



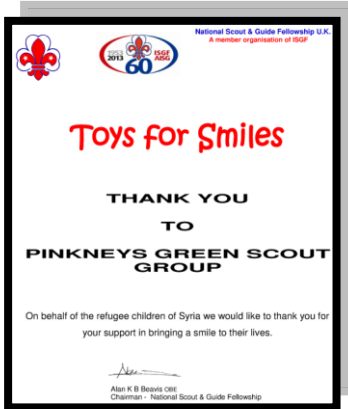
## GROUP NEWS

January 2014

On behalf of all the Leaders, we hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and

# We Wish You All A Happy New Year.

Attached to this month's *PG Tips* is an outline of the major events for 2014  
Please make a note of the dates that affect you and your child(s).



### Toys For Smiles

Pinkneys Green Scouts have supported the appeal to donate toys for the *Toys For Smiles* appeal, we have sent two car loads of toys. Thanks to everyone who has donated them.

The *Toys for Smiles*, is an appeal by the National Scout & Guide Fellowship on behalf of young Syrian refugees who have been driven from their homes, and normal life, to Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan. Zaatari is the second largest refugee camp in the world with over 130,000 refugees, 50% of which are under 18! The youngsters are stuck in the camp with very little, apart from day to day survival, to occupy their time. Such toys will help to bring a little normality into their lives and enable these children to be children!

More information where toys have gone: <http://www.unhcr.org/52b96c849.html>  
Plus children receiving the toys <http://youtu.be/PLROF0aY0QU>

### Christmas Fair

This year's fair was a great success. The scout hall was transformed into a cosy, decorated, cheerful centre where bargains could be had on the bathroom and gifts stalls. There were games to be played and biscuits to decorate.

You could try your luck at the tombola, lucky dip and raffle. There were lovely refreshments and hot dogs for the way home! Also it was the place to meet up with friends and it was great to see so many people coming in during the afternoon.

Many thanks are due to the setting up team on Friday evening, those who came to run stalls, the behind the scenes folders of tombola tickets, makers of cakes, the helpers who cleared away at the end and everyone else who participated. Thank you to everyone at PG who donated items for us to sell.



Jane Courtier

Parent Support Group secretary and Christmas Fair Coordinator



### Special Thanks

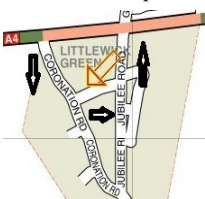
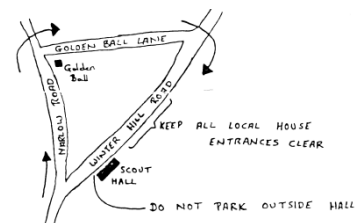
At the Scouts Troop Dinner, at the end of December, Ian Ruffell, our Parents Support Group Chairman, presented a special *Silver "With Thanks" Badge* to Ken Knight and Ali Fyffe for all their hard work over the past few years organising the PG Christmas Tree fundraising events.

We would like to thank them both for all their hard work and support they have given PG.

### 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.**



## Christmas Parcels

Some of the money raised at our Christmas Fair is used to purchase parcels for the local elderly. The parcels were delivered by the Cubs before Christmas. The Cubs went carol singing and delivered the parcels. Thank you goes to Jane Courtier for purchasing the contents of the parcels and to Akela and the Cubs for delivering the parcels and organising the Carol singing.

## Christmas Trees

Thank you goes *Ken Knight & Ali Fyffe* for coordinating the sales, to the Scouts / Parents for delivering the Christmas Tree leaflets, plus to everyone who delivered the trees and collected them for recycling and of course to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree. We sold over 270 trees and raised over **£5,000**



## Christingle Service

Thanks go to all the parents; friends and members of the Group attended the Christingle Service at our parish church at *St James the Less, Stubbings*. Special thanks go to: Revd. *Keith Nicholls* for organising the service. Also to parents who made the Christingles and to everyone who supplied the mince pies, for the refreshments afterwards. We had traditional carols as well as the Christingles.

## New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk which took place on Wednesday 1st January 2014. Despite the very heavy rain. Youngsters, adults and dogs walked around Pinkneys Green area. Well done to everyone who managed to get up on New Years day and take part.

