



GROUP NEWS

December 2009



Christmas Fair



Christmas Trees	Tombola's	Cakes
Good As New	Bathroom Stall	Raffle
Competitions	Toys	Jewellery
Groceries	Refreshments	Games

Sunday 6th December 2009 2.00pm

Proceeds in aid of Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and Scout Funds

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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 2010

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

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



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WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

*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*

Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at **GOLDEN BALL**
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.



Christingle (Carol) Service



We are holding a Carol Service on
Sunday 13th December 2009 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 Church Hall

Black Sacks of Rubbish

A very big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub and Scout parents who have taken home a black bag of rubbish. This saves the leaders having to take it down to the tip.

PG 100 Reunion

We held a Special reunion for Ex PG Cub, Scouts Ventures and leaders on 14th November at the Stag & Hounds, it was good to see so many Ex Members of PG Including Past Akela Betty Jakes & Reg Jakes ASM who were Leaders in the 60's plus Bill Hutt as well as so many Ex members, one had even travelled from New York. We hope to have some Photos on the web. We know a lot of ex members were unable to attend this special event, we are thinking of holding another Reunion and publishing it well in advance

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BEAVER NEWS

Thank you to all the Beavers that attended Remembrance Sunday we had a good turn and the ceremony went well. This term we have been very busy following our 'horrid history' theme. We've had chocolate pyramids with their very own beaver 'mummies', we transformed the scout hall into an Gladiator Olympic stadium, as well as turning our beavers into gladiators by making costumes including a sword, shield and helmet! We've also made Viking ships as well as fitting in a Halloween party in which the beavers came in fancy dress and we all played party games.

Thanks must go to the Flew household who very kindly hosted our bonfire and firework party where we all learnt about Guy Fawkes around the bonfire, watched some brilliant fireworks and had some hot chocolate and marshmallows to warm us up afterwards! Thanks also to the parents who helped out on the night to make this a very successful and enjoyable evening for all. Thank you goes to Laurence, Nic & Andy Jones for building the bonfire for the Beavers.

We will be spending the rest of the term continuing on our history theme, as well as a pantomime trip on the **9th December** and as the traditional Christmas party, run by the Scouts, on the 7th December.

This term we have invested *Dillon Flew, Pat Russell, Bradley Copas, Oliver Cadinouche, Alex Ratcliffe* and *Daniel Wallace* well done to you all and we hope you enjoy Beavers.

Well done to beavers the colony entry came 3rd which is a really good achievement, also well done to Luke Kersey who came 3rd for his very creative totem pole. Thank you as well to *Mrs Conacher, Nick, Pat Russell, Harvey Neeves* and *Jake Noyce* for completing our colony entry in half term.

Don't forget we need your help at our Christmas Fair on Sunday 6th December, plus to order the excellent Freshly Cut Christmas trees we are selling again this year, they are excellent quality **ask any PG parent what they thought** Please put the Christmas Fair Poster up that we sent home. Also please return the form we have sent you to update your sons personal information, we have found a couple of Beavers have moved house and our records are not up to date



Coming Up - Christmas Party run by the Scouts on 7th December – please note that this will be 6:00pm - **730pm** (finishing 15mins late). We will be asking Beaver Parents to supply some items of food for the party; Christingle Service, Beavers and their Families invited to attend on Sunday 13th December 3.50pm at Stubbings Church, Beavers to wear full uniform; New Years Morning Walk, Friday 1st January 10.30am at National Trust Car Park next Cricket pitch; The first meeting of next year will properly be Monday **4th January (2010)** - in case anyone has

forgotten) as most schools go back that day

Hawkeye (Jen Nyman) and *Hathi* (Catherine Weeks)

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Copas Farms

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

CUB NEWS

The Swimming sessions at Court Garden have been a great success with many cubs attending and everyone earning at least one badge! Well done to the Cubs for their hard work and determination to achieve their swimmers and water activity badges – these qualify our cubs take part in water activities. Thank you to the parents who helped out.

Well done to Thomas Lewthwaite-Page who worked hard to gain his place on the District's County Chess Competition Team. Thomas played 5 games helping to put Maidenhead in the top 4.

Thank you to the Troop who ran our half term Halloween Party, this was a great success and enjoyed by all those who attended and got messy with the Halloween games.

Our two Cub Young Leaders, Laurence Corbitt and Niven Willett organised and ran the whole meeting after half term which was our 'bonfire night'. The games and activities were based on the theme of safety at bonfire time. After reminding us all of fire safety, we then proceeded with a guy into the woods to light our bonfire. The fire lit very well under the direction of Akela, Keego and Aidan (even if it was too hot to cook the marshmallows on) nevertheless the Cubs enjoyed 'stuffing their faces' with marshmallows! They also remembered how to behave around a fire and even started their own songs. Thank you to Laurence and Niven for a well executed event on our programme that demonstrated how highly competent our Young Leaders are.

Thank you to the Cubs (and parents) who attended the Remembrance Service. They looked very smart stood in silence around the Memorial and we observed the 2 minute silence. The service finished with two verses of the National Anthem. I think we might need to practice that every so often at Pack evening.

