



## GROUP NEWS

March 2018

### MOTHER



### GOOSE

#### 2018 PG PANTOMIME – Mother Goose

The Scouts and Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's *Pantomime Mother Goose*. They have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of Raksha, Chil, Dahinda, and Simon. A big thank you goes to all the Leaders, parents and friend who have supported us so far with this year's production

#### TICKETS ON SALE for Mother Goose

We have tickets available for the following performances **Friday 9th March 7pm**, plus **Saturday 10th March at 3pm and 7pm**. at £4 each. Orders for tickets in an envelope to any section meeting or in an envelope labelled Pantomime and drop off at the hall. We hope that anyone reading PG Tips will be able to come and see one of these performances.

### Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 11th March 10.30am**.

We need to get the Scout Hall cleared by Monday, for Beavers

#### REQUIRE – Old Flat Screen TV's

So the cast can see what is happening on the stage we are looking for FLAT screen televisions, if you have one that you no longer require we would be grateful of them



#### BORROW – Digital Video Camera

We are looking for a Digital Video Camera, so the cast can record the three Mother Goose Performances. If you have one we can use, please email [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)

### St Georges Day Event

All PG members (*Littlewick and Winter Hill*) Beavers and Cubs, plus Scouts are invited to join all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over Maidenhead at this year's District St Georges Afternoon Event. Parents, if available, are invited to join us, as well as the youngster, more details near the event.

Please make a note of the date – **SUNDAY 22nd April 2018, 2pm**.

### National Census

Every year, we have to complete an annual census, on 31st January, which this year we had 145 Beavers, Cubs & Scouts, plus, 17 Young leaders (Explorers), with 52 adults, (leaders, assistants, instructors and exec), giving us a **total of 214**

We have to pay a capitation fee to HQ (Scout Association), plus County for leader training etc. and District, which for all the PG members will be over **£7,740**

Pinkneys Green Scout Group

**MARQUEE FOR HIRE**

Marquee 20ft x 40ft

Party Tent 4m x 4m or 4m x 8m

**For more details and prices**

Call: Paul Conacher 07825 152421

Email: [marquee@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:marquee@pgscouts.org.uk)

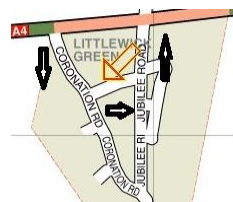
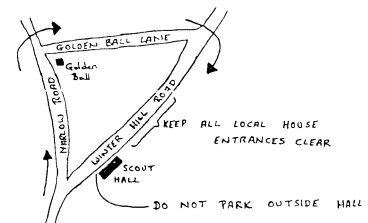
Web: [www.pgscouts.org.uk/marquee](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/marquee)

### 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 across 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.**



## Spring Jumble Sale

Dates for your Diary **Saturday 5th May - 10.30am**

We will be looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 4 May, 6.00pm** and help at the Sales on the Saturdays. Our Parent Jumble Sales coordinators will be contacting parents before Easter

Parents please remind your, Friends, Neighbours & Work Colleagues, if they are having Spring Clear-outs PLEASE PLEASE ask them to hold on to any un-wanted items for our Jumble Sale, rather than the local Charity Shops.

For more information, contact one of our Sale coordinators: **Email: [jumble@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:jumble@pgscouts.org.uk)**

Last year we raised over **£2,300** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your child in their Scouting at PG

## Summer Fair – Matched Funding

With the Summer Fair Coming up (Sunday 24th June) here is a simple and easy way to boost funds for your child's Scout Group

Many companies provide Matched Funding Schemes which is a simple way of maximizing funds raised, for example, a parent volunteers to work for 1hr on the refreshment stall. The profit made by the stall is £100. The parents employer will then match this amount with a further £100

Example of some companies that have schemes below: In Particular **Microsoft & O2** - Can we add your company to the list? Please email Clive Cini [clive.cini@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clive.cini@hotmail.co.uk) also if you work for one of these companies.

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Bank of England	GENERAL ELECTRIC CO PLC	Stagecoach
BARCLAYS MATCH £4£ TO £750 PER EMPLOYEE 3 x's A YEAR	HBOS	Tesco plc
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Boots Match up £500 per Employee	Kingfisher	ULSTER BANK
BP	LEGAL & GENERAL MATCH	Unilever
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BRITISH GAS	Littlewoods plc	WH Smith up to £500 per year
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BT	Marks & Spencers plc	YORKSHIRE BANK
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## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

The beavers have been doing bits towards their cooking badges over the last two weeks. With a little bit of cooking also done at home some of the badges have been given out once this was completed. Hopefully when we are back from half term more will be issued.

We had three beavers *Edie Neeves, George Stevenson, Lily Waterman* swim up to Winter Hill cubs sad to see them go. New beavers started as well and hopefully will be investing them in March

**Wiley** (Mark Bromley)



### Winter Hill Colony

During January, the Beavers have focussed on learning about Space for the Space Activity Badge. They have looked at the stars, coloured in pictures of the solar system, made space ships and modelled constellations. We had a visit from Maidenhead Astronomical Society on 19th February.

*Barney Harris, Owen Lattimer and Austin Wilson* all swam up to cubs this month and *Joshua Juden* is following soon. We wish them all well for their future scouting.

We are looking forward to the next half term, including the scout pantomime and our 'We Entertain' evening, run by Winter Hill Scouts.

