



GROUP NEWS

April 2018

PANTOMIME – Mother Goose

Well done to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs and Leaders for taking part in PG's 2018 pantomime *Mother Goose*, 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.

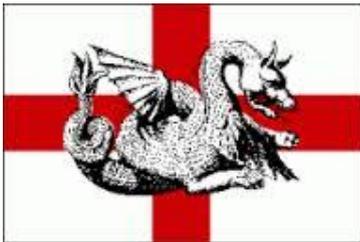
A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha), *Avril Broadley* (Chil), *Teresa Williams* (Dahinda) & *Simon Wheeler* for running the rehearsals. Plus *Rob Anderson & Jon Otun* who helped with rehearsal once the stage was up. Also to all the parents and leaders who helped put the stage up and take it down, plus transported the pantomime bits back to local farm, helped with the costumes and at the actual performances.

Photos of Pantomime on web: www.goo.gl/LMSmTc



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** 22nd April 2018
- 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 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.

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.

Spring Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble or sorting on **Friday 4 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 5 May 2018, 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 Coordinators - **Email: 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 5 May 2018 - 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 4th or Sat 5th May - **It would be great**

Please save any Jumble you have and drop it off at the Scout Hall between Friday 4th May-18th May

Independent Examiner for Scouts accounts

Do you know somebody with accounting experience who could spare a few hours to examine the PG group accounts ?

As a charity we need to have the accounts inspected once a year by somebody independent, which rules out parents or grandparents. The requirement is they need to be familiar with accounts or bookkeeping but not necessarily a qualified accountant. If you know anyone who could help please get in touch as I will happily provide more information.

Contact PG Treasurer Clare Marshall pgtreasurer@hotmail.com



Summer Fair

This year we will be holding our Annual Summer Fair on the Green on Sunday 24th June 2018
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 24th June 2018

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.

Younger Siblings

Current PG members, do you have younger sibling that are under 6 years and not yet old enough to join. **Are they on our list** so that when they become 6 they can join. We are having a lot of enquiries at the moment. If you are not sure that they are on the list, please check, don't leave it till it is too late. If in doubt please check and ask. For WH and LG Beavers, email *Erica Hunter* erica.hunter2@btinternet.com with your child's name and date of birth.

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that your child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. We do have some second hand uniform, please contact *Peta Almond*. If you have any items of uniform you no longer require, we are looking for donations. Peta's email: pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk

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Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes – Twice a Year

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 the 3 new Beaver parents who have joined the rota, plus the 25 parents who are on the rota, it was a great help. The cleaning can be done to suit you.



PG2 off to West Virginia 2019 (World Scout Jamboree)

Two Members of PG *Nick Conacher* and *Dan Wallace* are representing PG as part of the Berkshire Unit to World Scout Jamboree in America, this month's report from *Dan Wallace*.

This month, in the lead up to the Jamboree, the whole of our unit, the Royal Berkshire Stags, as it's now known, met up in Newbury, for a team-building hike.



Once there, we started off with some team discussions deciding the colour and badge that we will be using for our unit identity for the Jamboree; our unit's colour is Royal blue and the badge is still undecided. Next, we split up into 4 groups of about 10 and hiked to the place we were going to have lunch, it took us about an hour and a half. The route was varied and we spent the time chatting and developing our orienteering skills as we had to make our way using a map and a compass. After a lunch of talking and getting to know each other we gathered for a group photograph, played a quick game of "capture the flag", and then set off back to the scout hut. A fantastic day of skills building, making new acquaintances and further developing our enthusiasm for our upcoming Jamboree trip to West Virginia was

rounded off by a few fun games before heading back home, looking forward to our next meeting.

Thank you goes to those who brought raffle tickets, and who took part in the auction for the hamper, we raised £275 in total. This was the start of our fundraising however, there is still a long road ahead. To get us there, we are hosting a Quiz Night on the 28th of April please email us at pgjambo2019@hotmail.com if you would be interested, £10 per person including a pudding, for more information please see www.goo.gl/ferKQB.

We have a training camp coming up, which we are looking forward to, and telling you about in next month's PG Tips.

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

The beavers have been busy doing bits towards different sections of challenge badges and learning more about what it means to be a beaver.

Had some fun build structures with spaghetti and marsh mellows trying to build as tall as possible towers

We've invested our new beavers *Lola Greenwood*, *Freddie Ward*, *Edward Wheeler* and *Max Carter* into Littlewick colony

Wiley (Mark Bromley)



Winter Hill Colony

This month the Beavers have been busy as usual. They have enjoyed performing on stage when some of the scouts came and helped out. "We entertain" as it is known, when Beavers told some jokes, did a little magic and sang some songs.



They have also enjoyed a sponsored hike through the woods and surrounding areas in aid of Help the Heroes; this year's Beaveree charity.

