



GROUP NEWS

April 2019

PANTOMIME – Aladdin

Well done to the Scouts, Cubs & Young Leaders, and Leaders for taking part in PG's 2019 pantomime Aladdin, especially the main cast members, who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas

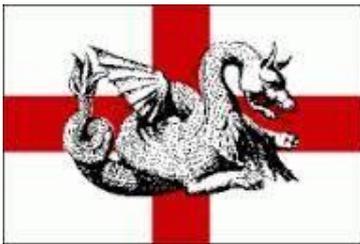
We would like to thank everyone who supported this year's production.

A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha), *Avril Broadley* (Chil), *Ali Butler* (Keeo), *Teresa Williams* (Dahinda) & *Simon Wheeler* for running the rehearsals. 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 all the leaders who helped at the three performances.



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 28th April 2019
- Meet: **Oldfield School**, at 1.50pm. **Please approach from Bray Direction**
- Parents: If you are available we hope you will be able to join us for this
- Event Finish: Approx. 4.15pm, back at Oldfield School
- 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

Due to a very busy Diary (Easter being late / bank holidays) we are only going to hold one Jumble Sale in May.

We are looking for help collecting Jumble or sorting on Friday 10 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 11 May 2019, 9.45am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

Parents will be receiving a phone call from a parent coordinator –



Last year we raised over £1,100 at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting PG

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 10th or Sat 11th May - **It would be great**

Please save any Jumble you have and drop it off at the Scout Hall between Friday 3rd May-10th May



Pinkneys Green Scouts

JUMBLE SALE

Sat 11th May
10.00 am

JUST ONE SPRING SALE
Back in the Autumn!

Admission 50p
Single Spring Sale

Scout Hall
Winter Hill Road,
Pinkneys Green
SL6 6NS
Registered Charity No. 200201

at

Family (Group) Camp

Plans are well underway for our Special camp we are holding later in the year. We hope that families will join us for the weekend, we will be camping at Stubbings over the weekend **Friday 6th-Sunday 9th September 2019**

All Cubs, Scouts, Young leaders will camp in their sections and be catered for centrally. If Beavers wish to camp, they have to camp with a family unit (Their own family or a family friend unit) All families of PG are welcome to camp for the weekend and bring siblings and other family members with them. Family need to do their own catering. Saturday evening we will be holding a Hog roast, followed by a traditional Scout camp fire. There will be a full programme of activities over the weekend

Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders can camp for the weekend, even if their families are unable to attend. More details will be coming out next month.



Summer Fair

This year we will be holding our Annual Summer Fair on the Green on Sunday 23rd June 2019

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 23rd June 2019

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.

Berkshire Scouts 2019 Project Africa

As you may have read in my previous articles in PG Tips, in July 2019, I along with 145 other Berkshire explorers and leaders will be travelling to Uganda as part of an expedition called Project Africa. We will be helping to build and maintain schools for the Ugandan children. The project has run twice in the past, so we might be going back to some of the previous schools and giving them a little TLC. The expedition lasts about three weeks, during which time we will also have the opportunity to go on safari, do white water rafting and other exciting things!

During the half term, I went to a social event that was organised by the Project Africa leadership team. We did some bowling, although I wasn't very good, and then had a briefing on our next training weekend. It was a great opportunity to get to know my patrol a little better and to learn more about some of the activities that we will get up to, once out in Uganda.

My fundraising is going well so far, but I still have quite a bit left to raise. Therefore, to make sure that I reach my target of just under £3000, I am doing a sponsored walk. After Easter I will attempt to walk the 25 miles from Maidenhead to Reading along the Thames footpath, in one day.

If you would like to sponsor me, you can visit:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/m-miller-uganda-2019>

Also, I am offering days out on my family's narrowboat, please see the advert or contact me at:
matthewdmiller@outlook.com for more information.

PG Young Leader *Matthew Miller*

Day Out On A Narrowboat

Chug gently through the English countryside aboard narrowboat 'Duntarin' on a full day cruise with skipper and crew.

A chance to operate the locks, drive the boat or just sit back and relax!

Choice of routes along the Oxford or Grand Union canals from Napton (near Southam), approx 75 mins drive up the M40.

Tea, coffee, soft drinks included, bring your own picnic lunch or stop off at a local pub (route dependent).

A lovely family day out !! Flexible dates from spring to autumn 2019.

Life jackets available for children (and adults).

£100 per day, for up to approx 8 people.



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Proceeds to
fund my
Uganda 2019
Project Africa
Expedition.



European Jamboree in Poland



Maidenhead Scouts are looking for 4 Scouts / Young leaders who are born between 26th July 2002 and 31st December 2006 to join Berkshires unit to the European Jamboree 2020. The European Jamboree takes place in Gdansk, Poland, from 27 July to 6 August 2020. The cost will be around £1,500 per participant. They will be expected to take part in a couple of training camps and training weekend, in the next year.

