



## GROUP NEWS

January 2016

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 2016

Please make a note of the dates that affect you and your child(s).



Our Christmas Fair is, one of our major fund raising events of the year. We have managed to raise over **£650**. Some of the money raised is used to provide Christmas parcels for the elderly around Pinkneys Green; the rest goes towards the running cost of the Scout Hall. A big thank you goes to all the parents, friends, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who helped at the fair or came along to support us.

### 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.



### Social Evening - photos and stories from Japan Jamboree and Project Africa

Soltau Centre, Stubbings Church on Saturday 16th January 2016 at 7pm. Bring own refreshments/nibbles.

We as a group were very fortunate that 3 of our Young Leaders *Grace Marshall, Patrick Ashe* and *George Knott* went to Japan for the World Jamboree and Leader *Kieran Patel* and Young Leader *Ben Williams* went to Uganda for Counties Project Africa.

Please come and see there photos and hear about there experiences. All members, families and friends are welcome.

Remember it could be you in 2019 at the next World Jamboree, at Summit Bechtel in West Virginia, USA.

## REMINDER a Special Camp To Celebrate 100 Years of Cub Scouts

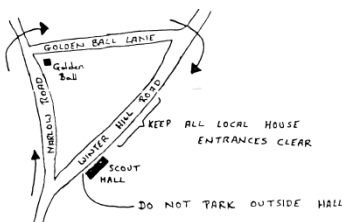
Maidenhead and District Cub Scouts are organising a Big Camp to commemorate the founding of Wolf Cubs in December 1916 by Lord Baden Powell.

Every Cub Scout in Maidenhead is invited to camp for the weekend. There will be a full programme of activities, including: Climbing, Zip Wire, Fire Lighting, Craft, Hiking, Inflatables, Pioneering . . .

The camp will be Friday 24th of June. to Sunday 26th June. The cost of camp will be £50 per cub, other than food and activities; it will include a T-shirt and Camp badge.

Both PG Cub packs will be attending this once in a lifetime special camp. PG Cubs should have received a special **Yellow** letter. **We hope your child can attend.** Parents please return the form on letter, to Akela as soon as possible, payment of £50 need to be paid by this month. ( January 2016.)

If you require another copy of the **Yellow** letter or have any questions, please contact your Akela



### YOUNGSTERS SAFETY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

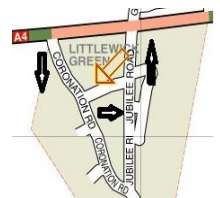
**PINKNEYS GREEN** - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your son(s) from Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways 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 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 220 trees and raised over **£5,100**

## 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.



## PHOTOCOPY – PG Pantomime Script

**URGENT** We are still looking with some help to print this years Pantomime Script. Its 35 sheets (70 sides, back to back) If you can do a few copies it would be great, we are looking for 32 copies. Or do you know of a local company that can print it for a reasonable price. If you can help please email [simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk)

## Thank You Letters

A letter to *Winter Hill Scouts*:

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Pinkneys Green Group Scout Leader

2nd December 2015

Dear Erica

### **Volunteer works on Public Rights of Way**

At the November meeting of the Local Access Forum we received our annual report on the work over the past year that has been achieved through voluntary groups across the Borough in the development and maintenance of our public rights of way network.

The report highlighted the important work undertaken once again this year by the scouts from Pinkneys Green. Clearing and looking after the paths in your local area is very important toward ensuring access & an enjoyable trouble free walk or ride for all our users. As always we have been impressed with your enthusiasm and 'can-do' attitude, ---- you are a credit to your local community. Even with a limited amount of time on a Friday evening you accomplished an impressive amount of work with your different teams. Your effort is very much appreciated.

We hope that the teams also found the work enjoyable & have a real sense of accomplishment for what you all achieved.

The Forum send their both their warm thanks & sincere appreciation to all the teams for their commitment & hard work. Thank you all very much; we hope that you will be able to continue working to helps us in the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Thorn

Chair – Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Local Access Forum

### Christmas Parcel

To all the leaders and Cubs of PG

I want to say an enormous thank-you for the Christmas gift you so kindly brought to me - what a surprise it was too.

