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The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



GROUP NEWS

October 2008

Cash for the **£** Community *We need your help.*

The Maidenhead Advertiser's new Cash For The Community (CFTG) scheme starts in September.

Cash For The Community is a straightforward 'token collect' scheme, with special tokens printed over a ten-week period from Thursday, **September 25** to Thursday, November 27 in the Maidenhead Advertiser series.

Please collect the token for us, we will have a box just inside the Scout Hall, please send the tokens along to your sons meeting. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Saturday 11th October 2008

Social/Quiz Evening

Start 7.30pm

All members' friends and families welcome those of you that attended the previous Quiz night will know how entertaining it was.

More information contact Erica 623154



JOTI and JOTA

We are holding again this year at our Scout Hall International **JOTA - Jamboree on the Air** & **JOTI - Jamboree on the Internet**

Date: **Saturday 18th October. 10am to Sunday 19th October 3pm**

If you are passing our hall pop in anytime throughout the weekend. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, plus parents and friends are all welcome to take part. Cubs and Scouts can do a proficiency badge as well.

We are looking for help early Saturday Morning 8.30am onwards, setting up and Sunday afternoon 2pm, taking down the aerials on the green, offers to Simon please email pgjoti@gmail.com

51st Jamboree on the Air - 18th-19th October 2008

It is time for PG to join the annual **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)**, using our special call sign **GB0PG**. For new members JOTA gives ALL our members, parents and friends the opportunity to talk to other Scout Groups around the world - just like a real Jamboree but without the travelling! We will have Pete Roberts and a team of Radio Amateurs, who will be setting up a number of stations at the Scout Hall and we hope to make some very interesting contacts during the weekend. At previous JOTA's we have been able to talk to stations as far away as USA, Canada, Australia and Falkland Islands. We will have a number of Radio Games operating during the weekend.

Cubs & Scouts from PG and other groups in Maidenhead will have the opportunity to pass their Communicators Badge. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

12th Jamboree on the Internet - 18th-19th October 2008

The 2008 Jamboree On the Internet event is the twelfth JOTI since the World Scout Committee's decision that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event. PG has taken part every year since it started.

The object is to use the Internet to communicate with Scouts around the world. We used, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries were taking part) we didn't make contact with all the countries but we did manage to talk to, contact and with Scouts from 26 foreign countries some of which were, New Zealand, Australia and the USA. It was an impressive feeling when you were actually looking at and chatting with Scouts from the other side of the world! If you can't attend this years event you can send us an email to our special email address pgjoti@gmail.com

If you have time pop into our Scout hall over the weekend and have a go your self

either on the Internet or Radio

During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk with Photos of these events





Copas Farms
 PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space of our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts.

Jumble Sale



A tremendous thank you goes to everyone who contributed to our first jumble in September, time, petrol and money for the jumble sale this week. Too many to mention individually, you know who you are.

A large profit was made, (£309) which will undoubtedly go towards gnarled pegs and knotted ropes, damp-proofing and tent proofing, cable ties and extension leads, bin liners and tea towels, and other such extravagances for the boys.

Two more sales after Easter next year, so please remember me before discarding those heirlooms into the neighbour's skip.

Caron Wheeler PG Jumble Sale Coordinator.

Special Thanks goes to Caron Wheeler for organising the event

COMPUTER SCREEN

The computer screen in the Mitchell room (room on right, in Scout Hall) has packed up. **Has any one got a flat screen, they no longer require**, to save us having to buy one. Please contact Simon help@pgtips.org.uk, if you have any suggestions where we can get one for a reasonable price.

PHOTOCOPYING

Can we thank all the parents who help us with photocopying. We have 8 parents who print us off 20 - 100 copies of PG Tips every month. Due to one of the leaders changing their Job, we have lost one of our photocopyers. Our major problem is A3 posters for things like Jumble Sales, Christmas Fair etc. If you can help with any A4 photocopying 20 copies or more, or can do 6-50 copies of A3 posters, we can give you a couple of months notice for these, please let us know and we will add you to our list.

