



GROUP NEWS

October 2010



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 16th October. 10am to Sunday 17th 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

53rd Jamboree on the Air - 16th-17th October 2010

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.

This year's JOTA will have a theme directly related to article 12 of the Convention of the Rights of the Child: *the Right to be Heard*. The theme is linked to the 20th anniversary of the Convention: <http://www.unicef.org/rightsite/>

How is article 12, the **Right to be Heard**, linked to the JOTA? Scouts in many, but not all, countries have the permission to speak directly over amateur radio. This greatly enhances their JOTA experience: a free and direct exchange of ideas between Scouts of all Nations. It helps them to get a feeling and understanding of other cultures. The Right to be Heard is also a Right to be Listened to.

14th Jamboree on the Internet - 16th-17th October 2010

The 2010 Jamboree On the Internet event is the fourteenth 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.

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all sections.

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 year's 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

Computer Screens

We are looking to replace the 36 big CRT Computer Screens with Flat Computer Screens. If you have one that you no longer require please either drop it off to the Scout Hall or email Simon simon@pgscouts.org.uk

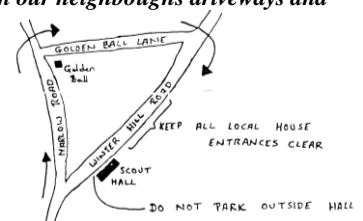
Due to where our screens are being stored in back of board room, in office block, corner West Street / Market Street being redeveloped, we have to find somewhere dry to store, 36 boxed CRT Computer Screens. Any ideas or suggestions please let us know. We need somewhere after 18th October

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 neighboughs 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.



PG Scouts Reunion to Celebrate Our 101st Year

Saturday 13th November 2010, 7.30pm onwards

Stag & Hounds (Hall behind Pub) Pinkneys Green

Were you ever a PG - Venture or Scout or Cub or, even a Leader

We are holding a reunion to celebrate the one hundred years of Scouting at PG

We are trying to contact as many people as possible. Please pass this information on to as many ex PG members as possible, we are trying to contact as many as we can. For any further information contact email: pg101@pgtips.org.uk

OLD PHOTOS OF PG ACTIVITIES

Have you been a PAST Member of PG. We are looking for Old photos of when you or your son was at PG. We are short of photos before 2000, especially before 1979, if you have any photos we would love to hear from you

Please email: oldphotos@pgtips.org.uk

Septembers Jumble Sales

A big thank you goes to Caron & Keith Wheeler for organising our two Jumble Sales in September and Beaver / Cub / Scout, Parent coordinators – Natalie Cassels / Cathy Climpson / Pauline Patel and all the parents & supporters who helped with the collecting / sorting / selling / clearing up / taking rubbish to tip. They raised the fantastic amount of over £946 from both sales.



Our next Jumble Sales will be end April 2011.

News from the GSL.

Welcome back to the autumn term and with lots of activities planned for each section.

An IMPORTANT change of date with LOTS of advance notice. **SUMMER FAIR 2011 will be on Sunday 12th JUNE.** Please make a note of this NOW and note it is not father's day!!

I am looking for volunteers for specific jobs/roles and Parent Support Group members. Here are a few if you think you can help please let me know I shall be calling on parents to help.

- Parents to attend Parent Support Group Meetings – to come up with ideas for fund raising and make sure we manage our funds and maintain the scout hall. You come up with the ideas then we find someone else to help, by attending you are not volunteering yourself for everything, unless of course you would like to.
- Coordinator of spare uniform for swap/sale which could save you lots of pennies.
- Coordinator of hall Cleaning rota.
- Scout Challenge badge chart record keeper – Scout Parent.
- Carpenter/or just hand with wood to fix broken benches and other small items.

Please contact Erica by email or phone 07899075203 erica.hunter2@btinternet.com.

All of these jobs are important and will help leaders to spend more time with the children.

