



GROUP NEWS

November 2010

* PG Scouts Special Reunion *

Do you know any one who was a PG Cub, Scout, Venture/Explorer or Leader

If you do let them know that we are holding a Special reunion to Celebrate our Hundreth year

Date: Saturday 13th November 2010, 7.30pm onwards

Venue: Stag & Hounds (Hall behind Pub) Pinkneys Green

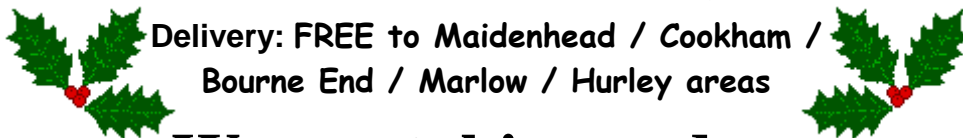
We are trying to contact as many people as possible.

Please pass this information on to as many ex PG members as possible,
as we are **STILL** trying to contact as many as we can

For any futher information contact email: pg101@pgtips.org.uk

CHRISTMAS TREES

Details attached to this issue PG Tips



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by Sunday 5th December for delivery on Saturday 11th December 2010

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CHRISTMAS FAIR



We are looking for help from all Parents, Friends and members of PG with our annual Christmas Fair, which is one of our *major Fundraising events of the year*. We cannot run the fair without the Support of Beaver, Cub and Scout Parents

Date: **Sunday 5th December 2010**, 2pm at the Scout Hall

We are looking for items for the Cubs Bathroom Stall, the Scouts Tombola Stall and the Cake stall. Please send any items you can spare along to your sons meeting.

We are planning the usual Stalls but would like to hear from anyone with new ideas or suggestions. Perhaps you have a Christmas speciality, a craft, a game or some festive refreshments that would helps in our fund raising that goes towards Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and towards Group Funds.

Contact *Jane Courtier* Mhd 628372 with your ideas.

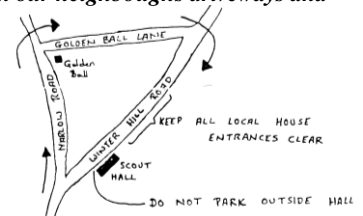
We hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents will support this event and come along on the day and get their friend to support our Christmas Fair as well.

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.



Remembrance Sunday Service

Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Service at our parish church **St James Less** at Stubbings. We hope that, as many members of PG and their families will be able to attend this service. The service will be prepared so that all ages can participate and remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 14th November 2010 – 10.35am**

Members don't forget to wear, **Full Beaver**, Cub or Scout Uniform

JOTI / JOTA

If you had passed the Scout hall the third weekend in October you would have seen a large aerial on the Green. PG took part in **JOTA – Jamboree on the Air**, where they talked to Scouts all round the world. Special thanks go to Pete Roberts and Bill Somerville for supply the equipment and organising the event, also to the Maidenhead and Burnham Beeches amateur radio club members who helped man the station. We have been taking part JOTA since 1990. We our normal call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank Phill Bristow for supplying and putting up the mast. Also to Marion Edkins, Hathi, Akela & Baloo for helping with the Scouts & Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Over weekend 45 badges were gained.



We also took part in **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet**, it was the eleventh year that we had taken part in this event. Thanks goes to those who supplied the equipment, to *Alex Robins* and *Michael Crown* who came back from University and help with the event over the weekend. Special thank you goes to *Elizabeth Lawlor*, & *Andrew Jones* with their help with the computers. We had up to thirty computers networked. Over 100 people visited us over the weekend. We made contact with over seventeen countries, including all over Europe, America and Australia

Over twenty Scouts and *Simon* manned the computer throughout Saturday night. There were a lot of very tired Scouts on Sunday.

Support our online shopping

Pinkneys Green Scout Group is part of an online shopping scheme (www.buy.at/pgscouts) Numerous High Street retailers and internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. Amazon and John Lewis. Every purchase made via this site benefits us financially.

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Type Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is Dick Whittington; we are looking for someone to type the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are still looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area for the rest of the autumn term. If you can spare Max 45 mins (Time to suit) please give Pauline a ring on 01628-670063 or email cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk If you have not done this job before and would like to know what is involved, please contact our cleaning coordinator or talk to a parent who has already done it. Thank you goes to the twelve parents who have offered their services.

Work Party

Please come and help there are lots of jobs that need doing at the hall that require more than one person to enable them to be done. Small repairs wood work, tidying, cleaning. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. Date: Saturday 6th November 10am – 12noon.

Family Quiz Night

We are raising money for the two PG Scouts going on the International Scout Jamboree next year. **Saturday 20th November 7pm.** Tickets per Adult/Child £2.00 per head (Team max of 8 person), there will also be a separate raffle. Light refreshments will be available. Just Turn up on the day.

