



SUMMER FAIR

**Sunday 12th June 2011
12noon onwards**

**ON THE GREEN
OPPOSITE WAGGON & HORSES**

Don't miss the fun!



We hope you will be able to join us at our Summer Fair

We will be having:

Side Shows, Beer & Pimms Tent, Tombola, BBQ,
Plant Stall, Bric a brac, Teas & cake tent

Fun Dog Show at 3.00pm

Plus many more attractions

Summer Fair

We will be asking for specific help soon although any offers in advance would be very welcome.

Couple of things to think about:

1. **Raffle Tickets** – all members (youngsters & leaders) should have received a book of tickets to sell – Please ask for more books we need your families help selling them this year **If you require some more** contact your sons leader, we have some at the hall or contact *Joanna Forman* Mhd 789429
2. **Help packing up** at end fair – **4.30pm onwards**, plus transport equipment back to the hall.

We need your help!

- Turn out unwanted gifts or anything unused, such as bottles, tins, jars, packets of food, toiletries, sweets or chocolates, stationery and new toys or books **Items for the Tombola**
- Tell your friends, don't forget to come and enjoy yourself and spend lots of money!
- Please pencil in at least one hour to help on a stall from 12 noon or setting up and clearing up afterwards – the more volunteers we have the less everyone has to do
- Transport Equipment from the Scout Hall to Green from 10.30am on Saturday 11th June
- **VERY VERY SHORT OF HELP** Transport Equipment from Green back to Scout Hall 4.30pm onwards Sunday 12th June
- Next time you're baking, make an extra cake or pie and keep it in the freezer until the fair, that would be a great help
- Save any spare plants for the Garden & Plant Stall
- We are short of **books** and good quality bric a brac
- Please display a poster for the Fair, where it can be seen from the road or in a local shop, school, pub etc.

We need YOUR HELP at the Summer Fair. Please contact our Summer Fair organiser,

Jane Courtier on 01628 628372 or e-mail SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk with offers of help.



Jumble Sale

Our recent Jumble sales have proved very fruitful raising over **£950**, which goes towards the running of our Scout Hall.

We would like to thank our Jumble Sale organisers *Arti Mehta, Natalie Cassels, Darran Cottington, Pauline Patel, Cathy Climpson, Vanessa Deans* for co-ordinating them and all the parents and friends, for collecting, sorting and selling at both of the sales. It was good to see lots of new faces. We have also collected various items for the summer fair.

Two more sales September, 17th & October 1st, make a note of the date.

We have nowhere to store Jumble, if you have any, please keep it till Friday 16th September

Repair Damaged Equipment

Due to Gale Force Winds, we had quite a bit of our camping equipment damaged at Scout Camp.

We are looking for help with repairing the following equipment:

- Dinning shelter Ridge pole 2 x 6ft poles (one ridge pole) wood broke at joint
- 2 Dinning Shelter upright poles – Metal spike needs replacing
- 9 Metal Angle joints (steel) welds broken / bent, need welding
- 3 heavy duty frame tent metal poles need straightening

Also need: 3 tent mallets to have new handles, 2 wooden benches to have new legs

If you can help with any of the above please contact Simon simon@pgscouts.org.uk

Haulage Firm

We need to transport approx two 7.5 ton lorries worth of camping equipment from Pinkneys Green to Brecon and back again. If we hire two 7.5 ton lorries for two trips, the estimated cost is nearly £2,000.

If anyone knows of a local haulage firm who might be able to give us a quote, please let Simon know. If your firm would like to sponsor us with the transportation of equipment, it would be a great help.

PG Scouts 2011 Pantomime – Dick Whittington - DVD

Thanks to Scout Dad Peter Hutchins, who has produced a DVD of this year's pantomime, copies are available at £5 each, cheques payable to *Pinkneys Green Scouts* Orders via your child's leaders.

Hog Roast

The family camp Hog Roast on Saturday 2nd July is open to all family and friends whether you are camping or just visiting for the evening. The Hog roast will start at 6.30pm. Food will include meat, various salads, puddings and a glass of wine or beer and soft drinks for children. Tickets prices Adult £6.50 Child £4.50. *Order to be received by Saturday 26th June 2011.*

More details and order Form: www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/GC2011_Hog_Roast.pdf

PG Yellow Tee Shirts

Raksha has the yellow PG Activity shirts for sale. These are worn by Beavers, Cubs & Scouts as part of their activity gear (When they take their uniform shirts off) Scouts **all** need them as part of their activity gear. The price cost £6 each. They are available from Raksha.



