



## GROUP NEWS

December 2015



## Christmas Fair



<b>Christmas Trees</b> <b>Good As New</b> <b>Competitions</b> <b>Hot Dogs</b>	<b>Tombola</b> <b>Bathroom Stall</b> <b>Toys</b> <b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Cakes</b> <b>Raffle</b> <b>Jewellery</b> <b>Mulled Wine</b>
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**Sunday 6th December 12noon-3pm**

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: **Friday** 1st January 2016

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





## CHRISTMAS TREES

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

**We are taking orders**

**Orders & payment to;** Ken Knight 3, Birdwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 5AP  
**by 5th December** for delivery on Saturday 12th December 2015

Order form on [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

### LASER PRINTER

**HELP** Our HP LaserJet printer 5100 is still not working **Do you know of a print engineer** that could have a look at it for us. We do a lot of double-sided printing (Black & White) on it

Does your company have an Old LaserJet printer you could donate to us or Do you know where we can purchase a New printer from at a reasonable price, or purchase it for us to save the VAT

If you can help or know of anyone who can help us please contact Simon [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto: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

### Camp To Celebrate 100 Years of Cub Scouts

Maidenhead and District Cub Scouts are organising a Big Camp to commemorate the founding of Wolf Cubs in December 1916 by Lord Baden Powell.

Every Cub Scout in Maidenhead is invited to camp for the weekend. There will be a full programme of activities, including: Climbing, Zip Wire, Fire Lighting, Craft, Hiking, Inflatables, Pioneering . . .

The camp will be Friday 24th of June to Sunday 26th June. The cost of camp will be £50 per cub, other than food and activities, it will include a T-shirt and Camp badge.

Both PG Cub packs will be attending this once in a lifetime special camp. PG Cubs should have received a special **Yellow** letter.

**We hope your child can attend.** Parents please return the form on letter, to Akela as soon as possible, payment of £50 need to be paid by January 2016.

If you require another copy of the **Yellow** letter or have any questions, please contact your Akela.



## Social Evening - photos and stories from Japan Jamboree and Project Africa

Soltau Centre, Stubbings Church on Saturday 16th January 2016 at 7pm. Bring own refreshments/nibbles.

We as a group were very fortunate that 3 of our Young Leaders *Grace Marshall*, *Patrick Ashe* and *George Knott* went to Japan for the World Jamboree and Leader *Kieran Patel* and Young Leader *Ben Williams* went to Uganda for Counties Project Africa.

Please come and see there photos and hear about there experiences. All members, families and friends are welcome.

Remember it could be you in 2019 at the next World Jamboree, at Summit Bechtel in West Virginia, USA.



### **Christingle (Carol) Service**

We are holding a Carol Service on  
Sunday 13th December 2015 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 Soltau Centre*



## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Back from our half-term break, how could we possibly top our fantastically fun Halloween party? We had a trip to *Alex's* house for the largest bonfire we'd ever seen and an amazing Fireworks display! We learnt about the meaning of bonfire night and also had hot chocolate and biscuits to warm us up. A huge Thank you to Alex's Mum & Dad, we all had a great time. It all went in a flash!



For the collectors badge the Beavers had another outing, this time we headed into town to Maidenhead's Heritage Centre. The Beavers saw Maidenhead's very own collection. From stone age implements, Roman Julius' remains to Brunel's widest spanning bridge and much more. To help us see the whole collection we were given a word hunt. We also handled some artefacts and guessed what they were used for in the past, before making our very own hand axes like our ancestors, without using modern glues or tape. We're looking forward to seeing the Beavers own collections.

A big thank you to Gini and Evie of the **Maidenhead Heritage Centre**. Thank you to those parents that stayed to help, we hope you enjoyed it too.

For our faith badge we'll be having fun at St. John the Evangelist Church in Littlewick Green when we meet *Reverend Tina Moylneux*. The following weeks we'll be sharing our own collections for the collectors badge and lots of crafting for the weeks leading to Christmas before we celebrate with a Christmas party to end the year.

We would like to welcome new leader *Emma Fielding* & Young Leader *Ben Ratcliffe* into Littlewick's Beaver colony. We hope they have as much fun as we do.

Thank you to all helpers and parents that give their time each week to make Beavers a fun, safe and interesting environment

**Hawkeye** (Vee Martin) **Keeo** (Ali Butler), Emma Fielding and young leaders Nicole, Jonathan & Ben.

### Winter Hill Colony

A busy time at winter hill beavers. Lots of our beavers earned their Digital Citizen stage 1 badge during JOTI and enjoyed spending time talking to lots of other beavers, cubs and scouts from all over the world.

We had a very successful firework party for our families and really enjoyed the big bonfire that was put on for us. Thank you very much to the Palmer Paige family for hosting it yet again.

We have then been concentrating on our craft, making poppy pictures which you will see displayed in the hall in all their glory!

We will be working on some Christmas treats in the next few weeks and are excited about a trip to Stubbings church.

Please remember to be very careful on the road outside the hut. It's very dark now and we want everybody to be safe!



**Hathi** (Catherine Weeks).

## CUB NEWS

### Littlewick Pack

What busy bees we've been. We invested *Hannah Henwood, Summer Rendell, Sam Cranch* and *Christian Bradley* into the pack. Welcome! We have sadly said farewell to *Rafael Conway* who has moved to the Danesfield Cub pack which is closer to his home.