There is an open evening on Tuesday 2nd April, 8pm at Boyne Hill Altwood Scout Hall. Application forms will be out in May, with a selection weekend in June. More details talk to your Scout Leader

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

We started the month with a chocolate evening, we hope the Beavers have shared their hand made chocolates with parents. We have also played a number of games indoors and out on the green to help our understanding of the Beaver promise and the swimming up ceremony. On the 24th Littlewick Beavers and Cubs took part in the Littlewick Spring Clean which has been going for many years but also coincides with the Great British Spring Clean, well done to the Beavers and their families that came along to help.



Winter Hill Colony

Over the last month, the Beavers have continued to work hard towards their Challenge Badges and we hope to present the earned badges soon. On a clear Monday night in February, we looked at the stars in the sky and Benny told us all about some of the constellations.



We made use of the stage by having an entertainment evening. The Beavers performed various acts – singing, dancing and telling jokes. It was great to see how talented they all are!

The following week, we all made scones. The Beavers enjoyed mixing, rolling out and shaping the dough. I hope they tasted good!

In the next few weeks, we hope to be completing the cyclist badge.

We will be taking a break over the Easter holidays, so there will be no Beaver meetings on Mondays 8th, 15th and 22nd April. We hope you all have a very Happy Easter and look forward to seeing all the Beavers at the St George's Day parade on Sunday 28th April then back at Beavers on Monday 29th April.

WH 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!

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.

We are very pleased that our team won the District Flag Competition! The team of *Poppy Broadbent, Daniel Brazil, Barney Harris, James Almond, Jude Sanders* and *George Frohnsdorff* competed against other cubs from Maidenhead to win the coveted District Flag. The cubs completed various bases such as knotting, identifying road signs and an amazing obstacle course. At St George's Day, the cubs will carry the flag as part of the colour party at the front of the parade. Well done to the whole team! Great work!

Over the next few weeks, we will be using the stage to complete part of the entertainment badge. We will also be completing the Personal and Home Safety badges 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 10th and 17th April. Our first meeting of the summer term will be Wednesday 24th April. We are looking forward to getting outside as much as possible during the summer term. Happy Easter



WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

During half term Littlewick and Winter Hill Cubs joined up for an incident hike led by the Scouts. The Cubs enjoyed the activity bases set up by *Simon* and the Scouts on the green and in the woods, followed by hot chocolate and chocolate brownies. Thank you Scouts.



At the beginning of March *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*.

The flag competition happened on the 9th March, our team came a very close second to Winter Hill, a great result for both Packs, well done teams !!

We then took part in British Science Week, looking at how exercise affects our heart rate, making an electromagnet, making our own compasses with a magnetic pin and measuring pH using a cabbage, with everyone earning their Scientist Activity badge.

It won't be long before the clocks change and we will be spending a lot more time outside.

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

SCOUT NEWS

District 5-a-side football competition

The Scout Football Competition will be held on Tuesday 21 May 2019. 7pm –9pm at Altwood School Astro turf.

If you are interested in talking part, please let your Scout leader know.

Littlewick Troop

With the stage set up in the hall, we had a meeting where the scouts split into groups and created a performance. This was to work towards the entertainer badge. We were treated to several plays, some song and dance and challenged with some riddles. At this meeting we invested our newest member *Max Wibberley* to the troop.



For our next meeting we went swimming at St. Pirans. All of the scouts who attended achieved at least one stage of the swimmer badge with most challenging themselves and achieving much more than that. To do this they had to complete a variety of tasks from treading water, completing a length fully clothed, fetching a weight from the bottom of the pool and swimming lengths using different strokes.

For our most recent meeting we had an evening on survival skills. The scouts learnt about packing for different situations, had a go in a bivy bag, discussed survival needs and hygiene, learnt emergency signals and were taught some knife skills. Hopefully later in the year we will be able to put some of this into practice.

Outside of our normal meetings we should say congratulations to *Sam Cranch* for coming 3rd in the junior district cross country. Apparently the conditions were very challenging with strong winds and rain.

The information has gone out about our camp at the end of May. We hope to see as many scouts as possible attending this as it should be a highlight of the year.

LG Scout Section Assistant (*Mark Courtier*)

Winter Hill Troop

Friday nights have been busy with an entertain and karaoke evening, where Scouts played musical instrumentstold jokes and sang songs.

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 also celebrated Shove Tuesday, the Scouts cooked pancakes



Well done to the following who were the main characters in PG's 42 Pantomime Aladdin: *James Huband, Toby Pocock, Lewis, Elena & James Balfe, Kyle Dixon, Oliver Aerts, Benjamin & Poppy Broadbent, Joel Wallace, George Lykov, Euan Parsons, James Almond and Edward Coppins*, plus Young Leaders: *Ben Almond, Dan Wallace, Alba Standen, Eloise Pocock and Nick Conacher*

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)

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