



## GROUP NEWS

April 2016

### PANTOMIME – Jack and The Beanstalk

Well done to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs and Leaders for taking part in PG's 2016 pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk, especially the main cast members, who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas

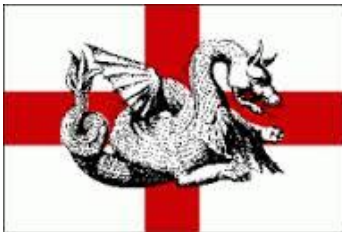
We would like to thank every one who supported this year's production.

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 doing the music, *Pauline Patel* for organising the tickets, refreshments. John Bannerman for doing the curtains, *BoB Weingarth* and his team, for organising the scene changes, *The Mums* for sorting the costumes, *Catherine Weeks & Grace 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 24th April 2016

**Meet:** Howarth Road, off Stafferton Way, at 1.50pm.

**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,

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.

### 2016 St Georges Day Awards

We are delighted to be able to announce that *Phill Bristow* has been awarded the Silver Acorn in recognition of their years of dedicated service to scouting.

*Phill* was an Leader with the Troop before joining the District Active Support Unit.

He still supports PG with his equipment and technical knowledge at out Summer Fairs, Group camps and JOTA

We would like to take this opportunity to thank *Phill* for his continued support at Pinkneys Green.



### Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race

*Rob Ayre*, PG Leader and *John Boothman*, Cookham leader, completed Devizes to Westminster, 125 mile Canoe Race



them 28th overall.

The race began at Devizes in Wiltshire, travelling down the Kennet and Avon canal to Reading and then the River Thames to Westminster, finishing opposite the Houses of Parliament. It took place over the Easter weekend they completed the paddle, in 22 hours and 46 minutes, **winning the trophy for the fastest Scout Team.**

They were competing against over 300 boats, the race was a severe test of skill, physical and mental stamina which included stopping at over 70 places, where the paddlers have to get out for locks and carry their own boat. The weather was not very good they had torrential downpours and strong winds of up to 45mph

They completed the gruelling course with help from their support crew of twelve, who fed them and filled their water bottles as they ran along the tow path at the locks. They set off at 8.45am on Easter Saturday and paddled until Easter Sunday morning, placing

## Sainsbury's Active Kids

We're taking part in *Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016*. 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



## Spring Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble or sorting on **Friday 6 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 7th May 2016, 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 7th May 2016 - 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 6th or Sat 7th - It would be great**



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## Summer Fair

This year we will be holding our Annual Summer Fair on the Green on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Please make a note of the date, we will be looking for support from Beaver, Cubs and scouts and their parents



**Fair Date is Sunday 19th June 2016**

## 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

Cotswold Outdoor are in partnership with The Scouts Association and the recommended retailer for all your outdoor essentials.

**All members will also be entitled to a discount in Cotswold Outdoors:**

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

## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

We've had a busy month in Littlewick Green colony. Our beavers achieved their 'My Skills' badges by working towards personal skills such as tying shoes laces, scarf folding and teeth care. Well done to those Beavers who joined us for the Hike at Malders Lane. We were lucky with the weather, Wren lead he lovely singing and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to the Beavers who earned their Hike Badges.

We had a good turnout for the Space Beaveree. Our Beavers had fun and showed great creativity and it was all for a fantastic cause.

We thank Winter Hill Scouts for "entertaining us". We had some great jokes and instruments played as well as singing 'Old MacDonald had a farm' with the scouts showing the Beavers some funny actions. We obviously have a lot of talented beavers and NO stage fright! They were amazing, well done!! The Beavers have also gained their 'First Aid' badge after an informative evening lead by Wren. They learnt the recovery position, how to call for help, assisting in an emergency situation (if its safe to do so) as well as lots of fun bandaging.

We'd like to thank our young leaders and parent helpers for your continued support at the weekly meetings, we do appreciate your help.

*Keeo (Ali Butler)*



### **Winter Hill Colony**

After half term the beavers have been very busy practicing lots of different skills. We started with an excellent evening run by the scouts; learning how to entertain people for our badge. We then practiced our hiking skills, completing a night hike in the local area. Later in the term, we practiced our game skills playing lots of different games in Littlewick green's hall, and had a film night complete with popcorn. We also attended the district Beaveree at Altwood, where we had lots of fun joining in with all the other beavers in Maidenhead. Our base involved firing rockets, which was great fun! We finished off the term with a trip to Maidenhead Police station – thank you to the police for allowing us to invade!

Coming up, we'll be itching to get back outdoors in the summer term, practicing all of our important scouting skills. If any parents are able to help out during these sessions, it would be much appreciated as it would enable us to complete the activities in smaller groups. Please give your name to a leader if you are able to volunteer!

*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 February 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. There will also be a chorus line of cubs in the Group pantomime at the end of March.

A team of 5 cubs took part in the District Flag Competition on 5th 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 2nd place by 1 point! Well done to *Callum Bleazard, Mattie Roberts, Toby Pocock, Charlie Shervell and Isambard Medhurst*. Thanks to *Jon Corbitt* for coaching the team. The Cubs had a chorus line of cubs in the Group



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! We will be taking a break over the Easter holidays, so there will be no Pack meeting on 30th March and 6th April. We will be back on 13th April.

*Bagheera (Rob Harris)*

### **Littlewick Pack**

During half-term holiday, we joined Winter Hill Cubs for an Incident Hike run by Winter Hill Scouts. The cubs had a good time and enjoyed taking part in the challenges, it was followed by hot chocolate in the hall, Thank you goes to Simon and the scouts.

Well done to cubs who took part in the District Flag Competition, they did very well

*Rikki (Jo Taylor)*



## SCOUT NEWS

### District 5-a-side football competition

The Scout Football Competition will be held on Sunday 17th April 2016. 1:45pm –4.00pm at Altwood School Astro turf.  
If you are interested in talking part, please let your Scout leader know.

### Jack & The Beanstalk

Well done to: *Josef Basarab, William Bennett, Dillon Flew, James Garitty, James Huband, Tom Knott, Sean Montgomery, Niall Parsons, Hayden Paul, Alfie Savage, Daniel Wallace, Simon Wilkosz*, plus two Cubs *Oliver Aerts and Toby Pocock* who were the main characters in *Sleeping Beauty*, who all put in a lot of hard work.

Also to Young Leaders *Frank Williams, Jonathan Otun, Jay Hutchins and Patrick Ashes* who put on an special number

### Cross Country

Well done to all the PG Scouts *Amelia Bell, Siend Brndcdo, Nick Conacher, Alba Standen Tom Knott, Dhruv Mehta, Niall Parsons, Pat Russell, Joseph Ruffell and Simon Wilkosz* who took part in the Cross Country, they did very well winning the Junior and Senior team events

Special Congratulations goes to *Siend Brndcdo* on coming 2nd and *Amelia Bell* on come 3rd in the individual

### Littlewick Troop

Littlewick troop will be having a break for the Easter Holidays, the first meeting for the Summer Term will be 7.30pm on Monday 11th April 2016

### Winter Hill Troop

Friday nights have been busy with an entertain evening, where Scouts told jokes and did shadow puppets, a fitness / dancing evening, fun Swimming trip to Windsor. Astronomy Evening at Altwood Scout Hall



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Can we thank all the Scouts who came and saw Jack and the Beanstalk, 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)

### PG Young Leaders

Congratulations goes to Frank Williams, Jonathan Otun and Jay Hutchins on winning the district Monopoly Run

The monopoly Run is using London public Transport getting to as many Monopoly places in a given time

Bill Carter District Explorer Leader presented them with the Trophy

Well done to them