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online. **PG 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, Marks & Spencer, Cotton Traders 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 **buy. at, but we gain!!.**

Please put www.buy.at/pgscouts in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online. **Just try it and see how easy it is.**

Every quarter we get a commission cheque dependant on the amount YOU spend. This is a very easy effort less way to raise money for the group. **We have raised over £1,200 thanks to PG Online Shoppers.**

So WWW.buy.at/pgscouts "The web shop facility is such a simple but effective idea. We receive a commission on each purchase you make. Donating to PG Scouts couldn't be easier!"

A big **THANK YOU** goes to everyone who has supported us **So WWW.buy.at/pgscouts**

BEAVER NEWS

We've had a busy few weeks at Beavers and although its been a short half term for us with all the bank holiday Mondays, we've packed a lot in! We started the term off with some dragon racing, where the Beavers dressed up as Chinese dragons in their lodges and raced each other, trying desperately to all stay together while running!



The next week we had a nature trail in the woods where we tried to find all types of plant and animal that might live in our local woodland, followed by some games with the parachute which went down a storm!

Following that, last week we taught the beavers how to survive in the woods by making their own fire, first, collecting the wood, then building the fire and lighting it, whilst talking about fire safety in the woods! The beavers loved it and a lot of them left with very grubby faces from the effort of it all

Coming up in the next half term we will have plenty more wood based activities including cooking in the woods, and our annual campfire as well as a sports day and a football tournament! Lots to look forward to!

The beaver section is looking for volunteers to run some games at the summer fair, if you can spare an hour or two to help out please let Hathi know.

Hathi (*Catherine Weeks*)

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CUB NEWS

This month the Cubs have been busy working towards a number of badges including the Scientist, Home Help, Astronomy and Book Reader badges. As a result, lots of worms have been examined, buttons sewn on, stars observed and pages turned! In addition, they helped rally support for the PG jumble sales by undertaking a leaflet drop to the local area, went to see *Bagherea* strutting his stuff in Wycombe Gang Show and had a day out at Thorpe Park. May also saw a slightly later than usual St Georges Day parade – see below for a report on the day.

We are pleased to welcome 4 new Beavers who are working with Raksha on their Moving On award – *Ben Almond, Alex Ratcliffe, Pat Russell* and *Luke Kersey*. *Raksha* will also be working with new Cub, *Tom Stevenson* - an extra special welcome to PG to Tom and his family. However, we say good-bye to *James Ashe* (Young Leader) who leaves Cubs to focus on his studies – thanks for all your help and running so many high energy games!

On Saturday 2nd April PG Cubs played in a football competition - there was an A and a B team. After a few matches the A team had got through to the semi final thanks to goals scored by Lucas, but unfortunately the B team missed out by 1 goal. The A team beat Cookham A team 1-0 with a penalty scored by Max Stone. Then in the final Harvey Neeves scored the winning goal against Cookham B team. We won the cup. Thanks to Robin, Mr Allcock for the training sessions. Finally thanks to all the parents and supporters for their support on the day. By *Harvey Neeves*

First we went outside and played Bulldog as it was a lovely evening. Bulldog is a game where one person is in the middle of the field. When that person touches another person running across the field the person touched becomes a bulldog too. The last person not touched and still running is the winner. Then we went inside and did our astronomy badge. We talked about the moon and how it goes round the world and why the moon has a dark side. My favourite part of the meeting was bulldog because it was exciting. By *Oliver Seymour*



On Saturday 7th May we went for a walk to remember St George's Day. There were Cubs, Beavers, Scouts and Brownies, from the whole district of Maidenhead taking part. We all met in Maidenhead by the Post office, and then walked in pairs to Bray Nature Reserve. The walk took about 25 minutes. When we got there we all split up into different groups, I was in the Cub group with Cubs from other packs. We played lots of fun games like space hopper races, and three-legged races and there were points given to the winners of each of the races. My favourite game was the three-legged race which I did with Alex. We very nearly fell over, and didn't do very well in that race! Unfortunately, the PG pack didn't get enough points to win overall. After

about 50 minutes of playing games, we all got into a big circle and all the Scouts, all the Cubs, all the Brownies and all the Beavers said their promises in turn. After we did that we had a two minute silence. When the silence was over there was a collection for the charity, Project Africa. We then left the field and walked back to the starting place. We all got back for about ten past four. By *Frank Williams*

Cubs - please keep sending in your pack evening reports when asked to. You will earn points for your Six if the reports are good! You don't have to wait to be asked - tell *Mysa* if you have written a report you want to submit.

