



GROUP NEWS

December 2013



Christmas Fair



Christmas Trees	Tombola	Cakes
Good As New	Bathroom Stall	Raffle
Competitions	Toys	Jewellery
Hot Dogs	Refreshments	Mulled Wine

Sunday 1st December 2013 2pm

Proceeds in aid of Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and Scout Funds

Please Support your Scout Group

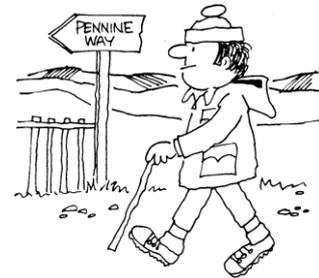
New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Wednesday** 1st January 2014

Time: 10.30 a.m. at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx 12 noon

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE





CHRISTMAS TREES

**Delivery: FREE to Maidenhead
Cookham / Littlewick Green
Marlow / Hurley areas**

We are taking orders

Orders & payment to; Ken Knight 3, Birdwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 5AP
by 8th December for delivery on Saturday 14th December 2013

Order form on www.pgscouts.org.uk

Repair / Replace Ethernet Sockets

We need to replace some of the internet Sockets in the hall, **also we have 10+ RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables** that require to have the plugs on the end replaced.

If you have the expertise to do this, it would be a great help. **Please contact Simon** for more details, Email: simon@pgscouts.org.uk

Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps.

Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting

World Scout Jamboree Japan 2015

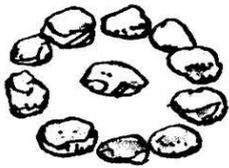
The 23rd World Scouting Jamboree will take place in Japan between the 28th July and 8th August 2015. There were 180 Scouts and Explorers attending the selection weekend for 45 spaces, 11 from PG went and I am delighted to say that 3 have been chosen, **Patrick Ashe**, **George Knott** and **Winter Hill** Beaver Young Leader **Grace Marshall**.

There is a packed programme of events on the Jamboree site both before and after the Jamboree, the Berkshire contingent will get to experience home hospitality with Scouts from somewhere in the Asia Pacific region. A chance to meet and work with young people from all over the world. An experience of a lifetime.

Congratulations to **Patrick**, **George** and **Grace**.

Erica Hunter, GSL.





Obituary

Rose Weller died recently at the age of 91. *Rose* was an Assistant District Commissioner Cub Scouts in Maidenhead between 1977 and 1982. *Rose* was a Brownie, a Guide and a Ranger at Pinkneys Green, (our hall) and started helping with Cubs around 1960, at the Larchfield Cub Pack, which has long since closed. She then started the John Williams Pack at the 21st Maidenhead (John Williams was one of her Cubs who sadly died of leukaemia, and the Pack was named after him). Her grandson ***Duncan*** is a Cub Leader at 9th Maidenhead, he ran the shooting for us at Family Camp

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are looking for a parent to clean the hall during Summer half term Thursday 29th May any time or **Friday 30th May** before 6pm. If you can help with either of these dates please contact us.

Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from mid June 2014 onwards. If you can spare Max 45 minutes (Time to suit) please give out parent cleaning coordinator *Pauline* a ring on 01628-670063 or email 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 the thirty plus parents* who have offered their services.

Christingle (Carol) Service

We are holding a Carol Service on
Sunday 8th December 2013 at 3.50pm
at our local Church St James the Less at Stubbings.

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Parents,
brothers, sisters, friends etc. are invited to join us
at this Special Service

Tea will be served afterwards in the Church Hall



Support our online shopping - PG is part of an online shopping scheme (www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts)

We get commission is you go via our web site, to date we have raised over£1,200

Numerous High Street retailers and internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. Amazon and John Lewis. Every purchase made via this site benefits us financially.

You do not have to pay anymore for your purchases when you access via www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts , but we gain!

Please put www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online. Just try it and see how easy it is. This is a very easy effort less way to raise money for the group. **Just try it and see how easy it is.**

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that you child is expected to wear correct uniform to there section meetings. Beavers can wear Scout Association shorts or trouser, Cubs, Scout & Explorers need Scout Association shorts. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop on a Thursday evening 7pm – 8.45pm term time.

For more details www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/

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

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BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

On Tuesday 15 October several Beavers attended an IT night at *Winter Hill* hosted by our Scout Leader, *Simon*. Beavers attending earned their stage one IT challenge badge.



The Monday before half term was a Halloween party for the Beavers. Spooky games were held - 'Pin the wart on the witch' and a pumpkin relay. Beavers also made Halloween biscuits. For me the highlight of the evening was Beavers turning into mummies and wrapping each other up in toilet paper!

The Monday after half term we held a fireworks night with *Winter Hill* Beavers. Many thanks go to *Mr & Mrs Palmer-Page* for the very generous use of their field. Beavers learnt all about the stars and about Guy Fawkes and his gunpowder plot. The evening ended with hot chocolate and biscuits.

The following Monday Beavers were working towards Littlewick's group entry for the craft competition at Altwood School on Sunday 17th November. The theme was the rainforest. Beavers created trees on a long roll of paper and coloured, cut out and stuck on many animals, birds, plants and insects associated with the rainforest. Good luck to them for this.

Until next time....

Bubbles Ruth Pearce

Winter Hill Colony

A very exciting last few weeks at beavers: our 'epic' firework evening went off with a bang thanks to the amazing *Mr Bennett* once more. We had a lovely evening around the bonfire, followed by an incredibly loud and impressive firework display, and finished off nicely with biscuits and hot chocolate! We are also very thankful to the *Palmer-Page* family for hosting our event. Thank you so much for making such a lovely evening possible.



