



## GROUP NEWS

April 2012

### PANTOMIME – Aladdin

Well done to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs and Leaders for taking part in PG's 2012 pantomime Aladdin, especially the Scouts & Young Leaders, who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas, and the Cubs for all the hard work they put in.

We would like to thank every one who supported this year's production especially the parents who helped take the stage down on Sunday after the performances.

A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha), *Avril Broadley* (Chil), *Catherine Weeks* (Hatti) & *Simon Wheeler* for organising the rehearsals. *Jo Kersey* for sorting the costumes, *Linda Sellers* for doing the makeup, *Pauline Patel* for organising the tickets, refreshments and Raffle, *Alex Robins* for his technical help, *Tim Fyfee* for playing the music, *Matt Carr* for looking after the Cubs, *John Bannerman*, *Bob Weingarth* for doing the curtains, *Matthew Milston* & *Michael Crown* for organising the scene changes, *David Barnes* for sorting out the props, *Teressa Williams* helping during the performances, plus the mums who helped with refreshments and provided cakes, plus, *Andy Jones*, *Steve Banister*, *Ian Ruffell* & *Erica Hunter* for transporting all the costumes, back cloths and stage bits to / from the Scout Hall.



### 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 (Note it's a Sunday) 29th April 2012
- Meet: Town Hall Car Park, at 2.00pm.
- Parents: If you are available we hope you will be able to join us for this special District Scouting event
- Finish: Approx 4.20pm, back at Town Hall Car Park
- 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.
- Collection. Money for Collection

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.

### Jumble Sale



We are looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 27th April, 6.40pm** at the Scout Hall from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday morning 28th April 2012, 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

For more information, please contact one of our Sale Coordinator **Email: [jumble@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto: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 28th April 2012 - 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**

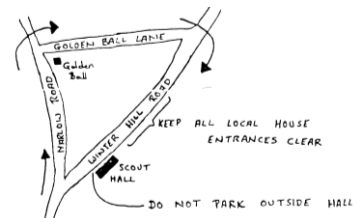
**Don't leave it to others** - if you can spare a couple of hours on Frid 27th or Sat 28th - *It would be great*

### WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

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**

Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at Golden Ball  
down Golden Ball Lane, turn right down Winter Hill Road

As the grass verges by the hall are very muddy can we remind all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Parents to be careful when getting out of your cars and walking (**DON'T RUN**) to the hall.





We are **Active Kids 2012**

## Active Kids is NEARLY OVER – We need a team effort!

**Its time for one last push!** Here's just a little time left to get the Active Kids vouchers we need. You can collect Active Kids vouchers to **10 April** 2012. You'll receive 1 voucher for every £10 spent at any Sainsbury's main store or £5 spent in Sainsbury's convenience stores. You'll also receive vouchers for groceries online and at petrol stations, plus Nectar points can be turned into Active Kids vouchers too – visit [nectar.com](http://nectar.com) for details.

**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. Please send the vouchers along to your child's meeting.

We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences.



## PG's SPECIAL EVENT – QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

A big thank you goes to everyone who has returned the form for the PG Jubilee event

If you still got to return the form, please drop it off to the Scout hall

Our event will take place on Monday 4th June 2012, at the Scout Hall

### Letters

Dear PG Scout Group.

Thank you all very much for our lovely gifts. Mummy loves the flowers, but the Teddy is my favourite!!.

I've not even been here 2 weeks but I have been totally spoilt with all the lovely cards and gifts that have been sent.

Mummy and Daddy are loving having me APART from between 2200 and 0500 each night when I think they would like to put me back where they found me!.

Thank you all again and I hope to join you on Camp one day.

Love and cuddles.  
Poppy x

(Matt and Hannah Weingarth, daughter  
born on Sunday 26th February 2012)

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## Summer Fair HELP Wanted

Our Summer Fair coordinator **Jane Courtier** is looking for some help for the Summer Fair. **New assistants are needed to help run it.** Immediate help is wanted to find volunteers could help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. Ring Jane on 628372 or e-mail [SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk)

**Fair Date is Sunday 17th June 2012** (Weekend after Half term week)

### 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 and neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them.

