



## GROUP NEWS

December 2014



## Christmas Fair



<b>Christmas Trees</b>	<b>Tombola</b>	<b>Cakes</b>
<b>Good As New</b>	<b>Bathroom Stall</b>	<b>Raffle</b>
<b>Competitions</b>	<b>Toys</b>	<b>Jewellery</b>
<b>Hot Dogs</b>	<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Mulled Wine</b>

**Sunday 7th December 12noon-3pm**

Proceeds in aid of Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and Scout Funds

*Please Support your Scout Group*

### New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Thursday** 1st January 2015

Time: 10.30 a.m. at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx 12 noon

*WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE*





## CHRISTMAS TREES

**Delivery: FREE to Maidenhead  
Cookham / Littlewick Green  
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### We are taking orders

**Orders & payment to;** Ken Knight 3, Birdwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 5AP  
**by 7th December** for delivery on Saturday 13th December 2014

Order form on [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

### Repair / Replace Ethernet Sockets

We need to replace some of the internet Sockets in the hall , **also we have 10+ RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables** that require to have the plugs on the end replaced.

If you have the expertise to do this, it would be a great help. **Please contact Simon** for more details, Email: [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk)

### Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps.

Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting

### PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Our online shopping has change to *easyfunding*.

We need your support; it is quite simple **to access our online web shop, enter the address <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>**

**If you go via this web site to your normal online shopping site PG are given a % of the money you spend at no extra cost to you.** We have raised over £1,300 from supporters of PG who have done this.

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## Medal of Merit

**Rob Harris** (Bagheera), the Medal of Merit that he has been awarded by the Chief Scout *Bear Grylls*.

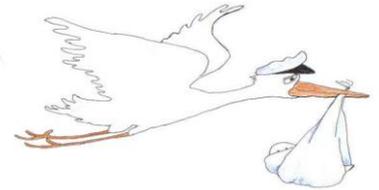
*The Award for Merit is given for outstanding service of not less than 12 years and 10 years exceptionally. It implies keen, conscientious, imaginative and dedicated service over a sustained period.*

At the Race Night Maidenheads New District Commissioner *Graham Parkins* present *Rob Harris* with his Medal of Merit

## Congratulations

Congratulations goes to *Matt and Hannah Weingarh* on the birth of their son *George Otto - 7lb 7oz* on Wednesday 15th October 2014 at 07:36. *Matt* is a Scout Section Assistant with the Troop, he helps out on Group & Summer camps. They live in York.

Also Congratulations goes to *David and Sarah Barnes* on the birth of their son *Theo Edward 8lb 3oz*, born Saturday 15th November at 08.04. *David* is Akela for Winter Hill Pack.



## Christingle (Carol) Service

We are holding a Carol Service on  
Sunday 14th December 2014 at 3.50pm  
at our local Church St James the Less at Stubbings.

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Parents,  
brothers, sisters, friends etc. are invited to join us  
at this Special Service

*Tea will be served afterwards in the Church Hall*



## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony



Hi again, Bubbles here...continuing with the term's activities we have had an evening at Pets at Home where the Beavers worked towards their animal friend activity badge and learnt about various small animals and how to look after them. The next week was a fancy dress Halloween party, complete with apple and doughnut bobbing and other spooky games. After that it was half term and in order to complete our craft competition entry we invited any Beavers available to come along to the Winter Hill scout hut to finish making our Viking village. We had a great time too playing party games like musical statues - this game went on for a long time as they were all very good at standing still!

After half term we were very lucky to meet at the home of the Palmer-Page's for a bonfire and fireworks evening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them on behalf of all of the Beavers for letting us hold the evening at their home. The bonfire, gun and fireworks were very impressive and we had a great evening singing campfire songs.

Last week we also had an evening at the Winter Hill hut where we had a talk about astronomy. The Beavers were working towards their space activity badge. Unfortunately the Beavers could not use the impressive telescopes that were on show because it was a cloudy evening, but they learnt all about them and the constellations and played a game where they had to place all of the planets in the solar system in their right place in space. The evening was very informative and interesting.

Whilst writing could I please remind all of you that we operate a one-way system of driving/parking at both of our huts (Littlewick and Winter Hill). This has been put in place to ensure the safety of all of our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their parents. Your co-operation in keeping to this system is much appreciated and really helps with traffic flow.

Until next time.... Bubbles (Ruth Pearce) and team

**PS STOP PRESS....** I've just got back from the Craft Competition and PG Winter Hill and Littlewick **WON the colony entry** – a very well done to all the Beavers and parents to who helped make our model look so spectacular.



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## Winter Hill Colony

What a brilliant few weeks! We've had an excellent few weeks Starting with a brilliant fancy dress Halloween party where the beavers dressed in their scariest outfits, we had an evening filled with excellent games followed by a magnificent Halloween feast.

Lots of our beavers earned their computer stage 1 badge during **JOTI** and enjoyed spending time talking to lots of other beavers, cubs and scouts from all over the world.

We had a fantastic fireworks evening and want to say a big thank you to the *Palmer Paige* family and the *Bennett* family for putting on the event. The fireworks were bigger and better than ever and the bonfire was lovely too.

