



GROUP NEWS

Group Camp

July 2011

Reminder - We are holding our family camp over the weekend 1st – 3rd July 2011 at Stubbings

If you are not camping for the weekend, you are welcome to pop in during the weekend

There will be a range of activities and events, including archery, shooting, astronomy club, plaster cast, hat making, pioneering, team games and challenges as well as a Hogg roast on Saturday evening fun day on the Green opposite the Scout Hall

For more information contact our GSL Erica Hunter 623154

Are AGM will be On Saturday 2nd July 7pm at our Group Camp



Thank You for your help at our Fair

Everyone will have their own memory of this year's Summer Fair. The marquee teams will remember working hard on Saturday and then having loads of soaking canvas to haul back to the Scout Hut on Sunday. Then being called back by Erica at intervals on Monday to dry everything out. The sleepover team of Keith and Harry Wheeler, the Neaves, Noyce and Windsor families and Rob Stroud will remember games of football and a cosy night. Those at the fair on Sunday did a great job throughout the rain, the children's games and tea tent doing particularly well as they were undercover. Moments before the Dog Show, when it almost cleared up, a look around the field showed lots of visitors had braved the elements and turned out to support us. Our judge and commentator seemed hardly to notice the increasing drizzle as they studied the dogs on show. The dog owners will not forget standing in the ring getting wetter and wetter, however we are very grateful to all those who entered and watched, as again there was a stunning range of lovely dogs to admire I would like to thank everyone for their help this year. Despite the weather I think we created an enjoyable local event. A

few special thanks go to Joanna Forman for organising the raffle and Silent Auction, both big fund raisers; Erica for logistics, Liz Hughes for collecting and selling books, Laura and Frank Williams for picking strawberries, Phil Bristow for lending awnings and power and Maureen Hoggarth for running the Dog Show. Also thanks to leaders, Simon, Sheila, Catherine, Teresa, Bob and David.

Extra special thanks go to Andy and Denise for the Dog Show judging , they both support Gray Matter, elderly dogs for rehoming whose website is www.gray-matter.org.uk and tel 01628 524610 so if you or anyone you know might be interested in taking on one of their dogs please have a look at the web-site or contact them direct.

Thank you from Jane Courtier.

OLD Mobile Phones

Do you have an old Mobile phone you no longer require?

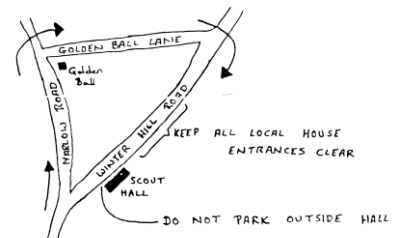
The Scouts are looking for Old phones. They will put a pay as you go SIM card in it and the scouts can then use them on hikes etc. If they get damaged, lost or dropped in a river, we don't have to worry.

Please let Simon have your old phone. Email: simon@pgtips.org.uk , call Mhd 771991 or send them to the hall, with charger if possible

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.



These instructions are to ensure your child's safety whilst they are visiting our Hall



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BEAVER NEWS

We continued along the survival theme for the first week back after half term, where the beavers made their own shelters out of plastic sheets and string and some sturdy trees! They then camouflaged their shelters, which looked really good! Although I think it was agreed by all that a tent would be preferable should it be cold or pouring with rain!

We then had a football tournament at the football pitches in Oaken Grove, the tournament was won by Green lodge so congratulations to them!

This half term we've said Goodbye to our four oldest beavers; *Luke Kersey, Ben Almond, Alex Ratcliffe* and *Pat Russel* who have moved up to Cubs, we hope they enjoy cubs very much and look forward to seeing them at the group events!

We also welcomed six new beavers and their families to PG Beavers this term, so a warm welcome to *Miles Almond, William Bennett, Finn Treacy, Sean Montgomery, Alfie Windsor* and *Callum Bleazard!*



A massive thank you to all the beaver parents and families who helped at the games stalls at the summer fair on what has been confirmed as the wettest fair in living memory!! We really appreciate your perseverance and help on such a miserable day and hope that you enjoyed yourselves despite the rain! Also a big thank you to those who braved the weather to attend!

Coming up we've got family camp (lets pray for better weather than the fair!), a walk to Stubbings, cooking in the woods, tent pitching and our annual campfire on the 18th July to which all parents, grandparents and siblings are invited to attend to join in the campfire singing!

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

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CUB NEWS

This month the Cubs have been making the most of the summer weather and have spent most of their time outdoors. Even when the weather has let us down in spectacular style the Cubs have risen to the challenge, with lots of familiar faces seen at possibly the wettest Summer Fair ever! Special mention must go to the mud-covered Cubs who were involved in running 'Beat the Goalie'! Thanks to everyone who supported the Fair... Cubs, Parents, Helpers and Leaders alike. Our summer badge bases have been the focus this month, with fire-lighting, navigation, the environment, nature, trails and Cub basics on the agenda. Hopefully all skills that can be put in to practice at Family Camp and September's Cub Camp! The Cubs have also helped the National Trust this month by clearing approximately 20 bags of litter and rubbish from the woods outside the Scout Hall. On 12th June the Cubs continued working towards various badges...



"First we did the grand howl, then we did inspection and it was a good day for us because white six got top marks! After that we did some general knowledge and learnt about the environment, mainly about global warming and how it affects nature. I learnt that if global warming continues the polar ice caps will melt and cause massive floods throughout the world. After playing a few games we then did a final grand howl and folded the flag. Can't wait for the family camp and a yummy Hog roast, fingers crossed for fine weather! *Joseph Ruffell* reporting."

