



## GROUP NEWS

April 2015



### Doreen Rowe

We are sorry to hear of the death of Doreen Rowe.

Doreen was Cub Master (Akela) in the 1940's & 1950's, before she moved she moved to Guildford.

Best wishes of all Group members, goes to her daughter Elizabeth and son Michael.

Doreen's nephew is our Current Scout leader, Simon Wheeler

### Leader News

There have been few exciting changes with leaders which you all need to know.

**Winter Hill Cubs** - Rob Harris Bagheera is now AKELA.

**Littlewick Scouts** - *NEW* Leader Ian Marshall to join our team as assistant scout leader (Kate's Brother). *Change*, David Barnes now to join the scouts as assistant leader, this is a new position for David and a new challenge; he has a new job and cannot get back to Maidenhead in time for cubs.

Erica Hunter Group Scout Leader

### PANTOMIME – Sleeping Beauty

**Well done** to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs and Leaders for taking part in PG's 2015 pantomime Sleeping Beauty, especially the Scouts & Young Leaders, who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas, and the Cubs for all the hard work they put in.

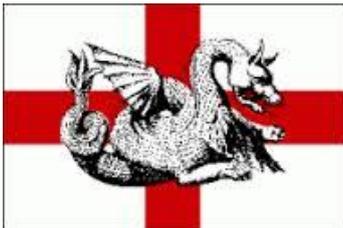
We would like to thank every one who supported this year's production.

A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha), *Avril Broadley* (Chil), *Catherine Weeks* (Hatti), *Teressa Williams* (Dahinda) & *Simon Wheeler* for organising the rehearsals. *Alex Robins* for assisting with the music, *Pauline Patel* for organising the tickets, refreshments. John Bannerman for doing the curtains, *Matthew Milston and his team*, for organising the scene changes, *Jo Kersey* for sorting the costumes, *Grace & Kate Marshall* for doing the makeup, and to every one else who helped at one of the performances.



### St George's Day Event

This year as normal PG will be taking part in the years St George's Day Event (*Patron Saint of Scouting & England*).



**Date:** SUNDAY 26th April 2015

**Meet:** Howarth Road, off Stafferton Way, at 1.55pm.

**Parents:** If you are available we hope you will be able to join us for this special District Scouting event

**Finish:** Approx. 4.20pm, back at Howarth Road

**Dress:** Full uniform is to be worn and in case of wet weather everyone will need to bring a rucksack with a drink and their waterproof.

**Collection:** Money for Collection, in aid of *County Project Africa Charity*

We really encourage every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader to attend this event as it celebrates our patron saint of scouting, as well as reminding us what being part of the scouting movement is all about, plus take part in an hour of fun packed activities.

### 2015 St Georges Day Awards

We are delighted to be able to announce that *Erica Hunter* and *John Bannerman* have been awarded the Silver Acorn in recognition of their years of dedicated service to scouting.

*Erica* started helping at cubs in 1978 after leaving guides with her Queens guide award. Her Mum was Akela (Sheila Stinton, Raksha) and her brother Murray was a scout. She became an assistant Cub Scout leader. In May 2003, Erica took on the role as Group Scout Leader.

*John* started helping at Scouts in 1993, when his son Alex started in Scouts. He has supported Simon and the Scouts with his expertise, in practical Scouting skills and food, being food quartermaster at Summer camp

We would like to take this opportunity to thank *Erica* and *John* and the whole Leadership for their continued efforts in providing scouting at Pinkneys Green.



## Spring Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble or sorting on **Friday 1 May, 6.30pm** at the Scout Hall from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday morning 2nd May 2015, 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

Parents will be receiving a phone call from a parent coordinator – Offers of help or for more information, please contact one of our Sale Coordinator - **Email: [jumble@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:jumble@pgscouts.org.uk)**

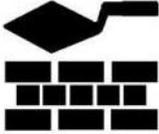
Last year we raised over **£1,100** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date: **Saturday 2nd May 2015 - 10.30am**



**PARENTS We need your support, please help us raise money to support your son at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts. We cannot manage without the support of parents**

**Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Frid 1st or Sat 2nd - It would be great**



**General Building  
and Home  
Maintenance**

**Andrew Jones    01628 783401  
                          07765 972911**

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## Summer Fair HELP Wanted -

We are looking for some help with organising this year's Summer Fair. We will also require more volunteers could help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful.