Some of the beavers enjoyed the scout pantomime, which was Mother Goose this year. They enjoyed the young leaders number; 'The 12 Days of Summer Camp', the leaders' number; the Music Man and the cub number along with the usual jollity.

Coming up, the beavers have the Beaver bake off, where they will be judged on a sweet bake of their choice, and a night of making pizzas all towards their cooks' badge and my skills challenge badge.

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.

We hope you have a good Easter.

Tictac (Tom Beynon)

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 using the stage and entertaining each other with music, magic and jokes.

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.

Unfortunately, the Flag Competition was postponed due to the adverse weather. It has been rescheduled for the summer so we have more time to prepare!

Well done to *Issac Stevenson*, *Oscar Mastrilli* and *Poppy Broadbent* for taking part in the scout pantomime. The three cubs did a great job of being goslings. We hope you enjoyed the show.

Over the next few weeks, we will be completing the Personal Safety badge and the fitness element of the Skills Challenge Badge.

We will be taking a break over the Easter holidays, so there will be no Pack meeting on 4th and 11th April. Our first meeting of the summer term will be Wednesday 18th April.

Happy Easter!

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

Towards the end of February *Andy Hunter* visited and very kindly ran a first aid evening, teaching everyone how to tie a sling with a PG scarf and some of the older Cubs how to perform CPR using resusci annie, thank you *Andy* !!



We hope all our Cub mums enjoyed the cards the Cubs made for Mothers Day. We've also learnt the Country Code and to start our gardening badges the Cubs have planted pumpkin seeds. Reports are already coming in that some of the pumpkins have sprouted - but don't plant them out until the last frosts have passed.

Most recently we've staged a drama evening, the Cubs made shadow puppets and put together short shadow plays to re-enact a number of scenes from the Jungle Book. *Baden-Powell* was influenced by the Jungle Book when creating Wolf Cubs, and our Cubs could still see the many similarities with Scouting today.

We've also welcomed three newly invested cubs, *Finlee McGeoch*, *Jude Foley* and *Alfie Ward*. And a welcome to our new Young Leader, *Issy Lazenby*, who has joined for 6 months as part of her Silver DofE programme

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)



SCOUT NEWS

District Football Competition

Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Six a Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let Simon know **Competition Date:** Tuesday 22 May 2018

St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – **Sunday 22 April 2018**, Howarth Road, off Stafferton Way, at 1.55pm. This year the Scouts will be walking along the Green Way to Braywick Nature reserve, before taking part in an event with Scouts from all over Maidenhead. Wear full Scout Uniform. Bring money for collection. Parents can attend if they want to.



Cycling - Can all Parents, Scouts & Young Leaders note the following

- (i) Any Scout or Young Leader who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with **working front and back lights**
- (ii) All Scouts & YLs cycling to/from Scout activities **wear a Cycle Helmet, plus Hi Vis vest.**
- (iii) That their bike is in roadworthy condition

Littlewick Troop

Since half term we have been working around the panto stage in hall – making pancakes, using the stage for our own sock-puppet shows and working on our knots. We had an intensive session learning and practicing our square lashings, which culminated in the assembly of a miniature ‘crane’, with a pulley at the top. As you can see, we put this to good use to lift up *Robbie!* Further ‘construction’ skills were also put to the test in protecting eggs from a high drop, to a high level of success.

It’s mad to think we’re already past halfway through this half term, but we still have lots to look forward to before Easter, including some circus skills and I am looking forward to seeing if we have a successful clown in the group!

After Easter is also starting to take shape as we finalise plans on our first troop camping weekend and we have an evening sorted to visit White Waltham Airfield – if any parents are keen to get involved, then get in touch.



Sam Gibbins (LG Scout Leader)



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Winter Hill Troop

Friday nights have been busy with an entertain evening, where Scouts told jokes and did shadow puppets, a fitness evening, the fun Swimming trip to Windsor had to be cancelled due to the heavy snow

We would like to welcome to Winter Hill Scouts: *Joel Wallace and Jamie Wilson and their families.* They will be invested in to the troop at the end of March.

Thank you goes to the Scouts and Young leaders who ran the Beaver meeting for Winter Hill Beavers, using the theme, we will entertain.

We held the last of three training weekend at the hall, where the Year 6 Scouts stayed over and were taught basic Scouting skills, thank you goes to all the Patrol Leaders, Young Leaders and leaders (*Rob Anderson, Jon Otun, Matthew Milston, Alex Robins and Jordan Day-Hunt*) for helping to run the events

We will be holding an Easter Egg hunt on Good Friday. Winter Hill Scout meetings will continue during the Easter holidays. As the clocks change at the end of March, so we will be doing a lot more outside. Parents don't forget to keep a black sack in the car.



Have a Great Easter Break *Simon Wheeler* (WH Scout Leader)