

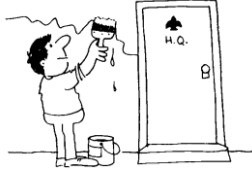


GROUP NEWS

February 2013

2013 SCOUT PANTOMIME - Help / We Required

Building Stage - Help required to build (put together), our stage area on Friday 15th February (Evening), Saturday 16th February. Please let us know if you can help us for a couple of hours. **No previous Experience required.**



Wood - We require sheets of ply, plus Wooden batons 2" x 2" & 2" x 4" lengths over 5ft

White Sheets - (Bed or Dust) are required for backcloths, something suitable for painting Scenes on

Metal Coat Hangers - (Do you have any you no longer require or where we can get 50 from !

If you can help us when any of the above, please contact **Simon** help@pgtips.org.uk -

Thank you for your support

Cinderella's - Performance(s) will be on Friday / Saturday 22nd / 23rd March 2013

Tickets will be on sale after half term, on a first come basis – We hope you can come and Support our SHOW !



Active Kids will be underway from 30th January 2013 – and we need a team effort!

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 2012 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 between 30th January and 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



PG Scout Group Parents and Friends

Past and Present

Beer and Skittles Evening

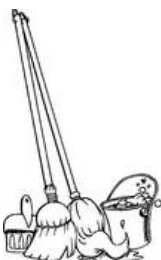
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More information / Form: www.pgscouts.org.uk or contact tim.brennan5@btinternet.com Tel: 01628 415748

Calling All Parents – Can you spare 30 Minutes ?

Please would you consider joining the Weekly Cleaning Rota to help us keep the Hall spick & span?



As we go to press, we need more parents to replace parents who have moved on. Dates we are short of help are week from end **June 2013 onwards**. Originally, I volunteered to help, because I preferred the Beaver, Cub & Scout Leaders to concentrate on the activities than cleaning. It has been such a success last couple of years we really want to keep the Rota going. More on the list means doing it further apart - maybe less than twice a year. It has not gone unnoticed by other Scout Groups that we manage to do this. Great role-models for your Youngster's! There is lots of flexibility about when you come – you volunteer to clean the kitchen & loo during one week, and then pass the key onwards. Cleaning materials are supplied. If you think you can join the Rota, please contact me. I am so grateful to all those already involved, over 28 parents.

**Thanks
Pauline Patel**

PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. Tel: Home 01628 670063 Mob 07791 230354 Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk



Obituary

Bill Hutt 1917 - 2013

Retired Assistant Scout Master and Group Executive Committee Chairman Bill (William) Hutt died on 13th January, aged 95.

Bill was born in 1917 and grew up at Lee Farm, Lee Lane in Pinkneys Green.

Bill was a Cub, Scout, and Rover Scout and when he became too old for Rovers he became an assistant scout leader, while helping with the Scouts he met Akela (Hilda) and they married in 1938.

Bill and Hilda had two sons Geoffrey and Michael, Michael is now a Trustee of the Group and supports probably best known as the ice man from Cookham!.. They each had a son Mark and Ivan who were also cubs and Scouts at Pinkneys Green.

Bill has been associated with Pinkneys Green Scout group for 85years he continued to help fundraising at Jumble sales and Summer and Christmas Fairs for many years and it is only recently that he has not been that mobile, you may have seen him whizzing around in Cox Green on his mobility scooter in previous times. He and Hilda who died a few years ago also came with their extended family to the annual Whitsun family camps, this is where a group of parents camped with their families at various locations around the south of England in their own tents.

He attended the PG 100 year reunion which was held at the Stag and Hounds in 2009 and met several old friends who also attended. Bill was interviewed by the Maidenhead Advertiser in 1998, and said that although scouting was far more informal than in his years it still gave young people a good start in life teaching them scouting and social skills.

Erica Hunter
Group Scout Leader

Group (Family) Camp

Friday 7th - Sunday 9th June 2013

We are holding a family camp, at Stubbings, Families and Friends of PG are welcome to camp with us for the weekend.