Anyone willing to help, contact our fair coordinator **Nathalie Watson** e-mail [fair@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:fair@pgscouts.org.uk)

**Fair Date is Sunday 21st June 2015**

## Gardeners

Gardeners can we plea for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents & neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them. rather find a new home for them.

## Marquee Erection Team

**Parents** we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) It is a good way to earn more money to support our group but it does require man power to erect the marquees for our customers. A team of 6 to 8 people are required plus someone with a tow bar to take the marquee trailer. Usually for a weekend hire the marquee is put up on a Thursday or Friday evening and taken down on a Sunday or Monday, although this varies and could be changed to suit the team. Teams in the past have become expert and the erection can take only an hour or so. **Please consider if you could add your name to the list of team members.** You would be contacted each time to see if you would be available. Ideally a phone number and e-mail would be on our list so that the co-ordinator can reach you easily.

Please contact Ian Marshall 07799 555444 or [marquee@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:marquee@pgscouts.org.uk) or let your Childs leader know, that you would like to be involved.

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## Cotswold Outdoor

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- **20% for adult members, - need to take you Membership card**
- **15% for youth members – Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers – need to take your PG Scarf**

## Sainsbury's Active Kids

We're taking part in *Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015*. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible.

Collect *Active Kids* vouchers when you shop at Sainsbury's till 5th 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, please put them in the box by the front door



## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

Hi there - Wow! what a great time was had at the Dino sleepover! Beavers made their own dinosaur t shirt, had a deep sea talk followed by a glow in the dark dino hunt. Finally the Beavers were sooo tired they went to bed happy.

The following morning Beavers had breakfast followed by a show and tell talk on some live animals that they have at the museum. Attending Beavers earned their nights away badge. Many of you may have already viewed the pictures on the PG website.

The following Monday Beavers painted their garden boxes they made with lots of bright colours and then the following week they planted them with herbs for the Spring. This earned them their gardening badge.

The next week we were at Winter Hill because the stage was set up. Beavers told jokes and sang songs and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

Still to come before the end of term we will be taking a hike from the Shire Horse back to the green at Littlewick followed by hot chocolate and biscuits and the week after an Easter treasure hunt is planned.

Welcome our new Beaver *Bailey Clarke* and his family to Beavers

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



### **Winter Hill Colony**

It's been a good but busy few weeks at beavers. I think the highlight of the last few weeks has to be our visit to the Maidenhead Heritage Centre where the staff there put on a fantastic evening of activities where the boys learnt all about World War One and explored some genuine artefacts. We'd like to say a big thank you to the staff for their brilliant efforts.

Another highlight has been our annual Beaveree on March 7th. We enjoyed an afternoon full of different activities and a good time was had by all. Thank you very much for all the fundraising that the boys have done for this.

More recently, the scouts ran a brilliant evening based on using the pantomime stage for the beavers to earn their entertainers badges. We also had a fun evening playing team games in Littlewick's hall.

Coming up we'll be looking forward to taking advantage of the lighter evenings to use the woods and the green to get outside and practice some scouting skills!

We very much appreciate! All the parents who have come along to help last term. We still need some help so if you enjoyed it, please see Hathi to sign up on the parent rota for this term.

**Hathi** (Catherine Weeks)

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## **CUB NEWS**

### **Winter Hill Pack**

Since the last report, we have continued to focus on fundamental scouting skills. Cubs learnt about map symbols as well as some basic first aid. Ask them to make a sling out of their neckerchief! We also spent an evening learning about e-safety and staying safe on the Internet.

During the October half-term holiday, the scouts ran an exciting Incident Hike for the cubs from Winter Hill and Littlewick Green. The cubs enjoyed taking part in the outdoor challenges and especially enjoyed the hot chocolate at the end! Thank you to *Simon* and the Scouts.

A team of 7 cubs took part in the District Flag Competition on 7th March. They competed against other cubs from around the district partaking in different activities including fire lighting, trails and an obstacle course. The team finished 4th place. Well done to *Ben Jones, Archie Cottington, Edwin Isted, Finn Treacy, Toby Pocock, Charlie Shervell* and *Kyle Dixon*. Thanks also to *Patrick Ashe* (young leader) for running our base and *Jacala* (Jon Corbitt) for escorting the team for the afternoon.

Over the next few weeks, we will be taking advantage of the stage by holding an entertainment evening – we are looking forward to seeing what the cubs bring! There will also be a chorus line of cubs in the Group pantomime at the end of March.

