



GROUP NEWS

February 2014

2014 PG PANTOMIME - Help / We Required

Building Stage - Help required to build (put together), our stage area on Friday 14th February (Evening), Saturday 15th 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

Sheets Ply Wood

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

Thank you for your support

Babes In The Wood's - Performance(s) will be on Friday / Saturday 28th / 29th March 2014

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

Sainsbury's

Active Kids will be underway from 29th January 2014

We need a team effort!



We're taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences.

For another year PG will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. The Active Kids Campaign will be running in Sainsbury's stores between Wednesday 29 January and Tuesday 20 May. Sainsbury's will give you a voucher for every £10 you spend at their stores, and if you donate these to PG, it means that we can use the vouchers to buy new equipment for free. This means that PG can reduce its overheads ,

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, please put them in the box by the front door



Japan Jamboree 2015 Fund raising



PG Scout Group Parents and Friends

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 15th March 2014

Come horse racing, watch actual races, with commentary. See if you can pick the winner, individual bets 50p, dual forecast £1 (chase 1st and 2nd)

One race become a horse owner by auction to the highest bidder (this can be individual or by table)

Cost we will charge £5 per ticket including children, if brought in advance from Karen Kitland, (nominal ticket), on the door will be £6, bring own refreshments

At Newlands School, Farm Road. Doors open 7pm, Racing starts at 7.30pm

More information jamboree@pgscouts.org.uk or download Ticket Form <http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/RaceNight2014.pdf>

YOUNGSTERS SAFETY, DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - **Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your son(s) from Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways and DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES are outside the hall** Please Don't park in the drive way of Christmas Cottage or Pond House

LITTLEWICK GREEN - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up **Do 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! **Please ask your Childs leader** if you are not sure.

Thank you for your support in keeping our neighbours Happy.

For those of you who are new to PG, the Scouts started on 6th February 1909

PG Scouts will be celebrating our 105th Birthday



Two photos from our archives of Scouts outside our Scout Hall (or as it was in 1909 a Chapel) in 1909

The hall has changed over the past 105 years, it has had 8 other extensions added to it over the years

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. Raksha 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.

A4 or A3 LASER PRINTER

We are looking to acquire a replacement A4 / A3 LASER printer to replace the one we have in the hall, which we have managed to wear out

Laser printer it needs to duplex/double sided, and be heavy duty as we print several thousand pages a month

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Email: marquee@pgscouts.org.uk

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ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY

We are looking for an application that is on the Internet that we can store and display our photographs by year / advent. We can either use a commercial web site or put it on our web site. Need advice what to purchase

Computer Bits

We are always looking for - PC's or laptops that are Intel Pentium D or better (Core 2 Duo/Core 2 Quad/Athlon X2 etc, anything new than a Pentium 4 and Laptops that are Intel Pentium M or better (Core 2 Duo, Athlon X2 etc) USB and PS/2 optical laser mice. Laptop/computer spare parts including any Memory/RAM, IDE Hard Drives over 40Gb and any SATA Hard Drives.

Any and all Gigabit (10/100/1000) Switches as well as network cables over 5m long.

Please let us know if you can help us email Simon: simon@pgtips.org.uk

BABYSITTING SERVICE

Hi, I'm *Grace Marshall* and as a fundraiser for the *Japan Jamboree*. I am offering **babysitting services**. I have been a young leader at WH Beaver colony for a year; I'm 15 years old and live in Maidenhead. If you are interested, please call or text me at **07501 368 477**.

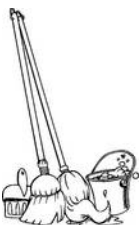
Calling All Parents Can you spare 30 Minutes ?

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 **June 2013 onwards**.

Pauline Patel

PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. **Email:** cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk



BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

Welcome back to a new term! We kick off the new term with the theme of 'Animals Around the World' and so far have enjoyed making animal masks and painting a jungle scene. We also visited Littlewick Green church as part of our promise badge, plus had a visit with Littlewick from the police. Coming up this term, we'll be meeting some pets, hiking and entertaining, all in the name of having fun and earning badges!

We extend a warm welcome to the new beavers who have joined us, *Benjamin Juden, Finlay Wright, James Wilkinson, Luke Shaw and Oliver Cook* We hope they are enjoying their time with us so far. We also say goodbye to *Oscar Bennett and Joe Burke*, who have swum up to cubs. We wish you the best as you continue your scouting careers in cubs!

We will be taking part in this year's District Beaveree on Saturday 8th March, 2.55pm-5.30pm at Altwood School. The theme this year is the Circus. The beavers will be joining Beavers from other 14 colonies in Maidenhead for an afternoon of fun

Hathi (*Catherine Weeks*)



Littlewick Colony

Hi all! First of all I would like to welcome all of the five new beavers and their families who have joined us this term, so a big welcome to *Liddy Hurley, Chistan Bradley, Dylan Williams-lock, Robbie Standen Wilkinson* and *Louis Mormech*. Also our new assistant Kieran Patel has joined ...he will be picking a Beaver leader name very soon. We also have three Beavers Swimming up to Cubs *Finlay Howe, Charlotte Wilkinson* and *Rafael Conway*. So we would like to wish them good luck!!! This term the Beavers will be working towards lots of badges. Including Faith Activity badge and outdoor challenge. We have lots planned this term!! An Evening at Littlewick Green church, visit from the police, picnic and much more!

