



GROUP NEWS

January 2020



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

We Wish You All A Happy New Year.

On back of this month's *PG Tips* is an outline of the major events for 2020

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

Christmas Fair - Our Christmas Fair is one of our major fund raising events of the year. Some of the money raised is used to provide Christmas parcels for the elderly around Pinkneys Green. The rest goes towards the running cost of the Scout Hall. A big thank you goes to all the parents, friends, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who helped at the fair or came along to support us. We raised over £700.

Christmas Trees - Thank you goes *Peta & Charlie Almond* for coordinating the sales and delivery of the trees and to Parents who delivered the trees and collected them for recycling and of course to everyone who purchased a PG Christmas tree. We have raised over £3,500

Christingle Service - Well done to all the parents Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders, Leaders and friends who attended our Christingle Service at our parish church at *St James the Less*, Stubbings. Special thanks to Revd. *Keith Nicholls* for arranging 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.



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 (*Rob*) and the Cubs for delivering the parcels and organising the Carol Singing.

Used Postage Stamps - Reminder: *Tarka* (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps. Please save your postage stamps for us. Either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting. Thank you to everyone who has already dropped off stamps to us.

PG 2020 Pantomime - In January we will be holding auditions for PG's 2020 Easter Pantomime: **Cinderella**. If any Scout or older Cub would like to see a copy of the script, please contact your leader. First rehearsal will be on Sunday 19th January 2020 at 3pm.



QUIZ NIGHT - We are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 29 February 2020 @ 7pm, at Soltau Centre at Stubbing Church. Tickets are £10 each BYO Snacks / Pudding included / Raffle. Contact Tanya Dixon 07552 135630, email: tanya.dixon@gmail.com for more details / tickets



Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes – Twice a Year

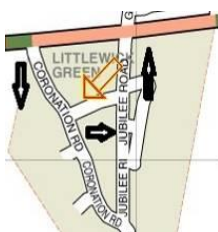
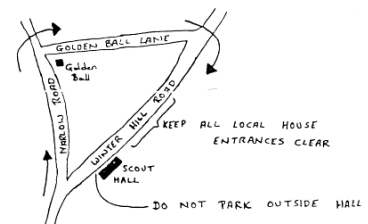
We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors a couple of times a year. We need to sort a rota out for this term. If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please email cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk for more information

A big thank you goes to all the 20 parents who helped us last year, it was a great help. The cleaning can be done to suit you.

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 child 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, the houses next to the hall



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 all PG meetings.

BEAVER NEWS

I can't believe it's the end of the year and Christmas already. The beavers have enjoyed a busy end of the term. Some of the things they have been doing are the experiment badge where the beavers did a couple of experiments with one about static electricity. The beavers completed some of their faith badge. The beavers learnt about the Christingle and the Christmas story. They also made Christmas cards with a religious theme.



Some of the beavers joined the rest of Pinkneys Green cubs and scouts and enjoyed a trip to the Maidenhead Drama Guild's pantomime of Dick Whittington. They particularly enjoyed the storm scene with actual water being sprayed at them.



We ended the term with our traditional Christmas beaver banquet. This was a lovely evening and a nice opportunity to get all the beavers and parents together. Everyone enjoyed festive music, sausage, chips and baked beans followed by jelly and ice cream. We also had some jokes from the beavers and ended with a Christmas song along. Thank you to everyone who has supported beavers in 2019 we hope you have a much needed rest and had a happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all in 2020.

Tic Tac (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

The last few weeks have been busy as usual.

We have had a couple of creative Pack meetings. We made Christmas decoration to sell at the Christmas Fair and we had our annual evening making truffles. The cubs went home with chocolate around their faces as well as in the bags! Thank you to Matthew Milston for running this popular session again.

Lots of cubs brought in their collections to talk about with *Alba* and *Eloise* (Young Leaders). We have lots of collectors' badges to award in the New Year!



We said goodbye to *Tyler Suddaby* who moved up to scouts this term. We wish him well as he progresses to the next stage of his scouting life.



On 11th December, the cubs joined the beavers, scouts and leaders with the annual trip to the Maidenhead pantomime. They really joined in with all the heckling and made a great panto audience!