Mysa (*David Barnes ACSL*)

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PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space for our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts

SCOUT NEWS

PHOTOCOPYING:

We are producing a booklet for summer camp and are looking for help with photocopying it – It is approx 60 pages long and we are looking for 65 copies. **If you can help do some copies** (even the odd 50 sheets), please contact Simon ASAP

Scouts District Orienteering Event

This year the District is holding a walking Orienteering event, in

Any Scout who wishes to take part should let Simon know Date: Friday 10th June 2011

This is a good opportunity to practice your map reading and compass skills

Summer Fair – Scouts TOMBOLA

The Scouts and Young Leaders are running the Tombola again this year; we are looking for the following:

- ❖ Each Scout & YL to provide 6 – 8 items, suitable for the Tombola
- ❖ Help setting up the Tombola on Sunday morning, 12th June
- ❖ Help running the Tombola from 12noon on Sunday 12th June
If each Scout does one hour shift, we should have enough help

Please let Simon know what you can help with



TROOP WEEKEND CAMP

This year the troop spent a weekend camping at Lee Farm. Special thanks go to *Matt* for allowing us to camp. Most of the Troop attended the weekend camp. The Scouts did very well on the Friday setting up they did a very good job. The Scouts camped in Patrols and cooked all their meal on wood fires. The leaders eat with the Scouts in their Patrols. The Scouts learnt various skills On Saturday afternoon we held a cooking competition, which was judged by *David Barnes* Special thanks goes to him for judging the competition, which took over four hours and sampling a three course meal at each patrol. Congratulations go to Cobras PL *Aidan Milston* for winning the cooking competition. Results were 1st. Cobras = 425, 2nd. Panthers = 424, 3rd. Falcons = 422, 4th. Swifts = 42, 5th. Eagles = 407, 6th. Lions = 306. High points and low points for each were: **Cobras** - All round good performance and no major slip ups, with desert particularly well presented. Starter (crunchy veg) was a little simple to prepare compared to other patrols efforts though. **Panthers** - Good balanced menu and best presentation (tablecloth etc). Strong teamwork observed throughout all stages of competition. Remember what time you are serving at - the starter was ready on the table over an hour before the due time! **Falcons** - good teamwork got washing up completed fast. Tasty starter (soup) and good service. Remember hygiene - drinking from hand observed and raw chicken left out on table for a while. **Swifts** - Best overall prepared food with clever use of Rolos in banana split sauce. However, there was no enthusiasm or teamwork in the washing up process. **Eagles** - Best single course of the competition was the sausage, mash and peas - sausages were well cooked and mash was smooth. Washing up showed good teamwork, but shame that hot water had to come from Mess tent which meant easy marks were lost. Remember to provide proper receipts (not just a handwritten list of costs) to get easy points. **Lions** - Good risotto prepared and knowledge of cooking process demonstrated. However, overall attitude to competition and focus on achieving the task in hand left a bit to be desired. Missing receipts lost easy points.



Sunday we had **Gale Force Winds**, the Village Hall (Large green frame tent took off and flew over the tall Mess Tent, which then also tried to take off. There was a lot of damage, including all the washing up from lunch. We also had some dining shelter poles damaged. (Looking for help repairing them !!)

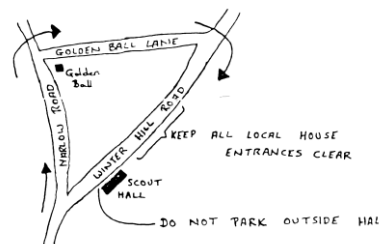
Special Thank you goes to *Andrew Rankin, Edmund Otun* and *Robert Stroud* for transporting the equipment and *Derek Noden* and *Graham Stroud* for supplying vehicles. Special Thanks go to the all the parents who loaded their car with the black sacks of rubbish. Finally thank you goes to leaders: **BoB Weingath, Rob Stroud, Matthew Milston, Edmund Otun & Jon Corbitt** for camping for the whole weekend, plus **David Barnes & Andy Montgomery** for helping and camping for one night, we could not have managed without their help.

Simon Wheeler

WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

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, **DON'T PARK** or **PICK UP** where the **WHITE LINES** are outside 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