I hope you all have a Super Christmas and lots of fun together next year

*Lilia Williams*



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## New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk which took place on Friday 1st January 2016. 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.



## Maidenhead Pantomime – Puss In Boots

This year over 100 PG Beavers, Cubs, Scouts (Littlewick & Winter Hill) plus Young Leaders attended this year's Maidenhead Pantomime at the Town Hall to Puss In Boots.

Two members of PG were in the cast **Rob Harris** (WH Akela) at Winter Hill Cubs and **Patrick Ashe** (PG Young Leader), **Akela** played Nosmo King and **Patrick** played Nopar King.

The production was put on by Maidenhead Drama Guild

There was cheesy jokes, fabulous attire, and a good old sing-a-long, come to finish with it was a great pantomime to go along and see.

Well done to **Rob & Patrick** for giving us all a good evening

## Littlewick Beavers - Leader changes

On Monday at the Beaver Christmas party we said goodbye to **Hawkeye**, Veronica Martin who has been the leader for 2½ years, the colony has had a successful time lots of exciting activities and many many badges earned, the colony has participated in district events and competitions, Luke her son is now moving on to Cubs and we hope that she will stay involved with the group.

WELCOME to Emma Fielding our new **Hawkeye** at Littlewick who is very much looking forward to the New Year and starting at Beavers. She has some great ideas so Beavers your fun will continue and in good hands.

*Erica Hunter* Group Scout Leader

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Back from our half-term break, how could we possibly top our fantastically fun Halloween party? We had a trip to Alex's house for the largest bonfire we'd ever seen and an amazing Fireworks display! We learnt about the meaning of bonfire night and also had hot chocolate and biscuits to warm us up. A huge Thank you to Alex's Mum & Dad, we all had a great time. It all went in a flash!



For the collectors badge the Beavers had another outing, this time we headed into town to Maidenhead's Heritage Centre. The Beavers saw Maidenhead's very own collection. From stone age implements, Roman Julius' remains to Brunel's widest spanning bridge and much more. To help us see the whole collection we were given a word hunt. We also handled some artefacts and guessed what they were used for in the past, before making our very own hand axes like our ancestors, without using modern glues or tape.

We're looking forward to seeing the Beavers own collections.

A big thank you to Gini and Evie of the Maidenhead Heritage Centre. Thank you to those parents that stayed to help, we hope you enjoyed it too.

For our faith badge we'll be having fun at St. John the Evangelist Church in Littlewick Green when we meet Reverend Tina Moynaux. The following weeks we'll be sharing our own collections for the collectors badge and lots of crafting for the weeks leading to Christmas before we celebrate with a Christmas party to end the year.

We would like to welcome Emma Fielding & Ben Ratcliff into Littlewick's Beaver colony. We hope they have as much fun as we do.

Thank you to all helpers and parents that give their time each week to make Beavers a fun, safe and interesting environment.

**L.G Beavers team; Hawkeye** (Vee Martin) **Keeo** (Ali Butler), Emma Fielding and young leaders **Nicole, Jonathan & Ben.**

### Winter Hill Colony

Winter Hill beavers finished the Autumn term with lots of fun Christmas craft activities. We then visited the church, where we wrapped some gifts for those less fortunate than ourselves and heard all about the meaning of Christmas. We finished the term in style in our usual way - a beaver banquet for 60 people!! It was lovely to see the beavers there with their parents and to enjoy some time together.

Next term we start back on the 11th of January. We can't wait to see what's in store for us next!

**Hathi** (Catherine Weeks)



## 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!

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.....

### Winter Hill Pack

The last few weeks have been busy as usual. We took the cubs to the fire station where they enjoyed looking around the building and the fire engines. The firefighters were great at showing the boys what all the equipment was used for and how the station works.



