



GROUP NEWS

March 2019



2019 PG PANTOMIME – Aladdin

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

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 29th March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 30th 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 31st 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



BORROW – Digital Video Camera

We are looking for a Digital Video Camera, so the cast can record the three Aladdin Performances. If you have one we can use, please email help@pgtips.org.uk

PG's 110th Birthday Party

It was good to see so many members, families, friends and ex members at our Birthday Party on Sunday 3rd February to celebrate PG Scouts 110th Birthday on 6th February

We took a photo of all the members of PG who were there. Plus we had a tea party. We had a display of photos of the past 110 years of Scouting at PG. Thank you goes to all the parents and friends who supplied food



Photo by Alison Crown www.aliscrownphotography.co.uk/blog/about/

Large copy of photo on PG web Site <https://goo.gl/YTBktu>

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 28th April, 2pm.**



National Census

Every year, we have to complete an annual census, on 31st January, which this year we had 140 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus, 14 Young leaders (Explorers), with 53 adults, (leaders, assistants, instructors and exec), giving us a **total of 207**. We have to pay a capitation fee to Scout Association, plus County for leader training & District, which for all the PG members will be **£7,670**

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

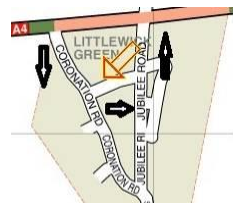
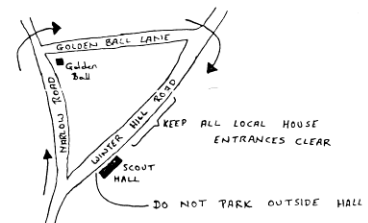
Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders can camp for the weekend, even if their families are unable to attend. More details will be coming out in the next few months

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.

Summer Fair – Matched Funding

With the Summer Fair Coming up (Sunday 23rd 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 fair@pgscouts.org.uk if you work for one of these companies.

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BOOKER PLC	Kellogs	The Royal London Mutual ins Co
Boots Match up £500 per Employee	Kingfisher	ULSTER BANK
BP	LEGAL & GENERAL MATCH	Unilever
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BRITISH GAS	Littlewoods plc	WH Smith up to£500 per year
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BEAVER NEWS



Beaver Sleepover - save the date

All Beavers who are 7 years and older from both colonies (*Littlewick & Winter Hill*) will be invited to attend a sleepover on **Saturday 8th June** in Maidenhead.

We hope all eligible Beavers will be able to attend as it is part of the Bronze Challenge Award, which is the highest award that a Beaver can receive. Please put the date in your diaries and we will send out more information soon.

Littlewick Colony

The beavers visited the Maidenhead heritage museum 2 weeks ago and had fun time and watch the spitfire flight simulator

They had a challenge who could build the widest bridge with no supports in the middle (Brunel)

Wiley (Mark Bromley)



Winter Hill Colony

During January, the Beavers have focussed on taking part in activities in order to achieve their Skills and Personal Challenge Badges. They have learnt how to tie shoelaces, change a battery, set an alarm clock, wash hands correctly, light a candle, tie a tie and make a bed.



We celebrated Chinese New Year by making new years' resolutions and learnt about the Year of the Pig. The Jamboree Team came to visit and told the Beavers all about their upcoming trip to America. The Beavers enjoyed the international themed activities and all earned their International Activity Badge.

Jacob Hourd and *Jonah Puddephatt* swam up to cubs this month. We wish them well for their future scouting. We also said goodbye to *Sidney Farrell* and *Ethan Shaffrey* who have decided not to move up to cubs. We invested *Flori Dunn*, *Cooper Sanders*, *Harrison Shaw*, *Harry King*, *Freddie Comrie* and *Lucas Palmer* into Beavers. We welcome them to the Group and are sure they will enjoy their scouting careers.

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, work out 6 figure grid references and the 16 points of the compass. We had a visit from the Jamboree Team who led some fun international activities with the cubs. The activities all focussed on their upcoming trip to the United States for the 24th World Jamboree in the summer.

We visited the Three Store Discovery Centre before half term where the cubs worked in teams to create their own stop motion animation movies. The cubs had a great time using Lego to make their short films. They can be viewed by [clicking here](#). If the cubs would like to use the app at home, it can be downloaded from the Apple Store (Stop Motion Studio).

At the end of January, we entered a team into the District Swimming Gala. Well done to the cubs (*James Balfe*, *Poppy Broadbent*, *Milun Chopra*, *George Frohnsdorff*, *Jacob Hourd*, *Oscar Mastrilli* and *Gabe Nicholson* for swimming so well and to *Tarka* (Barry Palmer) for putting the team together.

We said goodbye to *Euan Parsons*, *Noah Thomas* and *Lewis Balfe* who went up to scouts. *Jacob Hourd* and *Jonah Puddephatt* have had their swimming up ceremony and will be invested into cubs after half term. We wish them well for their next step in the 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 map symbols and first aid on the agenda. We also have a team entering the District Flag competition in March – good luck team!

WH Akela (Rob Harris)



Littlewick Pack

At the end of January we had a visit from the Scout Jamboree team to talk about their trip to America next year, we played lots of international games and each Cub earned their International badge.

We started this month with our group party to celebrate 110 years, thank you to everyone who came along and brought sandwiches/cakes or helped on the day, we all had lots of fun.

Since then we have been looking at core scouting skills, the Cubs have been tying knots and learnt how to use an OS map. We have also invested *Archie Milne*, *Rosa Mullins*, *George Playle* & *Will Travers*, a very warm welcome to the pack.

By the time this edition of *PG Tips* goes to print we will have had our half term Incident Hike at Winter Hill, an event put on by *Simon* and the Scouts for both Cub packs. We also have the District Flag competition coming up very soon, 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 9th 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**

Littlewick Troop


This month for the communications evening the scouts learnt the phonetic alphabet and Morse code and then used them in several tasks set by the leaders. The following week we completed the second half of stage 3 first aid badge which included discussing breathing and heart problems and learning how to treat bleeding and burns.

At our next meeting we discussed scouting values and how they are relevant to the running of our troop. The PLs and APLs were given some extra activities to help them understand their role and responsibilities within the troop. Our final meeting in this period we were going to attempt some astronomy. However it was cloudy. We therefore created a chaotic moving model of the solar system in the hall using scouts as the sun, planets and moons. We also discussed some interesting facts about the different planets.



Outside of normal meetings our congratulations and thanks go to *Ava and Rose Losel Daly and Dylan Williams-Lock* for being part of PG's swimming gala winning team.

LG Scout Section Assistant (Mark Courtier)



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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*



Friday nights have been busy with making and cooking pizza, using handmade bases from dough balls. Drawing pencil sketches, building igloo in the snow, on the green. Making juggling balls and learning to juggle. We used rice, and managed to spread a lot of rice around the hall.

An evening swimming at Windsor pool as we were unable to use the Scout hall as the stage was

March we will be 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)

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Congratulations

Congratulations goes to Toby & Liz on getting married. They held both the ceremony and reception at Cooling Castle Barn in Kent and finished the day with a ceilidh which got everyone on their feet from Toby's 8 year old cousin to his 80 year old grandma!

Toby (Ayre) is a Scout leaders and help us when we go away on camp.