### Marquee Erection Team

**Parents** we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) - If you would like to help and join this Team, please contact Ian Marshall our Marquee coordinator: Email [marquee@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:marquee@pgscouts.org.uk) or call 07799 555444 for more details

### PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Remember we need your support; it is quite simple **to access our online web shop, enter the address** <http://www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts/> or go via the link on our web site, into your web browser and then follow the links to the merchant's sites to make your purchase.

**We encourage you to support this initiative** as there is no administration for PG and therefore it is effortless fundraising. Additionally, it does not take many purchases by even a small proportion of members for the commission to add up over the year. You must go via this web site for us to get commission.

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**And don't forget to tell your friends.**

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has supported us

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## BEAVER NEWS



### Littlewick Colony

Welcome to Oliver McMillan who joined our Beavers this term :) With our pirate theme, the Beavers have learnt how to use a compass and to "Never Eat Shredded Wheat". We also built treasure boxes, invented and acted a pirate story as well as making pirate hats for the pirate party that we had with the Pinkneys Green Beavers.

Our visit to the Fire Station was a great success with a tour of the station, exploring the inside of the Incident Vehicle and every Beaver having a chance to switch a working fire hose on and off! The Beavers enjoyed exploring the stage that was set up at the Pinkneys Green Scouts hall, the cameras in place and walking on stage to sing a song and tell a joke with the help of the PG Scouts.

We are looking forward to ending the term with a treasure/ egg hunt pre the Easter break....

Happy Easter, Pirates!  
*Hawkeye* (Nathalie Watson)

### Winter Hill Colony

Beavers has been continuing along its Pirate theme this term, coupled with a few other activities thrown in for fun. One of these activities was the trip to Maidenhead fire station. I think I can honestly say I've never seen the beavers so excited! Despite being called to a house fire at the beginning of our session the fireman at the station were incredibly accommodating and shown us all around the fire station before the 'heroes returned' from the house fire to much excitement from the young beavers! We were then allowed to fire the water hose into the car park which was much fun for beavers, young leaders and leaders alike! We would like to thank Maidenhead Fire station and *Steve Windsor* for such a fantastic evening.

Other activities include the scout run 'entertain' evening which is always a big hit, with the scouts performing as much as the beavers and a hike to the scout hut via the chalk pit on the thicket! All very much enjoyed by all!

Coming up we'll be making authentic treasure maps and having an Easter egg/treasure hunt on the green!

*Hathi* (Catherine Weeks)

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## CUB NEWS

This last month has been one of the busiest that I can remember for the PG Cubs. The Scouts did an excellent job during half term week when they ran an incident hike on the Green with a variety of challenges for the Cubs. These included an assault course, a three legged trail, sending messages in Morse code, a large scale logic puzzle and a blindfolded

guided trail through the woods. This was followed by an evening learning about compasses and bearings and a collectors evening. *Tarka* (Barry) showed the Cubs his collections of stamps and scout scarves and the Cubs brought in their own collections to show to the leaders - there was a great range of collections from coins to football cards.

However, the highlight of the month was definitely our trip to Maidenhead fire station where Red Watch talked us through fire prevention, showed us their fire engines and all the equipment they carry and walked us around their training buildings including the drill tower. I'm not sure who enjoyed it more - the Cubs or the leaders!

Coming up we have our Easter trip to Longleat on 4th April with our first meeting back being on 18th April. That evening we will be delivering flyers for the jumble sales, so are meeting at Farm Road shops. Later in the month on 29th April is the St Georges Day walk where parents are positively encouraged to walk with the Cubs - 2pm at the Town Hall car park.