We will be taking a break over the Easter holidays, so there will be no Pack meeting on 8th and 15th April. We will be back on 22nd April.



Happy Easter!  
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### Littlewick Pack

Well what can I say other than a big BRAVO to our cubs *Alexander Watson, William Hoad, Charlotte Wilkinson, Joseph Henwood, Chelsea Herbert-Green and Eva Murray* - that represented Littlewick Green cubs at the flag competition and won! A great score of 199.

Well done team and well done to all the other teams that took part, it was a great afternoon.

Our cubs have been busy helping out at home, cleaning, ironing bed making etc. to earn their home help activity badge which they got to sew on their jumpers.

We had a good turnout for the night hike and it stayed nice and dry for us. We are looking forward to making bird houses, they all love the having a go with the hammer and nails! Pictures to follow.

We are still collecting the Sainsbury's active kids vouchers so please bring any spares you have to cubs on Wednesday.

Many thanks. **LG Rikki** (Jo Taylor)

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## SCOUT NEWS

### District 5-a-side football competition

The Scout Football Competition will be held on Thursday 30th April 2015. 6:45pm –8.45pm at Altwood School Astro turf. If you are interested in talking part, please let your Scout leader know.

### Sleeping Beauty

Well done to the *Jamie Alexander, Robbie Alexander, Ben Almond, Patrick Ashe, Josef Basarab, Edward Bennett, Dillon Flew, James Garitty, Abby Jones, Edward Latimer, Nicholas Latimer, Toby Latimer, Jake Milston, Ava Neeves, Niall Parsons, Daniel Wallace and Ben Williams* who were the main characters in Sleeping Beauty, who all put in a lot of hard work. Also to YLs/ Leaders *James Kersey, Aidan Milston, Peter Marshall, Tom Beynon, Tom Sellers and Jordan Day Hunt* who put on an special number *IF I WERE NOT UPON THIS STAGE*.

### Littlewick Troop

Hi everyone!

LG Scouts may be a small troop, but that doesn't seem to be stopping us from having fun and being busy! This past month, our two Patrol Leaders, *Abby Jones* and *Ava Neeves*, have been thoroughly enjoying taking active roles in the PG Panto rehearsals. *Luca Macri* represented the troop at the district Cross Country event and with the grateful help of some Winterhill Scout members, we were able to enter a LG team at the District Laser Quest. In our Monday troop meetings this we have begun working towards our Navigator, Orienteer and Camper Activity badges to prepare us for a summer of hiking and our first camp. We'd also like to congratulate *Anna MacDonald* on her investiture and give a warm welcome to *Rooptegh Obhi* in joining the troop.

**Kate Marshall** (LG Scout Leader),

### Winter Hill Troop

District Laser Quest Competition, **well done** to *Robbie & Jamie Alexander, Ben Almond, Eddie Bennett, Nicholas Conacher, Edward Lattimer, Niall Parsons, Daniel Wallace, Jake Milston and Frank Williams*



Friday nights have been busy with an entertain evening, where Scouts told jokes and did shadow puppets, a fitness / dancing evening, a trip bowling

Can we thank all the Scouts who came and saw sleeping Beauty, we hope you enjoyed this year's production.

We will be holding an Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday.

Now the clocks have changed we will be doing a lot more outside.

Don't forget PG are taking part in this year's District St Georges Day event, where all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers from 11 Groups in Maidenhead take part in a special event for Scouting's patron Saint St George

**Simon Wheeler** (WH Scout Leader)



### World Scout Jamboree Japan 2015

*Patrick Ashe, George Knott and Grace Marshall*, have been chosen to represent PG by attending the World Scout Jamboree in Japan this Summer. Follows is a report from *Grace*.

We had another Jamboree meeting on Sunday 8th March which started off with the interesting activity of us all being paired up and tied together with no explanation, other than "Don't take it off!". The rest of the day was filled with talks from the Contingent doctor, who explained the risks of dehydration with a pee chart which had colours from pale green to purple and black- not the most conventional one! We then cooked a surprisingly tasty (well, edible at least) meal, and were given our kit bags for the journey. The kit bags made us realise how close the trip is- only a few months instead of over a year. When we were finally told the reason for being tied together- "To make you realise how annoying it can be with people constantly in your personal space"- and asked how it made us feel, answers ranged from "tied down" to "murderous"! Luckily no crimes were committed and all in all it was a really fun day.

**Grace Marshall** (PG YL WH Beavers)