## 2014 Panto – Babes In The Wood

This years Scouts Pantomime will be Cinderella, it will be on **Friday 28th March, 7pm** and **Saturday 29th March 3pm & 7pm**. A big thank you goes to all the parents who have offered to help support this years production; **we do need more offers of help.**

We hope Cubs who want to, will be take part in the Cub numbers

### **We are still looking for the following Help:**

#### Sort Back Cloths and repair them (2 people)

- Go through all our back cloths (some when end January / beginning February - up to you) sort out the *Babes In The Wood* ones, repair them (made out of old sheets - so might need some tape on them) Replace any broken bits of wood (top / bottom) make sure that the Cup hooks (to hold them up) are in the right place

#### Building (Putting Together) the Stage (8-10 people)

- We will be putting the stage together Friday 14th February, 6pm onwards and Saturday 15th February 2014 and I am looking for help from Dads (& Mums) with an electrical Screw driver - you don't have to be an expert to put it together - we are just looking for people to hold things and screw the bits together

#### Transporting Boxes to Hall

- We need to move 25 plastic boxes containing the costumes from Camley gardens to Scout Hall also we need to move the back cloths from Pinkneys Road to the Scout Hall. These are 6ft – 8ft long (Sheet rolled around a piece of wood) They need to be moved beginning of February

If you can help with any of the above, please let Simon know either email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk) or call Mhd 623910

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## 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 Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160. Raksha also has PG Scarf's.

## CRB Forms

All PG Parents are CRB'd. If you receive a form can you please complete it and return it for **checking with relevant documents** as soon as possible to save Erica chasing you.


### **The Forms can be returned:**

**Mondays** – end of Beavers 7pm (LG) or 7.15pm (WH)

**Wednesdays** end of Cubs 8.00pm,

**Fridays** end of Scouts **9.30pm.**

**This term** (till 27th March) they can also be returned on a Sunday 3pm – 4.30pm and a Thursday 6.45pm – 8.15pm



**Cопас Farms**

PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space for our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts

## 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

Please let us know if you can help us email Simon: [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk)

## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

Hi again everyone. Carrying on with the term, we held a healthy eating evening. This was great fun for the Beavers – they made fruit kebabs and a healthy sandwich. Beavers also made a healthy eating poster and tried to identify different types of vegetable and fruit whilst blindfolded. This earned Beavers their healthy eating activity badge. The next Monday was a very exciting one for the Beavers because they visited Maidenhead fire station. We had a tour of the station itself, with a fireman going down the fire pole for us! We heard the test alarm and learnt all about the breathing apparatus and the purpose of the clothing that the firemen wear. Each Beaver tried on the face mask and tried to lift the oxygen tank (it was very heavy). Beavers then had a chance to operate the hose for themselves, soaking a nearby van! I think



this was the height of the evening for every Beaver! Finally they learnt about the fire engine itself and what is stored on it (hoses, ladders and cutting equipment) and how many firemen it takes to unload the ladder. Beavers thoroughly enjoyed themselves (and so did I)! The next week we were back in the hall making Christmas cards and practicing carols in readiness for our trip the following week to Cherry Garden Nursing Home. On the Sunday everyone was welcome at the Christingle service at Stubbings Church, where we sang carols and learnt about the meaning of the Christingle. Well done to Eva Murray who presented the flag. We visited the nursing home the following Monday, where we sang carols to the residents and presented them with our cards and also took a moment to talk to them and we learnt that one of the residents used to be a Scout master himself. On our last week before the end of term we are looking forward to our Christmas party with lots of games like pass the parcel and pin the carrot on the snowman. On behalf of Hawkeye and myself I hope all Beavers and their families a good Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

Until next time....

*Bubbles (Ruth Pearce)*

### **Winter Hill Colony**

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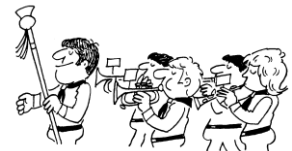
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## **CUB NEWS**

### **Littlewick Pack**

I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and I hope you got lots of presents from Santa!

I would also like to welcome *Jo Taylor* (whose Cub name will be *Rikki*, from Jungle book) to the Leadership team at Littlewick Green Cubs. *Jo* is currently completing her training to become an Assistant Cub Scout Leader and will be helping with weekly pack meetings and events.



We ended last year on a high with a combined pack meeting with Winterhill with a visit from the Police, our annual trip to the Town Pantomime followed by our final pack meeting visiting Cherry Garden Nursing Home to sing carols as well as performing 'The Gruffalo', which went towards completing the Entertainers Activity Badge ☺ The cubs really got into their characters and we had some fabulous impressions of the Little Brown Mouse, Slithering snakes and very convincing Gruffalos!

