting, as well as reminding us what being part of the scouting movement is all about, plus take part in an hour of fun packed activities.

Jumble Sale



We are looking for help collecting Jumble or sorting on **Friday 26th April, 6.30pm** at the Scout Hall from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday morning 27th April 2013, 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

Parents will be receiving a phone call from a parent coordinator – Beavers: *Gemma Woolford*, Cubs: *Sandi Isted*, Scouts: *Pauline Patel*. Offers of help or for more information, please contact one of our Sale Coordinator - **Email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk**

Last year we raised over **£1,100** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date: Saturday 27th April 2013 - 10.30am

PARENTS We need your support, please help us raise money to support your son at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts We cannot manage without the support of parents

Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Frid 27th or Sat 28th - It would be great



Active Kids is underway

Collect Active Kids vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's till 22nd May and donate them to PG. They can then redeem them for active and sports equipment and experiences, and much much more.

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



MEMORIAL SERVICE Bill Hutt 1917 - 2013

A Memorial Service is being held for Bill Hutt on Thursday 25th April 2013, 2.30pm at Stubbings Church
Bill was an Assistant Scout Master and Group Executive Committee member

Group (Family) Camp

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders should have received a letter about our special camp. If you have not please contact your child's leader or email: gc@pgscouts.org.uk

Cubs, Scouts and Young leaders will camp in their Sections, Beavers are only allowed to camp with their families

Families and friends are welcome to camp for the weekend – Email: gc@pgscouts.org.uk for a form

Those parents who don't wish to camp for the weekend, are welcome to pop in during the camp. We will be sending out a letter with full details in May with details of activities and events. **We will be holding a Hog Roast on the Saturday evening;** Tickets will be available in May as well

If you / your child wish to camp for the weekend, please return the letters to your Childs section leader, by **Friday 19th April** to receive the discount price

GRASS CUTTING – Green outside Hall - As the National Trust are no longer able to cut the car parking area outside the hall we, we are looking for help with cutting the grass before it gets to long. Do you know of someone who has a large mower that would be suitable to cut this area or do you know of an organisation / person who have access to large grass cutting machine that we could ask about cutting the grass.

We struggled last year to use this area for Scouting activities, as the grass was to long, any ideas please email help@pgtips.org.uk or tell your child's leader.



Summer Fair HELP Wanted - We are looking for some help with organising this year's Summer Fair. We will also require more volunteers could help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful.

Anyone willing to help, contact. Erica Hunter e-mail erica.hunter2@btinternet.com

Fair Date is Sunday 23rd June 2013

Gardeners

Gardeners can we plea for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents and neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them.

Marquee Erection Team

Parents we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) It is a good way to earn more money to support our group but it does require man power to erect the marquees for our customers. A team of 6 to 8 people are required plus someone with a tow bar to take the marquee trailer. Usually for a weekend hire the marquee is put up on a Thursday or Friday evening and taken down on a Sunday or Monday, although this varies and could be changed to suit the team. Teams in the past have become expert and the erection can take only an hour or so. **Please consider if you could add your name to the list of team members.** You would be contacted each time to see if you would be available Ideally a phone number and e-mail would be on our list so that the co-ordinator can reach you easily.

Please send your details to Jane Courtier (01628 628372 or sj.courtier@gmail.com) or let your Childs leader know, that you would like to be involved.



Cotswold Outdoor

Cotswold Outdoor are in partnership with The Scouts Association and the recommended retailer for all your outdoor essentials.

All members will also be entitled to a discount in Cotswold Outdoors:

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STOP PRESS - Congratulations

Congratulations goes to Sheila Stinton (Raksha) and BoB Weingarth (Assistant Scout Leader) who have been awarded awards in this year's national, St. Georges Day Awards

Sheila Stinton has been award the Silver Wolf.

BoB Weingarth has been awarded the Silver Acorn

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Post half term, the Beavers had a blast using the Pinkneys Green Panto stage for a night of entertainment run by PG Scouts - the jokes were "mostly" funny and the songs entertaining. Thank you to the Scouts for running this event; it definitely tested their leadership skills at times :)

The weather held out second time round and we were able to go for a "dusk" (rather than night) hike from the Shire Horse pub car park to the Village hall. Along the way, the Beavers learnt about the countryside code and how we should treat other walkers and the countryside. The road signs were all easily recognised. The best part though was probably the hot chocolate and biscuits at the end of our walk - thanks Rusty for preparing these.

We also started preparing for Easter by designing our own Easter cards with a little prayer in each. Each Beaver thought of their own prayer and the theme of the card which goes towards their Promise Challenge badge. The Beavers will be bringing these home before we break off for Easter. We hope that the families enjoy them and have a great Easter Break.

Finally, I'd like to welcome *Charlotte Wilkinson* and *Eva Murray* and their families to our Beavers pack and to the Pinkneys Green Scout Group.



Happy Easter!
LG Akela (*Nathalie Watson*)

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Winter Hill Colony

What a busy few weeks here at Beavers! We had a fantastic District Beaverweek, with lots of beavers in attendance. It was lovely to see the other Beaver colonies and to spend some time together as a unit with Littlewick Green. We also completed another night hike, which will go towards our hike stage badges, finished off with some hot chocolate back at the hut. We had an excellent evening run by the scouts at the hut, using the pantomime stage, where we tried to 'oust' each other, told some well prepared jokes and performed some musical instruments. We finished the evening off with a 'gangnam style off' on the stage, where I for one was very impressed with the dance moves some of the beavers performed!! They would definitely win against any leader in a dance off!



