



## GROUP NEWS

January 2013

On behalf of all the Leaders, we hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and

# We Wish You All A Happy New Year.



Attached to this month's *PG Tips* is an outline of the major events for 2013

**Please make a note of the dates that affect you and your child(s).**

## Littlewick Update

Pinkneys Green continues to expand at **Littlewick** – I can now confirm that we will be opening a **NEW CUB PACK** in January 2013. The Leaders will be **Nathalie Watson (Hawkeye)** is going to change roles and become **AKELA** (CSL) and she will be assisted by a NEW assistant Cub leader (ACSL) **Sarah Jones**. Beavers **Ash Popat (Rusty)** will become the Beaver Scout Leader (BSL) and has a NEW Beaver assistant (BSSA) **Ruth Pearce** (Bubbles), we still **NEED A NEW LEADER** for the beavers as we **MUST** have two warranted leaders in each section.

Now that we will have two Beaver colonies and two Cub Packs we will be calling the sections in Pinkneys Green "**Winter Hill**" and in Littlewick Green "**Littlewick**" any new children joining these sections will have the new name tags. Scouts remain unchanged.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.  
Erica Hunter. GSL



## Christmas Fair

This year's fair was a great success. The scout hall was transformed into a cosy, decorated, cheerful centre where bargains could be had on the bathroom and gifts stalls. There were games to be played and biscuits to decorate.

You could try your luck at the tombola, lucky dip and raffle. There were lovely refreshments and hot dogs for the way home! Also it was the place to meet up with friends and it was great to see so many people coming in during the afternoon.

Many thanks are due to the setting up team on Friday evening, those who came to run stalls, the behind the scenes folders of tombola tickets, makers of cakes, the helpers who cleared away at the end and everyone else who participated. Thank you to everyone at PG who donated items for us to sell.

We were also lucky to receive donations from Wally's Toy Shop. Tesco in Maidenhead, Highway Avenue Budgens and the Co-Op on the Bath Road. The fair made a fantastic profit of over **£900** some of which will go towards the parcels which the Cubs deliver while carol singing.

Jane Courtier  
Parent Support Group secretary and Fair Coordinator



## Calling All Parents – Can you spare 30 Minutes - Once a term?

**Please would you consider joining the Weekly Cleaning Rota** to help us keep the Hall spick & span? We need more parents from February 2013 onwards to replace parents who have moved on. Originally, I volunteered to help, because I preferred the Beaver, Cub & Scout Leaders to concentrate on the activities than cleaning. It has been such a success in 2012 we really want to keep the Rota going. More on the list means doing it further apart - maybe less than once a term. It has not gone unnoticed by other Scout Groups that we manage to do this. Great role-models for your Youngster's! There is lots of flexibility about when you come – you volunteer to clean the kitchen & loo during one week, and then pass the key onwards. Surprisingly, we have noticed that Thursdays works best for everyone but as long as you check with Simon, it is pretty much up to you. Cleaning materials are supplied (I

recommend you bring your own rubber gloves). If you think you can join the Rota, please contact me. I am so grateful to all those already involved.

**Pauline Patel**

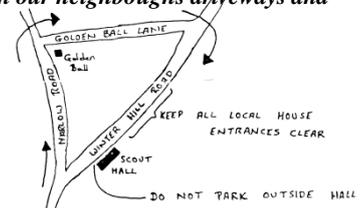
PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. Tel: Home 01628 670063 & Mob 0779 123 0354 Email: [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk)

## 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 evenings are dark** 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 Scout hall.





## Christmas Parcels

Some of the money raised at our Christmas Fair is used to purchase parcels for the local elderly. The parcels were delivered by the Cubs before Christmas. The Cubs went carol singing and delivered the parcels. Thank you goes to Jane Courtier for purchasing the contents of the parcels and to Akela and the Cubs for delivering the parcels and organising the Carol singing.

## Christmas Trees

Can we Congratulate *Ken Knight & Ali Fyffe* for all their hard work organising our Christmas tree project, plus to all the Scouts / Parents for delivering the leaflets, plus to everyone who delivered the trees and collected them for recycling and of course to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree this year. We sold over 320 trees and raised over **£4,000**



## Christingle Service

Thanks go to all the parents; friends and members of the Group attended the Christingle Service at our parish church at *St James the Less, Stubbings*. Special thanks go to: Revd. Keith Nicholls for organising the service. Also to parents who made the Christingles and to everyone who supplied the mince pies, for the refreshments afterwards. We had traditional carols as well as the Christingles. Photos of this event are on PG's web site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

## New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk which took place on Tuesday 1st January 2013. Youngsters, adults and dogs walked around Pinkneys Green area. Well done to everyone who managed to get up on New Years day and take part.