We followed up that evening with an astrological evening where all the beavers were able to earn their space badges. Thank you to **Maidenhead Astrological Society** for putting on the event for us.

Coming up we've got lots of fun activities planned in the run up to Christmas - the fun never stops!



*Hathi* (Catherine Weeks).

**PS.** We would like to say a big congratulations and well done to *Benjamin Phillips* and *Will Tyrell* for coming first place in the craft competition, in both the drawing competition and the shield competition. A really great achievement - a big bravo from all here at beavers!

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## CUB NEWS



### Littlewick Pack

Firstly thank you to *Simon* and the PG Scouts for organising a very spooky Halloween Party. The Littlewick cubs joined the Winterhill Pack again at the Remembrance Service at the St James the Less Church. Well done to *Finley Roberts*, *Jenni Alvey*, *Matthew Alvey*, *Joseph Henwood*, *Charlotte Wilkinson*, *Abby Jones*, *Brandon Newport* and *Chelsea Herbert Green* for attending and to the many parents who joined the service too. We received several remarks both from the vicar and the congregation on how well behaved the cubs were 😊

The Littlewick Cubs this month have been working towards the Disability Awareness Badge which has included learning how it might feel to have a physical impairment – this included making a sandwich and also drawing a picture using only their feet! Cubs also learnt some sign language and how to complete a jigsaw puzzle whilst being blindfolded.

As we head up to Christmas we have been rehearsing for our annual Christmas show for the St Marks Nursing home and we are of course all looking forward to the Christmas Panto!

After 2 years of Scouting I will be stepping down as Assistant Cub Leader at the end of this year. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the parents who have continued to support Littlewick Cubs and of course to *Nathalie* (Akela) and to all the amazing Leaders we have at PG. There is a huge amount of hard work and effort that goes in to making it all happen and they all do a fantastic job. I have enjoyed the time I have spent with the pack and never ceased to be amazed at the brilliant work we do and the true value scouting offers young people.

I know I will continue to see many of you around as my children continue to be members of the pack and I will continue to provide occasional help and support.

In the meantime, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

*Rama* (Sarah Jones)

### Winter Hill Pack

Congratulations to *Akela* and his wife, *Sarah* on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Theo! We look forward to meeting him!

Since the last issue of PG Tips, the cubs have been busy with various exciting activities. During the half term holiday, the scouts ran a very successful Halloween Party, which involved lots of traditional Halloween games and scary items to frighten *Akela*. Many thanks go to *Simon* and the scouts for organising this event.

The following week, we recapped firework safety rules. *Jacala* demonstrated the spread of gunpowder with balloons and flour, which was very effective. We then lit sparklers to demonstrate our safety skills.

It was good to see many cubs attend church for the Remembrance Service. We were lucky to be able to stand in the sun while we remembered the fallen standing by the war memorial. *Rikki* then led a very thought provoking session at the cub meeting on Wednesday after Remembrance Day. The Cubs were encouraged to write messages to scouts who died during the First and Second World Wars. The boys demonstrated fantastic empathy during this task. *Rikki* will lay the messages on graves of fallen scouts when she next visits France or Belgium.

The next few weeks will see us making chocolate treats, showing our collections and visiting the Maidenhead pantomime!

As reported in last month's report, I am looking after the pack in *Akela*'s absence. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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## SCOUT NEWS



**Christmas Fair** - The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for items to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout donates five items, we should have a successful stall. Any Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, Must wear Full Scout Uniform and let *Simon* know that they can help. We hope all Scouts and their parents will **support this major Fundraising event.**

### Christingle Service

Scouts and Young Leaders, don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 14th December **3.50pm** at Stubbings Church. We hope that all Scouts and their families will be able to attend. There will be a cup of tea, after the service in the Church hall

### Troop Party

We are holding a **New Year Party** on **Friday 2nd January 2015** 6.45pm – 9.15pm After having a very successful Party last year, we are going to hold another one. Each Scout is required to bring some food - *contact your PL for details.*



### New Years Morning Walk

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Thursday **1st January 2015** – 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend.

### Swimming Gala

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 31st January 2015, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**



### Remembrance Sunday

Thank you goes to the twenty-one members of the Troop who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church

**District Quiz** We are looking for younger Scouts to take part in this year's District Quiz on Friday 5th December 2014, contact *Simon* for more details

### District Night Hike

PG joined over 195 Scouts, Explorers & leaders from all the Troops in Maidenhead Twenty six teams walk around a circular course around Hurley / Ashley Hill, area. We entered two teams. Edward Bennett, Nick Conacher, Luke Kersey, Edward Latimer, Nicholas Lattimer, Toby Lattimer, Peter Marshall, Dhruv Mehta, Matthew Miller, Oscar Sands, Daniel Wallace, Simon Wilkosz, Ben Williams and Frank Williams with leaders *Jordan Day Hunt, Jordan Flynn & Mark Courtier* and Dads, *Ian Marshall and Ian Marshall & Grant Wallace Tim Lattimer.* They left the BCA at 8.30pm and were finished by 2.30am. We would like to thank *the leaders and Dads* for walking with the Scouts, plus *Rob Ayre, Nicolette Smith & Bill Carter,* for organising the event



*Simon Wheeler* Scout Leader

**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S**

**& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM**

