







March 2016

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group

GROUP NEWS

2016 PG PANTOMIME - Jack and The Beanstalk

The Scouts and Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's *Pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk.* They 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 Jack and The Beanstalk

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 18th March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 19th 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/2016JackTickets.pdf

Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on Sunday 20th March 10.30am.

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



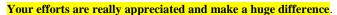
Active Kids is underway

We're taking part in *Sainsbury's Active Kids 2016*. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences.

In 2015 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!*



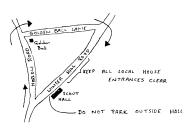
Send the vouchers along to your child's meeting, or drop them off at PG Scout Hall, please put them in the box by the front door

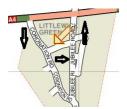
YOUNGSTERS SAFTEY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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 across 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.

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



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Medal of Merit

Congratulations goes to Jane Courtier our group Secretary on being awarded the Medal of Merit by our District Commissioner Graham Parkins. Jane has been supporting the Group since her Son Mark joined in in 1996. She took on the role as Group Secretary in 2004. Jane has also been our master mind in organising our Summer Fairs

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 24th April 2016, 2pm.





National Census

Every year, we have to complete an annual census, on 31st January, which this year shows that PG numbers have increased by 14

We had 153 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus, 17 Young leaders (Explorers), with 40 adults, (leaders, assistants and instructors), giving us a **total of 210**

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 £7,600

Spring Jumble Sales

Dates for your Diaries Saturday 7th May and Saturday 21st May - 10.30am

We will be looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 6th 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



<u> Summer Fair – Matched Funding</u>

With the Summer Fair Coming up (Sunday 19th June) here is a simple and easy way to boost funds for your child's Scout Group

Many companies provide Matched Funding Schemes which is a simple way of maximizing funds raised, for example, a parent volunteers to work for 1hr on the refreshment stall. The profit made by the stall is £100. The parents employer will then match this amount with a further £100

Example of some companies that have schemes below: In Particular **Microsoft** & **O2** - Can we add your company to the list? Please email Clive Cini clive.cini@hotmail.co.uk also if you work for one of these companies.

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Bank of England	GENERAL ELECTRIC CO PLC	Stagecoach	
BARCLAYS MATCH £4£ TO £750 PER EMPLOYEE 3 x's A YEAR	HBOS	Tesco plc	
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BOOKER PLC	Kellogs	The Royal London Mutual ins Co	
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BRADFORD & BINGLEY	LEVI STRAUSS (UK) LTD	United utilities Match up to £200	
BRITISH GAS	Littlewoods plc	WH Smith up to£500 per year	
BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS	Lloyds TSB Avon Cosmetics Ltd	Woolwich plc	
BT	Marks & Spencers plc	YORKSHIRE BANK	
CABLE & WIRELESS	NATIONAL GRID		

Group (Family) Camp

PG are organising a family camp for Friday 9th to Sunday 11th September 2016, at Stubbings; the same field where it was held in 2013 This has been a fun weekend for families All Beavers (with their families) Cub, Scouts & YLs and their families (together with siblings) are welcome to camp over the weekend.

All adults staying overnight will need to have a DBS done. So, if you are interested, please let your Section leader know asap so we can get the DBS process started early.



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BEAVER NEWS



Winter Hill Colony

Continuing on with enthusiasm at Winter Hill Beavers with lots of multicultural activities including Chinese New Year and tasting foods from different countries. Burns Evening, Building objects out of spaghetti and marshmallows We have also been honing our craft skills ready for the Beaveree next month.

Coming up; we'll be earning our entertainer badge and starting our outdoor activities as the evenings get lighter.

Date for your diaries:

Scout pantomime is on 18th and 19th March – this is a fantastic performance of entertainment for the beavers and get your tickets for one of evening or afternoon performances!

REMINDER: 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.

WH Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

Littlewick Colony

Congratulations to Blue lodge for winning the 'lodge of the month' trophy. For showing good teamwork, kindness and for being helpful. Well done Harvey M who is our 'beaver of the month' for January. For our cook badge we set the table, learnt about safety in the kitchen and decorated cakes, we also learnt that if we have a balanced diet we can eat the cake too! We celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Monkey. Starting the 'My Skills Challenge Award' badge with chopstick team games, we made lucky money envelopes and sang new songs for the campfire.