## 2013 Panto – Cinderella

This years Scouts Pantomime will be Cinderella, it will be on **Friday 22nd March, 7pm and Saturday 23rd March 3pm & 7pm**. A big thank you goes to all the parents who have offered to help support this years production; **we do need more offers of help**.

We hope Cubs who want to will be take part in the Cub numbers

We are still looking for the following Help:

**Fishing Equipment  
and  
Outdoor Clothing**

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### Sort Back Cloths and repair them (2 people)

- Go through all our back cloths (some when end January / beginning February - up to you) sort out the Cinderella ones, repair them (made out of old sheets - so might need some tape on them) Replace any broken bits of wood (top / bottom) make sure that the Cup hooks (to hold them up) are in the right place

### Building (Putting Together) the Stage (8-10 people)

- We will be putting the stage together Friday 15th February, 6pm onwards and Saturday 16th February 2013 and I am looking for help from Dads (& Mums) with an electrical Screw driver - you don't have to be an expert to put it together - we are just looking for people to hold things and screw the bits together

### Transporting Boxes to Hall

- We need to move 25 plastic boxes containing the costumes from Camley gardens to Scout Hall also we need to move the back cloths from Pinkneys Road to the Scout Hall. These are 6ft – 8ft long (Sheet rolled around a piece of wood) They need to be moved beginning of February

If you can help with any of the above, please let Simon know either email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk) or call Mhd 623910

## Yellow PG T-Shirt

All youngsters will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm in the at some meeting and summer months. (Something to look forward to) **They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform**. If you need a new PG T shirt, these are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton), 76, Pinkneys Road. Sheila usually brings the T-shirts to Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160. Raksha also has PG Scarfs.

## CRB Forms

All PG Parents are CRB'd. If you receive a form can you please complete it and return it for **checking with relevant documents** as soon as possible to save Erica chasing you.

### **The Forms can be returned:**

**Mondays** – during Beavers 5.55pm – 7.15pm;

**Wednesdays** during Cubs 6.25pm – 8.00pm,

**Fridays after Scouts 9.30pm.**

**This term** (till 21st March) they can also be returned on a Sunday 3pm – 4.30pm and a Thursday 6.45pm – 8.15pm

## Computer Bits

We are looking for the following computer bits to upgrade / replace the ones we have

PC's or Laptops that are Pentium 4 or higher (preferably Intel Pentium D/Intel Centrino Duo/Intel Core 2 Duo/AMD Athlon 2/etc)  
USB and PS/2 optical laser mice, IDE Hard Drives over 40Gb and any SATA Hard Drives, Quiet/Silent 8-16 port Gigabit switch and any other Gigabit switches, RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables – 3 meters of longer

Please let us know if you can help us email Simon: [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk)



**Copas Farms**  
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

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

I would like to start by welcoming *Ruth Pearce* "**Bubbles**" as an Assistant Leader to our pack. Since starting, her help has been invaluable.

It was a proud moment when we realised that the Littlewick Green Beavers group won 1st prize for our colony entry of the Diamond Jubilee river pageant at the Maidenhead Craft Competition in November. CONGRATULATIONS to all the beavers for their imaginations and creativity that made this happen :) They continued showing their creativity in craft when making the 29 Christmas cards for the elderly at Cherry Garden Nursing Home. We visited them early in December to sing them carols as well as giving them our Christmas cards. Some joined in our carols whilst others smiled especially at the bringing of chocolate cupcakes and lots of presents when singing *We wish you a Merry Christmas*.



The colony particularly enjoyed our night hike especially as all torches were put to one side and we all used our "owl" eyesight during the walk. They were amazed by how much could be seen and we now know which Beavers like and eat carrots and which don't! Thanks to **Rusty** for walking ahead to make the hot chocolate that was waiting on our arrival back at the village hall. There weren't any carrots to be seen at our Christmas party finale when parents joined in musical chairs and pass the ball games. The Beavers did well in both by beating the parents as well as enjoying the musical games and party food.

We wish happy holidays and a very Merry Christmas and New Year to all

Retiring **LG Hawkeye** (*Nathalie Watson*)

### Winter Hill Colony

Beavers finished off 2012 with some Christmas themed activities, we had a very noisy but enjoyable evening where the Scouts ran a Christmas party for the Beavers We had a very successful Christmas Beaver Banquet this year and enjoyed celebrating the festive season with parents and beavers alike! Thanks to everyone who came to our Christingle service at Stubbings Church, it was a lovely event and had a brilliant atmosphere this year. Also a big thanks to Bagheera for inviting us to the pantomime at the town hall. Beavers and leaders alike thoroughly enjoyed the show!