(Note: ALL Adults camping, or taking part in the activities during the day time, need to have completed a Scout CRB Form)

Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders, will camp in their Sections. Beavers are only allowed to camp with their own parents. Families and Friends are welcome to camp or be day visitors.

The weekend will be full of Fun Activities and Games, plus a BBQ on the Saturday Evening, which all Ex members of PG and friends, are invited to attend.

(Note: You don't have to be CRB'd to attend the BBQ)

More details will be issued in the next couple of months



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 115 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.

Siblings - If you have not told Raksha if you have a sibling of a Beaver, Cub or Scouts, please contact Sheila Stinton (Mhd 628160) and make sure that their name is on the waiting list. We have got youngster on the waiting list who were born in the last couple of months.

Computer Bits

We are looking for the following computer bits to upgrade / replace the ones we have

PC's or Laptops that are Pentium 4 or higher (preferably Intel Pentium D/Intel Centrino Duo/Intel Core 2 Duo/AMD Athlon 2/etc). USB and PS/2 optical laser mice, IDE Hard Drives over 40Gb and any SATA Hard Drives, Quiet/Silent 8-16 port Gigabit switch and any other Gigabit switches, RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables - 3 meters of longer

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BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Welcome to our four new Beavers and their families: *Matthew Bradshaw, Charlie Ford, Charlie Fuller* and *George Powell*. We also congratulate the 6 beavers that have swum up to the new Littlewick Green cubs section: *Freddie Fuller, Oliver Hook, Aaron Mussell, Niam Popat, Charlie Sinnott* and *Alexander Watson*, and wish the best to *Oliver McMillan* who has left our Beaver colony.

January started well with games and an "All about us" session to introduce the new Beavers to the rest of the pack. We plan to continue learning more about our Beavers with a hobbies session as well as cover 1st aid and Emergencies at home with them. We also have an exciting evening planned learning about Chinese, Indian and Mexican foods, religion and words :) This will culminate with the popular night hike pre half term.

Post half term, the PG Scouts will run the annual "We entertain" meeting for our Beavers at the PG hut - we'll have a chance to use the stage that is set up for the pantomime (please make a note to attend the popular PG pantomime on Friday 22nd and/or Saturday 23rd March - tickets end February!). We also have the District Beaveree on Saturday 2nd March from 3 to 5:30pm for a fun and active afternoon - we have an animal these to the activities this year.

All the best
LG Akela (*Nathalie Watson*)

Winter Hill Colony

2013 has started with a vengeance at Beavers! With a theme of 'All About Me'. We've started by making a very informative display entitled 'All About Us', and continued with an evening learning all about the emergency services and First Aid, earning our Emergency Aid Stage 1 badges. Coming up this term, we're making 'My Favourite Things' boxes and experiencing some different foods from different countries and different religions. We would like to extend a warm welcome to *Ethan Montgomery*, who joins his older brother *Sean* at Beavers this term. We hope you have an excellent time at PG Beavers!

Please remember to be especially careful in the dark evenings when dropping off and picking up your beavers and to avoid blocking the driveways of our neighbours.

Hathi (*Catherine Weeks*)



CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

Littlewick saw the start of a new cub pack this month. We have had six Beavers swim up from Littlewick Beavers so welcome to *Alexander Watson, Oliver Hook, Freddie Fuller, Aaron Mussell, Charlie Sinnott* and *Niam Popat*. We are also delighted to extend a very warm welcome to our first girls in the history of the PG Cubs and we say hello to *Abby Jones, Ava Neeves, Freya Wilcock* and *Sophie Lazenby*. A special welcome to all our new cubs and their families! We were also delighted to see two Littlewick cubs take part in the Swimming Gala. Well done to *Alexander* and *Abby*!

We have a packed programme planned for the next few weeks including practising our bases for the flag competition on Saturday 2nd March. Parents please save the date! We will also be learning about Chinese New Year and the traditions of China with some fun games involving chopsticks planned! And of course we have the investiture of all our new cubs planned for Wednesday 23rd January.