Please remember to be careful when dropping off and collecting your cub from pack meetings as it is very dark outside the hall now. Roll on the lighter evenings.....

Until next time

**Rama (Sarah Jones)**

### **Winter Hill Pack**

Happy New Year to everyone! Way back in early December, the Winter Hill Cub leaders got together to plan out the Spring Term, and hopefully we have a great term ahead, including making the most of annual events like pancake day! We will also be working towards putting a team together for the District Flag Competition and earning loads of badges in the process.

At the end of last term we had a successful night hike around Pinkneys Green which finished with chips in the Scout Hall. Thanks to *Andy Jones* for helping out and leading a group and to *Raksha* (Sheila Stinton) for sourcing the chips! That was followed by a visit from PCSO Michelle Jones (plus police van) to learn about her work and about personal safety. The term finished with our annual trip to the Maidenhead Pantomime to see a great performance from *Bagheera* (Rob Harris) as Ali Khatt in Aladdin and delivering food parcels to local elderly.



Don't forget that the key details of all Cub activities can be found on [www.PGCubs.co.uk](http://www.PGCubs.co.uk) if your Cub misses a meeting or mislays a green letter. Links to badge requirements and Scout Shops details are also on there. Finally, until the clocks go forward and the very end of term it will be dark when Cubs starts and finishes. Therefore, please drop your Cubs off and collect them from the Scout Hall door. Also, please ensure that we have two leaders present before leaving your Cub.

Until next month

**WH Akela (David Barnes)**

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## **SCOUT NEWS**

### **Swimming Gala**

The District is holding the Swimming Gala on Saturday 11th January 2014 at 5.50pm. Thank you goes to all the Scouts who have said they will take part. We hope Scouts who are not in the Team will come along a support the Troop.

Young leaders, please let *Simon* know if you are interested in taking part in the Explorers event



### **Moving Up Award**

We would like to welcome six Cubs *Joseph Ben Almond, Oliver Cadinouche, Patrick Flood, Alfie Mifsud, Alex Ratcliffe* and *Pat Russell*. They will be invested as Scouts later this month.

## Patrol Swimming

We will again be taking each Patrol to High Wycombe, so that every Scout can be re-tested for the minimum standard for taking part in water activities, as well as been given the opportunity in doing the *Swimmers* proficiency Badge. **Scouts need to wear Full Uniform, plus take their Swimming gear.** *Bob Weingarh* will be organising this activity, with help from a young leader

We will require help from parents with transport.

## Training Weekends

We will be holding training Weekends for Scouts, which will be held at the Scout Hall depending on age of Scouts (as per the letter you should have received)

- Year 6 part year 7 7th – 8th February
- Year 7 & part year 8 31st January – 1st February
- Older Scouts 24th – 25th January

Please, contact your Patrol Leader for more details.



## Pantomime – Babes In The Wood

We will be holding auditions on **Thursday 16th and Sunday 19th January**, for those Scouts who would like to take part in this year's Pantomime. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings 6.45pm – 8.15pm and Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm – 4.30pm.

The dates of the performances will be **Friday 28th March**, 7.00pm + **Saturday 29th March**, 3.00pm & 7.00pm. Make sure that you are available on those dates, if you wish to take part

## Medical & Personal Detail Forms

All Scouts and Young Leaders will be receiving the annual (2014) Medical & Personal Detail Forms + Scout Association census questionnaire. Can parents please complete and return these forms to *Scout Hall* by **17th January**. It is important we get the updated forms, as medical conditions change, at least one Scout has moved house (without telling us)



## 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**

**We hope that all Scouts will attend this camp**, especially the ones, who have joined us in the last six months, as it is important that you attend at least one camp, before you go on this years Summer Camp.

**Tombola** - Thank you to the Parents & Scouts who provided items for the Tombola Stall and to the Scouts and Leaders who helped set the stall up on the Sunday morning and those who wore uniform and manned it in the afternoon, also thanks go to the Scouts who helped on other stalls.

**Christingle Service** - Special thanks goes to *Findlay Cassel* for carrying the Troop flag, and to *Robbie Alexander, Jonathan & Christopher Otun* and *Kieran Patel* who did the readings, plus all the Scouts who made the effort to attend this special service. The church was full. The Christingles looked very good when the **candles** were lit and the lights were dimmed.