**REMINDER:** Please, please, please be careful when dropping off and picking up from beavers. As these are our youngest group members we have the most cars stopping and parking compared to any other section. We have unfortunately had some near misses recently where cars have tried to turn around in driveways and caused chaos for neighbours, pedestrians and drivers. It is imperative that you use the advised one way system in place for you and your child's safety, especially on these dark evenings. If possible, it is advisable to lift share to reduce the traffic outside the scout hall.

*WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)*

## **CUB NEWS**

### **Winter Hill Pack**

Over the last few weeks, we have been focussing on basic scouting skills. The cubs have enjoyed learning how to tie knots, recognise road signs and practice some basic first aid.

At the end of January, we entered a team into the District Swimming Gala. Well done to the cubs (*Tom Atkinson, Euan Parsons, Noah Thomas, Oliver Targett, Daniel Brazil, Oscar Mastrilli, Gabe Nicholson and Poppy Broadbent* for swimming so well and to Tarka (*Barry Palmer*) for putting the team together.

We said goodbye to *Oliver Aerts, Isambard Medhurst and Asher Nicholson* who went up to scouts. *Barney Harris, Owen Lattimer, Austin Wilson, Edie Neeves, George Stevenson, Lily Waterman and Will Spinks* have all been invested into cubs. We wish them well for their next step in the scouting journey.

During the half term holiday, the scouts ran a fun Incident Hike in the woods. The cubs got very muddy but had a great time. Thanks to *Simon* and the scouts for leading the evening. The following weeks see map symbols and flags and saints on the agenda. We also have a team entering the District Flag competition in March – good luck team!

*WH Akela (Rob Harris)*



### **Littlewick Pack**

This month the Cubs have been mostly practicing core scouting skills in the hall although we have also managed to get out and about.



Sixers put their map and compass skills to the test on our night hike and successfully led us back to the hall. The sky was super clear and it was also the night of the only supermoon we'll see in 2018, creating moon shadows along the bridleways was a memorable experience for everyone.

During half term Littlewick and Winter Hill Cubs joined up for an incident hike led by the Scouts. Despite the rain, the Cubs enjoyed the activity bases set up by the Scouts on the green and in the woods, followed by hot chocolate and biscuits. Thank you Scouts!!

A number of Cubs have expressed an interest in getting involved with the PG Panto and the Cubs Song. This is a big commitment but a great opportunity to be part of a long standing PG tradition, well done to those Cubs that are taking part.

By the time this goes to print we will be approaching the flag competition, a district Cub event that puts core skills and teamwork to the test. Good luck everyone !!

*LG Akela (Pete Matthews)*

## **SCOUT NEWS**

### **District Cross Country Competition**

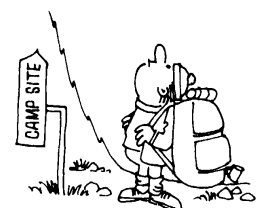
The District Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Junior Course & Senior Course.

We hope that the Scouts will support the Troop(s) and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 17th March, 10.20am at PG Scout Hall.

This event is open to all Scouts

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








### Littlewick Troop

Up to half term we've had a mix of activities – working on our team building to pull together a train made of cardboard-boxes, complete with passenger trains, which were transporting a very tied-up *Ben Jones*! For Burns Night everyone was up for trying some haggis, before the two patrols (under their chosen Scottish Clan Names) competed in some highland games: sheepdog trials, tossing the caber and tug-o-war! With the 'Hairy Unicorns of Eiiig' being victorious!

We've had some new additions to the troop, as *Connie Lancaster* has moved up from cubs and *Mark Courtier* has been helping as a leader, has lead multiple evenings – welcome both! We closed out half term by celebrating our own Chinese New Year – learning to use chopsticks in a race to transport smarties and an anticlimactic attempt at launching a lantern... It turns out accidental holes let the hot air escape!

Coming up we have a number of activities to look forward to, including using the panto-stage for our own shadow puppet entertainment, learning some more knot-skills and finally learning some circus skills!

*Sam Gibbins* (LG Scout Leader)



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### Winter Hill Troop

February has been a busy month, Friday nights have been busy with cooking pancakes, pizza evening, using the stage for shadow puppets.

The Scouts also ran an evening for both Cub packs during half term, where the Cubs had to complete *Match Stick Puzzles* using 6ft yellow poles, a blind trail in the woods and an obstacle course on the green, followed by Hot Chocolate and biscuits in the hall. It was a very very wet evening, all the Cubs who attended seemed to have a good time.



We have held two Training Weekend We have not had much luck with the weather, but still had a go at lighting and cooking in the woods and



learning how to use an axe, saw and knife correctly, Basic first aid, including resuscitation, Camp and person hygiene as well as mapping skills and a night hike. They also watched a film and played *stinger*

March we will be going swimming to Windsor Pool, watching the PG Pantomime Mother Goose, we hope those Scouts who are not in this year's production will make the effort to come along to one of the performances. We will be holding a meeting on Good Friday when we will be holding our annual Easter Egg hunt.

*Simon Wheeler* (WH Scout Leader)

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### [PG2 off to West Virginia 2019 \(World Scout Jamboree\)](#)

*No Report*

They will be holding a Quiz at Stubby Church on Saturday 28th April 2018 – Details nearer the date