"This week we learnt about road signs. We went around with clip boards and there were pictures on the wall of road signs and we had to write down what they were. When we had done that we marked each others work, then gave it in. We played a game that was fun in which we got into our sixes and pretended to be driving a car and when Akela held up a road sign we had to do what it said. I enjoyed the part of the game when we pretended to cycle." By *Joseph Ruffell*.

"At Cubs this week, we learnt about compass points. We all sat on the floor and Chil picked four Cubs to put the four points of the compass, north, south, east and west on the board. She then chose another four cubs to put up the next four points of the compass. We then put up the next eight points of the compass - I was one of them! Finally, we drew all of the 16 compass points on a piece of paper." By *Sammy March*.

Until next month,  
*Mysa* (David Barnes)

### **Some Times Everything Goes to Plan:**

Saturday 17th March Wessex Junior School, the Annual Cub District Football Competition. We entered two teams made up of PG cubs. B Team was the younger Cubs some just up from Beavers with a couple of ten year olds. Each PG team was put into different group of five teams and after played four games we found that both PG teams had not lost a game, a fabulous achievement. Especially for the B's Then came the play off for the overall Winner, at Full Time Score was 0 . 0 extra Time 0 . 0 It was then down to a penalty shoot-out, with the A team the winners. Well done to them. The younger Cubs did fantastically well getting to the final ans should be congratulated on there performance

What an afternoon. Thanks to *Robin Wolfe* helping with the training and Mr Allcock for refereeing, we went home tired But Very Proud

*Tarka* (Barry Palmer)



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PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space for our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts

## SCOUT NEWS

### Aladdin

A superb performance from the following Scouts & Young Leaders: *James Ashe, Patrick Ashe, James Carr, John Conacher, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Richard Hurst, Jay Hutchins, James Kersey, Aiden Milston, Jake Milston, Jonathan Otun, Tom Sellers, Joshua Wallace, Christopher Otun, Robert Anderson and George Knott*. We hope that the Scouts who came along and watched the performance had a good time

Also well done to Cubs *Daniel Juden, Tom Knott*, and Daniel Wallace & *Josef Basarab* for being Dragon.



### Troop Weekend Camp

This is a good training camp for Scouting Skills

Friday 18th May to Sunday 20th May 2012

**We are looking for someone to tow a large trailer we have borrowed** to site on Thursday evening, 17th May if you can help or have any suggestions please let Simon know

### St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – Sunday 29th April 2012, 2.00pm at Town Hall car park. This year the Scouts will be walking along the Green Way to Braywick Nature reserve, before an event including Circus skills !

Parents are invited to take part as well as the Scout

### Laser Quest Competition

Congratulations goes to *Oliver Griffin, Christopher Otun, Conner Ford, George Knott, Jonathan Otun, Laurence Jones, Leo Giles, Matthew Dixon, Oliver Isted and Robert Anderson* on Winning the District Laser Quest Competition. The beat Bray & Holyport Scouts in the Semi-finals and 21<sup>st</sup> Maidenhead (Cox Green) scouts in the final

Thank you goes to *BoB Weingarth* for organising this activity and parents *Nic Jones* who helped him

### Cross Country Competition

Congratulations goes to *Robert Allcock, Robert Anderson, Findlay Cassels, John Conacher, Tim Fyffe, Zac Gordon-Smith, Alex Norris, Christopher Otun, Jonathan Otun, Ben Williams and Frank Williams* on Winning the Senior team event, being runner up in the junior event and being joint overall winners with Bray and Holyport. Thank you goes to the parents who helped with the event



### 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 BoB know

Competition Date: Sunday 22nd April 2012, 2pm

**Simon Wheeler**

### If You miss a Meeting....

Can we please remind parents that if your son is going to miss a *Monday Beaver Meeting, Wednesday Pack Meeting* or a *Friday Troop Meeting*, Beavers should contact *Hathi* [Catherine], Cubs should contact *Akela* [Jon] and Scouts contact *Simon*, to let them know that you cannot attend the meeting.

**This will help with the programme planning and we will be able to advise you of what is happening at the next meeting.**

### Black Sacks of Rubbish

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