



GROUP NEWS

April 2011

PANTOMIME – Dick Whittington

Well done to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs and Leaders for taking part in PG's pantomime Dick Whittington especially the Scouts who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas, and the Cubs and Young Leaders for all the hard work they put in.

We would like to thank every one who support this years production especially the parents who helped take the stage down on Sunday after the performances and to *Andy Jones, Steve Banister & Ian Ruffell* for transporting all the back cloths and stage bits.

A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha), *Avril Broadley* (Chil), *Catherine Weeks* (Hatti) & *Simon* for organising the rehearsals. *Jo Kersey* for sorting the costumes, *Linda Sellers* for doing the makeup, *William Boothman* for organising the car park, *Pauline Patel* for organising the refreshments and Raffle, *Matt Carr* for looking after the Cubs, *John Bannerman* for doing the Curtains, *Matthew Milston* for organising the scene changes, *Toby Ayre, BoB Weingarth, Aleq Robins, Teressa Williams* for their help during the performances



St George's Day Event

This year as normal PG will be taking part in the years St George's Day Event (Patron Saint of Scouting & England).

- Date: Saturday 7th May at 2.00pm
- Meet: Howarth Road (off Stafferton Way).
- Parents: If you are available we hope you will be able to join us for this special District Scouting event
- Finish: **Approx 4.20pm** Back at Howarth Road
- Dress: Full uniform is to be worn and in case of wet weather everyone will need to bring a rucksack with a drink and their waterproof.
- Collection. Money for Collection

We really encourage every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader to attend this event as it celebrates our patron saint of scouting, as well as reminding us what being part of the scouting movement is all about.

Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 6th May, 6.45pm** at the Scout Hall from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday morning 7th May 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

For more information, please contact one of our Sale Coordinator *Email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk*

Last year we raised over **£1,100** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date: Saturday 7th May - 10.30am

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

We cannot manage without the support of parents

Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Frid 6th or Sat 7th - *It would be great*

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 neigbhoughs 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 grass verges by the hall are 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 hall.



Group (Family) Camp

We are holding a "JOIN IN FAMILY" Group Weekend Camp at Stubbings Nursery, over the weekend 1st – 3rd July 2011. The idea is to get as many P.G. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, parents, brothers, sisters and friends of the Group, in camp, for as much of the weekend as is possible. **You are invited to bring your caravan or get your camping gear out of your loft and spend a fun weekend with P.G. Scout Group.** (If you don't have any camping equipment we will try and sort you out some) **Beavers are only permitted to camp with their families.** Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders will be camping in their Sections and catered for by the leaders. Families and friends are invited to camp for the weekend in family units and will be doing their own catering (There is a B-B-Q Saturday Evening). If parents and friends don't wish to camp with us for the weekend, they are welcome to join us any time during the camp. **Cubs and Scouts can attend even if their families can't**

Although the programme has yet to be finalised the outline is as follows:-

Friday 1st July Evening - Youngsters games, Set up their tents,
Saturday 2nd July A.M. - Badge Activities, backwoods Cooking, Camp gadgets,
plaster casts, mapping etc. for all the family
P.M. - Camp Games and Sports, for all the family to join in
Evening - B-B-Q & Camp Fire
Sunday 3rd July A.M. - Group Scouts Own, Incident Activities etc. like Archery
P.M. - Break Camp
3.45pm - Closing Ceremony

Families Camping Fee - £25 per Family Unit (ex B-B-Q tickets)

If you have not received a copy of the letters, please email gc@pgscouts.org.uk or go to www.pgscouts.org.uk/gc

We really hope you can join us for at least part of the weekend, it is a great opportunity to meet other families & friends involved with PG.

Summer Fair HELP Wanted

Our Summer Fair coordinator Jane Courtier is looking for some help for the Summer Fair. **New assistants are needed to help run it.** Immediate help is wanted to send out the letters that Cubs are currently writing to potential donors and to collate the results. Soon more volunteers could help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful. 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

Fair Date is Sunday 12th June 2011 (Weekend after Half term week)

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

Gardeners

Gardeners can we plea for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents and neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them.