During our last meeting of the year, cubs visited local elderly friends' houses and delivered food parcels. They sang carols and were rewarded with a few treats too.



Alfie Darby and *Jude Sanders* took part in the District Chess Competition and enjoyed competing with other cubs. A few cubs attended the Christingle service at Stubbings Church this month, thank you for attending and representing the pack.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 8th January and will be a New Year's party. This year's theme is **Futuristic/Science Fiction/Robots**. Cubs can come dressed up and there will be prizes for the best costumes.

On behalf of all the cub leaders; have a great Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2020

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

Littlewick Pack

The last few weeks of 2019 were busy and eventful.



We made some lovely Christmas cards and practiced our carol singing for an evening at St Mark's BUPA care home. Thank you to Cub parents *Matt* and *Alex*, *Rosie* who is now a Scout parent but still volunteered, and especially to *Jenny* from Littlewick Green who all came along to help keep our Cub choir in tune. We couldn't have done it without you!! The residents joined in and

thanked us for sharing some Christmas cheer, a great community event so well done Cubs!!

We also made decorations for a tree at St Luke's Christmas tree festival in December, once again we were on the front dais and our tree looked fantastic. On Sunday 8th the group held our annual Christingle service at Stubbings Church. Thank you to all our Cubs and families that came along.

From all the leaders at Littlewick, welcome back to 2020. As well as a fun programme for this term, we start with the annual swimming gala on the 18th. Good luck Cubs!!

LG Akela (Pete Matthews)



SCOUT NEWS

District Swimming Gala - The District Swimming Gala will take place at the Magnet Leisure Centre on Saturday 18th January 2020 at 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer 01628 620655**.

Littlewick Troop



We had a visit from Feathers and Fur Falconry Centre. The scouts stood around the edge of the hall and we were each given a tough glove. Different birds of prey were brought out and were encouraged to fly from glove to glove. During this *Sadie* from the centre taught us interesting facts about the birds and their conservation. It was a real privilege to get so close to these elegant animals.

At our next meeting we had a go at making balloon powered hovercraft from CDs and straws. It was quite fiddly but we had some successful levitation. We then went climbing at the wall at High Wycombe Leisure Centre for an evening. The scouts warmed up by

traversing a bouldering wall and were then let loose on the main wall in teams. One scout would climb whilst the rest handled the rope and shouted encouragement.

Some of our scouts joined the Winter Hill troop for their troop dinner. Thank you for a fun evening and a good dinner. We finished the term and the year with a Christmas party; playing party games and then having some food. Sadly this meeting was also the last meeting for our eldest scout *Ben Jones* who is moving on. Good luck for the future *Ben*.

We hope you had a good Christmas and a look forward to the New Year!



LG Scout Section Assistant (*Mark Courtier*)

Winterhill Troop

The last part of the autumn term has been very busy. The older Scouts took part in a backwards weekend where they skinned and gutted pheasants, rabbits and pigeons, before preparing an excellent stew, which they all enjoyed. Thank you to leaders *Myles Rankin, Alex Robins & Graham Wolfe*, for his help with running the event. We have also had a few busy troop meetings, making baked bean tin stoves and cooking pancakes, an evening doing the swimming badge and another making excellent and complicated Christmas decorations for the fair and dinner.



Thank you to the 15 WH Scouts and young leaders who helped run the tombola at our Christmas Fair, plus everyone who donated items for the tombola.

Over Twenty--five members of Winter Hill Scouts went to Maidenhead Pantomime *Dick Whittington* at the Town Hall, thank you goes to Akela (*Rob*) for organising it.



Thank you to *Matthew Alvey* for carrying the WH Troop Flag at the Christingle Service at Stubbings, and to *Noah Thomas and Isambard Medhurst* for doing the readings, plus all the other Scouts for attending.

We continued during the Christmas holidays with two special meetings and the Scouts New Year Party. Scout meetings return to normal format in 2020, with our first meeting of the year on Friday 3rd Jan 2020.

