



GROUP NEWS

March 2017

2017 PG PANTOMIME – Dick Whittington

The Scouts and Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's *Pantomime Dick Whittington*. They have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of Raksha, Chil, Dahinda, 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 Dick Whittington

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 17th March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 18th 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 anyone reading PG Tips will be able to come and see one of these performances.

Order Form: www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/2017DickWhittington.pdf

Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 19th 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 2017*. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences.

In 2016 we collected enough vouchers to buy some new games equipment and mapping 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 2nd 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.

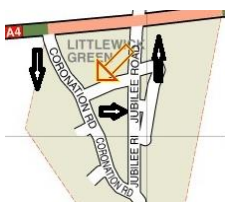
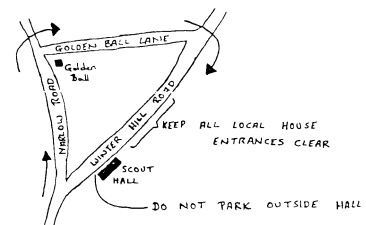
Send the vouchers along to your child's meeting, or drop them off at PG Scout Hall, please put them in the box by the front door

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 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.

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

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 23rd April 2017, 2pm.**

National Census

Every year, we have to complete an annual census, on 31st January, which this year we had 138 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus, 15 Young leaders (Explorers), with 49 adults, (leaders, assistants, instructors and exec), giving us a **total of 202**

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 **£7,100**

Pinkneys Green Scouts

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Spring Jumble Sales

Dates for your Diaries **Saturday 29th April and Saturday 14th May - 10.30am**

We will be looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 28th April, 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

Summer Fair – Matched Funding

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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BT	Marks & Spencers plc	YORKSHIRE BANK
CABLE & WIRELESS	NATIONAL GRID	

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The winter term continues with plenty of fun outdoor and indoor activities. The Beavers have enjoyed hiking around the woods off Malders Lane and using their torches to collect twigs, leaves, moss and stones. The hot chocolate and biscuits at the end of the hike were the usual big hit. We used all the collected items from the woods to make art with in the hall in the following week. It's amazing the patterns and art that the Beavers can create with their own imaginations.

Our second outing was a fun relaxed night in the swimming pool at St Piran's. The Beavers enjoyed playing in the pool especially the jumping, diving and ball games. Following the half term, we've had the Beavers going through a timed obstacle course and earning lego bricks for their lodges. They also learnt about emergencies, 999 calls, spotting hazards at home as well as what to do with cuts and grazes – so don't be surprised if your Beaver takes charge the next time someone's grazed their knee! Most Beavers remembered their schools but struggled with their home addresses in their 999 calls so do remind them of your home address in case it's needed for an emergency J

Thanks to Callum (our young leader) and to all our parents for their continued help in running our evenings. We couldn't manage on Mondays without you. A special thanks goes to Emily Mason (our parent volunteer) who has agreed to take on the weekly email communication and parent help rota J Please do continue to volunteer for an evening especially if you haven't been able to help us so far this term.

LG Tictac (Nathalie Watson)



Winter Hill Colony

Beavers this month have enjoyed lots of different activities. They have celebrated Burns night where the beavers tried haggis and Irn Brew and played a few games. (Most of the beavers were brave and tried the haggis) They also learnt about Chinese New Year where they tried Chinese food with chopsticks and enjoyed making Chinese dragons.

The beavers also built cardboard forts and they especially loved destroying it at the end! This month we said goodbye to *Poppy Broadbent Betsy Isted* and *Finn Cochrane* who move up to cubs. We wish them well. A Couple of things the beavers have to look forward to are a hike and a trip to the Maidenhead Heritage Centre.

Date for your diaries:

Scout pantomime is on 17th and 18th 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, 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.

WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

The meeting after the New Year party, the cubs performed several tasks for the Skills Challenge Badge. Tasks included; ironing their neckerchief, changing a light bulb, laying a table and peeling a potato. Over the last few weeks, we have been focussing on basic scouting skills. The cubs have enjoyed learning how to tie knots, recognise road signs and practice some basic first aid.