PHOTOCOPYING – PG TIPS

Due to one parent changing their job, we are looking for some help with photocopy PG Tips ever month. It is normally 2 sheets (4 sides). If you can do 20 or more copies a month please email Simon at help@pgtips.org.uk
Thank you goes to our current printers for your support.



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.

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BEAVER NEWS

The beavers have enjoyed an exciting few weeks. We had a fantastic talk from Maidenhead Astrological society where the beavers really impressed with their knowledge of space and man's first trip to the moon, we got to look at a real telescope and learnt lots of new things about space as well.

We also loved as always having the scouts come and run our annual 'lets entertain' evening, the beavers really pulled out all the stops with some comedy stand up routines and sketches! We all had a good laugh, thank you to the scouts that attended and to Simon for putting that evening on for us.



We had a really good trip to Maidenhead Synagogue also where we learnt all about the Jewish faith and got to try some special 'Challah' bread. Thanks go to Maidenhead Synagogue for having us!

A lovely time was had by all at our annual Beaverree this year, where the beavers got to make lots of interesting craft (some edible!) and got to sing some songs and renew our promises with the rest of the beavers in the Maidenhead District. As always it was a really good event.

We welcome a new beaver this term also; Jake Dennis. A very warm welcome to both him and his family to PG!

We are looking for a beaver Mum/Dad to help co-ordinate the bi-annual jumble sales, the job would basically entail recruiting helpers for preparing the jumble the evening before and manning the stalls during the actual jumble sales. It's not a lot of work but brings in money for the group that helps fund the activities we run for the boys. If you are interested in volunteering please speak to Hathi at one of our meetings.

Coming up we're painting our very own 'trip to space' story painting, we're going on a nature trail when the evenings start to get a little lighter and we'll be having a go at making our very own, exploding rockets!!

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

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CUB NEWS

As I'm sure most of you are aware by now the biggest news from the Cub section for March is that we won the district flag competition for the second time in my two years as Akela (and something like the 15th time in the past 16 years)! The cub pack are very proud of the flag team for all their effort in the preparation and execution of *operation defend our title*; well done *Luc O'Kelly, Julian Sadie, Louis Cadinouche, Zac Gordon-Smith, Harvey Neeves and Nicholas Conacher*. Congratulations to all PG Cubs who make our district flag bearing cub pack. Reports from some of the flag team will follow next month. Welcome *Logan Bruce, Tom Knott, Olly Hickey and Miles Boxell* who were all invested last month! Activities from the end of February and beginning of March have included a visit to Maidenhead Mosque and an entertainment evening at the scout hall. We look forward to those reports coming soon. Thank you to the scouts that helped run the incident hike during half term.

Well on the Scouts incident hike there were 4 stations. Blind folded: There was a scary station where we were blindfolded and we had to follow a rope that we were given, and directed by the Scouts that were helping on that station (it was my favourite station). Morse code (flash type): Well this station as it said ,it's Morse! We had to write a message on a piece of paper (we had another piece of paper with the Morse alphabet on it) and send it to them with flashes of a torch; then the Scouts had to work out our message. Once the Scouts had worked it out, they sent us a message. Obstacle course: Now this is where we mainly got muddy! One of us got into a wheelbarrow, then the rest of us pushed him to the first cone. After that we had our legs tied together and then went commando crawling under a net. Once we had crawled under the net we had to take one step in-between each log (with our legs still painfully hurting with the rope around them). Then we had to carry the last log all the way to the cone before the last. Lastly we had to run to the last cone and sprint back to the beginning (still with the rope hurting our legs) then we were done. Finally we had the rope taken off! Stick stuff: For the final activity we had four sticks placed in a cross shape with a square in the middle but one of the sticks was too far in and touching it's opposite stick. We had to make a square with only one move. The Scouts organised it really well, and we all had lots of muddy fun! By Louis Cadinouche.



Tonight at cubs I played a game called Jump Rope. There is a ball on the end of a string which is swung round in a circle low to the ground and you have to jump over it and try not to get hit on the leg. Next we learnt about road signs. First we had to get into pairs and walk around the room trying to figure out what each sign means. Then after that we had to do an action to the sign that Bagheera held up. Finally we were split into 2 teams then we got three balls and had to try and throw them at each other and try not to get hit ourselves. At the end of the meeting me and my six had to stay and fold the flag and it was quite tricky. By Edward Bennett.

