



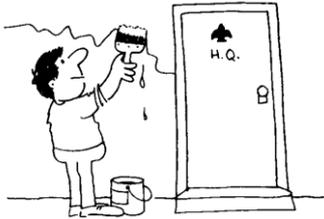
## GROUP NEWS

February 2010

### 2010 SCOUT PANTOMIME - Help / We Required

#### Building Stage

Help required to build (put together), our stage area on Saturday 13th February and Sunday 14th February, no previous experience required. Please let us know if you can help us for a couple of hours. **No previous Experience required.**



#### Paint

White and or cream Emulsion - required **Gallons** for the base coat on the back cloths plus we require any paint you no longer require  
The paint will be used on the backcloths and props, especially bright colours

#### Wood

We require sheets of ply,  
plus Woodon batons 2" x 2" & 2"x 4" lengths over 5ft

#### White Sheets

(Bed or Dust) are required for backcloths, something suitable for painting Scenes on to.

#### Metal Coat Hangers

Do you have any you no longer require or where we can get 50 from !

If you can help us when any of the above, please contact **Simon**  
[help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk) - Thank you for your support



**Performance(s) will be on Friday / Saturday 19th / 20th March 2010**

Tickets will be on sale after half term, on a first come basis – We hope you can come and Support our SHOW !

### **We are looking for new committee members!**

We need your help to ensure the continuation and smooth running of PG Scout group.

Two key members are leaving the Executive committee this year (Chairman and Treasurer), so we are looking for keen people to join the team: . We are also looking for parent members who have ideas and energy to contribute.

No experience necessary: Training will be provided. 10 Monthly committee meetings take place on first Monday of month at 7.30pm.

**Treasurer:** Bookkeeper experience would be useful, otherwise a numerate person advisable! This role requires approx 8 hours a month, plus extra time at events. It is a very rewarding role as get to know most people involved in scouting at PG, and the events are all good fun.

### Summer Fair

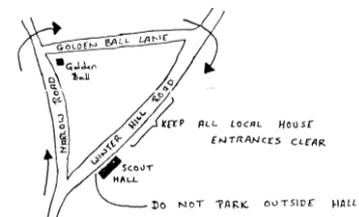
Our Summer Fair is on Sunday 20th June 2010, on the Green, opposite the Waggon and Horses Public House. We are looking for parents to join in with helping to organise this year's Fair, the committee meetings will start soon. Offers, please contact Jane Courtier ASAP (Mhd 628372)

### 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***

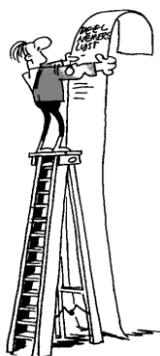
**Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at Golden Ball  
down Golden Ball Lane, turn right down Winter Hill Road**

**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.



## Transporting Boxes

We need to move 25 plastic boxes containing the costumes from Camley gardens to Scout Hall also we need to move the back cloths from Cordwallis Estate to the Scout Hall. These are 6ft – 8ft long (Sheet rolled around a piece of wood) They need to be moved by 12th February If you can help with either of these please contact Simon at [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)



## FUND RAISING INITIATIVE – ONLINE SHOPPING

A big thank you goes to everyone who has shopped online via PG Web Site. A big thank you goes to everyone who ordered Marks & Spencer via our online shopping we hope to have raised over £70in commission.

Remember we need your support; it is quite simple to access our web shop, enter the address [www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts) (or go via the link on our web site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk) ) into your web browser and then follow the links to the merchant's sites to make your purchase.

The web shop contains a range of merchants, including many household names such as the Coop, Welcome Holidays and Ticketmaster, selling a wide variety of different products from holidays and flights to books and even beds! PG earns between 2% - 15% of the value of all goods bought through the shop.

We encourage you to support this initiative as there is no administration for PG and therefore it is effortless fundraising. Additionally, it does not take many purchases by even a small proportion of members for the commission to add up over the year. You must go via this web site for us to get commission.

Here's the address again, [www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts). And don't forget to tell your friends

## Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes - Once a term

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 once a term. 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 [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk) for more information

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## BEAVER NEWS

The new year is kicking off well with our new theme 'The Weather'. I thought it was a very appropriate topic following the extreme weather conditions we have had recently. We decorated the back wall with some fabulous illustrations of the four seasons. Great work beavers, we have some lovely artists amongst our colony. We will be continuing with some art and craft activities as the term unfolds, making snow men and weather charts to plot weather conditions and forecasts during the of a week. Our theme will also take us to nature where we will think about how other species cope with extreme weather conditions, like the birds who can't feed when the ground is snowy and frozen. We may even get our hands dirty and make some bird food to hang outside. Raksha loves it when we get all good and dirty!!! So mums and dads if you can start saving toilet rolls and small nets from onions or tangerines or even the net bags that come in the soap powder boxes that would be great.

We welcome our new Beavers and their families to Pinkneys Green, Samuel Gaines, Max Noyce, Alfie Mifsud, Lucas Roberts, Thomas Jackson and Jake Bennett. We hope your stay is a fun filled one! We will invest the beavers on 1st February, you can purchase uniforms for the event once we are sure they have settled in.

Also we say good bye to Harvey Neeves, Max Stone, Jake Noyce, Matthew Miller and Harry Allcock who have swam up to cubs, Have a fab time in the cubs I hope you really enjoy the new challenges that lay ahead. You have been an enthusiastic little bunch, keep up the hard work.

