



## GROUP NEWS

March 2014

### 2014 PG PANTOMIME – Babes In The Wood

The Scouts and Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's Pantomime *Babes In The Wood*. The Scouts have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of *Raksha, Chil, Dahinda, Hathi* 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 **FOUR Mums & Dads** and a Cub & Young Leader who have helped build this year's stage, for the Pantomime.

#### Help Required

**We will require help from Mums, Dads** & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 30th March** 10.30am.

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

### TICKETS ON SALE for Babes In The Wood

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 28th March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 29th 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/BabesInTheWoodTickets.pdf](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/BabesInTheWoodTickets.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

### WHAT IS A RACE NIGHT

Imagine a day at the races. Choosing a horse to place a bet on is it the horse or Jockeys form or the colours of the Jockeys cap. Shouting and cheering your horse on to win. Attending a Race Night are all of these, on this occasion Newlands School Hall, watching actual horse races on a large screen. The Race is introduced, giving the Going on the course (what the ground is like)

The form of each horse and Jockey. (How they are performing)

To place a bet you visit the TOTE table buying a ticket for your chosen horse or horses. (50p a ticket). If you want to see if you can pick both 1st and 2nd you can have a go at the DUAL FORECAST (£1.00). Now is the exciting bit, watching your horse race around the course, on the flat or over jumps, give plenty of encouragement!!! After the Race the TOTE manager announces the amount the winning tickets with get back. Take your ticket back to the Tote table to collect your winnings.

During the evening you will have the chance to become a Race horse OWNER. Following the introduction of the race and before the Tote opens. There will be an auction of race horses; you can pool your money and bid for a horse as a table/family/group of friends a bit like a syndicate or as an individual.

Once all the horses have been sold, the Tote will open as before so you can bet.

At the end of this race the Winning OWNER will receive their winnings; this is a percentage of the total amount taken from the auction of these horses, so the more that is bid for a horse the more you could win. TOTE tickets will also win as before. All winnings during the evening are a percentage of the bets so the more tickets or horses you buy the more money that will be raised.

Tickets available from *Karen Kirtland* [www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/RaceNight2014.pdf](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/RaceNight2014.pdf)

### Jamboree – Japan 2015



#### Race Night

Saturday 15th March 2014

7.00pm racing starts at 7.30pm

Newlands School Hall, Farm Road, Maidenhead

Cost £5.00 per person

Bring your own refreshment and nibbles.

So come and join this exciting and fun evening.



### World Scout Jamboree Japan 2015

As you may know, Myself, *George Knott* and *Grace Marshall* have been offered the amazing opportunity to represent PG and the UK as we go to Japan on the **Quadrennial World Scout Jamboree in 2015**. After a brilliant selection weekend, in which about 40 Scouts and Explorers were chosen to form the Berkshire Unit - which we decided to name the *TwoCAN's*, in a very productive meeting which was held in Reading where we all met up and discussed many things, Including Fundraising (we have to raise over £3000) Team Building exercise's and of course, how to use chopsticks! With our first weekend training weekend planned in march, I

think I can speak for all three of us when I say I am more and more excited about our Jamboree adventure in Japan, 2015. Our first fundraising event is a *Race night* at Newlands School Hall on Saturday 15th March, which we really hope to see you all there to what promises to be a fun and enjoyable evening!

Many Thanks *Patrick Ashe*



## Active Kids is underway

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.

In 2014 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 20th 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



## Spring Jumble Sales

Dates for your Diaries **Saturday 3rd May and Saturday 11th May - 10.30am**

We will be looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 2nd May, 6.30pm** and help at the Sales on the Saturdays. Our Parent Jumble Sales coordinators will be contacting parents before Easter

Parents please remind your, Friends, Neighbours & Work Colleagues, if they are having Spring Clear-outs PLEASE PLEASE ask them to hold on to any un-wanted items for our Jumble Sale, rather than the local Charity Shops.