At the point of going to press next term's theme for beaver activities has not yet been decided, so watch this space! We can tell you however that it will be filled with lots of outdoor, indoor, messy and loud activities to keep us all entertained!. First meeting 2013 will be Monday 7th January, don't forget to wear correct beaver uniform, including Scout association blue cargo trousers or shorts

**Hathi** (*Catherine Weeks*)

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## CUB NEWS

### Littlewick Pack

From January, a new cub pack, meeting on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8pm, is starting at Littlewick Green.

We will have 5 girls, 3 of whom have siblings at Pinkneys Green (Winter Hill), and 6 Littlewick Green beavers that will be swimming up. We continue to welcome all new cubs so please keep up the referrals :) I would like to thank *Sarah Jones* for stepping up as **Rama**.



**LG Akela** (*Nathalie Watson*)

### Winter Hill Pack

Welcome back to all the Cubs! I hope you had a great Christmas and are ready for another exciting term at Cubs. We have a wide range of activities planned so please keep an eye out for my Notes from Akela throughout the term.



We ended the Autumn Term working towards badges, with a focus on the Sports Enthusiast and Communicator Badges. Don't forget that any activities you do outside of Cubs can count towards Cub badges, so get a teacher/instructor etc to sign a short note stating what you did and when and we can tick it off - a link to all the badge requirements can be found on [www.PGCubs.co.uk](http://www.PGCubs.co.uk). We also had an evening learning about Thanksgiving, doing some turkey related craft and tasting pumpkin pie. Thanks to *Mrs Akela* for the pie! For our last meeting of the term we undertook our annual distribution of food parcels to local elderly residents using some of the profits from the Christmas Fair. However, the

highlight of December was definitely our trip to Maidenhead Pantomime to see *Bagheera* starring in Robin Hood.

I'm sure you will have seen the great news that Cub Scouting within PG is expanding with the creation of a pack at Littlewick - we at Winter Hill are looking forward to supporting and working with the Littlewick leaders to make it as successful as possible. Finally, congratulations to Assistant Cub Scout Leader *Kim Broadley* who has recently completed her leader training and will shortly be awarded her Wood Badge.

Until next month

**WH Akela** (*David Barnes*)

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## SCOUT NEWS

### Swimming Gala

The District is holding the Swimming Gala on Saturday 12th January 2013 at 5.50pm. We are looking for Scouts to help us win the *Myer Shield* Any Scout interested in representing the Troop please contact *Tarka on* Mhd 620655. We hope Scouts who are not in the Team will come along a support the Troop.

Young leaders, please let *Simon* know if you are interested in taking part in the Explorers event



### Moving Up Award

We would like to welcome four Cubs *Joseph Ruffell*, *Daniel Juden*, *Edward Bennett*, & *Cameron Cassels*. to the Troop, they have started their Moving Up Award. They will be invested as Scouts later this month.

## Patrol Swimming

We will again be taking each Patrol to High Wycombe, so that every Scout can be re-tested for the minimum standard for taking part in water activities, as well as been given the opportunity in doing the *Swimmers* proficiency Badge. **Scouts need to wear Full Uniform, plus take their Swimming gear.** *Bob Weingarth* will be organising this activity, with help from a young leader

We will require help from parents with transport.

## Training Weekends

We will be holding training Weekends for Scouts, which will be held at the Scout Hall depending on age of Scouts (as per the letter you should have received)

- Year 6 part year 7 8th – 9th February
- Year 7 & part year 8 1st – 2nd February
- Older Scouts 25th – 26th January

Please, contact your Patrol Leader for more details.



## Pantomime – Cinderella

We will be holding auditions on **Thursday 10th and Sunday 13th January**, for those Scouts who would like to take part in this year's Pantomime. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings 6.45pm – 8.15pm and Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm – 4.30pm.

The dates of the performances will be **Friday 22nd March, 7.00pm + Saturday 23rd March, 3.00pm & 7.00pm**. Make sure that you are available on those dates, if you wish to take part

## Medical & Personal Detail Forms

All Scouts and Young Leaders will be receiving the annual (2013) Medical & Personal Detail Forms + Scout Association census questionnaire. Can parents please complete and return these forms to *Scout Hall* by **21st January**. It is important we get the updated forms, as medical conditions change, at least one Scout has moved house (without telling us)



## Troop Camp

The first big camp of 2013, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, camp

**Date: Friday 26th April to Sunday 28th April 2013**

**We hope that all Scouts will attend this camp**, especially the ones, who have joined us in the last six months, as it is important that you attend at least one camp, before you go on this years Summer Camp.

**Tombola** - Thank you to the Parents & Scouts who provided items for the Tombola Stall and to the Scouts and Leaders who helped set the stall up on the Sunday morning and those who wore uniform and manned it in the afternoon, also thanks go to the Scouts who helped on other stalls.

