



GROUP NEWS

May 2010



Jumble Sale

A big thank you goes to all the parents and supporters of PG who helped at our last Jumble Sale at the end of April. We broke all records and raised approx. £470. We have the second Jumble Sale on Saturday 22nd May. We are still looking for help from parents on the Saturday morning 22nd May, 11.45am clearing up after the Sale and taking the rubbish to the tip

For more information, please contact one of our Jumble Sale *Caron Wheeler* Mhd 676021

PARENTS - we need your support, please help us raise money to support your son at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts

Saturday 22nd May - 10.30am at our Scout Hall

Summer Fair Sunday 21st June

We hope you are all keeping this day free in your diaries so you and your family can come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

Shortly we will be sending home a list of opportunities for helping on the day or for doing some of the preparation. Please volunteer your help as soon as possible. If you have a special interest then book you're place early e.g. helping at the bar, on the games stalls or at the refreshments. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. **Ring Jane on 628372 or e-mail SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk**

As usual we need some special people to sleep over in the marquees on the Saturday night just to keep an eye on the site. If anyone thinks they could do this could they ring Jane Courtier on 628372.

FAIR ON THE GREEN - Date is Sunday 21st June 2009



PG - ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online at www.buy.at/pgscouts and raise money at no extra cost for PG.

Over 100 retailers are accessible through the web shop, including BT, Marks & Spencer, John Lewis and RAC. Many retailers provide exclusive offers to the web shop, such as discounts or offering free delivery to the customer, providing more reasons for supporters to buy products through the web shop.

We can fund raise with help from retailers such as BT Broadband who offer up to £30 commission for each broadband product purchased through the web shop.

"The web shop facility is such a simple but effective idea. We receive a commission on each purchase you make. Donating to PG Scouts couldn't be easier!"

Here's the address again, www.buy.at/pgscouts. **And don't forget to tell your friends**

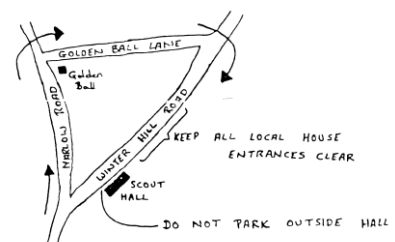
A big **THANK YOU** goes to everyone who has supported us **So WWW.buy.at/pgscouts**

ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Bringing to and collecting from the Scout Hall - ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting him from Scout Hall.

- All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along Furze Platt Road *past* Winter Hill Road and turn right into Golden Ball Lane. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road and turn right into Winter Hill Road at the end.
- To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, particularly the drive at the side of the hall.
- **As the verges can get very muddy** 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.



CONGRATLATIONS

It gives me great pleasure to be able to tell you all that 3 of our Leaders; Avril Broadley, John Brooker and Barry Palmer, have been awarded the SILVER ACORN in this year's St Georges Day Awards.. Between them they have given scouting about 110 year's service. This is one of the highest awards that can be awarded to Scouters and I would like to congratulate them for there continued dedication to the young people at PG.

Sheridan Stone (Keo) has had her baby at 4am on Thursday 15th April, a bouncing Boy 9lb 14oz !! Sheridan and Dean have called him Jude.

Mathew Weingarth (A PG Scout Troop Assistant) has Married Hannah Wakefield (An Explorer Leader) on Saturday 1st May 2010 at: St Andrew Church, Aldborough. They are going to New Zealand for their honeymoon

Erica Hunter GSL

Please sponsor me: Akela in Vietnam for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust

In February 2011 I will be participating in a 13 day cycling adventure in Vietnam, I will be covering over 655km in 8 days using only pedal power to negotiate the diverse Vietnamese terrain in an inhospitable climate. Please help me get the ball rolling with donations and sponsor me to help raise money for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust in memory of my close friend who was recently taken from us far too early in her brave battle with this awful disease. To read more about CF or what the CF Trust do please visit my sponsorship website www.JustGiving.com/JonCorbitt, send me an email or speak to me in person. I look forward to returning from this challenge with many photos and stories to share with the group, thank you to everyone who has sponsored me so far - it means a great deal to me.