We still hold a strong team of leaders which is good as I will be off on maternity leave in February / March. An official welcome to Teresa Williams who has kindly volunteered to become a leader at Beavers a few months ago. Teresa joined after her son and Young Leader Alex Robins left for University, which is wonderful. She will be called Dahinda at Beavers, she has already started her training and I can see she will be a great asset to our group, thank you Teresa. It leads me on nicely to say a huge thank you to Mang (Alex Robins) who left last term to further his education, he was a great source of support to me and a very reliable and conscientious young leader. He will be missed although I am sure he will visit us and lend a hand whenever he is back... hint, hint!

I will keep you posted by email regarding any changes to meetings and activities or reminders.

Keo

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## CUB NEWS

Happy New Year to you. By the time you read this all festivities will be long gone (along with the snow, hopefully).

In December last year, we took the Cubs to see Bagheera playing the part of Buttons in Cinderella at the Desborough Suite at the Town Hall. It was a fabulous performance and the interaction between the Cubs and 'Buttons' was very raucous. When they began singing 'Bob the Builder', I thought the roof was about to be raised! It was a fun evening, lots of sweets were eaten and hopefully the cubs managed to get to school on time the next day!

The following week we went carol singing and delivering 'Christmas Parcels' to elderly people with a connection to the Scout Group. We split up into 2 groups and visit approximately 7-8 houses each, driving to each door. The cubs enjoy being out in the

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dark, playing with torches and singing to the recipients. The money raised at the Christmas Fair is used to purchase the items for the parcels. So thank you to everyone who was involved, particularly Jane Courtier for putting the parcels together. Participation in this evening is towards the 'community' badge. The recipients love to see the smiling, singing faces of the Cubs!

This year we decided to have a Christmas party rather than a New Year party and the boys thoroughly enjoyed playing party games (eating chocolate with a knife and fork, wearing gloves, scarf and hat!), musical chairs etc. Hotdogs and fruit were served up followed by more games. It was a fun, relaxed evening.

This term we are covering a lot of scouting basic skills and knowledge in preparation for the District Flag Competition. Although only a team of 6 Cubs is entered, we think it is important that all Cubs learn the fundamentals of scouting such as map symbols, compass points, first aid etc.

On the subject of our flag team, congratulations to Findlay Cassels, Louix Franklin, Thomas Lewthwaite-Page, Toby Bruce, Zac Gordon-Smith and Louis Cadinouche, our 2010 Flag Team, all of whom have started working extra hard to secure a first place for PG this year.



Some of the Cubs took part in the **District Swimming Gala** on Saturday 16th January. All cubs swam hard and did 'their best'. We hope they enjoyed the afternoon. Thank you to Tarka (Barry Palmer) for putting the team together. **We are very pleased to report that we came in 1st Place!**

**Incident Activity** - Wednesday 17th February (Wednesday during half term) the Scouts will be running the Pack meeting in the woods. **Cubs are required to wear Wellington's, warm/waterproof coat, old trousers, gloves hat and their PG scarf.**, plus bring a small torch with them.

Cub Leaders



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## SCOUT NEWS

### 2010's Pantomime - "MOTHER GOOSE"



**The main cast members in this year's production are:** Robert Allcock, James Ashe, Aaron Burton, James Carr, Jordan Day-Hunt, Max Forman, Leo Giles, Jack Hathaway, Richard Hurst, James Kersey, Aidan Milston, Jake Milston (Cub), Kieran Patel, Jamie Sellers, Jonathan Sneller, Harry Wheeler & Kieran Wijesinghe.

**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 19th or Saturday 20th March.

Tickets will be available from end of February

### Laser Quest Competition

PG is taking part in this years District Laser Quest Competition. Heats are on Monday after half term in February / March, (if we win a extra place, in the extra place draw) – in Maidenhead. If we get through to the semi-final that is on Monday 15th March

### Cross Country Competition

The Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Junior Course is 2 miles, and the Senior Course is 3 miles,

We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 13th March, 11am at the Scout Hall.

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

### District Football Competition

Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Six A Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let BoB know



Competition Date: Sunday 28th March

## LAN Event

The Scouts are planning to hold an LAN event during half term Monday 15th – Tuesday 16th February  
Any Scouts interested in taking part please let Simon Know

## District Swimming Gala

Well done to PG Scout team who won the Gala, and were presented with the Myer Shield (We first won it in 1918). Thank you goes to Barry Palmer for sorting out the Scout team, plus Scouts and parents who supported the team



## MINI Buses

We are looking to hire at least three mini buses for this years Summer Camp

If you know where we can hire a mini buses from for a reasonable price, or does your school have one we can hire, please let Simon have the details Emails: [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk)

We are looking for one for 27th July 2010 to 7th August 2010

Simon Wheeler



### 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

## 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.

## CENSUS

PG Numbers for the 2010 Census are 28 Beavers, 40 Cub, 45 Scouts & 27 Adult Leaders & Helpers, making a Total of 140. The Scouts numbers have gone down since 2009 due to the age range changes for the Scout section. We have to pay the District / County / Scout Association £30 per member, so we have a bill £4,200 to pay next month.

*Dear Sheila,*

*Once again we wish to thank you and the Cubs for the parcel of groceries you kindly delivered for Christmas.*

*This is much appreciated more so because of the extreme weather. In these times it is so nice to experience gestures of goodwill as you all showed us.*

*Good luck to all your efforts and helpers and both wish you and PG Tips a very Happy & Prosperous New Year*

*Yours Sincerely*

*Mr & Mrs Stroud*

*To PG Scouts*

*Thank you very much for your visit at Christmas and for your gift.*

*I hope you all had a good Christmas and wish you a very Happy 2010*

*Yours Sincerely*

*Joann Lowe*

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