Computer Screens

Any idea where we can store 30 (Old) CRT Computer Screens, they are all in boxes so can be stacked. We are currently having to store them in the Tomlin room. The place needs to be dry. If you or your company have any Flat Computer Screens that you no longer require, we could do with them. We are also looking for a New ADSL Hub as the one we have in the hall melted at JOTI, due to the 36+ computers we were using.

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BEAVER NEWS

We've been working on our badges this term at beavers and have successfully completed our Global Challenge badge through learning some languages, trying some foreign food and taking part in the successful scout run JOTI/JOTA last weekend. We've also been preparing for our annual craft competition which takes place on November 7th with the older beavers working with Mrs Kersey in a colony entry. Coming up we've got our Halloween Party run by the Scouts and our Firework evening on November 8th.

Parents don't forget we need your help at our Christmas Fair on Sunday 5th 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 fought**

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

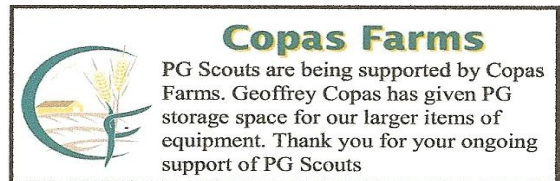
CUB NEWS

Towards the end of September we made the most of the concluding summer climate by spending more time outdoors. The penultimate meeting of the month was Cricket lessons, with Kaa taking the lead and bringing his professional cricket set to teach the official rules followed by a game or two on the green. This was followed a week later by trekking down to the woods to light fires in the damp, impressively all cubs (in their sixes) managed to light raging fires using only two matches and a bit of newspaper to help things along.

Thank you to all the cubs and their families who attended the Group Harvest Festival service at Stubbings Church. The next services will be a Remembrance Service in November and the very popular Carol Service in December. Reminder that all upcoming cub relevant dates and events are at the end of the Cub Weekly Notices.

The first week of October was our International themed evening, cubs matched the scout membership badges from around the world to their respective nations winning points for their sixes, and did very well - but this may have been account of Akela forgetting to rub off the answers from the back of the badge posters.

A small group of cubs attended the Boundary Walk raising money for The Cystic Fibrosis Trust with sponsorship, all PG participants walked further than they expected by at least one check-point and all our cubs brought at least one parent leaving Akela, Bagheera and Co to storm ahead... (in the wrong direction). Akela has been raising money and awareness for The CF Trust over the last year, his next challenge will be a 12 mile trail run at Longmoor Military Training Camp in Hampshire. This winter run is over multi-terrain and varying underfoot conditions from running tracks and trails to water-filled areas and plenty of steep hills. For more information of the fundraising efforts please feel free to visit www.JustGiving.com/JonCorbitt. *"On Sunday 3rd October 2010 at Boulders Lock, I did a long walk called the Boundary Walk. It was for a charity that helps people with Cystic Fibrosis. I was going to do 5.8 miles but ended up doing 11.0 miles! Here is a recount about it. After I had begun the walk we [my Dad and I] crossed the river by ferry and had some refreshments at the 2.5 mile stop. After some more walking we stopped at the 5.8 mile stop for Lunch [this was where I was going to finish but I got some more energy!] It was also very wet, but we carried on walking. After another 2.1 miles, of walking through the woods I got to the 7.9 mile stop and had some more refreshments. I was really tired, but I wanted to carry on to 10 miles! We walked slowly in the rain, and I was really pleased when I got to the 10 mile stop. We were so close to home my Dad said we could walk - I was tired out, but very proud, when I finally got home! I raised £35 in total for Cystic Fibrosis because my Grandma gave me £5 more for the extra distance I walked."* By **Robert Rayfield**.



Baloo instructed Akela that the cubs needed to learn more new sports if they were to complete all their challenge badges before moving up to Scouts, so after a bit of research Akela presented the Official NADA (National Amateur Dodgeball Association) rules followed by a competitive Dodgeball tournament between the sixes. After 15 games the teams finished in the following places; Joint 4th White & Green, 3rd Blue, Joint 2nd Red & Yellow, and 1st Black. Well done Black Six!

As part of the Global Challenge badge we held a meeting on a world charity, cubs decoded an anagram to discover this year's world charity was Oxfam International, in their sixes cubs learnt about the organisation from a brief synopsis and completed a quiz - well done Black six (again) who finished top quiz team! *"Last week we learnt about Oxfam, they are a worldwide charity. They raise money for people who struggle to find money. Oxfam get the money by selling second hand stuff like old toys and antiques. My favourite part was when we played the game."* By **Josh Hewitt**.