**Christingle Service** - Special thanks goes to *Callum Kunchur* for carrying the Troop flag, and to *Matthew Miller* and *Frank Williams* who did the readings, plus all the Scouts who made the effort to attend this special service. The church was full. The Christingles looked very good when the **candles** were lit and the lights were dimmed. Photos on web [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

**Troop Dinner** - This is where the Scouts invite people who have helped the **Troop** over the past twelve months. Thank you goes to Patrol Leaders: *Matthew Dixon, Evan Charles, James Kersey* and *Robert Allcock* for organising the evening, with help from the young leaders. The Scouts & guests sat down to a three course meal of carrot & corrigenda soup & role., chicken supreme & rice followed by chocolate gateaux and ice cream. A special thank you goes to *Michael Crown* and *Alex Robins* for organising and cooking the meal., After the meal Summer camp winning patrol were presented with their amo tins, plus PLs did a speech and presented *Laura Williams*, for doing all the Troop accounts as Treasurer and *Pauline Patel* for doing the Troop paper work, with some flowers. This was followed by a 2012 quiz and a sing along.

**Troop New Year's Party** - On Friday 28th December, we had a very successful Troop Party..Thank you goes to Patrol Leaders for organising an evening of games and the parents for providing the food

Happy New Year

*Simon Wheeler* (Scout Leader)



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**Pinkneys Green Scout Group**  
**2013 Outline Programme**

1/1/2013

January 2013 PG Tips

<b>1 January</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>New Years Morning Walk</b> - 10.30am
5 January	Scout	- PLs Thank You Meal for Troop Leaders
12 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scouts 5.40pm]
13 January	Scout	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime <i>Cinderella</i>
25-26 Jan	Scout	- Training Course (Older Scouts / YLs)
1-2 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 7 plus part Year 8)
8-9 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 6 plus part Year 7)
15 February	Scout	- Special Troop Activity Swimming at Windsor Pool
<b>15-17 Feb</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required</b>
20 February	CubWHLG	- Incident Hike – Joint Cub meeting run by Scouts
22-23 Feb	Scout	- LAN Weekend
<b>24 Feb</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Paint Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required</b>
25 Feb	BeaverLG	- " <i>We Entertain</i> " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
2 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
2 March	Beaver	- District Beaveree Altwood School
2 March	Cub	- District Flag Competition
4 March	BeaverWH	- " <i>We Entertain</i> " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
15 March	Scout	- Swimming Trip (Scouts not in Panto)
16 March	Cub	- District Football Competition
<b>22-23 March</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Scouts Pantomime <i>Cinderella</i></b>
<b>24 March</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am Parents Help required</b>
12-13 April	Scout	- LAN
20 April	Scout	- District Football Competition
<b>21 April</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>District St Georges Day Event - All Beavers, Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>
26-28 April	Scout	- <b>Troop Camp</b>
<b>27 April</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
11 May	Cub	- District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
<b>11 May</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
29 May	CubWHLG	- Litter Clear PG Triangle – Joint Cub meeting run by Scouts
1-2 June	Scout	- LAN
<b>7-9 June</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Group, Family Camp</b>
21 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
<b>23 June</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Summer "<i>Fair On The Green</i>"</b>
29 June	Cubs	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Older Cubs
30 June	Scouts	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Scouts
1 July	BvrWHLG	- Tent Pitching – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
24 Jul - 7 Aug	Scout	- <b>Summer Camp – <i>Bodmin Moor</i> - All Scouts</b>
6-8 September	Cub	- <b>Cub Camp</b>
13 September	Scout	- Evening Mystery Trip
<b>14 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
21 September	Scout	- District Land Activity Event
<b>28 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Jumble Sale 10.30am</b>
<b>29 September</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Harvest Festival 3.25pm at Stubbings Church</b>
5 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course
6 October	Scout	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event 10am - 1pm
6 October	Cub/Sct	- Rotary Boundary Walk
<b>19-20 October</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>JOTA &amp; JOTI Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)</b>
26-27 October	Scout	- LAN
30 October	CubWHLG	- Halloween Party – Joint Cub meeting run by Scouts
9 November	Scout	- District Chef Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
<b>10 November</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Remembrance Sunday Parade - 10.35am ALL Beavers Cubs &amp; Scouts</b>
15-16 Nov	Scout	- District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
22-23 Nov	Scout	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
30 November	Scout	- Trip – (Pos Ice Skating/Swimming ) All Scouts
<b>1 December</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Christmas Fair <i>On a Sunday</i></b>
2 December	BeaverWH	- Christmas Party – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
<b>8 December</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Carol (<i>Christingle</i>) Service 3.25pm at Stubbings Church</b>
<b>11 ? December</b>	<b>Group</b>	- <b>Trip to Maidenhead Pantomime</b>
16 December	BeaverWH	- Christmas Banquet
20 December	Scout	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the Troop
21-22 Dec	Scout	- Computer Weekend
27 December	Scout	- Scouts New Year Party

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