We said goodbye to three beavers as they swam up to Cubs. We wish them all good luck and exciting times ahead. And two of our young leaders who have stepped down to concentrate on their exams, we wish you good luck.

The beavers have really risen to the challenges we have given them, new friendships have been made, super team games played and we've been learning some fun camp fire songs ready for the spring evenings.

LG Keeo (Ali Butler)



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 may 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 second. Well done *Matthew Hay, Toby Pocock, Henry Langsley, Ethan Montgomery, Joseph Woodward* and *Mattie Roberts*, 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!

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

Well done and a BIG CONGRATS to Connie Howe, Brandon Newport, Dylan Williams-Lock, Finlay Howe, Joseph Henwood and Sam Packham - they represented Littlewick Cubs at the District Swim gala and came overall THIRD from the packs that were swimming on the day bravo team.

We've been out on a great night hike this term so far, well done to all that attended that. This term is flying by with Spring fast approaching and we are looking forward to getting back to all our outdoor activities on the lighter nights.

Thank you again to all our parent helpers - your time is greatly needed and appreciated.

 $\boldsymbol{LG\ Rikki}$ (Jo Taylor)





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SCOUT NEWS

2016's Pantomime - " Jack and The Beanstalk" -

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 18th or Saturday 19th March. Tickets will be available from beginning of March



Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods - A big Thank You goes to the 16 Scouts leaders from both

Troops, Young Leaders & 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 in very heavy rain, including an assault course, stretcher race, match stick puzzles using 2 metre poles. Followed by Hot Chocolate & Biscuits in the hall



District Cross Country Competition

This years District Cross Country Competition will be across the fields behind the Scout Hall

Date: Saturday 5th March, 10.20am - 11.15am

The course is approx. 2 miles long

We hope that Scouts from both Troop will make the effort to take part in this years event

District Swimming Gala

Well done to the following LG & WH Scouts who took part in the PG team in the District Swimming Gala. *Caitlin Sadie, William Bennett, Oscar Sands, Edwin Isted, Amelia Bell, Jake Bennett, Dhruv Mehta, Amelia Bell* and *Edward Bennett* (Who came in on the day due to illness) They did very well and came third.

Littlewick Troop

A short update this month, as with me having been away from Scouts for a couple of weeks this month due to work commitments, it's somewhat difficult to give a descriptive update on what the Troop has been doing. Therfore I'll use the page space to thank *Simon Wheeler* for stepping in for the fortnight I was away and running the meetings in addition to his other Scouting roles.

Looking at the calendar, the coming month is a great example of the variety the Scouting offers as we have The District Cross Country and the District Laser Quest competitions! Look out for information on both via email.

Please remember to wear full uniform for meetings including a tidy neckerchief! Also beware of the grass near the hall... it's very wet and very muddy now!

David Barnes (LG Scout Leader),





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Winter Hill Troop

We would like to welcome five new members to the Troop and their families. *Max Cini, Matthew Hay, William Bennet, Sean Montgomery* and *Alfie Savage*, all made their Scout promise.

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. Learning how to pack personal equipment for camp., plus food, camp and personal hygiene.



Friday nights have been busy with cooking pancakes; a trip to laser quest; Self Defence evening; we had a joint meeting with *Boyne Hill Altwood* Scouts, which was run by the local Astronomy club.

March we will be having an entertain evening, shadow puppets possibly a swimming evening as well as a trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk, 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.

Badges, can we remind those Scouts who have been awarded badges, please can **you** please sewn them on to your uniform as soon as possible, these badges are quite expensive

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)



Pinkneys Green Scout Group

2016 Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk

The Cubs, Scouts and Leaders have been busy rehearsing twice a week since January, for PG's 38th Annual Easter Pantomime. The pantomime is open to all members of PG; Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus their Families and Friends.

We hope you will be able to come and watch the show

Tickets are available for all 3 performances, and are sold on a first-come basis, @ £4 each.

If you require any tickets, please complete the below form and return it to your child's section meeting, or to 26 Camley Gardens, in a sealed envelope, with "Panto" and Childs name on.

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Saturday 19th	March 3pm	tickets @ £4.00 each	
Saturday 19th	March 7pm	tickets @ £4.00 each	
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(Cheques made payable to Pinkne	eys Green Scout Group)		
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