



GROUP NEWS

February 2017



2017 PG Scout Pantomime

This year's production is *Dick Whittington*.

The Scouts have been busy rehearsing since New Year

We will be looking for Cubs from both Packs to take part in a number, plus the Young leaders under *Jay Hutchings* guidance
Performance(s) will be on Friday / Saturday 17th / 18th March

We hope you can come and Support our SHOW

URGENT We Require Help Building Stage

We are looking for help from Parents to build (put together), our stage area

Mums, Dads friends of PG if you can spare a couple of hours your help would be appreciated

Friday 10th February (Evening), 6.00pm – 9.15pm

Saturday 11th February 10.30 3pm

Please let us know if you can help us for a couple of hours.

Email: help@pgtips.org.uk

No previous Experience required.



Thank you to everyone who donated their Sainsbury's Vouchers in 2016 to PG

Last years vouchers replaced some old sport equipment and bought new as well

We need a team effort!

We're taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences. For another year PG will be collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers. The Active Kids Campaign will be running in Sainsbury's stores. Vouchers can be collected instore and online at Sainsbury's from **25 January** until **2 May**. It's easy to collect vouchers for Active Kids 2017. Simply shop in Sainsbury's Supermarkets, Locals, petrol stations and online at sainsburys.co.uk and you'll earn Active Kids vouchers on your shopping.

Sainsbury's Local - In Sainsbury's Local stores you'll get one voucher for every £5 you spend.

Sainsbury's Supermarkets – till Every time you shop in store you'll be given one voucher for every £10 you spend at the till.

Online at sainsburys.co.uk and **Sainsbury's Supermarkets self-checkout** If you shop online at sainsburys.co.uk or use our self-checkout service, you'll still receive the equivalent of one voucher for every £10 you spend, but they'll all be printed on one piece of paper up to the value of 50 vouchers – so make sure you keep it safe.

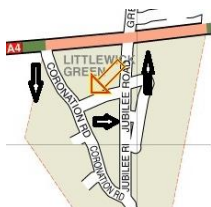
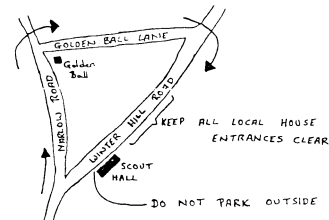
So please help us collect by donating your vouchers to us, and let anyone and everyone know that we're taking part in Active Kids! Your efforts are really appreciated and make a huge difference.

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.

Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes - Once a term

We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year. We need to sort a rota out for this term. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please email cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk for more information

A big thank you goes to all the 25 parents who helped us last year, it was a great help. The cleaning can be done to suit you.



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Our online shopping we use *easyfunding*.

We need your support; it is quite simple to **access our online web shop**, enter the address <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/> and “Pinkneys Green Scouts” as the cause

Short URL straight to page <http://www.goo.gl/IFFPVh>

If you go via this web site to your normal online shopping site PG are given a % of the money you spend at no extra cost to you. We have raised over £1,300 from supporters of PG who have done this.

Please Support
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Your homework is to visit:

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Click "Support a Good Cause" to find us and register your support. Start raising free money with all your online purchases!

Thank you!

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Calling All Parents

Please would you consider joining the **Weekly Cleaning Rota** to help us keep the Hall spick & span?

As we go to press, we need more parents to replace parents who have moved on. Dates we are short of help are week from end **May 2017 onwards**. Originally, I volunteered to help, because I preferred the Beaver, Cub & Scout Leaders to concentrate on the activities than cleaning. It has been such a success last couple of years we really want to keep the Rota going. More on the list means doing it further apart - maybe less than twice a year. It has not gone unnoticed by other Scout Groups that we manage to do this. Great role-models for your Youngster's! There is lots of flexibility about when you come on a Thursday or Friday – you volunteer to clean the kitchen & loo during one week, and then pass the key onwards. Cleaning materials are supplied. If you think you can join the Rota, please contact me. I am so grateful to all those already involved, over 28 parents.