This year's annual District Beaveree will be hold on the 8 March **2.55 pm-5.30 pm**. This year's theme is the Circus, the Beavers will be able to enjoy variety of activities. please see newsletter and get the activity form back to me ASAP. Every year we hold a sponsorship activity to raise money for a charity, this year we will be raising money for TVAP. On the 24th February we will be holding a sponsor fancy dress skipping event, we are hoping the Beavers can do 200 skips thought out the meeting. Thank you for your support and hope your Beaver is able to attend the Beaveree.

Till next time.....

LG Hawkeye (Veronica)

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CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

The new term started with '*Green and Yellow*' fancy dress New Year Party where the Cubs chomped through an entire table of party food! This was followed by the more serious business of working towards the Home Safety Badge with *Chil*. And even through there term is only a few weeks old, we have already had our first success of the year at the District Cub Swimming Competition where the combined Winter Hill and Littlewick team came first! **Congratulations** to the Winter Hill team members - *Patrick Flood, Isaac Deans, Matthew Hay, Jake Bennett, Max Bird, Alex Ratcliffe* and *Edwin Isted*. Also a huge 'thank you' to Coach Palmer (Tarka) for organising the team with great enthusiasm.

We have also said goodbye to who have all moved on up to Scouts - how time flies, as I recall they were the first cohort to move up from Beavers together when I joined PG! But they are replaced by *Oscar Bennett* and *Joe Burke* who have recently moved up. And to complete the 'welcomes', we also have *Patrick Ashe* on board as a Young Leader - *Patrick* has already dived right in and is making a great impact!

WH Akela (*David Barnes*)

Littlewick Pack

We are right back into the swing of things now and already we have come first in the District Swimming Gala. A very well done to all the cubs that took part, especially *Alexander Watson, Abby Jones* and *Charlotte Wilkinson* from Littlewick for helping us to win the Trophy. Also thanks to *Jo* and *Lizzie*, the parents who helped with the all-important timing at the event. I can assure you it was all heavily regulated and had nothing to do with us winning.

We are delighted that we have some Beavers who have swum up and also some new joiners. Welcome to *Finlay Howe, Rafael Conway, Joseph Henwood* and *Charlotte Wilkinson* and their families! We are also pleased to welcome *Matthew Dixon* to our Wednesday pack meetings who is a Young Leader from the Scouts helping us to run activities.

Since we have started back we have been running a number of team games to help welcome our new cubs to the pack. We have also been working towards our Music Badge and cubs have been playing us their instruments, singing songs and joining in with some fun music related games and activities.

We will also start collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsburys again. Last year we managed to collect an amazing 1,769 vouchers and purchased some great toys and equipment for the cubs to use. So parents please start collecting and send your vouchers in to us. ☺

Until next time,

Rama (*Sarah Jones*)

SCOUT NEWS



2014's Pantomime - "Babes In The Wood" - The main cast members in this year's production are: *Jamie Alexander, Robbie Alexander, Patrick Ashe, James Carr, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Edward, Nicholas & Toby Lattimer, Matthew Miller, Aidan & Jake Milston, Joseph Ruffell, Tom Sellers and Ben Williams.* They have been rehearsing twice a week, since the beginning of January

Thank you goes to Greg Hurst for adapting the Script and . Sam Judge for printing the Scripts, plus the leaders for binding it 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 28th or Saturday 29th 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: , *Ben Almond, Oliver Cadinouche , Edward Lattimer, Patrick Flood, Dhruv Mehta, Alex Ratcliffe and Pat Russell* 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 19th February 2014, 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 .Monday 17th- Tuesday 18th 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 23rd July to Sunday 3rd August 2014. If you know where we can hire a mini buses from 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 1st 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 14th February, any Scouts interested make sure they attend



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 - *Lucas Jefferson, Harry Allcock, Frank Williams, Alex Norris, Nicholas Conacher, Findlay & Cameron Cassels* for doing very well. Also to PG Young Leaders *Evan Charles, James Carr, Jordan Day-Hunt and Richard Hurst* on **Winning the Explorer Gala.** Plus *Rob Ayre* for winning the leader.

Congratulations goes to all the Swimmers. Thank you goes to Barry Palmer for sorting out the Scout team *Laura Williams, Pauline Patel & Rob Ayre* for being time keepers, and *Rob & Graham Wolfe* for looking after the PG teams. Also thank you goes to all the parents and Scouts who came along and supported PG.

Patrol Swimming - We have 45 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 & Chris.* Thanks goes to parents who have helped with transport

Troop Camp - The first big camp of 2014, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, camp

Date: Friday 2nd May to Sunday 4th May 2014

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)



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