**Troop Dinner** - This is where the Scouts invite people who have helped the **Troop** over the past twelve months. Thank you goes to Patrol Leaders: *Evan Charles* and *Jonathan Otun* for organising the evening, with help from *Findlay Cassels, Matthew Dixon, Jay Hutchins, Tom Sellers* and *Ben Williams*, who were waiters. The Scouts & guests sat down to a three course meal of Vegetable soup & role., Chicken in Red Wine & potatoes followed by Yule log and cream. A special thank you goes to *Alex Robins, Graham Wolfe* and *BoB Weingarh* for organising and cooking the meal. The PLs did a speech and presented *Laura Williams*, for doing all the Troop accounts as Treasurer and *Pauline Patel* for doing the Troop paper work, with some chocolates. This was followed by a quiz.

**Troop New Year's Party** - On Friday 27th December, we had a very successful Troop Party..Thank you goes to Patrol Leaders for organising an evening of games and the parents for providing the food

Happy New Year

*Simon Wheeler* (Scout Leader)



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**2014 Outline Programme**

January 2014 PG Tips

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<b>1 January</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>New Years Morning Walk</b> - 10.30am
5 January	Scout	- YLs / PLs Thank You Meal for Troop Leaders
11 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scouts 5.40pm]
16 January	Scout	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime <i>Babes In Wood</i>
24-25 Jan	Scout	- Training Course (Older Scouts / YLs)
31 Jan-1 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 7 plus part Year 8)
7-8 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 6 plus part Year 7)
14 February	Scout	- Special Troop Activity Swimming at Windsor Pool
<b>14-16 Feb</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required</b>
19 February	Cub/WHLG	- Incident Hike (Run by Scouts PLs & APL's)
21-22 Feb	Scout	- LAN Weekend
<b>23 Feb</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Paint Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required</b>
24 Feb	Beaver/WH	- "We Entertain" – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
1 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
3 March	Beaver/LG	- "We Entertain" – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
8 March	Beaver	- District Beaveree Alwood School
8 March	Cub	- Flag Competition
21 March	Scout	- Swimming Trip (Scouts not in Panto)
<b>28-29 March</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Scouts Pantomime <i>Babes In Wood</i></b>
<b>30 March</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am Parents Help required</b>
4-5 April	Scout	- LAN
<b>27 April</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>District St Georges Day Event - All Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>
2-4 May	Scout	- <b>Troop Camp</b>
<b>3 May</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
10 May	Cub	- District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
<b>17 May</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
18 May	Scout	- District Football Competition
24-26 May	Cub	- <b>Cub Parent &amp; Child Camp Provisional Date</b>
28 May	Cub/WHLG	- Litter Clear PG Triangle (Run by the Scouts)
30-31 May	Scout	- LAN
20 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
<b>22 June</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Summer "Fair On The Green"</b>
28 June	Cubs	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Older Cubs
29 June	Scouts	- District Water Activity Day - Scouts
<b>6 July</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Fun Day &amp; AGM</b>
7 July	Beaver	- Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
23 Jul - 3 Aug	Scout	- <b>Summer Camp – Monmouth - All Scouts</b>
[This is the most important Activity in the Scouting year - puts Scout previous training in to practice]		
5-7 September	Cub	- <b>Cub Camp</b>
12 September	Scout	- Evening Mystery Trip
<b>13 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
20 September	Scout	- District Land Activity Event
<b>27 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
<b>28 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Harvest Festival 3.50pm at Stubbings Church</b>
4 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course
5 October	Cub/Sct	- Rotary Boundary Walk
12 October	Scout	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event 10am - 1pm
14 October	Beaver/LG	- Computer Event (Run by Scouts)
<b>18-19 October</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>JOTA &amp; JOTI Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)</b>
20 October	Beaver/WH	- Halloween Party (Run by Scouts)
25-26 October	Scout	- LAN
29 October	Cub/WHLG	- Halloween Party (Run by Scouts)
3 November	Beaver	- Firework Evening
8 November	Scout	- District Chef Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
<b>9 November</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Remembrance Sunday Parade - 10.35am ALL Beavers Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>
14-15 Nov	Scout	- District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
21-22 Nov	Scout	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
5 December	Scout	- Trip – (Pos Ice Skating/Swimming) All Scouts
5 December	Scout	- District Quiz
<b>7 December</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Christmas Fair On a Sunday</b>
10 ? December	Group	- Trip to Maidenhead Pantomime
<b>14 December</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Carol (Christingle) Service 3.50pm at Stubbings Church</b>
15 December	Beaver	- Christmas Banquet
19 December	Scout	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the Troop
20-21 Dec	Scout	- Computer Weekend

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