We would also like to thank the Scouts for their excellent Halloween party, the fancy dress was brilliant this year and really scary I thought! We all had lots of fun.

Coming up we've got a visit to the fire station, a night hike, and we'll be starting some of our Christmas activities.

BREAKING NEWS!! Winter Hill colony have come **3rd** in the district craft competition for their combined effort on their mural on the theme of '*Endangered Environment*'. Well done to the many beavers who placed for their individual entries, what a fantastic effort was made by all!

Please remember now that it is dark in the evenings to walk carefully to and from the hall and always accompany your child. To the Scout Hall, as it is a very busy road. Please DO NOT block the neighbours entrances

Hathi (Catherine Weeks).

CUB NEWS

Littlewick Pack

It's been a very exciting month as the cubs have been working towards their Chefs Activity badge. Akela and I hadn't quite realised what a bunch of Master Chef's we have! After a week of learning about safety in the kitchen and the importance of a balanced diet the cubs prepared 2 delicious 2 course meals of Chicken Korma and Moon Rock Cakes and One Pot Chicken and Rice and Traffic Light Fruity Kebabs. All of which went down very well afterwards by the sign of clean plates! We even had the cubs washing up!

Well done to *Ava Neeves, Martha Leach, Abby Jones, William Hoad, Freddie Fuller* and *Ben Jones* (from *Winter Hill*) who entered as the two PG teams for the Cooking Competition!

Other activities have included some joint events with *Winter Hill*, so thanks goes to *Simon* and the Scouts for a very spooky Halloween party and also thanks to *Winter Hill* Leaders for arranging the camp fire songs in the PG Woods. As we head up to Christmas we have been learning about Personal Safety and have been visited by the Police and no one got arrested!

We are also planning our annual Christmas show for the Cherry Garden Nursing home and we are all looking forward to the Christmas Panto!

May I be the first to wish you a very Happy Christmas ☺

Until next time...

Rama (Sarah Jones)



Winter Hill Pack

Our half term Halloween party was a great success with *Simon* and the Scouts organising some great games and treats. We also had a wonderful range of costumes! This was followed by a bonfire evening in the woods run by *Tarka* and *Aidan* - unfortunately I was away that week, but have heard great things about the campfire singing led by *Aidan* and his brother *Jake*!

I was also pleased to see a number of Cubs turn out for the Remembrance Sunday service on 10th November. All those attending represented the Pack and the Group excellently and should be very proud of themselves. Thanks to *Ben Almond* for carrying the *Winter Hill* Cubs flag.

Finally, please can I remind everyone to take care when dropping off and picking up from the Scout Hall. It is obviously dark before Cubs starts now, so please drop off and collect at the Scout Hall door.

Winter Hill Akela (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS



Christmas Fair - The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout donates five items, we should have a successful stall. Any Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, Must wear Full Scout Uniform and let *Simon* know that they can help. We hope all Scouts and their parents will **support this major Fundraising event.**

Christingle Service

Scouts and Young Leaders, don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 8th December **3.50pm** at Stubbings Church. We hope that all Scouts and their families will be able to attend. There will be a cup of tea, after the service in the Church hall

New Scouts

We would like to welcome the, *Jake Hickey, Tom Knott* and *Luke Kersey* who have made their Scout promises and been invested as members of PG Scout Troop. We would also like to welcome *Robbie* and *Jamie Alexander* back to PG after their return from Dubai, *Robbie* was a PG Beaver they were members of 3rd Dubai Scouts and 2nd Dubai Cubs and *Dhruv Mehta*, who was a PG Cub.

Troop Party

We are holding a New Year Party Between Christmas and New year on Friday 27th December 6.45pm – 9.15pm After having a very successful Party last year, we are going to hold another one. Each Scout is required to bring some food - *contact your PL for details.*



New Years Morning Walk

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Wednesday 1st January 2014 – 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend.

Swimming Gala

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 11th January 2014, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**



District Chef Cooking Competition

Well done to *Frank Williams, Ben Williams and Alexander Norris* on coming 3rd in the District Chef Cooking Competition. Thank you goes to their parents for helping them with preparing for the event.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you goes to all the Scouts / leaders who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church. Special thanks you goes to *Matthew Dixon* for carrying the Scout flag.

District Quiz

We are looking for younger Scouts to take part in this years District Quiz on Friday 6th December 2013, contact *Simon* for more details



District Night Hike

PG joined over 173 Scouts & leaders from all the Troops in Maidenhead to walk around a circular course around Cookham, area. We entered two teams. PG1 *Jonathan Otun, Alexander Norris, Ben Williams, Adam Cox, Frank Williams*, with leaders *Michael Crown and Kim Broadley*. PG2 *Matthew Dixon, Nicholas & Toby Lattimer, Thomas Sellers, Peter Marshall*, with Leader *Andy Montgomery* and Dads, *Ian Marshall and Tim Lattimer*. They left the PG base at 8.30pm and were finished by 2am. We would like to thank *the leaders and Dads* for walking with the Scouts, plus *Alex Robins, William Boothman, Jordan Day-Hunt and Graham Wolfe*, for manning the PG Base. PG's results were; PG1 came 10th and PG2 came 3rd out of 20 teams, well done to both teams

Simon Wheeler Scout Leader

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S

& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM



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Start up's welcome	

BABYSITTING SERVICE

Hi, I'm *Grace Marshall* (My dad is *Ian*, who runs the marquee hire), and as a fundraiser for the *Japan Jamboree*. I am offering **babysitting services**. I have been a young leader at WH Beaver colony for a year; I'm 15 years old and live in Maidenhead.

If you are interested, please call or text me at **07501 368 477**.