At this year's Troop Dinner at the Scout Hall, leader *Matthew Milston* cooked an excellent meal for over 85 people and made homemade chocolate, orange & marshmallow tart for pudding. Following the meal, PL *Jude Taylor* did a speech outlining the year's activities and how Scouting has supported him. This was followed by presentation on this years Project Africa by *Matthew Miller and World Jamboree by Nick Conacher and Dan Wallace*. Then a quiz organised by *Matthew Hay* Thank you goes to PLs and APLs for organising & running the evening.


Since all Scouts and Young Leaders have received the annual (2020) Medical &



Personal Detail Forms, please can parents complete and return these to the *Scout Hall* by **Friday 10th January**. It is important we get the updated forms as medical conditions do change. At least one Scout has moved house, which we found out a month after they had moved! We hope to be holding three training weekends before half term, so we can teach the scouts basic Scouting skills for this year's camps.

On behalf of the Scout leaders, we hope you had a good Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year and all the best for 2020

WH Scout Leader (*Simon Wheeler*)



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2020 Outline Programme

1 January	Group	- New Years Morning Walk - 10.30am
3 January	Scout WH	- New Year Party
18 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scouts 5.45pm]
19 January	Cub/Sct	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime Cinderella
24-25 Jan	Scout WH	- Training Course (Scouts PLs / YLs)
31 Jan-1 Feb	Scout WH	- Training Course (Year 7, part year 8)
7-8 Feb	Scout WH	- Training Course (Year 5 & 6)
15-16 Feb	Group	- Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
19 February	Cub WHLG	- Incident Hike (Run by Scouts <i>PL's & APL's</i>)
21-22 Feb	Scout	- LAN Provisional Date
22 Feb	Group	- Paint Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
29 Feb	Group	- Quiz Evening
2 March	Beaver	- " <i>We Entertain</i> " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
7 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
20 March	Scout WH	- Swimming Trip (Scouts not in Panto)
27-28 March	Group	- Scouts Pantomime Cinderella
29 March	Group	- Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am Parents Help required
4-5 April	Scout	- Computer Easter Event at Hall Provisional Date
10 April	Scout WH	- Scouts Easter Egg Hunt
26 April	Group	- District St Georges Day Event - All Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
7-9 May	Scout WH	- Troop Camp Winter Hill Thurs-Sat
16 May	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
5-6 June	Scout LG	- Training Course (<i>Littlewick Scouts</i>)
19 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
21 June	Group	- Summer Fair - On Sunday ! (On the Green Opposite Boundary Pub)
19 Jul -1 Aug	Scout WH	- Summer Camp Winter Hill
25 Jul -1 Aug	Scout LG	- WINGS Littlewick
4-6 September	Cub WHLG	- Cub Camp Confirmed Date
12 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
26 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
26 September	Scout	- District Land Activity Event
3 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course
11 October	Scout	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event 10am - 1pm
12 October	Beaver WH	- Computer Event (Run by <i>WHScouts</i>)
13 October	Beaver LG	- Pos Computer Event (Run by <i>WHScouts</i>)
14 October	Cub WH	- Computer Event (Run by <i>WHScouts</i>)
15 October	Cub LG	- Computer Event (Run by <i>WHScouts</i>)
16-18 October	Group	- JOTA & JOTI Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)
28 October	Cub WHLG	- Halloween Party (Run by <i>Scouts</i>)
2 November	Beaver	- Halloween Party (Run by <i>WHScouts</i>)
7 November	Scout	- District Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
8 November	Group	- Remembrance Sunday Parade - 10.35am ALL Beavers Cubs & Scouts
20-21 November	Scout	- District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
27-28 November	Scout WH	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
4 December	Scout WH	- Trip – Swimming <i>WHScouts</i>
4 December	Scout	- District Scout Quiz
6 December	Group	- Christmas Fair On a Sunday 12 Noon - 3.00pm
13 December	Group	- Carol (Christingle) Service 3.50pm at Stubbings Church
16 December	Group	- Trip to Maidenhead Pantomime
18 December	Scout WH	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the WH Troop
30 December	Scout WH	- Troop New Year Party
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1 January	Group	- New Years Morning Walk - 10.30am

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