Yours gratefully, *Jon Corbitt (Akela).*

Can You Help Us - We are Looking For:

An industrial sewing machine or Moving foot machine for canvas repairs.

Green Flag Material to repair the Scout Troop Flag – which is very threadbare – do you know where we can purchase some from or has someone got the time to look for some on internet. The Troop Flag is very old and has been darned a lot of times.

UPS - An uninterruptible power supply, which has a **battery backup**, - we keep having problems with the computer in the Scout Hall with power fluctuation, if you have one you no longer require or know where we can purchase one for a reasonable price it will be a great help

Ice Cream Containers, used postage stamps (Guide dogs for the blind), Flat Computer Screens, Old XP or Vista Computers

St Georges Day Event

We would like to thank all the **Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders from PG** who attended this year's District St Georges Day on Sunday 25th April. It was a special event to celebrate Scouting's and England's patrol Saint, St George. Special thank you goes to all the parents who supported the event and walked with PG, especially to Bobby Jons, Chris Tarleton and Greg Hurst who stood along York Stream with throw lines. The Scouts re-enacted their patron Saint's famous fight with a dragon. They joined up 24 bed sheets to create a 180ft long dragon at Braywick Nature Centre before it was slain by St George. About 700 beavers, cubs, scouts and explorers from across Maidenhead to celebrate .In a new route, they made their way from the town hall car park before weaving along the Green Way and into the park to the performance area, all the Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and leaders reaffirmed their Scout promise.

St Georges Day Rugby

PG Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, YLs, leaders & parents attended a Special game of rugby, Bath against Wasps at Twickenham Stadium on Saturday 24th April. They went from Windsor Riverside station to Twickenham by train. PG took the Scout and took part in the parade, the renewal of promise in front of a crowd of 60,000. It was an extremely good day.



Summer Term Weekly Cleaning Rota

We are looking for parents volunteers to join next terms 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 next term. There will be a sheet on the notice board in the hall or email Simon with a date you can help.

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, **time to suit you**, please email simon@pgscouts.org.uk for more information.

PG AGM and Fun Day

Please note we have had to change the date of our Fun Day to 12noon on Sunday 18th July 2010

During the afternoon we will be holding a short AGM

A vertical advertisement for Cookham's Cycle & Fishing Shop. The top section has a green background with white text: 'COOKHAM'S CYCLE & FISHING SHOP' and 'A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS OFFERING GREAT PERSONAL SERVICE & FREE ADVICE'. Below this is a small illustration of a person fishing. The middle section has a white background with black text: 'TACKLE FOR EVERYONE FROM BEGINNERS TO DISCERNING MATCHMEN. BAIT FOR COARSE, CARP & PIKE FISHING.' Below that is a black box with white text: 'OPEN MON-SAT (JUN-SEPT OPEN 7 DAYS) www.maidenheadbait.co.uk'. The bottom section has a blue background with white and yellow text: 'COOKHAM'S CYCLES ALL MAKES OF GENTS, LADIES & CHILDRENS BIKES & ACCESSORIES Service & Repairs OPEN MONDAY - SATURDAY www.cookhamcycles.co.uk 01628 530505 FREE PARKING 11-13 STATION PARADE, COOKHAM, BERKS SL6'.

Pinkneys Green Scouts



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Scout Hall Spring Clean

Thank you Jane Courtier, Chris Tarleton, Christine Hurst, Natalie Cassels and Simon who came and gave the main hall and kitchen a thorough clean on Sunday 18th, it's a great start.

Erica Hunter GSL

Marquee Erection Team

Parents we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) - If you would like to help and join this Team, please contact David Cox our Marquee coordinator: Email marquee@pgscouts.org.uk or call 07768 164314 for more details



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

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

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.

And don't forget to tell your friends.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has supported us

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. To save the leaders having to take it down to the local rubbish tip



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

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BEAVER NEWS

The Beavers have a lot to look forward to this term, with a load of outdoor activities to keep us entertained! We'll be getting adventurous with our annual hike to Stubbings church, letting our creative juices flow with some tie-dying, hosting our very own sports day and Mad Hatters Tea Party as well as giving Yoga a go!