We have had two creative evenings, one making bird food and the second evening spent making truffles. The cubs went home with chocolate around their faces as well as in the bags! Thank you to Matthew Milston for running this popular session again.

In December, cubs visited local elderly friends' houses and delivered food parcels. They sang carols and were rewarded with a few treats too. On 16th December, the cubs joined the beavers, scouts and leaders with the annual trip to the Maidenhead pantomime. Patrick Ashe and I very much appreciated the audience participation from them all!

A few cubs attended the Christingle service at Stubbings Church this month, thank you for attending and representing the pack.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 6th January and will be a 'New Year' party. This year's theme is pantomime... boys can come dressed up as their favourite pantomime character and there will be prizes for the best costumes. On behalf of all the cub leaders; have a great Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.

**WH Akela** (*Rob Harris*)



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## SCOUT NEWS

### Littlewick Troop

Hopefully everyone has had a great Christmas and New Year and is ready for another term of Scouts. I'm writing this update looking at a tree still surrounded by presents and eagerly awaiting the annual showing of The Great Escape - in other words it is not Christmas yet and so the Spring Term programme has not yet been defined! Needless to say I'll do my best to make sure it is engaging, practical and made up of activities the Scouts wouldn't ordinarily get to do at school.

The two big events in the term are the District swimming gala (30th Jan) and the PG Panto (18th/19th Mar) - look out for information on auditions as it would be great to get some LW Scouts into the show again this year. I know from personal experience there is a lot the Scouts can learn about confidence and self-discipline by being in performances like these.



Although it is a new year we are still looking for two regular Assistant Scout Leaders for the Troop as at present I remain the only warranted leader. You will see more advertising etc on this soon, so please pass it on to anyone you know that might be suitable. Finally, please don't forget to keep to the one-way system when dropping off and pick up - I've recently noticed a few cars operating their own contra-flow on Monday nights!

LG Scout Leader (*David Barnes*)

### Winterhill Troop

The last part of the Autumn term has been very busy, the older Scouts took part in a backwards weekend, where they skinned and gutted pheasants and pigeons, before preparing an excellent stew, which they all enjoyed. A big thank you to leaders *Alex Robins* and *Myles Rankin* for organising the event.

Thank you goes to the 15 Scouts and young leaders who helped at our Christmas Fair to run the Tombola, which was a great success again.

Well done to *Niall Parsons* for carrying the WH Troop Flag at the Christingle Service at Stubbing and to *Ben Almond*, *Patrick Flood*, *Callum Kunchur*, *Hayden Paul*, and *Frank Williams* for doing the prayers and readings and *Matthew Miller* for the collection, which was in aid of the Children's Society.

Under SPL *Frank Williams* organisation, the PLs organised a special Troop dinner at the Scout hall. Over 80 people sat down to a three course meal, which consisted of Tomato soup & Role, Chicken Korma curry followed by Alex Surprise and Ice cream. Thank you goes to *Alex Robins* for organising the cooking. *George Knott* gave a presentation on the World Jamboree he attended in Japan, plus, *Kieran Patel* gave a report back on his Trip to Africa, where he helped build a school.



This term is going to be a busy one; each Patrol will be going swimming to High Wycombe to do their Swimmers badges.



We hope to be holding three training weekend, so we can teach the scouts basic Scouting skills for this year's camps.

We will be holding auditions for this year's Easter Pantomime, Jack & the Beanstalk. 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 18th March**, 7.00pm + **Saturday 19th March**, 3.00pm & 7.00pm. Make sure that you are available on those dates, if you wish to take part

All Scouts and Young Leaders will be receiving the annual (2016) Medical & Personal Detail Forms. Can parents please complete and return these forms to **Scout Hall by 15th January**. It is important we get the updated forms, as medical conditions change, at least one Scout has moved house (without telling us)

