





GROUP NEWS February 2015



# 2015 PG Scout Pantomime

This year's production is *Sleeping Beauty*.

The Scouts are busy rehearing,

We will be looking for Cubs and Young leaders to take part in a number each section will be doing

Performance(s) will be on Friday / Saturday 27th / 28th March

We hope you can come and Support our SHOW!

# URGENT We Require Help Building Stage

We are looking for help from Parents to build (put together), our stage area

Mums, Dads friends of PG if you can spare a couple of hours your help would be appreciated

Friday 14th February (Evening), 6.30pm – 9.15pm

Saturday 15th February 10am-12noon 2pm-5pm

Please let us know if you can help us for a couple of hours.

Email: help@pgtips.org.uk

No previous Experience required.



# **SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS 2015**

New Year ...New Vouchers! 28th Jan 2015 to 5th May2015

Thank you to everyone who donated their Sainsbury's Vouchers in 2014 to PG

Last years vouchers replaced some old sport equipment and bought new as well

#### We need a team effort!

We're taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids 2015. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment and experiences. For another year PG will be collecting Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers. The Active Kids Campaign will be running in Sainsburys stores. Sainsburys will give you a voucher for every £10 you spend at their stores, and if you donate these to PG, it means that we can use the vouchers to buy new equipment for free. This means that PG can reduce its overheads,

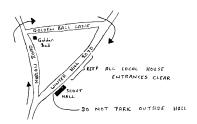
So please help us collect by donating your vouchers to us, and let anyone and everyone know that we're taking part in Active Kids! Your efforts are really appreciated and make a huge difference.

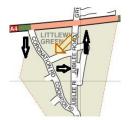
Send the vouchers along to your child's meeting, or drop them off at PG Scout Hall, please put them in the box by the front door

#### YOUNGSTERS SAFTEY 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.

Please observe the above instructions when dropping off and collecting from PG meetings.



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# 23rd World Scout Jamboree

Three members of PG *Grace Marshall*, *Patrick Ashe* and *George Knott* were selected to attend the World Jamboree in Japan this Summer.

"Patrick and I went to another Jamboree meet up this Sunday at the Teikyo Japanese school, where we all played a very interesting game involving a 50m rope and trying to get multiple serving spoons through the sleeves of our hoodies. After meeting some of the students from the school, who taught us origami and useful Japanese phrases ("I can't speak Japanese" wo nihongode donoyouni iimasuka?) we proceeded to play a game of water polo in the pool, culminating in all the leaders being thoroughly beaten... well, almost."

Grace

a 23# WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SCOUT MONDIAL JAPAN 2 O 1 5

# Fishing Equipment and Outdoor Clothing

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# Chair Person of the PG Parents Support Group

The Role of Chairperson is to work in liaison with the Group Scout Leader,

The chairperson of PGPSG will chair the monthly meeting (first Monday).

- The committees key roles are:
- To ensure that the Hall is maintained and repaired as necessary.
- Fundraising to support various activities.
- Ensure funds is spent wisely and effectively equipment.
- Recruit new parents to the committee.

If you are interested in either of these important support roles please call me for more information. If you are interested in joining our team on the PG PSG we do need some more parents, more hands make light work.

At the moment I am trying to do 2 roles which is extremely time consuming and sometimes means that my primary role suffers.

Erica Hunter Group Scout Leader

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. Raksha usually brings the T-shirts to Winter Hill, Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160. Raksha also has PG Scarf's.



# **GOLDEN SYRUP TINS**

Please keep your Golden Syrup Tins for us. When you have an empty one, please wash it and send it along to your Childs section meeting

We also want strong ice cream containers with lids – any size

Plain A4 Paper – to print on

Plus elastic bands – like the postman uses

# **MINI BUS**

We are struggling to hire another Mini bus for WH Scout Summer Camp in Brecon

We need a bus from Saturday 25th July to Sunday 2nd August 2015

Do you know a school that might hire us one or anywhere else we can hire one from

If you do please contact Simon either email <a href="help@pgtips.org.uk">help@pgtips.org.uk</a> or leave a message on 01628 771991



### **Calling All Parents**

Please would you consider joining the Weekly Cleaning Rota to help us keep the Hall spick & span?

As we go to press, we need more parents to replace parents who have moved on. Dates we are short of help are week from end **June 2015 onwards**. 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 last couple of years we really want to keep the Rota going. More on the list means doing it further apart - maybe less than twice a year. 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 on a Thursday or Friday – you volunteer to clean the kitchen & loo during one week, and then pass the key onwards. Cleaning materials are supplied. If you think you can join the Rota, please contact me. I am so grateful to all those already involved, over 28 parents.

Thanks Pauline Patel

PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator **Email**: <a href="mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk">cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk</a>



# BEAVER NEWS

### Winter Hill Colony

Welcome back to Spring Term 2015. We started this term on a WW1 theme, to commemorate the anniversary of 100 years since WW1 began. We made poppies and learnt what it was like to be a soldier during WW1



Coming up, we're going to be completing our cookery badge in healthy eating, hiking and entertaining, all in the name of having fun and earning badges!

We extend a warm welcome to the new beavers who have joined us, *Finn Cochrane, Finn James, Noah Thomas* and *Jack Young*. We hope they are enjoying their time with us so far. *Dominic* and *Tristan Sell* have started their moving up award with cubs.

We will be taking part in this year's District Beaveree on Saturday 7th March, 2.55pm-5.30pm at Altwood School. The theme this year is the Farm. The beavers will be joining Beavers from other 14

colonies in Maidenhead for an afternoon of fun

We very much appreciate! All the parents who have come along to help last term. We still need some help so if you enjoyed it, please see Hathi to sign up on the parent rota for this term.