A polite reminder for parents dropping off and picking up at Littlewick Green Village Hall to please not park in Gilchrist Way as this is strictly reserved for residents. We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! Do please ask myself or Akela if you are not sure. Thank you for your support in keeping happy with our neighbours. ☺

Until next time,
Rama (*Sarah Jones*)

Winter Hill Pack

In 2012 we all heard a great deal of talk about the Olympic legacy, but at PG we're more interested in putting it into practice - which is exactly what our combined Winter Hill and Littlewick Swimming Gala team did on Saturday 12th January. In a great example of "doing their best" the team retained the District Swimming Gala Cup with some excellent performances - a big well done to *Tom Stevenson, Cameron Cassels, Patrick Flood, Alex Ratcliffe, Max Bird, Abby Jones, Alexander Watson, Lucas Roberts, Isaac Deans* and *Jake Bennett*. However, the less said about Akela's performance in the Leaders' Race the better.

This term we have loads planned and the Cubs should earn loads of badges as a result. However, you may get a note from Kim or Chil with some ideas of badge requirements to do at home. It is most likely these will be badge requirements we won't have time to cover at Cubs and it would be a shame to miss out on a badge that you are so close to earning!

This month we have welcomed *James Huband*, and *Archie Cottington* who have swum up from Beavers to join the Cub pack. However, we have also said goodbye to *Joseph Ruffell, Cameron Cassels, Daniel Juden* and *Edward Bennett* who all move up to Scouts. We wish them all the best in their future Scouting.

WH Akela (*David Barnes*)

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SCOUT NEWS

2013's Pantomime - "*Cinderella*"



The main cast members in this year's production are: *Patrick Ashe, James Carr, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Richard Hurst, Aiden Milston, Jake Milston, Tom Sellers, Nicholas & Toby Lattimer, Daniel Juden, Joseph Ruffell, Matthew Miller and Nicholas Conacher.* They have been rehearsing twice a week, since the beginning of January. We hope that those Scouts who are not in, or helping, with this year's production will all come and see it on either Friday 22nd or Saturday 23rd March.

Tickets will be available from end of February

New Scouts - We would like to welcome three new Scouts and their families to the Troop: *Joseph Ruffell, Daniel Juden, Edward Bennett, Cameron Cassels and Curtis Checkley,* who have made their Scout Promises and been invested as members of PG Scouts. We would like to wish them good Scouting at PG

Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods - We are looking for help from Scouts to run the cub meeting during half term. Wednesday 20th February 2013, Scouts will be organising bases for an incident hike. If available to help, please let Simon know

LAN Event - The Scouts are planning to hold an LAN event during half term. 22nd – 23rd February 2013. Any Scouts interested in taking part please let Simon know

MINI Buses - We are looking to hire at least three mini buses for this year's Summer Camp Wednesday 24th July to Wednesday 7th August 2013. If you know where we can hire a mini bus for a reasonable price, or does your school have one we can hire, please let Simon have the details. Emails: help@pgtips.org.uk

Cross Country Competition - The Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Junior Course & Senior Course is 2 miles. We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 2nd March, 11am at the Scout Hall.

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

Laser Quest Competition - PG is taking part in this year's District Laser Quest Competition. BoB will be selecting the team on Friday 15th February, any Scouts interested make sure they attend



Patrol Swimming - We have 48 Scouts + Young Leaders, which is a challenge some weeks fitting in the hall, so we try and take a Patrol out each week, to do another activity. This term they are doing the staged Swimmers badges, with BoB. Thanks goes to parents who have helped with transport



District Swimming Gala

Well done to PG Scout team who won the Troop Championship Myer Shield (We first won it in 1918) at District Swimming Gala. The Scout team members were *Frank Williams, Harry Allcock, Lucas Jefferson, Alex Norris, Patrick Ashe, Findlay Cassels and Evan Charles.* PG Young Leaders also did very well winning the Unit Championship for the Explorers. The YLs team members were *Richard Hurst, Kieran Patel, James Carr, Jordan Day-Hunt, Jordan Flynn and James Ashe*

Congratulations goes to all the Swimmers. Thank you goes to Barry Palmer for sorting out the Scout team, plus Scouts and parents who came and supported the teams

Troop Camp - The first big camp of 2013, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, camp

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

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)



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