



GROUP NEWS

December 2011



Christmas Fair



Christmas Trees	Tombola's	Cakes
Good As New	Bathroom Stall	Raffle
Competitions	Toys	Jewellery
Groceries	Refreshments	Games

Sunday 4th December 2011 2.00pm

Proceeds in aid of Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and Scout Funds

Please Support your Scout Group

New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Sunday** 1st January 2012

Time: 10.30 a.m. at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx 12 noon

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



CHRISTMAS TREES

Delivery: **FREE** to Maidenhead / Cookham /
Bourne End / Marlow / Hurley areas

We are taking orders

Orders & payment to; Ken Knight 3, Birdwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 5AP
by 4th December for delivery on Saturday 10th December 2011

Order form on www.pgscouts.org.uk

Tennis Balls

We are looking for Tennis Balls again, if you play at a tennis club, or know of anyone who plays at one, can you see if they have any old tennis balls they no longer require

Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps.

Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting

PG's SPECIAL EVENT – QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



To mark 60 years of the Queen's reign PG will be holding a Special Diamond Jubilee Event on Monday 4 June 2012.

PG celebrated the Queens Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002.

Please make a note of the date: **Monday 4th June 2012** in your new diaries

Planning has started, in the new year we will give you more details, as the event gets nearer

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are still looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from February 2012 onwards. 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 twenty plus parents who have offered their services.



Christingle (Carol) Service

We are holding a Carol Service on
Sunday 11th December 2011 at 3.50pm
at our local Church St James the Less at Stubbings.

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Parents,
brothers, sisters, friends etc. are invited to join us
at this Special Service

Tea will be served afterwards in the Church Hall



Work Party

Many thanks to Herman Ian Miller, Tim Neeves Jo, Steve, Molly & Alfi Windsor, Ian Ruffell, for coming to the work party along with Ian Ruffel, Jane Courtier, Erica Hunter and Simon on 19th November. It was extremely productive. Following the success of this day we will be have more in the future so please look out for the date for your diaries.



Support our online shopping - PG is part of an online shopping scheme (www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts)

We get commission is you go via our web site, to date we have raised over£1,200

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.

You do not have to pay anymore for your purchases when you access via www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts , but we gain!

Please put www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online. Just try it and see how easy it is. This is a very easy effort less way to raise money for the group. **Just try it and see how easy it is.**

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that you child is expected to wear correct uniform to there section meetings.

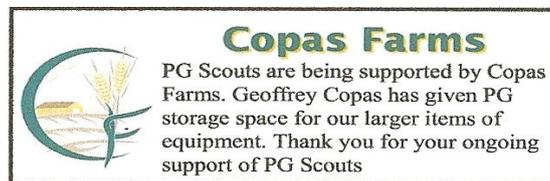
Beavers can wear Scout Association shorts or trouser, Cubs, Scout & Explorers need Scout Association shorts. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop on a Thursday evening 7pm – 8.45pm term time. We do have some second hand ones

For more details www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scoutsshop/

Computer Bits

We are looking for the following computer bits to upgrade / replace the ones we have

- PC's or Laptops that are Pentium 4 or higher (preferably Intel Pentium D/Intel Centrino Duo/Intel Core 2 Duo/AMD Athlon x2/etc)
- USB and PS/2 optical laser mice
- IDE Hard Drives over 40Gb and any SATA Hard Drives
- Quiet/Silent 8-16 port Gigabit switch and any other Gigabit switches
- RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables – 3 meters of longer



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BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill

Beavers have had a busy few weeks with our annual halloween party, where the beavers were thrown an excellent party by the scouts. Games including wrap the beaver in toilet roll to make a mummy, and musical chairs! We finished off the evening with a feast of Halloween party food. Thanks very much to all the mum's and dad's who provided food.

We also threw our annual fireworks event, this year at a new location, at our young leader Darcy's house. We were able to have a lovely bonfire, followed by sa very impressive Firework display (thanks go to Mr Bennett for this, as always it was excellently run and I swear they get bigger and bigger every year!) We then had hot chocolate and another feast provided by the Kellet's of crisps, cakes and cookies! We felt very spoilt! A massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Kellett for letting us use your lovely garden and providing such a wonderful feast.

Last week we held our very own PG's Got Talent where the beavers were able to show off their skills (including break dancing, joke telling and singing!) and we began practicing some Christmas carols for our upcoming performance.

Don't forget we need your help at our Christmas Fair on Sunday 4th 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 thought** Please put the Christmas Fair Poster up that we sent home.

Coming up we've got a night hike, a Christmas decoration making and Christmas carolling, a Beaver banquet! Christingle Service, Beavers and their Families invited to attend on Sunday 12th December 3.50pm at Stubbings Church, Beavers to wear full uniform; New Year's Morning Walk, Sunday 1st January 10.30am at National Trust Car Park next Cricket pitch.



Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

Littlewick



Littlewick Beavers were invested on Monday 7th November. *Erica* our GSL invested *Hawkeye*, *Nathalie Watson*, and Beavers *Alexander Watson* and *Aaron Mussell*, *Hawkeye* then invested *Emma* and *Max Kendall*, *Oliver Hook*, *Max O'Flaherty*, *Oliver Hook* and *Niam Popie*.

Emma Kendall as well as being invested in the new colony is also the first girl to be part of Pinkneys Green Scout Group which is over 102 years old.

Raksha has been attending the beaver meetings whilst *Hawkeye* and *Tic Tac* settle in. At the end of October the beavers went out into the village to join in Trick or Treat, they all dressed up and enjoyed their treats. Evening's this month they have had their investiture evening and also had an evening about Remembrance and all about poppies.

Littlewick Green beavers meet at the Gilchrist Hall on Mondays from 6 – 7pm. lgscouts@hotmail.co.uk

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CUB NEWS

Since last month the Cubs have continued a varied programme which has included a trip to Hellfire Caves in High Wycombe with Akela, a bonfire evening, a games night and a swimming safety night. On 2nd November, Tarka (Barry) built an excellent bonfire in the woods and treated all the Cubs to jacket potatoes - exactly what we needed! The weather just about held out for us, although it was so warm by the fire I'm not sure that we would have noticed any rain! That was followed by our swimming safety evening in readiness for the swimming sessions that have started in Marlow. The highlight was an educational video featuring David Hassellhoff during his Baywatch heyday... not to be missed!

The swimming sessions are giving the Cubs the opportunity to complete the Swimmers badge (stage 1 to 5)... stages 4 and 5 are designed for Scouts, so those Cubs reaching these levels are doing exceptionally well. Thanks to the parents who are helping out pool-side.

Recently I have been reading "The Scout Leaders Guide from A to Z" which is a book handed down to me from my Dad, who was a Scout leader for many years. Having reached the section on appearance of Scouts it notes that "correctness of uniform, cleanliness of person, tidiness and smartness" are key. I am pleased to say that the Cubs representing PG at the Remembrance Sunday Service on 13th November certainly ticked those boxes, as we had an excellent turn out with behaviour that was a credit to themselves, their parents and the Group. Well done to all

"At Cubs on Wednesday 9th November we started work on our swimming badges by watching a lifeguard video. We learnt the water safety code and about flags on the beach. After the video we played ball games like rolling balls and throwing them through chairs. It was a really fun evening and we learnt a lot." By *Ben Almond*.

Mysa (David Barnes)



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SCOUT NEWS



Christmas Fair - The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for items to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout 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.

Christingle Service

Scouts and Young Leaders, don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 11th December at Stubbings Church. We hope that all Scouts and their families will be able to attend. There will be a cup of tea, after the service in the Church hall

New Scouts

We would like to welcome the, *Olly Isted*, *Jake Milston*, *Harry Climpson* and *Alex Norris* who have made their Scout promises and been invested as members of PG Scout Troop.

Troop Party

We are holding a New Year Party Between Christmas and New year on Friday 30th December 6.50pm – 9.15pm After having a very successful Party last year, we are going to hold another one. Each Scout is required to bring some food - *contact your PL for details.*



New Years Morning Walk

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Sunday 1st January 2012 – 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend.

Swimming Gala

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 14th January 2012, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**



District Chef Cooking Competition

Congratulations goes to PG team *Leo Giles, Matthew Dixon and Tim Fyffe* for coming second in the District Chef Cooking Competition. They had to produce a three course meal for four people within a budget of £14-£15. Culinary experts Edwige Brown judged the competition. Each team had to eat the meal they cooked, plus have a Guest from the scout Active Support, Dave Chesterman (fourth person) to eat the meal with them. Special Thanks goes to their parents for all their help and support

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you goes to all the Scouts / leaders who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church. Special thanks you goes to Oliver Griffin for carrying the Scout flag.

District Night Hike

PG joined over 100 Scouts from all the Troops in Maidenhead to walk around a circular course around Burchett Green, Littlewick Green, Knowl Hill, area. We entered two teams. They left the PG base at 10.00pm and had some challenging walking and some of the bases we complicated to complete after a day at School, some Scouts were asleep while they were walking in the early hours of the morning. As we go to press we have not received the results. We would like to thank *Edmund Otun, Ian Marshall, Andy Montgomery & Ken Knight* for walking with the Scouts, plus Jon Corbitt, and Cub leaders, for manning the PG Base, and supplying hot refreshments.



Simon Wheeler

***WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S
& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM***



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