**Hathi** (Catherine Weeks)

#### **Littlewick Colony**

Hi all! First of all, I would like to welcome all of the 6 new Beavers and their families who have joined us this term. So a big welcome to *Alasdair Euan Hanlon, Fabien Mormech, Charlie Williams-Lock, Tom Matthews, Harvey Quinn* and *Alex Palmer-Page.* We also have 2 Beavers Swimming up to Cubs *Rueben Bharj* and *Dylan Williams-Lock.* We wish you all the best of Luck!

This term the Beavers will be working towards lots of badges. Including Globe Badge and gardening badge. We have lots planed this term!!

Please make sure Beavers are in full uniform to all meetings. Beaver Scout jumper, Scarf, PG T-Shirt and blue Scout trousers or shorts.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents who have put their name down to help at the meetings. We can't do it without you so thank you! If you are yet to help or put your name down please email me ASAP.

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LG Hawkeye (Veronica)

# **CUB NEWS**

# Winter Hill Pack

At the end of last term, an elite group of cubs sang Christmas Carols and delivered food parcels to local elderly friends of the Group. The cubs were lucky to get many sweets and mince pies in return. I guess their singing was appreciated!

We started the New Year in green and yellow style with our fancy dress New Year party. Well done to Edwin Isted (lettuce) and Kyle Dixon (pineapple) for winning the fancy dress competition and *Benj Broadbent* (sunflower) and *William Atkinson* (Christmas tree) for being runners up.

The second week of term, the cubs learnt about the Royal Family. Their knowledge was patchy to say the least! Most were able to recognise the Queen and Prince George but we needed to teach them that Darcey Bussell was not in the Queen's family...



The remainder of the term will be spent on basic scouting skills – knots, first aid, compass points, tracking signs and road safety. We will be entering a team of 6 cubs into the District Flag Competition in March, which requires team work and a good understanding of these fundamental skills.

By the time PG Tips goes to print, we will have taken part in the District Swimming Gala – here's hoping the team did well Bagheera (Rob Harris)



# General Building and Home Maintenance

Andrew Jones

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SPECIALIST BRICKWORK

#### Littlewick Pack

We said goodbye to *Abby Jones*, *Ava Neeves* and *Freya Wilcock*, they are off to join Littlewicks new scout group - good bye and have fun girls!

Our cubs have had fun learning all about the solar system working towards their astronomer badge. They have made some great solar systems out of recycled bits 'n' bobs and enjoyed looking at the night sky

We have also been focusing on team work, doing lots of games and quizzes working in their sixes. With the flag completion fast approaching we have been working on first aid, map reading and many other skills. We have 6 cubs representing LG cubs this year and with our fantastic result of a very close second place last year - we are aiming high this year

We will keep you updated on our progress.

LG Rikki (Jo Taylor)



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# **SCOUT NEWS**



# 2015's Pantomime - "Sleeping Beauty" - The main cast members in this year's production

are: Jamie Alexander, Robbie Alexander, Ben Almond, Josef Basarab, Edward Bennett, Dillon Flew, James Garitty, Abby Jones, Edward Latimer, Nicholas Latimer, Toby Latimer, Jake Milston, Ava Neeves, Niall Parsons, Daniel Wallace and Ben Williams

. They have been rehearsing twice a week, since the beginning of January

We hope that those Scouts who are not in or helping, with this year's production will all come and see it on either Friday 27th or Saturday 28th March. Tickets will be available from beginning of March

<u>Cross Country Competition</u> - The District Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Junior Course & Senior Course is 2 miles, We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop(s) and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 7th March, 10.20am at PG Scout Hall.

We are looking for help with this event, from adults to help as Marshals

**Laser Quest Competition** The District Laser Quest Competition this year will be held on a Monday evening in March, at super bowl, next to the Magnet. The cost will be £6 per Scout. Your Scout leader will have more details

Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods - We are looking for help from Scouts to run the joint cub meeting during half term. Wednesday 18th February 2015. Scouts will be organising bases for an incident hike .If available to help, please let your Scout Leader know

#### Littlewick Troop

What a great start to 2015- our Scout Troop at Littlewick Green has officially opened with our first 8 scouts.

Some of our troop members have moved up from Cubs and some are fresh to Scouting. The next couple of weeks we will be getting to know everyone, planning the years' activities, events and that all important Scout camp and I'm sure expanding in the process.

Watch this space for a very exciting 2015.

Kate Marshall (LG Scout Leader),





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# Winter Hill Troop

January has been a busy month, starting off with a New Year party on 2nd January. We then had an evening of knotting. The following week, we built ladders out of pioneering poles, the scouts then had to use them to go up and over both beams in the hall. We had a First Aid evening where every Scout was taught basic first aid as well as Resuscitation using two *Resusci* Annie. The final week, the Scouts used a trangers. Each Scout had to light a tranger, boil some water and tie a different knot in a piece of spaghetti. February we will be cooking pancakes, going to Laser Quest, using the stage for an entertaining evening.

This term each Patrol is going to High Wycombe pool to do the swimmers badge and checked they

meet the swimming requirements for water activities.

We also had a weekend at the hall for the older Scouts, they sorted out the activities for this year's Summer camp as well as learning basic Scout Skill, which they will



use to teach the younger Scouts. In February we will be holding a weekend for the middle age group and the younger Scouts.

We would like to welcome *Harry Healey* who have made their Scout Promises and been invested as members of PG Scouts. We would like to wish him good Scouting at PG.

The Scouts are planning to hold an LAN event during half term.

The first big camp of 2015, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, camp 15th May t 17th May 2015

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)

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