We have also had a brilliant evening run by Mrs Pocock, who is a paramedic in the ambulance service, and who taught the Beaver some emergency first aid and how to respond if they ever found themselves needing to ring for an ambulance. The beavers particularly enjoyed trying on her high vis jacket and helmet complete with visor! A massive thank you to Mrs Pocock for taking the time to come and talk to us.

Coming up, we're taking advantage of the somewhat lighter evenings while the pantomime stage is up and playing some games in the woods and we will be finishing off the term with an Easter Egg hunt on the green.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Joe Burke and his family who have now joined us at beavers. We hope you are enjoying the sessions so far and continue to love attending beavers at Pinkneys Green.

Hathi (*Catherine Weeks*)

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CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

After just 7 weeks of establishing the Littlewick cub pack and lots of training it was a very proud moment when we came 3rd out of 11 packs in the District Flag Competition on Saturday 2nd March. We were also delighted to see Winterhill come 2nd! It was a great result for PG all round! Well done to all those that took part.

On Wednesday 13th March, Littlewick met up with Winterhill on a trip to the Grenfell Lodge Synagogue in Maidenhead. Lots of good questions were asked and the 'Challah' bread we all sampled went down very well! Thank you to Grenfell Lodge Synagogue for their time and for making it such an interesting and enjoyable trip!

We have had lots of fun rehearsing for a talent show to be performed at Cherry Garden Care Home in Littlewick Green to work towards the Entertainers Activity Badge, talents include Karate, piano playing, gymnastics, joke telling and poem recitals - what a talented bunch of cubs we have!

A word of thanks to all the Littlewick pack parents for collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. We set a target of 100 vouchers which we have absolutely smashed with the current number of vouchers at 467! We have now of course increased the target! Please keep them coming in as we still have until 22nd May to collect. ☺

Finally, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to Anna Howley who has just been invested. Welcome to Anna and her family! We are looking to recruit new cubs so if you have any friends who are interested in what we are doing please ask them to get in touch.

Until next time,
Rama (*Sarah Jones*)



Winter Hill Pack

I hope the Scout Shop is well stocked with badges as this month the Winter Hill Cubs have been earning them left, right and centre! These have included Entertainers Badges for those Cubs who got up on stage during our entertainers evening and for those performing in the PG pantomime. World Faith badges were also earned by every Cub attending a superb visit to Maidenhead Synagogue - a huge thank you to everyone at the Synagogue for showing us around.

The pack have also had success at the District Flag Competition where they came second by only 2 points! This was a fantastic effort by the team as they did all the preparation for the competition in their own time. Well done to *Oliver Cadinouche, Alfie Mifsud, Ben Almond, Patrick Flood, Isaac Deans* and *Edwin Isted*.

This month we have also welcomed *William Atkinson* into the pack and his family into PG. Meantime we have said goodbye to *Harvey Phelan* who has left due to moving house.

Finally, don't forget that details of all WH Cubs activities are listed on www.PG Cubs.co.uk - you can also subscribe to the mailing list so you will never miss a paper note if your Cub is absent.

Until next month,
WH Akela (*David Barnes*)

SCOUT NEWS

CINDERELLA

A superb performance from the following Scouts & Young Leaders: *Thomas Sellers, Jake Milston, Toby Latimer, Adam Cox, Aidan Milston, Jordan Day-Hunt, Richard Hurst, Matthew Dixon, Nicholas Conacher, Patrick Ashe, Daniel Juden, James Carr, Nicholas Latimer, Frank Williams, Joseph Ruffell, Maison Bower-Turner, Matthew Miller, James Ashe & Kieran Patel*. We hope that the Scouts who came along and watched the performance had a good time

Also well done to Cubs *Niall Parsons, Tom Knott, Ava Neeve, Abby Jones, Daniel Wallace, Archie Cottington* and *James Huband*.



Laser Quest Competition

Well done to the following Scouts: *Robert Anderson, Harry Bennett, Maison Bowers, Cameron Cassels, Matthew Dixon, Zac Gordon-Smith, Ollie Isted, James Kersey, Nicholas Lattimer, Toby Lattimer, Jake Milston, Alex Norris, Jake Noyce, Christopher Otun, Jonathan Otun, Tom Sellers, Frank Williams, Joseph Ruffell, George Knott, Ben Williams* and Reserve *Jay Hutchins* on being the District Champions again for Laser Quest. Both teams were in the district final. Thank you goes to *BoB* for organising the PG Teams

Cross Country Competition

Well done *Lucas Jefferson* coming 3rd overall in the Junior individual event and to *Lucas Jefferson, Joseph Ruffell, Harry Allcock* and *Nick Conacher* on coming second in the Junior Team even, Also to *Findlay Cassels* on coming 1st and *Robert Allcock* on coming 2nd in the senior individual event, and to *Findlay Cassels, Robert Allcock, Robert Anderson, Tim Fyffe, Ben Williams* and *Matthew Dixon* on Winning the Senior Team event. Congratulation to all the Scouts who took part and help us win the Troop Championship cup

Thank you also goes to all the PG parents who helped with the event

District Football Competition

Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Six A Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let BoB know

Competition Date: Sunday 19th May 2013, 2pm

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)



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