



GROUP NEWS

March 2020



2020 PG PANTOMIME – Cinderella

The Scouts and Cubs have been busy rehearsing for this year's *Pantomime Cinderella*. They have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of Lucy Broadbent, Dahinda, Keoo 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 Cinderella

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 27th March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 28th March at 3pm and 7pm**. at £4 each. Cheques Payable to "*Pinkneys Green Scout Group*" 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.



Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 29th March** from 10.30am.

We need to get the Scout Hall cleared by Monday, for Beavers



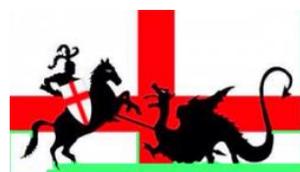
REQUIRE – Old Flat Screen TV's

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

BORROW – Digital Video Camera

We are looking for a Digital Video Camera, so the cast can record the three Cinderella Performances.

If you have one we can use, please email help@pgtips.org.uk



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 from all over Maidenhead 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 26th April, 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, 10 Young leaders (Explorers), with 55 adults, (leaders, assistants, instructors and exec), giving us a **total of 203**. We have to pay a capitation fee to Scout Association, plus County for leader training & District, which for all the PG members will be **£7,666.40**

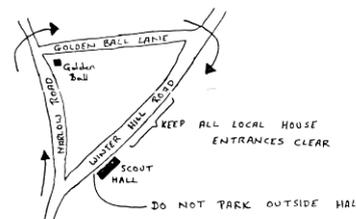


SAFELY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

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.



John Bannerman – 25 Years Service

Congratulations goes to *John Bannerman*, Assistant Scout Leader at Winter Hill Scouts on being presented his 25 year service award by *Erica Hunter* (Acting Maidenhead DC & PG's GSL)

John started in Assistant Scout in 1993, when his son Alex joined the Troop.

He is part of the Winter Hill Scouts leader's team

Ben Almond – Young Leaders Belt

Winter Hill Scout, Young Leader, *Ben Almond* being presented with His Young Leader Belt by District Explorer



Leader *Bill Carter*

Congratulations goes to *Ben* on being the first PG young leader on completing: eleven training modules and four missions whilst volunteering.



Van / Lorry - WE CAN USE

We are looking to borrow or hire a large Van or Lorry for a camp at the beginning on May to take equipment to / from Scout camp

Date Wednesday 6th May 5pm – 8pm and again Saturday 9th May for return trip

If you have one we could use or know where we can hire one for a reasonable price, please let Simon know help@pgtips.org.uk

Parents Cleaning Rota

Parent volunteers can you help us to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from April 2020 and join the team of parent volunteers to help clean the hall two / three times a year

If you can spare a Maximum of 45 mins on a Thursday or Friday before 5pm (Time to suit) please email our cleaning coordinator **Pauline** cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

If you have not done this job before and would like to know what is involved, please contact our cleaning coordinator or talk to a parent who has already done it. **Thank you goes to all the parents on the rota** who have (or will) cleaned the hall this year



UNIFORM

Can we remind **ALL** Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that your child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop on a Thursday evening 7pm – 8.45pm term time.

For more details <http://maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop>

We do have some second hand uniform, please contact *Peta Almond* email: pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)

www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scout-shop/

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Our online shopping has change to *easyfunding*.

We need your support; it is quite simple to access our online web shop, enter the address <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

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 £1,400 from supporters of PG who have done this.

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Thank you!



BEAVER NEWS

This month I have been at Littlewick to help relaunch the beaver section. The beavers enjoyed doing the experiment badge. They carried out various experiments, including storm in a teacup and growing Cress. The parents have been helping to run the evenings and hopefully some of them will become leaders, as without them the section will remain closed.

Whilst I've been at Littlewick, the Winter Hill Beavers have enjoyed Mini pioneering, star gazing and making a UFO this month.

We invested *Freddie Clements, Jack Ewers and Jack McNulty* into Beavers. We welcome them to the Group and are sure they will enjoy their scouting careers.

Coming up in March, we have an evening run by the scouts called "*we entertain.*" This is an evening run by the scouts, where the Beavers perform jokes and songs on stage.

We also have the District Beaveree. This is an afternoon of craft and games for all the Beavers in the district (details to follow.) Finally the scouts will be putting on their annual pantomime. This year it is *Cinderella* - look out for details elsewhere in PG Tips.

We are looking forward to the next half term, including the scout pantomime and our '*We Entertain*' evening.

WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)



CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

Over the last few weeks, we have been focussing on basic scouting skills. The cubs have enjoyed learning how to tie knots, identify map symbols, do some basic first aid and understand road signs.

At the end of January, we entered a team into the District Swimming Gala. Well done to the cubs: *James Balfé, Poppy Broadbent, Jacob Hourd, Jake Hodson, Zack Ratnapala, Sam Wicks, Alex Woodhead-Pavon* and *Jude Sanders* for swimming so well and to Tarka (Barry Palmer) for putting the team together.

Noah Lowe and *Finley Ward* join us from outside of the Group and will be invested into cubs after half term. We wish them well for this step in their scouting journey.

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 grid references and compass points on the agenda. We also have a team entering the District Flag competition in March – good luck team!

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at core scouting skills, the Cubs have been tying knots and learning how to use an OS map.

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 lashings of hot chocolate and biscuits. Thank you Scouts.

Coming up we'll be looking at first aid and then very soon afterward we have the District Flag competition, good luck team !!!



LG Akela (Pete Matthews)

SCOUT NEWS

District Cross Country Competition

The District Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Junior Course & Senior Course.

We hope that the Scouts will support the Troop(s) and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 7th March, 10.20am at PG Scout Hall.

This event is open to all Scouts. **We are looking for help from adults to help as Marshals**

District Football Competition

The District Six A Side Football Competition is on Tuesday 31st March, 7pm at Altwood astro turf. If you are interested in taking part please let your leader know as soon as possible.

Littlewick Troop

Our two recent meetings have been flight themed. In the first we completed the 2nd half of the astronautics badge. This part was the more practical part of the badge and the scouts built a re-entry vehicle to safely land a payload (an egg) from 'space' (as close to the ceiling as possible). This was done in two rounds and the scouts could improve their vehicle between the first and second drops. Two of four eggs survived the first round but sufficient improvements were made that all eggs survived the drop on the second round.

In the other meeting we did part of the Air Researcher badge. First there was an activity on notable historical landmarks in flight (did you know the first rocket powered aeroplane flew before the first jet powered aeroplane?). Then we had a competition on who could make a paper aeroplane fly for the longest period of time. The scouts could use an existing template or make their own and have as many designs as they liked. This led to a lot of entries but a winner was decided after several head to head rounds.

LG Scout Section Assistant (Mark Courtier)



Winter Hill Troop

February has been a busy month, We have held two Training Weekends, we were lucky with the weather, it was cold, they had a go at lighting and cooking in the woods and learning how to use an axe, saw and knife correctly, Basic first aid, including resuscitation, Camp and person hygiene as well as mapping skills. They also watched a film and played *stinger*, they cooked their meals and watched a film



Friday nights they have been climbing, building structures using broom sticks. Origami evening making paper objects

The young leaders, patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders did an excellent job helping the leaders build the stage for the pantomime.

March Scouts will be cooking, using the stage for a talent show and Karaoke evening As well as the PG Pantomime we hope all the Scouts will come to one of the performances.

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)

DRG

Donald Reid Group

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