For more information, contact one of our Sale coordinators: Email: [jumble@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:jumble@pgscouts.org.uk)

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



**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 8m long. Please let us know if you can help us email Simon: [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk)

## CLEANING ROTA – Thank you

A big thank you goes to the following parents who are on the rota to clean the hall: *Claire Eadie, Catherine Flew, Gemma Woolford, Alan Rawlins, Natalie Cassels, Rosie Bleazard, Sarah Luton, Mel Nicholson, Helen Pocock, Damaris Anderson, Pauline Patel, Fiona Williams, Lucy Broadbent, Louise Jefferson, Catherine Allcock, Vanessa Deans, Karen Exley, Sandi Isted, Lisa Hewitt, Jo Kersey, Alison Cini, Jo Hutchins, Sally Checkley, Kiera Cohen & Jane, Ali March, Karen Kirtland, Louisa Bennett, Tim Latimer, Alison Cadinouche, Clare Marshall, Mike Sealy.*



We are looking for parents to go on the Rota from June 2014. 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](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk)

## St Georges Day Event

All PG members (*Littlewick* and *Winter Hill*) Beavers and Cubs, plus Scouts are invited to join all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers at this year's District St Georges Afternoon Event.

Parents, if available, are invited to join us, as well as the youngster, more details near the event.

Please make a note of the date – **SUNDAY 27th April 2014, 2pm.**

## 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**.

## National Census

Every year, we have to complete an annual census, on 31st January, which this year shows that PG numbers have increased by 11%.

We have 141 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus, 13 Young leaders (Explorers), with 37 adults, (leaders, assistants and instructors), giving us a **total of 191**

We have to pay a capitation fee to HQ (Scout Association), plus County for leader training etc. and District, which for all the PG members will be over **£7.300**

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## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Winter Hill Colony**

We have had busy term continuing with our 'Animals Around the World' theme. The last few meetings have been spent experimenting with tie dye, creating an animal print display (check it out in the scout hall!). We had an excellent visit from the police community officer joint with Littlewick Green, and visited Littlewick Green church to go towards our 'promise' badge'.

We have welcomed two new beavers *Tristan* and *Dominic Sell*; we hope that they have very happy time here at PG.

As you are well aware we have limited parking at PG, so **if possible lift sharing** is always good option. This means we won't block neighbour's drives and it will limit the long walk to the scout hall in the dark evenings.

Coming up we have a trip to '*Pets at Home*' in the town centre and night hike. We're also looking forward to seeing the scout pantomime; which this year '*Babes in the Wood*'. Watch this space for the beaver leaders starring as well.

*Grace Marshal*, our young leader, has been selected to represent Berkshire in the Jamboree in Japan and is currently fundraising for this. Please see the details for the **Race Night**, which s well s being a lot of fun, will help raise some of this money.

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**

The new term started off really well. Our first evening was a games night introducing our new Beavers to each other. The following week was a 'What is a Beaver?' night, where we had Beaver related games and an extract from the first chapter of *The Friends of the Forest* book, which tells the story of the Jones family who moved into a house next to a creek where a colony of Beavers lived. This story tells how the Beavers give names to their new human neighbours. These names are the names that leaders take i.e. *Hawkeye* as leader, I as *Bubbles*, and Kieran Patel as *Rusty* amongst others. The Beavers thoroughly enjoyed this night.

The next week we joined with Winter Hill to visit Littlewick Green church, learning about the history and layout of the church and even ringing one of the bells! The following Monday we again joined with Winter Hill when a Police Community Support Officer visited, together with her police van! The evening was held to talk about 'Stranger danger' and 'What would I do if I was lost'. Of course the highlight of the evening was a tour of the police van, with the holding cell, siren and lights! The following Monday we coloured pictures of wild animals and learnt about where they lived in the world. The next meeting was all about the circus which will be the theme of our District Beaveree in March. Beavers learnt something of the history of the circus and tried some circus skills like juggling, pot stilt walking, hula hoop spinning and spin the plate. Beavers are also working towards their Faith activity badge by saying a prayer each spread over the term. Until next time.....

