



GROUP NEWS

2013 PG PANTOMIME - CINDERELLA

The Scouts and Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this years Pantomime *Cinderella*. The Scouts have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of *Raksha, Chil, Hathi Dahinda* and *Simon*. A big thank you goes to all the Leaders, parents and friend who have supported us so far with this year's production

Thank you

Also thank you goes to the 6 Mums & Dads and 3 Cub, Scouts & Young Leaders who have helped build this years stage, for the Pantomime.

Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 24th March** 10.30am.

We need to get the Scout Hall cleared by Monday, for Beavers

TICKETS ON SALE for Cinderella

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 22nd March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 23rd March at 3pm and 7pm**. at £4 each. Orders for tickets in an envelope to any section meeting or in an envelope labelled Pantomime and drop off at the hall. Tickets are limited and sold in the order we receive the orders Order Form: www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/cinderella_tickets.pdf



REQUIRE – Old Flat Screen TV's

So the cast can see what is happening on the stage we are looking for FLAT screen televisions, if you have one that you no longer require we would be grateful of them

From your GSL

We have just completed the Census 2013 and I am delighted to say that we are now at a strength of 158 members and leaders, 2nd highest in the district and an increase from last year of 15 members this also now includes Beavers and the NEW Cub Pack at Littlewick which I am sure will continue to grow during 2013. I would also like to thank everyone for returning the ethnicity form, we are truly a diverse group, these details are entered on the census form collectively and was completed so that the Scout Association can see how we represent country we now live in.

I would also like to congratulate *Kim Broadley*, Winter Hill Pack for completing her leader training and being awarded her Wood badge. Sarah Jones Littlewick Pack has also recently completed her initial basic training and finally *Toby Ayre* an assistant scout leader who has gain his QUEENS SCOUTS AWARD this is the highest award a young person (under 25) can achieve. We will find a suitable occasion to present these awards.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP, We are looking for another Leader to help at Littlewick Beavers and also a regular assistant Scout Leader, if you would like to join our great team please let me know.

Family Camp preparations are now well underway for the weekend of 7th – 9th June, when we will also be having our annual AGM during the HOG ROAST. Please make sure this is in your diaries now.

Erica Hunter, GSL.



Active Kids is underway

We're taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids 2013. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences.



In 2013 we collected enough vouchers to buy some new games equipment and orienteering equipment. This year we want to aim even higher so we need a big team effort, and that includes you! Active Kids aims to help young people of all ages and abilities lead healthier, more active lifestyles whilst having fun.

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

Group (Family) Camp

We are holding a Hogg Roast on Saturday evening that all parents & friends of PG are invited

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th June 2013

More details will be issued in the next months PG Tips



PG's eBay Account - For eBay Packing - we urgently need a supply of thick carrier bags - like you get from M&S, Lakeland, Debenhams etc.- not thin supermarket carrier bags. We have sold on eBay over 120 items! - and have 3 feedback stars to get 100!

If you have any items to donate to PG, that we can sell on eBay, please drop them off at the Scout hall or email our Coordinator Pauline Patel ebay@pgscouts.org.uk

A big thank you goes to everyone who has supported us.

Yellow PG T-Shirt - All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm in the at some meeting and summer months. (Something to look forward to) **They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform.** If you need a new PG T shirt, these are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton), 76, Pinkneys Road. Sheila usually brings the T-shirts to Winter Hill, Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160. Raksha also has PG Scarf's.

Spring Jumble Sale

Dates for your Diaries

Saturday 27th April and Saturday 11th May - 10.30am

We will be looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 26th April, 6.30pm** and help at the Sales on the Saturdays. Our Parent Jumble Sales coordinators will be contacting parents at the end of March

For more information, contact one of our Sale coordinators: **Email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk**

Last year we raised over **£2,300** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your child in their Scouting at PG



CLEANING ROTA – Thank you

A big thank you goes to the following parents who are on the rota to clean the hall till July 2013

Jackie Juden, Alison Cini, Alison Cadinouche, Clare Marshall, Kiera Cohen, Louise Bennett, Louise Mifsud, Jo Hutchins, Claire Eadie, Catherine Flew, Gemma Woolford, Alan Rawlins, Joanne Hay, Natalie Cassels, Rosie Bleazard, Andy Fielding, Lee Anderson, Helen Pocock, Damaris Anderson, Ali March, Lucy Broadbent, Louise Jefferson, Catherine Allcock, Leah Bower, Vanessa Deans, Karen Exley, Sandi Isted, Lisa Hewitt, Jo Kersy, Tim Latimer, Fiona Williams and Sarah Luton.