"First, we had the register, then we played a game with Niven called "I Went to the Shops". The instructions were pretty easy. You had to name something then the next person had to say what you said and then something else. For example, I say "I went to the shops and bought a Chelsea kit." Then the next person says "I went to the shops and bought a Chelsea kit and some footballs." Harvey started with a football, then Jake said "some football goals." Then it was my go and I said "a Chelsea kit." The game went on for a while, then we got into our

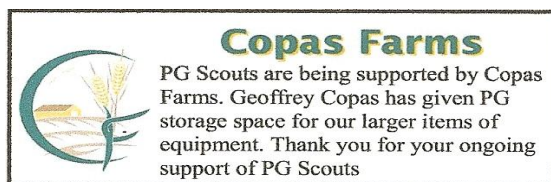
groups. I was doing map signs and a few minutes later using compasses. We had to run to the tree in the direction of the arrow on the compass. Then we went back inside because it was home time." By *Nicholas Conacher*.

"On Wednesday 13th April PG Cubs pack went to watch a brilliant Gang Show in High Wycombe. When everyone had arrived we took our seats and waited for a couple of very exciting minutes. Then it was time for the great Gang Show to start. It went on for around two and a half hours and had great singers and very funny jokes. A member of PG was in this great show Bagheera! We all had a fabulous time and a very late night! What fun!!!" By *Ollie Isted*.

Finally, a big 'Get Well Soon' from everyone at Cubs to Tarka (Barry) as he recovers from his knee operation. We know he'll be very disappointed not to be around to run the fire-lighting base this year.

Were you searching for the book "*Toddler Taming*" by Dr. Christopher Green at the PG Summer Fair? If so, the lady (*Liz Hughes*) running the book stall has located it for you and can be contacted on 01628 631987

Until next month,
Mysa (David Barnes)



SCOUT NEWS

2011 Summer Camp - Monmouth



This is the most important activity of the scouting year and puts his training into practice. We have booked various activities for the Scouts attending, Gorge Walking, Climbing, Hill Walking and possibly Pony trekking

We are taking approx. 50 Scouts & leaders from 22nd July to 5th August 2011

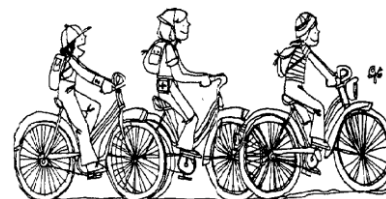
Can Parents please return permission to camp / medical form to Simon by **14th July** – so he can get it photo copied

We are still looking with help driving the lorry and vans to / from Brecon.

Cycling

Can all Parents, 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.



Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers on Monday 5th July. We will be getting Beavers to pitch patrol tents. We are looking for Scouts to help run the evening. Young Leader Nic Jones, is co-ordinating the Scouts, if you are able to help, please let Nic know Don't leave it to others – We need your help - SCOUTS

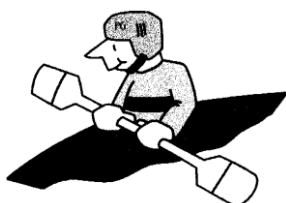
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some special trips and activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.10pm -. Uniform is not to be worn, Activity Dress is (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) Don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet.

Please check your **Thursday** emails each week to see if there are any special instructions.

Water Activities at Longridge

Jonathan Sneller, Patrick Ashe, William Brennan, Tom Climpson, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Oliver Durell, Hal Forman, Oliver Griffin, Laurence Jones, Oliver Jones, Peter Marshall, Jonathan Otun, Jamie Sellers, Tom Sellers, William Boothman, Aaron Burton, Jordan Flynn, Max Forman, Kieran Patel and Myles Rankin plus leaders: John Boothman, Rob Ayre, Alex & Nic Jones & Simon took part in the District Water activities at Longridge, joining Scouts / leaders from all over Maidenhead. The Scouts took part in nine different activities including Kayaking, Canoeing, Climbing, Gig pulling, raft building & dragon boating



Thank you goes to all the leaders & helpers who gave up their time to help run the weekend.

Troop Meetings – Uniform

Can we remind all Scouts & Parents, that we are a member of a Uniform Organisation? **We expect all Scouts** to wear Full Scout Uniform to Troop Meetings. Scout Uniform consists of Green Scout Shirt, Blue Scout Cargo Trousers or Blue Scout Association Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf. Also to bring a pair **the Scout Association Blue Shorts**, plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. PG Tee Shirts and Scarves are purchased from Raksha (76, Pinkneys Road)



Those Scouts going on Summer Camp will need two Yellow tee Shirts

Summer Fair

Thank you goes to all the Scouts and parents who supplied items for the Tombola; we nearly had 400 items, and took over £310 on the Tombola.

Also thanks goes to all the Scouts who helped set the fair up, helped on the day either on the tombola or the other side shows and those helped packed up, especially as we had such awful weather

Simon Wheeler

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We are looking for Free, the Following items:

A4 plain or Coloured paper	Empty Ice Cream Containers
HP4 laser printer toner	Used postage Stamps
Ref: 92298A	
Large Elastic Bands (Like postman use)	Pens / Pencils

PG Web Site <http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/>

World Jamboree – Sweden 2011



James Ashe and Daniel Mills are representing PG, as part of the Berkshire Unit, for the World Jamboree to Sweden, in July. Berkshire is sending a unit of 36 Scouts, from the 12 Districts in Berkshire. We hope they will enjoy their experience of a lifetime, and are looking forward to hearing all about it on their return

Thank you goes to everyone who helped raise the money towards their trip. The cost per Scout is £2,100.

Can You Help Us - We are STILL 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.

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