*Bubbles* (Ruth Pearce)

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## **CUB NEWS**

### **Winter Hill Pack**

The WH Cubs have been busy during February looking at Flags & Saints with Tarka, Knots & Navigation with Jacala & Kaa and the Scout-run half term incident hike (thanks to *Simon* and the Scouts!). Unfortunately I missed the knots evening due to the tube strike but I was very grateful to the leader team for stepping in, particularly to do the two investitures that were arranged for that night. We have also picked our team for the District Flag Competition and they have been working with *Bagheera* to "Be Prepared" - the event involves competing against the other Maidenhead packs in scouting-type activities.

This month I asked the Cubs if they could give me an example of some people who were currently "doing their best". Expecting the usual range of unexpected answers, but hoping that someone would say the Winter Olympians, I was completely thrown when the first hand went up and the Cub said "the people helping those who have been flooded this week". I was very proud to see the Cubs were thinking of others before themselves.



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

### **Littlewick Pack**

Since we returned after Christmas we have been busy bees! We braved the wind and the rain on a night hike. We took the view that if we waited for drier weather the hike would never happen! We had lots of fun singing cubs songs on route and of course splashing in lots of very big puddles. The cubs thoroughly deserved their hot chocolate when we returned to the hall. ☺

The cubs have also been learning about map and road signs, emergency first aid and points on a compass, as well as learning all about America when we celebrated Presidents Day. In the last few weeks the cubs have had lots of fun working towards making their own bookends for their DIY Activity badge. I have to say I was somewhat nervous about the idea of our cubs using a saw and hammer but very proud of their little creations! Let's hope they can hold the books up! Huge thanks to *Tim Neeves*, *Bart Leach*, *Richard Alvey* and *Lizzie Rhodes James* who were our helpers – we couldn't have done it without you!



We are delighted 6 of our pack will be taking part in the District Cubs Flag Competition along with cubs from Winterhill, Maidenhead and Cookham. We are looking forward to a fun afternoon. Once again we are collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsburys. Thanks to those who have already bought vouchers in. Please ask grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles and work colleagues! Bring them into us each week at pack meetings. Thank you!

Until next time,  
*Rama* (Sarah Jones)



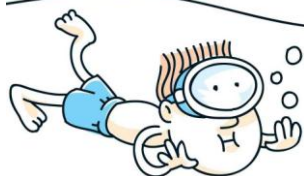
## SCOUT NEWS

**Cross Country Competition** - The District Cross Country Competition course is approx two miles, across the field behind the Scout hall. We hope that the Scouts will support the Troop and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 1st 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 10th March**, the team is: *Tom Sellers, Edward Bennett, Jonathan Otun, George Knott, Zac Gordon Smith, Harvey Neeves, Jake Milston, Henry Judge, Dhruv Mehta and Tom Knott.* **On Monday 17th March** the team is: *Alex Norris, Jamie Alexander, Nadav Rahimi, Patrick Flood, Robbie Alexander, Curtis Checkley, Alex Ratcliffe and Nick Conacher.* 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 21st March 2014, 7pm – 9pm

**Help Running Beaver Meeting** - The Troop is running the LG Beaver meeting on Monday 3rd 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 Thank you goes to Scout Leader *Alex Robins* and *Jay Hutchins, Matthew Dixon, James Kersey* for running a special Beaver meeting for WH Beavers, in February,

## 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

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.



**Cycling** - *Can all Parents, Scouts & Young Leaders note the following:*

- (i) Any Scout or Young Leader who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with **working** front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts & YLs Cycling to/from Scout activities wear a **Cycle Helmet**, plus **Hi Vis vest**.
- (iii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound

**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 *Dhruv Mehta, Oliver Isted, Jay Hutchins and Peter Marshall*, with help from *BoB Weingarh & Erica Hunter* (Who stood in for Simon at the last minute) for organising and running the basis for the Cubs incident hike 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. Special Thank you goes to *Alex Robins* and *Graham Wolfe* for helping and staying on all 3 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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