We have also covered road safety, talked about our Code of Conduct and made bird food! One of our November meetings was based on **Road Safety**, a theme that we have been strongly emphasising this term following a close shave outside the hall in the summer where one of our cubs made contact with a vehicle after being collected from a meeting. We had several activities and workbooks followed by auditions for some of our very own "Cub Road Safety Officers" who will be monitoring the safety 5 minutes after meetings. However I am sad to say that **there are still some not obeying our road safety rules** and at the request of some parents who have contacted me I would like to emphasise the drop off / pick up rules on Wednesday evenings.



1. Cars should adhere to our **One Way System** (*Described in PG Tips*).
2. Never turn round in or block the scout hall's neighbour's driveways.
3. Do not park the road side of solid white lines (*these indicate carriageway that must not be blocked*).
4. **DO NOT** stop directly outside the scout hall building or green railings.
5. Cubs are to stay in the fenced area at the front of the scout hall until physically collected from that area by a parent (*Cubs are not to be beckoned or called away from this area*).



On a more positive note to finish we have the following *dates for the diary*:

Sunday 6th December PG Christmas Fair and last day for Christmas Tree orders.
 Wednesday 9th Panto Trip to Cinderella – tickets all sold!
 Sunday 13th December PG Christingle Service at Stubbings Church 3.50pm
 Wednesday 16th December – Carol Singing and Parcel delivery
 Wednesday 23rd December – Christmas Party

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Rikki (Lesley Curley) and the Cub Leaders.

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SCOUT NEWS

Christmas Fair -

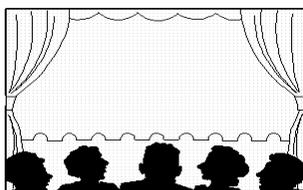
The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout donates five items, we should have a successful stall. Any Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, Must wear Full Scout Uniform and let Simon know that they can help. We hope all Scouts and their parents will support this major Fundraising event.

Christingle Service -

Scouts and Young Leaders, don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 13th December 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

Troop Welcome "2010" Party

We are holding a New Year Party Between *Christmas and New year* on **WEDNESDAY 30th December 6.50pm – 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.**



Trip to Windsor to the Pantomime

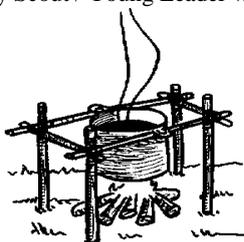
Scouts and Young Leaders, we are going to see Aladdin at **Theatre Royal Windsor** on Friday 8th January 2010. Tickets are £13 per Scout

New Years Morning Walk

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Friday 1st January 2010 – 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend

Swimming Gala –

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 16th January 2010, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**



District Chef Cooking Competition

Congratulations goes to PG team *Kieran Patel, Jordan Day-Hunt and Richard Hurst* for Winning the District Chef Cooking Competition. They had to produce a three course meal for four people within a budget of £12-£13. Culinary experts Edwige Brown judged the competition. Each team had to eat the meal they cooked, plus have a Guest from the scout Fellowship, Doreen Cutler (fourth person) to eat the meal with them.

Special Thanks goes to their parents for all their help and support

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New Scouts

We would like to welcome six Cubs Jason Green, Robert Allcock, Alex Hodgetts, James Kersey, Cameron Aird & Patrick Ashe and their families to the Troop. They have completed their *Moving up Award*. We are holding two Moving Up Ceremony, due to school trips, where they will make their Scout promise and be invested as Scouts at PG.

SPL

We would like to welcome James Ashe as the New SPL (Senior Patrol leader) and Tom Flower, William Boothman, Aaron Burton, William Fyffe & Max Forman on taking on the role their new roles as Patrol Leaders. We would like to wish them all good luck with their new roles. James and the Patrol Leaders have organised some interesting Troop meetings in November Plus they have to organise Special Troop Dinner in December, where they will invite people who have helped the Troop over the past year to a special meal in the hall.

District Night Hike

27 Scouts, leaders and adults from PG joined Scouts from all the Troops in Maidenhead to walk around a circular course between Marlow and Hambleden. We entered two teams. They left the PG base at 10.00pm and had some challenging walking and some of the bases we complicated to complete after a day at School, some Scouts were asleep while they were walking in the early hours of the morning. PG teams were home by 5am, the PG base had some interesting challenges as well. As we go to press we have not received the results. We would like to thank Pauline Jones, Andrew Jones, Greg Hurst, Ken Knight, Matthew Bennett, Ian Wijesinghe & Rob Stroud for walking with the Scouts, plus Rob Ayre, John Boothman, Nicolette Smith and Luke Hoggarth for manning the exposed PG Base.



Remembrance Sunday

Thank you goes to all the Scouts / leaders who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church. Special thanks you goes to William Boothman and Max Forman for carrying the flags.

Simon Wheeler

WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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

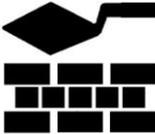
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For every booking that is made with me, I will make a donation to the fund based on the value of the booking. It's really that simple, as you can see from the table below. All you need to do is remember to mention Pinkneys Green Scouts when making your bookings and I will do the rest.

So don't forget to tell all your friends and family about the scheme and to mention Pinkneys Green Scouts when they get in touch as they can also be included in the scheme.

So give me a call on 0845 058 7015, email me at maureen.hoggarth@travelcounsellors.com or have a look at my personal webpage www.travelcounsellors.co.uk/maureen.hoggarth

I look forward to hearing from you and supporting Pinkneys Green Scouts.
Yours sincerely

Maureen Hoggarth
Travel Counsellors

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20000+	50.00