Erica Hunter **GSL**

Type Pantomime Script

Net years Pantomime is Dick Whittington, we are looking for some one to type the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon

Work Party

We have some equipment, and items in the hall that need repairing, we have arranged to have a Work Party on Saturday 6th November, if you can spare a couple of hours your help would be appreciated. Lunch will be provided. More details will be given in your son's section emails or email help@pgtips.org.uk

Hall Cleaning Rota Coordinator

We are looking for a parent to coordinate the hall cleaning rota, last term we had 9 parents clean the kitchen, toilet areas and sweep the hall area. If you can help us out, it will be a great help

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BEAVER NEWS

We have started the term off with a bang, having a very successful games night in the woods, followed by a walk through the woods to the Flew's house where the boys were able to play on all the wonderful play equipment they have and enjoyed a delicious sausage in a bun! A massive thank you to the Flew's for having us; everyone had a fantastic time!

I would like to welcome four new beavers and their families to the group: Edwin Isted, Josef Basarab, Daniel Ramfield and Freddie Stevens. We hope you have enjoyed the last few weeks and are looking forward to you all being invested in a few weeks time.

Coming up on our programme we have our Harvest Festival on the 26th September at Stubbings Church, and we will be running activities under an 'international' theme, involving food tasting and learning some new languages!



Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

CUB NEWS

September kicked off the term with the most important event on the cub scouting calendar (Cub Camp!). The first meeting of the term was moved from Wednesday to Thursday (the first time in PG Cub history we haven't met on a Wednesday –unverified claim) so that the cubs could set up their own tents and the parents could join them to help with the bigger tentage. The cubs really mucked in and even had time for a game at the end of the meeting, the parents were superb (please give yourselves a pat on the back) – the entire campsite was set up in 1 hour 10 minutes, this usually takes few leaders and parent helpers 2 hours on Thursday evening and all day Friday. I hope parents enjoyed seeing a bit more of the camp than the traditional dropping off on Friday would allow. This year's Cub Camp theme was 'Under The Sea' and the sixes were renamed accordingly; Blue Six – Scuba Divers, Yellow Six – Schools, Red Six – Jaws, White Six - Drop Offs, Green Six - Great White Sharks and Black Six – Shipwrecks. Well done to Peter Marshall, Louis Cadinouche and their six (Scuba Divers) for winning the overall camp competition. Activities over the weekend included; orienteering using a compass, pitching & striking hiking tents, learning new knots, a mini pioneering project using canes & elastic bands, cooking twist on an open fire, learning new first aid skills, a walk around the BCA grounds, talking about health & fitness, identifying insects, putting Morse code into practice, playing touch rugby, ATTEMPTING to beat me at 1000metres, playing wide games (big games in open areas), an assault course, and releasing Chinese lanterns luckily only one crashed nearly burning down a young tree (I blame the leader of that group). All the cubs did their own washing up and some even had the chance to help serve the food in the mess tent. Campfire on the Saturday night of camp provided much entertainment in the way of the cubs' prepared sketches and campfire songs led by Young Leader Niven. I hope that your sons enjoyed the whole camp experience, take a lot away from it and talk a lot of camp when they get home. There are many people to thank for helping prepare and execute Mission Cub Camp 2010 but I'd like to make special mention to my assistant leaders; Kaa (Graham Wolfe), Keego (Matthew Milston), Chil (Avril Broadley), Bagheera (Rob Harris), Raksha (Sheila Stinton), Won-tolla (Laurence Corbitt), Tarka (Barry Palmer), Panda (Michael Crown), Niven Willett, James Ashe and Will Fyffe. Special thanks also to; Scout leader Simon Wheeler, Beaver leaders Hathi (Catherine Weeks) & Benny (John Brooker), the Scouts (James Kersey, Aidan Milston & Laurence Jones), Pauline Jones, Joanna Kersey, Stuart & Carol Corbitt and Debbie Parker. I hope I haven't missed anyone.



The rest of the September meetings and activities included learning Cricket, a wide game in the woods, fire lighting in sixes and a harvest festival. I'll leave you with a few brief words from cubs John Conacher and Tim Fyffe about Friday night of cub camp but, before I do, a quick reminder – all our cub notices are sent via email usually on the Wednesday after the meeting please remember to check your emails and update us if your contact details change!

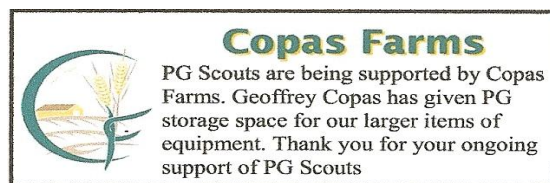
Akela (Jon Corbitt)

P.S. Niven will be sending out requests for PG Tips reports following certain cub meetings and activities, cubs do not have to wait to be asked and should feel welcome to send me reports for inclusion in our report whenever they want.