At the end of January, we entered a team into the District Swimming Gala and were very pleased to come first. Well done to the cubs (Charlie Shervell, Joshua Keane, Mattie Roberts, Joseph Woodward, Asher Nicholson, Luke Shaw and Tom Atkinson) for swimming so well and to Tarka (Barry Palmer) for putting the team together.

Poppy Broadbent, Betsy Isted and Finn Cochrane have swum up to cubs from beavers, we look forward to investing them, along with Daniel Brazil and Reuben Wareham, after half term.

During the half term holiday, the scouts ran a fun Incident Hike in the woods. The cubs got very muddy but had a great time. Thanks to Simon and the scouts for leading the evening. The following weeks see map symbols and flags and saints on the agenda. We also have a team entering the District Flag competition in March – good luck team!

WH Akela (Rob Harris)



Littlewick Pack

We've been busy over the last month, along with the usual games we've been practising to tie and untie knots, learning to work calmly and precisely under pressure during knot tying team games that were lots of fun.

One meeting was spent learning tracking signs starting with a true- false game in which they had to guess if it was a real or made up sign. The cubs then had to make signs using stones, twigs and leaves to mark out an accurate route from a map. They then made their own tracking signs poster, all in preparation for the annual district flag competition in March and we have a strong team to take part!

The cubs have also learnt about road safety with a little role-playing, they learnt about different types of crossings and passed the 'crossing quiz' as well as creating posters for safe car travel. We've had a fun evening of team games, the cubs had to work together and use their brains to 'cross the river' in two logic games before teaming up for more physical activities. The drawing Chinese whispers game had an interesting outcome, an image was sent along the line of cubs by drawing on each other's backs using just their fingers and the last cub drew the image onto paper.



A bravo to WH Scouts for a fantastic incident hike, the cubs enjoyed all the activities and especially enjoyed getting muddy, the hot chocolate and the biscuits.

We welcome *Freddie Coyle* and *Tom Matthews* whom are now invested and three new joiners will be with us after half term. Our Sixes have stepped up during weekly inspection, all looking smart, keep up the good work cubs. At our next meeting we'll be practising first aid with *Andy Hunter*.



Littlewick Green PG Cubs Leaders Team

SCOUT NEWS

2017's Pantomime - " Dick Whittington" -

We hope that those Littlewick & Winterhill 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



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Littlewick Troop

Following our "large pioneering" project in the hall building ladders to climb over the roof rafters we had a "small pioneering" evening trying to build structures to keep an object as high off the floor as possible using only string and garden canes. All successful I'm glad to report and a very close result between the Patrols!



The following week we had an unusual challenge to complete which involved making and racing model cars. Nothing odd so far, except that the cars were to be made from vegetables - a leek, a potato, a carrot, 4 tomatoes and 4 mushrooms (plus some cocktail sticks). A wide range of strange designs emerged but good fun was had all round.

As we return from half term we will be making the most of the stage being up in the hall and marking pancake day in the usual way... namely, making pancakes! Finally, please will all parents remember to stop/park considerably at the hall, particularly drop off time, and drive carefully when Beavers are leaving.

David Barnes (LG Scout Leader),

DRG

Donald Reid Group

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



As well as playing games including card games and dominos

Fifteen members of Winter Hill have been busy rehearsing for this years pantomime Dick Whittington, we hope those Scouts who are not in this year's production will make the effort to come along to one of the performances.

Friday nights have been busy with cooking pancakes; a trip to tenpin bowling, building things out of garden canes, shadow puppets, being tested on resuscitation techniques and running an incident hike for both Cub Packs.

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 hav .m,m, e 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



2017 Pantomime Dick Whittington

The Cubs, Scouts and Leaders have been busy rehearsing twice a week since January, for PG's 39th Annual Easter Pantomime. The pantomime is open to all Littlewick & Winterhill; 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 form below and return it to your child's section meeting, or to 26 Camley Gardens, in a sealed envelope, with "Panto" and Childs or your name on.

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Please can we request the following tickets:

Friday 17th March 7pm _____ tickets @ £4.00 each

Saturday 18th March 3pm _____ tickets @ £4.00 each

Saturday 18th March 7pm _____ tickets @ £4.00 each

Total number tickets _____

We enclose a Cheque / Cash for Total £_____

(Cheques made payable to Pinkneys Green Scout Group)

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