A reminder that full uniform must still be worn during the summer months and that a PG t-shirt is available to buy from Raksha.

Please ensure that when the Beavers are on the green in the nicer weather that you drop off and collect your beaver from the circle at the beginning and end of meetings. Don't forget to look at the photos of Beaver activities on www.pgscouts.org.uk

Don't forget we are looking for help from parents with Marquee Hires and at our Summer Fair.

Hathi

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CUB NEWS

We kicked off the term with delivering jumble notices in the Pinkneys Green area and it was a sunny evening. During summer term (after half term) we will be doing our outside bases, covering tent pitching, laying and following trails, cooking on open fires and nature identification, so please be aware that on the evening your son is cooking. We hope the weather will be kind to us as these sessions are great fun and we are looking forward to being outside.

During half term, Wednesday the 2nd June 2010 the Cubs will be On we will be going to see Bagheera in the Gang Show in High Wycombe. We will be doing the litter clearing the PG triangle (Green / Woods opposite the hall) of litter for the National trust, a couple weeks later.

Cub Camp 2010 Please note that the Cub Camp 2010 date has changed to the weekend of the 3rd to 5th September 2010. Letters to follow in May.

Dates for your diary:

- 8 May – District Incident Hike **JOTT** (by invite only)
- 20 June – PG Group Summer Fair – everyone to help please
- 26 June – Longridge Day (Older Cubs by invite only)
- 18 July – **Family Fun Day** on the Green – **all invited**



SCOUT NEWS



World Jamboree – Sweden 2011

Follows is a report on Jamboree Unit *First Weekend Camp*:

This was the first meeting of the unit. We spent the weekend at Youlbury near Oxford. The weather was good for the whole weekend and everyone had a great time. The patrols were decided, we are in groups of 9 and I'm not with James Ashe.

We did some pioneering, we cooked and washed up, we did a few wide games and we spent time around the camp fire. There were several other scout, cub and beaver troops in the area. We will have a few more meetings in May, June and July. Our next camp will be in September in Swansea.

Daniel Mills

Moving Up Award

We would like to welcome three Cub Finlay Cassels, Jay Hutchins and Olive Jones to the Troop. They have started their Moving Up award, linking between Cubs and Scouts. They will be invested as Scouts, when they *Move Up*, on Wednesday 12th May 2010.



District Football Competition

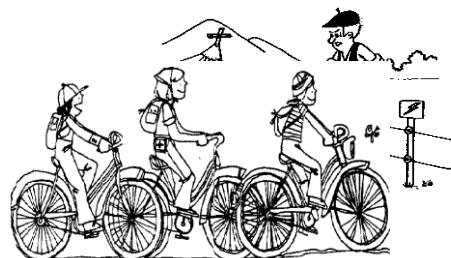
HELP We are looking for someone to be PG's Referee for the District Football Competition, please contact Simon ASAP for more details. You only need basic football knowledge. Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Six A Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let Simon know

Date: Sunday 16th May 2010

Cycling

Can all Parent, Scouts & Young Leaders note the following:

- (i) Any Scout or Young Leader who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts & YLs Cycling to/from Scout activities **wear a Cycle Helmet.**
- (iii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.



Troop Weekend Camp

We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend, as is a good training camp for Scouting Skills

Friday 21st May to Sunday 23rd May 2010

We are looking for someone to tow a large trailer we have borrowed to Holyport on Wednesday evening, 19th May if you can help or have any suggestions please let Simon know

Simon Wheeler

If You miss a Meeting....

Can we please remind parents that if your son is going to miss a **Monday Beaver Meeting, Wednesday Pack Meeting** or a **Friday Troop Meeting**, Beavers should contact **Hathi** [Catherine], Cubs should contact **Akela** [Jon] and Scouts contact **Simon**, to let them know that you cannot attend the meeting.

This will help with the programme planning and we will be able to advise you of what is happening at the next meeting.



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