When we learnt about Tracking at cubs we started by drawing stones and drawing sticks. Then we cut the drawings out. Akela told us how to make tracking signs for if we were ever lost in a desert or forest. Then we laid these sticks and stones on the floor in different ways to signal to others which way to go to find us. I learnt many different tracking signs. My favourite part of the activity was drawing the sticks and stones and cutting them out. It was great fun. By Olly Hickey.



When we got to the hall, the stage for the pantomime was set up. After the register and grand howl, James (a young leader) had a game ready for the cubs. This was my favourite part of the meeting. It was a game of cat and mouse where the humans, that weren't either mouse or cat, made walls by standing feet shoulder width apart and arms out horizontally. When James told us to face a different way we stayed feet shoulder width apart and arms out horizontally, but we faced the way that James said. One cat chases one mouse and the walls change direction for the mouse's advantage. Then we started on our badge work. I was doing book reader with Raksha. I learned that there are over 5 Michael Morpurgo books. The pack spent the rest the time doing badge work. By Nicholas Conacher.

In March we have also welcomed a new member to the cub leadership team, *Mysa* (David Barnes) has accepted a position as Assistant Cub Scout Leader joining *Chil, Bagheera, Raksha and Tarka*. No doubt you will all have the chance to welcome and get to know *Mysa* at meetings soon. In April the cub pack will be looking forward to a trip to Thorpe Park, a visit to see *Bagheera* at The Wycombe Gang Show and much more!

Akela (Jon Corbitt)

SCOUT NEWS

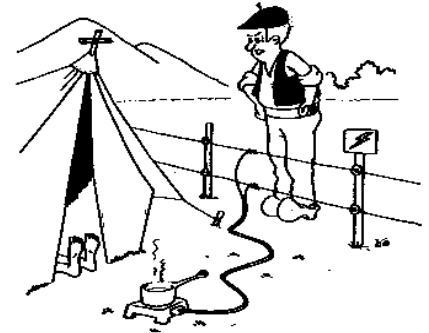
Moving Up to Scouts

We will be organising a special Troop meeting on Friday 29th April to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Those Scouts who are not away or have their own Street Party are invited to contribute to the event. More details will be available near the day.

Dick Whittington

A superb performance from the following Scouts: *Robert Allcock, James Ashe, Patrick Ashe, James Carr, John Conacher, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Richard Hurst, Jay Hutchins, James Kersey, Aiden Milston, Jake Milston, Jonathan Otun, Kieran Patel, Jamie Sellers and Tom Sellers.* The Young leaders *Harry Wheeler, Kieran Patel, James Ashe, William Fyffe, Max Forman and Aaron Burton* did an excellent number written by *Aaron Burton.* Also thank you goes Scouts *Jordan Day-Hunt and Matthew Dixon* who on the Sunday helped take the stage down, after the three performances.

Well done to Cubs as well *Jake Milston (Who was cat as well), Frank Williams, Oliver Isted, George Knott, Daniel Juden, Joseph Ruffell, Thomas Knott & Alex Norris* for being Londoners.



Troop Weekend Camp

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

Friday 20th May to Sunday 22nd May 2011

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

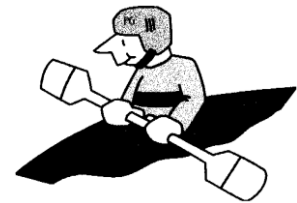
St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – Saturday 7th May 2011, 2.00pm at Howarth Road (off Stafferton Way). This year the Scouts will be walking along the Green Way to Braywick Nature reserve, before an event including Circus skills !

This year Parents are invited to take part as well as the Scout

2011 Summer Camp – Brecon

We will be camping in Wales; a big thank you goes to all the Scouts who have replied. *Simon* will be going down to Brecon over Easter to sort out some of the activities. Special thank you go to Mr Phillips, for allowing us to camp on their land for two weeks this summer.



Swimmers Badge

This term all patrols (all but one Scout, must be a record) went swimming to High Wycombe, so that all Scouts could be tested that they reached the minimum Swimming requirements for Water Activities, plus the opportunity to gain the next Staged Swimming badge

Thank you goes to *BoB Weingarth* for organising this activity and parents who helped with transport
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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