Thanks

Pauline Patel

PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator

Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

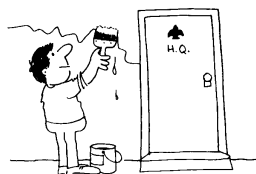


Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps.

Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting

2017 SCOUT PANTOMIME - We Required



Wood - We require sheets of ply, plus Wooden batons 2" x 2" & 2"x 4" lengths over 5ft

White Sheets - (Bed or Dust) are required for backcloths, something suitable for painting Scenes on

Metal Coat Hangers - (Do you have any you no longer require or where we can get 50 from !

If you can help us when any of the above, please contact **Simon** help@pgtips.org.uk -

Thank you for your support

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Tickets will be on sale after half term, on a first come basis – We hope you can come and Support our SHOW !

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. Sheila usually brings the T-shirts to Winter Hill, Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160. *Raksha* also has PG Scarf's.

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

Firstly we'd like to welcome *Nathalie Watson (Tictac)*, as our new voluntary leader. Nathalie has been part of the PG scouting group for many years and has previously lead LG Beavers and LG Cubs, so we're in very good hands!

Our first meeting back for 2017 was games night. We started with an old school favourite, stuck in the mud, followed by blink murderers, team game Chasing tails, heads-down thumbs-up and sleeping giant. We all had lots of fun! Many Beavers achieved their communication badges last term and LG Cubs Akela awarded them.



The following week the Beavers prepared bird seed cakes to feed the hungry wild birds who visit our back gardens during winter and they're needing extra help to fight off avian flu. It got messy in the hall, but all the Beavers got stuck in. We also talked about the wildlife in and around Maidenhead and what they eat, including us omnivores. These activities go towards the My Outdoors Challenge Award that we're working towards this term.

I, myself *Keeo*, (Ali Butler), am moving up to cubs following my son swimming up to Cubs. I've very much enjoyed being an Assistant Beaver Leader, it's been lots of fun and I feel I've grown in confidence as much as I've seen the children's confidence grow. I'm as proud, as you all are of their achievements and I'll be a familiar face when they swim-up to Cubs over the next year.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for this term from hiking and tying simple knots to tramlining and much more. We will continue to need help from all our Beaver Scout parents to help us at the meetings and behind the scenes. Please let a leader know when you are able to volunteer or contact *Nathalie* via email. You are always welcome to help on the night!

PG Littlewick Green Beaver Leaders team

Winter Hill Colony

We hope everyone had a good Christmas and new year. This term we would like to welcome the following beavers into the colony: *Theo Targett, James Collins, William Burns, Sidney Farrell, George Frohnsdorff, Jacob Hourd and Jonah Puddephatt*. The first week back we got to welcome the new beavers and played some games. Over the next month the beavers have a lot of fun ahead of them, building marshmallow and spaghetti towers, burns night evening, and cardboard fort building to name a few.

To help with the number of cars dropping off and collecting at Beavers can we suggest that parents share transport to / from Scout Hall, with someone that lives near them

WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)



CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

The New Year has started with some new additions to our pack. Firstly a warm welcome to *Ali Butler* (Keeo) who has now joined us as an assistant leader, plus four Beavers, *Freddie Coyle, Tom Matthews*, and including two that have just been invested, *Fabien Mormech and Ben Peck*. We look forward to seeing them grow and mature as cubs. Last but not least we have another addition to the leaders team, new young leader Matthew Miller, who we will look forward to working with.



Akela has been rearranging the sixes, with some cubs being promoted to sixers and seconders, congratulations to them! In March, sees the District Annual flag competition, and in preparation, the cubs have been practicing and learning knots, some being incorporated in games.

We are looking forward to another district event coming very soon, the Annual swimming gala, good luck to our great team, and we will be reporting back on the gala next month.