We are looking for parents to go on the Rota from September. Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training is given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time. For more details please contact PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. **Pauline Patel** Tel: 01628 670063 Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

FUND RAISING INITIATIVE – ONLINE SHOPPING

It is quite simple to access our web shop, enter the address:

www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts/

(or go via the link on our web site www.pgscouts.org.uk) into your web browser and then follow the links to the merchant's sites to make your purchase. The web shop contains a range of merchants, including many household names such as the Coop, Welcome Holidays and Blackwells Books, selling a wide variety of different products from holidays and flights to books and even beds! PG earns between 3% - 15% of the value of all goods bought through the shop.

We encourage you to support this initiative and it is effortless fundraising. It does not take many purchases for the commission to add up over the year. Simply go via this link and make it a favourite for your shopping needs.

Here's the address again, www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts/

. . . And don't forget to tell your friends

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. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. Erica Hunter e-mail erica.hunter2@btinternet.com

Fair Date is Sunday 23rd June 2013



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BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Beavers have been excellent at sharing their hobbies as well as decorating boxes for their favorite things. They also shared their thoughts and discussed the 1st aid and emergencies at home situations. This was complemented by the safety night when we were unable to go on our night hike due to the snow conditions; we identified what to do when approached by a stranger, how to cross a road, how to act around waterways and safety at home.

Our global night covering India, Mexico and China was a big hit. Beavers learnt about the locations, languages and religion of these countries but their favorite part, unsurprisingly, was the sampling of foods from each country :). A big thanks goes to **Mr Leung's Chinese takeaway** on Wessex Way (01628 632200) for donating the Chinese food, prawn crackers, fortune cookies and chopsticks, which the Beavers used to sample the food!

We extend a warm welcome to *Finlay Howe and Wilf Luxton* who join our Beavers section while saying farewell and wishing all the best to *Luke Maddox and Annabel Hook*.



LG Akela (*Nathalie Watson*)

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Winter Hill Colony

We've been keeping very busy at beavers this term, earning our stage one emergency response badges, our global badges and working towards our hike stage badges. We also found time to make some valentines gifts of peppermint creams which we hope went down well at home! Continuing with our theme of 'all about us', we painted our own self portraits which are now on display in the scout hall and will be in full view once the pantomime stage comes down.

Coming up, we've got our annual scout run evening of 'scouts entertain' where the beavers can complete activities which will go towards their 'entertainer' and 'musical' stage badges. We hope that when the evenings start to get a bit lighter we will be able to take full advantage of the green and woods once again and will be completing some more outdoor activities.



Hathi (*Catherine Weeks*)

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CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

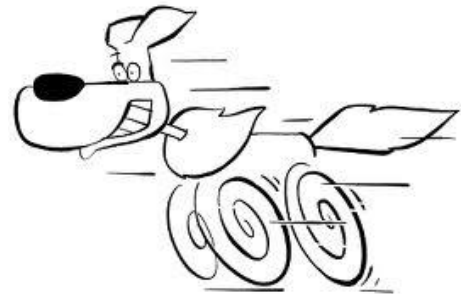
Over the last few weeks the cubs at Littlewick have had lots of fun learning all about China in readiness for Chinese New Year! We made some lovely colourful dragon masks and courtesy of Mr Leung's the cubs also got to try some scrummy Chinese dishes including seaweed! A huge thank you to Mr Leung's for donating all of the yummy dishes! We ended our Chinese celebrations lighting Chinese Lanterns on the Green.

On the 30th January we braved the English winter on a night hike. Fortunately it was dry with no snow and wind, a rare evening. We had lots of fun singing traditional cubs songs on route and learning all about the Countryside code. The cubs have also been in training for the Flag competition on 2nd March and we are delighted 6 of our pack will be taking part with cubs from across the Maidenhead District including PG WH. We are looking forward to a fun afternoon.