Yesterday (Friday)

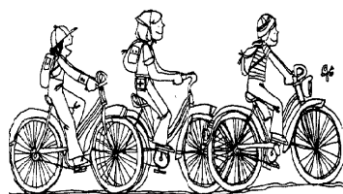
Yesterday we arrived. We dumped our stuff, put up the six flags and ran to play bulldog on the field behind the tents. Then we played stuck in the mud, football, and then suddenly the whistle went. Akela told us to change into camp clothes for Grand Howell round the flag pole. After a moment of confusion putting down sleeping bags, changing and finding clothes already lost, it was time to put up the big flags. First went the Union Flag, followed by the purple scout flag and then the Pinkneys Green flag (the best cub pack in the UNIVERSE). We immediately got down to the bases.

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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 9th October They course will help them with their role as a PL or APL.



District Cycle Orienteering Competition – **Sunday** 10th October, 10am-1pm Littlewick Green – Knowl Hill area. Any Scout who has a roadworthy bike and cycle helmet can take part. **Thank** you goes to the dad who has offered to help. **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 helmet.

Moving Up

We would like to welcome five Cubs, Harry Bennett, John Conacher, Barnaby Flew, Thomas Lewthwaite-Page and Peter Marshall who have started their Moving up Award **Badge** with the Troop.

JOTI / JOTA

Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 15th - 17th October 2010. 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





World Jamboree – Sweden 2011

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

We left in four mini-buses, two at a time, on Friday late afternoon. I was in the first convoy that arrived at around 7.30 pm. Some Scouts from South Wales were already there and helped us put up our tents. The second convoy arrived around 10.00pm.

On Saturday, we had a cooked breakfast, cooked by the leaders (yum yum). We then had teambuilding activities in our patrols, which included, human pyramid. Afterwards we went down to the beach and had lunch on the sand, then we went into the sea and had a swim, it was freezing, I think I got a bit hypothermic (my lips went blue, and they had to wrap me in a silver insulation blanket). We went back to camp changed into warm/dry clothes and then went on a dry toboggan run (brilliant). We cooked dinner in our patrols and then had campfires with singing.

Sunday, we made a Continental breakfast, then we were going to do the Assault Course, I got a migraine and couldn't do it. It looked really fun, but smelly and wet because of the mud!!!. We then packed our gear up whilst having a hot dog lunch and travelled back to Berkshire.

Daniel Mills

Halloween Parties

We are looking for help from Scouts running the Cub Halloween Party during half term, on Wednesday 27th October. Also the Beaver Halloween Party on Monday 1st November. If any Scout or Young Leaders can help please let Simon know.



District Night Hike

This year the District is holding a Night Hike. The event will take place on Friday 19th November, 9pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 20th November.

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.

Also as most of the Troop leaders are away we are looking for a couple of parents / helpers to run the PG base. If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon simon@pgscouts.org.uk

Activity Badge Evenings

If any Scout wishes to do some activity badges, we are holding extra evening to go through them with you and find some one to teach or test you. Scouts could have already reached the requirements of some of the badges, with a hobby you have or have done at school. There is a choice of over 70 Activity Badges, plus 5 staged Activity Badges (Blue badges: Nights Away, Hikers, Swimmers, Musician & Emergency Aid) Full details are in badge book - **ALL Scouts Should have a copy**

or on web <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/badges/scout-activity-index.htm>

To book a place - please email Simon ASAP, places limited

Simon Wheeler

We Are Looking For:

- Ice Cream containers with Lids
- Bench need welding
- Help with Photocopying 20-25 copies of PG Tips a month
- Used Postage Stamp

PG Web Site: www.pgscouts.org.uk

If you can help with any of the above please email help@pgtips.org.uk

PHOTOCOPYING

Can we thank all the parents who help us with photocopying. We have 8 parents who print us off 25 - 150 copies of PG Tips every month. Due to couple of our volunteers changing their Job, we are looking for some help photocopying PG Tips. If you can help us out by photocopying 25 copies or more please email Simon .



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