Kaa (Richard Stevenson)

Winter Hill Pack

We started the New Year in Super Hero style with our fancy dress New Year party. Well done to our two Clark Kents (Kyle Dixon and Joseph Woodward) and 'Blade' (Oliver Aerts) for winning the fancy dress competition.

The spring term will be spent on basic scouting skills – knots, first aid, compass points, tracking signs and road safety. We will be entering a team of 6 cubs into the District Flag Competition in March, which requires team work and a good understanding of these fundamental skills.

By the time PG Tips goes to print, we will have taken part in the District Swimming Gala – here's hoping the team did well!

WH Akela (Rob Harris)



SCOUT NEWS



2017's Pantomime - "Dick Whittington" - The main cast members in this year's production

are: Oliver Aerts, Ben & Miles Almond, Benjamin Broadbent, Max Cini, Dillon Flew, James Garitty, Edwin Isted, Freya Livesey, Sean Montgomery, Hayden Paul, Toby Pocock, Alfie Savage, Daniel Wallace and Simon Wilkosz

. They have been rehearsing twice a week, since the beginning of January

We hope that those Scouts who are not in or helping, with this year's production will all come and see it on either Friday 17th or Saturday 18th March. Tickets will be available from end of February

Cross Country Competition

The District Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Junior Course & Senior Course is 2 miles, We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop(s) and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 4th March, 10.20am at PG Scout Hall.

We are looking for help with this event, from adults to help as Marshals

Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods

We are looking for help from Scouts to run the joint cub meeting during half term. Wednesday 15th February 2017. Scouts will be organising bases for an incident hike .If available to help, please let your Scout Leader know



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Littlewick Troop

We had an evening where we did some pioneering, the Scouts built ladders and climbed over the beams

Please remember, the same rules apply - please come to meetings in full, tidy top-half uniform with dark trousers, sew badges on promptly, let me know if you will be absent and please consider our neighbours by not parking or stopping on the white lines outside the hall.

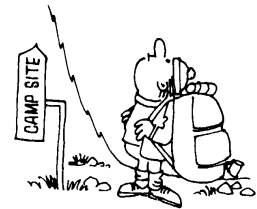
LG Scout Leader (David Barnes)

Winter Hill Troop

January has been a busy month, starting off with a New Year party Scouts have learnt how to do lashings and knots, they built ladders out of pioneering poles, the scouts then had to use them to go up and over both beams in the hall. They also did some small pioneering using garden canes and wool; they build a structure to support an egg as high off the ground as possible .

February we will be cooking pancakes, as we can't use the hall one Friday we are going to Tenpin bowling, we are also working on the Astronautics badge over next few weeks, plus the older Young Leaders are organising and running a Friday troop meeting.

We would like to thank *William Bennett, Edwin Isted, Matthew Hay, William Atkinson, Sean Montgomery, Patrick Flood* and *Toby Pocock*, for representing the Troop at the District Swimming Gala, plus *Barry Palmer* for sorting out the team and *Andy Montgomery* for looking after them at the gala



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WE'RE GOING PLACES. WANT TO COME ALONG?

Be our Leader

Pinkneys Green Beavers, Cubs and Scouts both at Winter Hill and Littlewick Green would really like you to become a leader, to help and encourage them to learn lots of new things and have fun, to take them to new places and try new activities. They will show you just how much fun it is always insisting that you join in too. All they ask is that you do some training to keep them safe and wear a uniform as they are proud of theirs.

Pinkneys Green Scout Group
Winter Hill and Littlewick Green

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or email erica.hunterz@btinternet.com

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scouts.org.uk/join

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We also had a weekend at the hall for the older Scouts, they sorted out the activities for this year's Summer camp as well as learning basic Scout Skill, which they will use to teach the younger Scouts. In February we will be holding a weekend for the middle age group and the younger Scouts.

We would like to welcome Otto Baserab and Benjamin Broadbent who have made their Scout Promises and been invested as members of PG Winterhill Scouts. We would like to wish them and their families good Scouting at PG.

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)