We will be entering a team the District Swimming gala at the end of January

WH Scout Leader *Simon Wheeler*

**2016 Outline Programme**

<b>1 January</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>New Years Morning Walk</b> - 10.30am
8 January	ScoutWH	- Scouts New Year Party
14 January	Scout	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime <i>Jack and Beanstalk</i>
<b>16 January</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Social Evening - Japan Jamboree and Project Africa</b> - 7pm Soltau Centre
22-23 Jan	ScoutWH	- Training Course (Older Scouts / YLs)
30 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scouts 5.40pm]
5-6 Feb	ScoutWH	- Training Course (Part year 7 plus Year 8)
13 February	ScoutWH	- Laser Quest
<b>12-14 Feb</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required</b>
17 February	CubWHLG	- Incident Hike (Run by Scouts <i>PL's &amp; APL's</i> )
19-20 Feb	ScoutWH	- LAN <i>Provisional Date</i>
<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Paint Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required</b>
26-27 Feb	ScoutWH	- Training Course (Year 6 plus part Year 7)
29 February	BeaverWH	- " <i>We Entertain</i> " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
5 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
5 March	Cub	- Flag Competition
7 March	BeaverLG	- " <i>We Entertain</i> " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
11 March	ScoutWH	- Swimming Trip (Scouts not in Panto)
<b>18-19 March</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Scouts Pantomime <i>Jack and Beanstalk</i></b>
<b>20 March</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am Parents Help required</b>
9-10 April	ScoutWH	- Computer Event at Hall <i>Provisional Date</i>
<b>24 April</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>District St Georges Day Event - All Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>
6-8 May	ScoutWH	- <b>Troop Camp - All WH Scouts</b>
<b>7 May</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
14 May	Cub	- District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
<b>21 May</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
25 May	CubWHLG	- Litter Clear PG Triangle (Run by the Scouts) <i>Provisional Date</i>
3-5 June	Group	- Group (Family) Camp <i>Provisional Date</i>
17 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
<b>19 June</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Summer "<i>Fair On The Green</i>" 12 Noon - 4.00pm</b>
<b>24-26 June</b>	<b>District</b>	- <b>Cub District Centenary Camp</b>
1 July	Scouts	- District Scouts Soap Box Event
4 July	Beaver WH	- Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
11 July	Beaver LG	- Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
21 Jul - 3 Aug	ScoutWH	- <b>Summer Camp – tbc</b>
<b>[This is the most important Activity in the Scouting year - puts Scout previous training in to practice]</b>		
30-31 August	ScoutWH	- LAN <i>Provisional Date</i>
2-4 September	Cub	- Cub Camp <i>Provisional Date</i>
9 September	ScoutWH	- Evening Mystery Trip
<b>10 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
17 September	Scout	- District Land Activity Event
<b>24 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
<b>25 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Harvest Festival 3.25pm at Stubbings Church</b>
1 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course
2 October	Cub/Sct	- Rotary Boundary Walk
9 October	Scout	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event 10am - 1pm
10 October	BeaverWH	- Computer Event (Run by WHScouts)
12 October	CubWH	- Computer Event (Run by WHScouts)
<b>15-16 October</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>JOTA &amp; JOTI Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)</b>
22-23 October	ScoutWH	- LAN <i>Provisional Date</i>
26 October	CubWHLG	- Halloween Party (Run by Scouts)
31 October	BeaverWH	- Halloween Party (Run by WHScouts)
7 November	Beaver	- Firework Evening
12 November	Scout	- District Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
<b>13 November</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Remembrance Sunday Parade - 10.35am ALL Beavers Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>
17-18 Nov	Scout	- District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
24-25 Nov	ScoutWH	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
2 December	ScoutWH	- Trip – (Pos Bowling/Swimming ) All Scouts
<b>4 December</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Christmas Fair On a Sunday 12 Noon - 3.00pm</b>
<b>11 December</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Carol (<i>Christingle</i>) Service 3.25pm at Stubbings Church</b>
14 December	Group	- Trip to Maidenhead Pantomime
16 December	ScoutWH	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the WH Troop
17-18 Dec	ScoutWH	- Computer Weekend <i>Provisional Date</i>
20 December	BeaverWH	- Christmas Banquet

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