



GROUP NEWS

March 2015

2015 PG PANTOMIME – Sleeping Beauty

The Scouts and Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's Pantomime *Sleeping Beauty*. 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



TICKETS ON SALE for Sleeping Beauty

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 27th March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 28th 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. We hope that you will be able to come and see one of these performances.

Order Form: www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/2015SleepingBeautyTickets.pdf

Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 29th March 10.00am**.

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



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



Active Kids is underway

We're taking part in *Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015*. 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 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*!



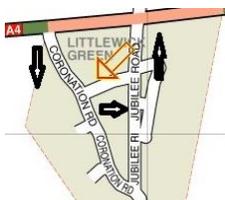
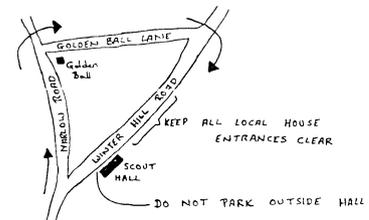
Your efforts are really appreciated and make a huge difference.

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

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.

Please observe the above instructions when dropping off and collecting from PG meetings.

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Chair Person of the PG Parents Support Group

The Role of Chairperson is to work in liaison with the Group Scout Leader, The chairperson of PGPSG will chair the monthly meeting (first Monday).

- The committees key roles are:
- To ensure that the Hall is maintained and repaired as necessary.
- Fundraising to support various activities.
- Ensure funds is spent wisely and effectively - equipment.
- Recruit new parents to the committee.

If you are interested in either of these important support roles please call me for more information. If you are interested in joining our team on the PG PSG we do need some more parents, more hands make light work.

At the moment I am trying to do 2 roles which is extremely time consuming and sometimes means that my primary role suffers.

Erica Hunter
Group Scout Leader

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.

Calling All Parents, Grandparents & Supporters



CLEANING ROTA VOLUNTEERS ☺

- Due to natural retirement of some of our cleaning rota volunteers we need to ask for your help again.
- Task entails cleaning the kitchen & bathroom once a week.
- The number already volunteering means you will probably do it less than twice a year.
- You receive the Hall key from the previous volunteer and pass it to the next volunteer on the list.
- Cleaning supplies are provided
- Clean hall on a Thursday or Fridays
- For more details, please contact cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk
- We are creating the rota for June 2015 onwards – as you can imagine School holidays are a challenge!

Thanking all of you who have volunteered. This effort has made a **HUGE** difference to all the Leaders in Beavers, Cubs & Scouts across the Group **Please would you consider joining the Weekly Cleaning Rota** to help us keep the Hall spick & span?

Thanks Pauline Patel
PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator
Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

**General Building
and Home
Maintenance**

**Andrew Jones 01628 783401
 07765 972911**

SPECIALIST BRICKWORK

BEAVER NEWS

Over the night of Saturday 21st February till Sunday 22nd February, 19 PG Beavers from both Littlewick & Winterhill colonies, over the age of seven, with seven Leaders, went for a dino sleepover at the Natural History Museum, in London.

There had a lot of games and exciting things to do.

Photos of event: www.pgscouts.org.uk



Winter Hill Colony

We have had a fantastic half term at beavers – filled with lots of food! We've had World War One food tasting evening where the beavers got to try corned beef and fat free cake, some of which went down well and some of which noses got turned up at! We learned all about being a soldier and how soldiers were trained to survive in the trenches. We followed this up our cookery badge, run by Tic-tac, where we made healthy sandwiches, fruit salads and pizzas, as well as learning about food hygiene. Lots of fun was had by all, including the leaders! We have also completed another hike – on a lovely clear night and learnt all about the planet Jupiter.

Coming up, we have our trip to Maidenhead Heritage Centre – to continue our learning on WW1. We will also be completing our gardening badge as well as Easter themed evenings.

Date for your diaries: Scout pantomime is on 27th and 28th March – this is a fantastic performance of entertainment for the beavers and get your tickets for one of evening or afternoon performances!

We also have to say goodbye to *Tristian* and *Dominic Sell* who have gone up to cubs. We wish them well in their new section and hope that we see them around often at group events!

REMINDER: Please, please, please be careful when dropping off and picking up from beavers. As these are our youngest group members we have the most cars stopping and parking compared to any other section. We have unfortunately had some near misses recently where cars have tried to turn around in driveways and caused chaos for neighbours, pedestrians and drivers. It is imperative that you use the advised one way system in place for you and your child's safety, especially on these dark evenings. If possible, it is advisable to lift share to reduce the traffic outside the scout hall also.

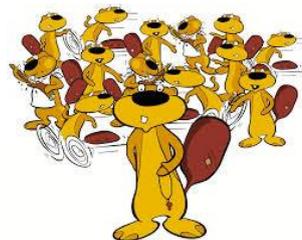
We very much appreciate! All the parents who have come along to help last term. We still need some help so if you enjoyed it, please see Hathi to sign up on the parent rota for this term.



Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

Littlewick Colony

Hi there - well the term started off with an international theme with Beavers working towards their global badge. The first week Beavers made a Beaver passport with their name, age and place of birth – followed by some things they liked doing. The next week Beavers used their passports to board our make-believe Beaver plane. The flight was smooth and in a second we had landed in Italy! The Beavers made their own pizzas with toppings including Pepperoni, ham, tomato and mushroom. Beavers learnt and played games about places, names and colours in Italian. The next week Beavers boarded their plane again to fly to France. This week we even had a real cabin attendant visit from Virgin Atlantic to see us on board! The Beavers made croissants. The third voyage was a flight to China – making Chinese lanterns and learning some Chinese words. The next week was a drama night where the Beavers explored feelings expressed through drama and game. They thoroughly enjoyed this. B & Q visited us the following Monday, helping Beavers make wooden garden boxes which will be painted and planted after half term.



LG Bubbles (Ruth Pearce) and team

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CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

Over the last few weeks, we have been focussing on basic scouting skills. The cubs have learnt the 16 (yes, 16!) points of the compass and put their learning into action. They have learnt about the patron saints of the United Kingdom and how the Union Flag is made up of the individual countries' flags. They enjoyed learning how to tie knots but I wonder how many will be remembered after half term?

In addition to the scouting skills, the cubs were also taught some basic road signs and what they mean to drivers and pedestrians.

At the end of January, we entered a team into the District Swimming Gala and were very pleased to come first once again. Well done to the cubs for swimming so well and to Tarka (Barry Palmer) for putting the team together.

We are now looking forward to the Incident Hike led by the Scouts during the half term holiday. The following weeks see map symbols and first aid on the agenda. We also have a team entering the District Flag competition in March – good luck team!



Bagheera (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack



First we want to say a big well done to Charlotte Wilkinson, Alexander Watson, Aaron Mussell, William Hoad, Brandon Newport and Sam Packman for representing our pack in the district swimming gala, we came third! well done team it was a great event.

The LG Cubs have been super busy - we've had a night hike, been working hard mastering knots (thanks to our young leaders Matt and Harry for their knot knowledge!) and were getting the saws and hammers back out to build a bird house.

We had a great time at the Reading Climbing Centre with 18 of our Cubs mastering some tricky and very high climbs. Akela and myself watched from the balcony as all our Cubs took on the challenge with great confidence, well done cubs.

Once again we are collecting Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers, so please bring them along each week. Many thanks.

LG Rikki (Jo Taylor)

SCOUT NEWS



2015's Pantomime - "Sleeping Beauty" -

We hope that those Scouts and their families who are not in or helping, with this year's production will all come and see it on either Friday 27th or Saturday 28th March. Tickets will be available from beginning of March

Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods - A big Thank You goes to the 22 Scouts, Young Leaders & leaders from both Troops for their help in running the joint cub meeting during half term. The Cubs who attended had a great time completing various challenges on the green and in the woods, including a blind trail, assault course, stretcher race and match stick puzzles using 2 metre poles.

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Littlewick Troop

Hi everyone!

We've been very busy this past month at LG Scouts, seven of our Scouts were invested- A big Scouting welcome to *Abby Jones, Alba Standen, Ava Neeves, Caitlin Sadie, Jack Fulford, Luca Macri* and *Tom Lonsdale*. One of the ways the Scouts learnt the Scout promise was through recreating it with spaghetti letters- what better way to spend a Monday evening than to get messy!



Watch this space for more investitures as our troop grows. We are also pleased to announce that LG Scouts will be competing in our first two district competition next month so that means PG will have two teams competing in the Cross County and Laser Quest! Good luck to everyone involved.

Kate Marshall (LG Scout Leader),

Winter Hill Troop

February has been a busy month, we have held two Training Weekend We have not had much luck with the weather, but still had a go at lighting and cooking in the woods and learning how to use an axe, saw and knife correctly. Friday nights have been busy with cooking pancakes, a trip to laser quest, using the stage for shadow puppets. March we will be having an entertain evening, possibly a bowling evening as well as a trip to see Sleeping Beauty, we hope those Scouts who are not in this year's production will make the effort to come along to one of the performances. We will be holding a meeting on Good Friday when we will be holding our annual Easter Egg hunt.

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)

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 26th April 2015, 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 16 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 2 YLs & 2 Leaders.

We have 141 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus, 15 Young leaders (Explorers), with 40 adults, (leaders, assistants and instructors), giving us a **total of 196**

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**

Pinkneys Green Scouts




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Spring Jumble Sales

Dates for your Diaries **Saturday 2nd May and Saturday 16th May - 10.30am**

We will be looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 1st May, 6.00pm** 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

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