CHRISTMAS TREES 2008

Details to follow

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead/Hurley area

We will be taking orders from beginning of November

Calor Gas Cylinders

Due to us losing our sponsor for bottled gas, we are looking for empty Calor Gas Cylinders. If you have a Calor Gas Cylinder you no longer require we would be grateful for it. This will save us paying the hire charge of £29.99 (without gas) for each cylinder

Can You Help Us - Painting

We have some trestle tops and sheets of board that need to be painted with emulsion paint. These can be done at home (In a garage) or at the Scout Hall. If you have some time to spare, please contact Simon help@pgtips.org.uk

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BEAVER NEWS

Well were in our second week back and have got to a "flying" start with our transport theme for this term with chocolate trains and a fab wall of transport pictures. There are some photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk We have had to say goodbye and good luck to the Beavers that swam up to Cubs Adam Cox, Oliver Hooper, Jake Hickey and Toby Bruce. We have welcomed 5 new Beavers Samuel March, Dhruv Mehta, Joseph Ruffell, Daniel Juden and Edward Bennett.

Sunday 28 September 2008 is the Harvest Festival at Stubbings Church and the Beavers have decorated a lovely wheelbarrow full of produce which they will be wheeling down the aisle on Sunday at 3.50pm.

NB to Parents, please make sure the Beavers bring their blue Beaver jumpers and PG neck-a-chief navy cargo trousers or shorts every week. These can be bought from the Maidenhead Scout shop, Wednesday evening's **7.00pm till 9.00pm** at St. Marks Methodist Church.

Hawkeye (Jen Nyman)



CUB NEWS

Cub Camp

Things were 'done differently' this year as Jakala (Jonathan Corbitt) was Camp Leader. However, some things don't change like the fun we all had and the effort that everyone made to make it a success. There are lots of thanks to be said but especially to Jakala and the Young Leader team who took care of the catering side of things and did a fantastic job. We all ate well and meals were on time. Thanks to *all* the Leaders, adult helpers, parents, Young Leaders and a couple of Scouts who came along as well. I am hoping that a Cub or two has written an account of what they did – keep your eyes peeled.



Dates for your diaries

- **18 October, 15 November, 29 November** the Cubs will be able to work towards swimming badges at Court Garden pool, Marlow. The sessions will be 5-6pm and will cost £2 to cover the hire of pool and lifeguard. There will also be several adult helpers plus at least one Leader. Bring trunks, goggles, towel, shorts pyjamas and top. Chile does her best to keep up with what each Cub has achieved and each Cub will be starting at the next level from the one he attained last time. For Cubs that have not swam at these sessions before they will start at level 1. Please see the handbook (copy on PG Web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk) for more details.
- **Saturday 11 October** is PG Group Social Evening. Put the date in your diaries please!
- **Saturday 18 Sunday 19 October** JOTI and JOTA, Cubs need to attend so they can complete their Global Challenge badge
- And looking ahead (!); **Sunday 9 November** will be Remembrance Service at Stubbings at 10.30am approx and **Sunday 7 December** is PG Christmas Fair. Please mark them in your diaries!

New Boys - We welcome Findlay Cassels, Adam Cox, Tom Crowfoot Toby Bunce, Timothy Fyffe, Oliver Hooper and Jake Hickey, who have all been beavers at various colonies and a special welcome to Matthew Shimmin who is new to Scouting. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

Rikki (Lesley Curley)

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A word from Akela

As you all may or may not know, since January I have been really busy at work, since taking a secondment at a struggling school in Eton Wick. I have had fortnightly meetings on a Wednesday evening which has meant I have been late to cubs on those nights. I have continued the planning and organisation of meetings but if it wasn't for such a brilliant team of leaders, things would not have gone as smoothly as they have done. I would like to personally thank Avril, Lesley, Jon, Barry, Sheila and Matthew as well as all the young leaders for all their help this year. They have been fantastic at keeping the weekly meetings running and providing the fun and challenging activities for our cubs! Thank you team!