We are busy collecting Active Kids vouchers from Sainsburys at Littlewick and our aim is to reach a target of 100! So parents please keep collecting and bringing your vouchers in to us so that we can purchase some great active games for PG members to enjoy at camp this year.

NOTE OF THANKS

****Mr Leung's Chinese Take-away is on Wessex Way (off Highfield Lane) in Cox Green and they have a great menu and deliver for free within 2 miles of Maidenhead. Telephone 01628 632200.****



Until next time,
Rama (*Sarah Jones*)

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Winter Hill Pack

The Cubs have had a busy month as they have been completing a series of activity bases for each of the last 5 weeks. The bases have included micro-navigation around the Scout Hall, map reading and map symbols, learning how to tie a sling, knotting and the ever-popular Lego challenge! These bases will all go towards the requirements of the Cubs' activity and challenge badges. We have also had our half term outdoor meeting which was run by the Scouts - many thanks to Simon and all the Scouts involved in running the activities.

On Wednesday 10th April the Cubs are having an Easter trip to the Outdoor Education Centre at Berkshire College of Agriculture. We have a packed day of activities lined up so make sure you get replies in by 13th March please! Another date for the diary is 7th-9th June when we have our PG Family Camp - it would be wonderful to see as many Cubs and parents/guardians there as possible! Letters coming out soon!

Next month I should be able to report on the results of the District Flag Competition and the District Football... keep your fingers crossed for PG!

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



SCOUT NEWS

Cross Country Competition

The Cross Country Competition course is approx 2 miles, across the field behind the Scout hall,

We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop and take part in this event

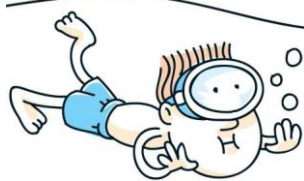
Date: Saturday 2nd March, **10.45am** at the Scout Hall.

We are looking for help with this event, from adults to help as Marshals



Laser Quest Competition

PG has two teams in District Laser Quest Competition on **Monday 11th March, the team is:** Patrick Ashe, Cameron Cassels, Nicholas Conacher, Zac Gordon-Smith, Ollie Isted, Toby Lattimer, Samuel March, Jake Noyce, Jonathan Otun and Frank Williams. **On Monday 18th March the team is:** Robert Anderson, Edward Bennett, Harry Bennett, Maison Bowers, Matthew Dixon, George Knott, Jake Milston, Alex Norris, Christopher Otun and Tom Sellers. Thank you goes to BoB for sorting out the teams. If any Scout can't make the event please let BoB know Mhd 639771



Swimming – Windsor Leisure Pool

The Scouts, who are not in this year's pantomime, will be swimming to Windsor Leisure Pool. We are holding an extra rehearsal for leaders & cast who are in this year's production that evening. BoB Weingarh and Chris Parker will be organising the Swimming.

Date: Friday 15th March 2013, 7pm – 9pm

Help Running Beaver Meeting

The Troop is running the Beaver meeting on Monday 4th March and we are looking for help from Scouts with running the evening. The Beavers will be using the stage area. Scouts need to be at the hall from 5.50pm – 7.15pm and wear Scout uniform

Troop Camp

The first big camp of 2012, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, camp

Date: Friday 26th April to Sunday 28th April 2013

Scouts will be receiving a letter at the beginning of March. **We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend**, as is a good training camp for Summer Camp.



St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – **SUNDAY** 21st April 2013, 2pm. This year Parents are invited to take part as well as the Scout, more details near the event.

Patrol Swimming

This term small groups of Scouts have been going to High Wycombe swimming pool to do the staged Swimmers badge Thank you goes to leaders, BoB Weingarh and Chris Parker for taking the Scouts

Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods

Thank you goes to Maison Bowers, Matthew Dixon, Tim Fyffe, Zac Gordon-Smith, Oliver Isted, Daniel Juden, James Kersey, Jonathan Otun, Joseph Ruffell, William Boothman and Jordan Day-Hunt for organising and running the basis for the Cubs incident hike organised in the local woods for the Cubs during half term.



Training Weekends

We have held three training weekends for different age groups, a big thank you goes to the PLs, and Young Leaders who helped on the weekends. Also to all the Scouts who attended.

We hope you will be able to attend Troop camp, to put all your training into practice.

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)



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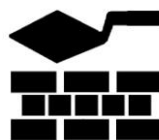
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