At the end of the World Charity meeting we said goodbye to older cubs; Barnaby Flew, John Conacher, Harry Bennett and Thomas Lewthwaite-Page who went up to Scouts. Peter Marshall followed them the week after. Good luck boys and we hope you enjoyed and got a lot from your time in the Cub Pack. The moving on ceremony was followed by the investitures of the latest additions to the pack, welcome; Daniel Juden, Robert Rayfield, Cameron Cassels, Joseph Ruffell and Edward Bennett who repeated the cub scout law and promise in front of the pack to confirm their investiture to the greatest cub pack in the...

Over 17 cubs attended the JOTA/JOTI weekend at the scout hall in mid October with all who attended completing their Communicators Badge and substantially contributing to the completion of their Global Challenge Badges. *"Today we had JOTA JOTI at the scout hall. We talked to cubs and scouts from all around the world. We passed the communicator badge. It was hard. We learnt Morse code and we spoke to people from around the world on a radio. We had great fun! I will definitely come next year."* By **Lucas Jefferson**.

The rest of October will include learning about the dangers of the seaside, railways and riverbanks followed by the Halloween Party run by the Scout Troop at the end of term.

Akela (Jon Corbitt)

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SCOUT NEWS

Older Scouts Weekend

Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 26th- 27th November. Can you please reply even if you are unable to attend? Full details available from Simon

Christmas Fair

The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every Scout & Young Leader 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.

New Scouts

We would like to welcome five new Scouts, Harry Bennett, John Conacher, Barnaby Flew, Thomas Lewthwaite-Page and Peter Marshall who have made their Scout promises and been invested as members of PG Scout Troop.

District Night Hike - We will require help from Parents to walk with the PG teams – The Incident Hike is on Friday 19th November - 8.45pm to the early hours of Saturday morning. Scouts can take part even if their parents are unable to attend (only if we have enough parents to walk with each group), cost £1 per person. We hope that, as many Scouts and **Parents** will be able to take part. For more details contact Simon by 9th November. Scouts without parents taking part will be dropped off at home, at the end of the event. We are Short of Older Scouts due to a School Trip, **we hope those not away will make the effort and take part. 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 or email him.



Make a Note of This Date! – 19th November

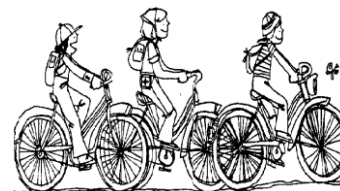
Mystery Trip - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 3rd December. The PLs need to decide what we the Scouts will be doing. Can all Scouts please let BoB have their ideas.



JOTI / JOTA – We had a very good turn out this year with over forty Scouts taking part sometime over the weekend including quite a few who stayed through the night. Congratulations go to all the fourteen Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. Special thanks go to young leaders for helping *Simon* make everything flow smoothly and sorting out who used which computer though out the night.

District PLs Training Course – *Leo Giles, Aidan Milston and James Carr* attend this course at Cookham Scout Hall. We are looking forward to them putting into practice what they have learnt, in their roles as APLs and PLs.

Cubs Halloween Party – The Scouts ran the Cub meeting during half term on the theme of Halloween; as it was a very mild evening we managed apple bobbing, smarties in flour – donuts on a string, plus scary cake scavenger hunt, all on the green opposite the Scout hall. Thanks you goes to Scouts *Harry Bennett, Jordan Day-Hunt, Leo Giles, Richard Hurst, James Kersey, Aiden Milston, Jonathan Otun, Kieran Pate* and *Harry Wheeler* who helped to organise the evening. The Scouts are also holding a Halloween on the Friday at the end of half term, plus for the Beaver on November 1st. Photos of all events on www.pgscouts.org.uk



District Cycle Orienteering Competition – Was held on Sunday 10th October, 10am-1pm Littlewick Green – Knowl Hill area. Well done to the 18 PG Scouts who took part. Special Thank you goes to Dads, *Chris Isted, Tim Brennan, Steven Giles, Paul Conacher and Edmund Otun* for Cycling with the Scouts. We only had 3 punchers and 1 broken pedal (Managed to get a replacement bike) Please return Yellow Jackets and Compasses to Simon.

Simon Wheeler

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World Jamboree – Sweden 2011

Follows is a report on Jamboree Training day:

On Saturday 9th October, me, Daniel and the rest of the Berkshire contingent going to Sweden met at Bear rails camp site in Windsor for a training day. The day was mainly based around pioneering, as there is a chance that we are going to have to build our own tables and chairs on the Jamboree! For the main activity of the day we split into two groups. Half of us had to make a gateway out of poles and ropes while the other half had to make a raft out of barrels, pioneering poles and ropes. We then had to test our rafts out on the nearby lake! Some of the rafts fell apart and we all got very wet!!

HELP - We are looking for help from Beaver, Cub or Scout Parents & Scouts with our Fundraising Project, bag packing, weekends before Christmas, if you can help please email jamboree@pgscouts.org.uk

James Ashe



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