I thought this term was going to get easier as our school was taken out of category in June and graded as satisfactory. However, my headteacher has since broken her ankle and will not be back at school until 13th October! Meanwhile, I am deputising for her and therefore have had a majorly busy start to the term! This does mean that I will not be at cubs as much as I would like to have been this term. However, I will be continuing to plan and organise the team and will be around when I can.

I also wanted to thank Jon Corbitt publicly for another brilliant cub camp. Jon's organisational skills have been obvious since I first met him when he was about 14. The camp was thoroughly enjoyable for me, allowing me the chance to spend more time with the cubs and sit back and let someone else lead. One of the things that I believe the scout association is all about, is empowering young people, the next generation. Enabling them to become more independent and responsible. This was more than evident at camp with the young leaders taking responsibility for the catering. Thanks to Graham, Michael, Matthew, George and Laurence for such an amazing job. I know Jon has thanked everyone who helped with camp but I would like to add my thanks to his. Cub Camp always reminds me why I am involved in scouting. I enjoyed spending time with the cubs and getting to know them better, as well as spending time with the other leaders, my friends, who have been part of my extended family for 20 years. I went to my first cub camp as a scout helper in 1988 and haven't missed one since!

Here's to another successful term at Pinkneys Green Cub Pack!

Akela (Rob Harris)

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SCOUT NEWS

PLs & APLs – the District are running a training course for PLs and some APLs. At Cookham Scout hall on Saturday 4th October They course will help them with their role as a PL or APL

District Cycle Orienteering Competition – 5th October, 10am at Cookham (change venue), any Scout who has a roadworthy bike, and cycle helmet can take part. **We Still are looking for HELP** with this event – Please contact Simon as soon as possible for more details. Scouts will take part in groups of 2 / 3. The younger Scouts will have a parent or Young Leader go round with them.

Note that Young Leader / Adult also require a roadworthy bike and cycle hermit

JOTI / JOTA

Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 17th - 19th October 2008. We are looking for older Scouts and Young leaders to help organise this event as well as parents and friends – if you are able to help please contact Simon ASAP. We will be running the Cub and Scout Communicators badge again at this event. Any Scout, who would like to stay over on the Saturday night, please let Simon know that you are interested. We will be surfing the Net over the weekend talking to over Scouts on the Internet as well as on the Radio



“Moving Up Award”

We would like to welcome eight Cubs, Alex Mussett, Henry Bennett, Matthew Brienza, Alex Franklin, Lochan Nowacki, Laurence Jones, Jack Harris-Holborn and Leo Giles who are doing their Moving up Award **Badge** with the Troop. We would like to welcome their families to the Troop a well.

They will be making their Scout Promise on Wednesday 1st October, when they Move Up to Scouts and are invested as Scouts.

Cub Halloween Party

We are looking for help from Scouts running the Cub Halloween Party during half term, this event. It is on Wednesday 29th October. If any Scout or Young Leaders can help please let Graham Wolfe know.



District Night Hike

This year the District is holding a Night Hike. The event will take place on Friday 21st November, 9pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 22nd November.

The Young Leaders have agreed to enter some teams; we are looking for as many (ALL!) scout to take part. The object is to walk a circular course completing activities at eight bases.

Parents we need your help We are looking for at least 2 / 3 parents to walk with each group of Scouts – If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon Mhd 623910

Make a Note of This Date! – 21st November

Simon Wheeler



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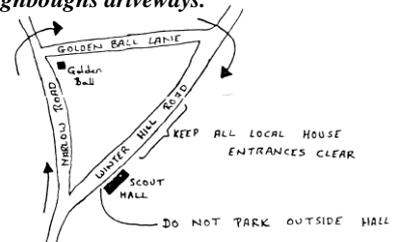
May we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your son(s) from Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings **also don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways.**

Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at Lemon Tree 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.

We have had several youngsters trip up as they make their way to the hall in the dark.



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