Working on the million hands project, we had a visit from *Amanda Minett* from the *Leonard Cheshire Foundation*. The Cubs really enjoyed her talk and asked lots of questions and finished off the night learning how to sign their names. We look forward to our visit to the Leonard Cheshire residential home for the disabled in the New Year. Thanks goes to *Simon* and his Scouts for running a very successful Halloween night - the cubs loved the games, donuts, apples and chocolate.

A big well done to *William Hoad* for taking part in the District Cubs Chess competition. We also had 2 teams enter the District Cubs Cooking competition. Well done to *Charlotte Wilkinson, Eva Murray* and *Hannah Henwood* for coming joint second :) *Joseph Henwood, William Hoad* and *Robbie Standen* lost out by 1 point! The meals that both teams cooked were tasty and yet healthy - congratulations!



Akela has been busy giving out badges to all our Cubs so happy sewing, parents - sorry! During the first half of term, the cubs earned their artist, disability awareness and entertainer activity badges while working towards their challenge badges.

We have the Maidenhead Christmas Panto, carol singing at St Marks' residential home and at Littlewick as well as the night hike coming up. It's going to be a fun and busy run up to Christmas. **Akela** (Nathalie) and myself would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** and a big thanks to all the parent helpers who have been helping us run the weekly meetings.

That's all for now! Rikki (*Jo Taylor*)

### Winter Hill Pack

This month, we invested *Albert Palmer* into cubs. *Albert's* dad was a PG cub so he is following in the family tradition. We welcome *Albert* and his family to the pack.

A few cubs attended the Remembrance service at Stubbings Church this month, thank you for attending and representing the pack.

During half term, the scouts organised a Halloween party that was enjoyed by all. They had to bring something in a bag to scare *Scout Dillon Flew*, which I understand went down well! Thank you to *Simon* and the scouts for organising this.

At our weekly meetings, we have carved scary faces into pumpkins, learnt about firework safety (and lit sparklers) and wrote remembrance messages to scouts and scout leaders who died during the First and Second World Wars.

The next few weeks are busy as usual, with a trip to the fire station, bird food making, carol singing and the trip to the pantomime. There is also a special evening planned between now and Christmas!

Many cubs enjoyed the fun activities of JOTA/JOTI and completed the activities needed or their communication badges. Many thanks to *Simon* and the team for organising this event.



**WH Akela** (*Rob Harris*)

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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 LG & WH Scout donates five or six items, we should have a successful stall. Any LG or WH Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, Must wear Full Scout Uniform.

We hope all Scouts and their parents will **support our major Fundraising event.**

**Christingle Service** - Scouts and Young Leaders, don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 13th 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 Years Morning Walk** - We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Thursday **1st January 2015** - 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend.

**District Swimming Gala** - This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 30th January 2016, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**

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### Littlewick Troop

No Report

### **BABYSITTING SERVICE**

Hi, I'm **Grace Marshall** I am offering **babysitting services**. I have been a young leader at WH Beaver colony for 2 years; I'm 17 years old and live in Maidenhead. If you are interested, please call or text me at **07501 368 477**.

## Winterhill Troop

Remembrance Parade - Thank you goes to the twenty-one members of the Troop who attended our Service at Stubbings Church

**District Night Hike** –We joined over 205 Scouts, Explorers & leaders from all the Troops in Maidenhead Twenty eight teams walk around a circular course around Waltham St Laurence, Shottlesbrook, Knowl Hill area. The following Winter Hill Scouts took part. *Nick Conacher, Archie Cottington, Edwin Isted, Luke Kersey, Toby Lattimer, Peter Marshall, Dhruv Mehta, Niall Parsons, Joseph Ruffell, Daniel Wallace, Simon Wilkosz and Frank Williams*, plus two Littlewick Green Scouts *Abby Jones, Ava Neeves* and two Scouts *San Oderiyi & Emma Passchiee* from 18th Maidenhead with leader *Sam Gillespie* joined our teams. . With dads,, *Ian Marshall, Tim Lattimer, Darran Cottington and Chris Isted walking with them*. They left Shottlesbrook Church at 8.30pm and were finished by 2.00 am. We would like to thank *the leaders Michael Crown and Alex Robins* for running the Winter Hill Base “A Minefield” and Dads for walking with the Scouts, plus *Rob Ayre, & Bill Carter*, for organising the event. We had a dry evening and even *Simon* did not get to cold. Well done to PG on coming fifth and fifteenth..



**Ready Steady Cook** – This year’s District Cooking Competition format changed, we had a cook judging the event who would give the Scouts some help and advice if they needed it.

We entered two teams: *Callum Kunchur, Joseph Ruffell, Dhruv Mehta and Ben Almond, Daniel Wallace, Niall Parsons*. They joined seven teams from other Troops around the District at Cookham Scout Hall . Both teams did very well coming joint third. The overall event was very close with only five points between first and last place

**New Scouts** – We would like to welcome *Miles Almond and Oliver Dee* and their families to Winter Hill Troop, they have both made their Scout promises and been invested as Scouts.

We have a busy month coming up with a backwoods cooking weekend, older Scouts will be preparing, cooking and eating locally caught game; building baluster;, making woggles; a mystery trip; plus Troop Dinner and a Lan weekend.

First meeting of 2016 we will be holding a **New Year Party on Friday 8th January 2016** 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.**

As Christmas Day and New Year’s Day fall on a Friday we will not be holding a Troop Meeting.

WH Scout Leader *Simon Wheeler*

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## **YOUNGSTERS SAFETY 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 in 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.**

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**WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

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

**& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM**

