



GROUP NEWS

November 2011

CHRISTMAS TREES 2011

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for help from all Parents, Friends and members of PG with our annual Christmas Fair, which is one of our *major Fundraising events of the year*. We cannot run the fair without the Support of Beaver, Cub and Scout Parents

Date: **Sunday 4th December 2011**, 2pm at the Scout Hall

We are looking for items for the Cubs Bathroom Stall, the Scouts Tombola Stall and the Cake stall. Please send any items you can spare along to your sons meeting.

We are planning the usual Stalls but would like to hear from anyone with new ideas or suggestions. Perhaps you have a Christmas speciality, a craft, a game or some festive refreshments that would help in our fund raising that goes towards Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and towards Group Funds.

Contact **Jane Courtier Mhd 628372** with your ideas.

We hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents will support this event and come along on the day and get their friend to support our Christmas Fair as well.



Littlewick Green Beavers

I would like to announce the arrival of a New Beaver Colony at Pinkneys Green Scout Group based at Littlewick Green. The Beaver Colony known as PG Littlewick Beavers had their first meeting on Monday 3rd October this is a very special occasion for several reasons. We have expanded this now enables children in the villages on the west of Maidenhead the chance to enjoy scouting locally and not having to travel into Maidenhead. We have girls at the new colony.



The Littlewick Beavers have 2 new warranted leaders *Nathalie Watson* (Hawkeye) and *Valerie Kendall* (Tic Tac) and I know you will all give them a warm welcome to the PG leadership team, neither have had any scouting experience until now, they volunteered at the taster session we held in July, they are learning fast and doing a very good job, they are being supported by our other Beaver Leaders.

At the first meeting there were 10 children, 7 boys and 3 girls, the following week they all returned and were joined by one more girl and boy making a total of 12. There will be a limit of 12 at the present time until the leaders have established, we are hoping to have another leader at the end of November and will also get a parent rota operating in order for us to make more places available.

The Leaders and the Beavers will be invested altogether on 7th November.

I would like to welcome the leaders and beavers to PG
Erica Hunter
GSL

Remembrance Sunday Service

Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Service at our parish church **St James Less** at Stubbings. We hope that, as many members of PG and their families will be able to attend this service. The service will be prepared so that all ages can participate and remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 13th November 2011 – 10.35am**

Members don't forget to wear, **Full** Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform





JOTI / JOTA

If you had passed the Scout hall the third weekend in October you would have seen a large aerial on the Green. PG took part in **JOTA – Jamboree on the Air**, where they talked to Scouts all round the world. Special thanks go to Pete Roberts and Bill Somerville for supply the equipment and organising the event, also to the Maidenhead and Burnham Beeches amateur radio club members who helped man the station. We have been taking part JOTA since 1990. We our normal call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank Phill Bristow for supplying and putting up the mast. Also to Raksha, Hathi, Hawkeye Akela & Baloo for helping with the Scouts & Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Over weekend 45 badges were gained.

We also took part in **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet**, it was the eleventh year that we had taken part in this event. Thanks goes to those who supplied the equipment, to *Alex Robins* and *Michael Crown* who came back from University and help with the event over the weekend.. We had up to thirty computers networked. Over 100 people visited us

over the weekend. We made contact with over seventeen countries, including all over Europe, America and Australia

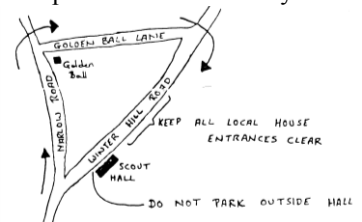
Over twenty Scouts and *Simon* manned the computer throughout Saturday night. There were a lot of very tired Scouts on Sunday.

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 Please Don't park in the drive way of Christmas Cottage

**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.



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Type Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is Aladdin 23rd-24th March 2012. We are looking for someone to type the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are still looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from February 2012. 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-two parents who have offered their services for this term.

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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We have 10+ RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables that reuire to have the plugs on the end replaced If you have the expertise to do this, it would be a great help, we do have a crimping tool

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BEAVER NEWS

The Beaver colony has continued with its theme of 'music and drama' this term. We've went to play games in the woods, to take advantage of the good weather we've been having this month. We also made marshmallow towers using jam as our building paste! We tried to build the tallest tower; the team that won were very resourceful as they used coat hangers to give their tower more stability! Excellent thinking outside the box I thought! The beavers loved this activity as it meant that we could eat the towers at the end which is always a plus!

We also had a drama session, many thanks to Rosie Sansom for coming to run some excellent games with the beavers including the new favourite 'Zombie' game! We also made some puppets out of card and performed a puppet show behind a screen to the theme of a football match!

The beaver section enjoyed the Scout run JOTI/JOTA event where the beavers could talk to beavers, cubs and scouts from all over the world on the radio and on the internet. This went towards their 'Global Communication' badge.

After the half term break, we have our scout run fancy dress Halloween party, followed by our fireworks night! We will also be entering the District Craft Competition, with a group entry and individual entries from our colony.


Please can we remind parents as the evenings get darker that the beavers need to be accompanied into the hall as our scout hall is on a very busy road, parents please come in to the Scout hall at 7.10pm to collect your child.

All Beavers are expected to wear correct beaver Scout Uniform to all meetings, which includes Scout Association blue shorts of trousers

We need parents 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 fought**

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)





Copas Farms
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

Maidenhead Scout Shop
Thursday Evenings during term time
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)
www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/

CUB NEWS

This term has continued to be action packed with the Cubs exploring their local area and answering a series of questions along their way. This was followed up with a highly energetic games evening where teamwork was the order of the day. We have also held an evening based around safety in the home and invested the new seven, Oliver Cadinouche, Dillon Flew, Patrick Flood, Alfie Misfud, Max Noyce, Ethan Tracey and Daniel Wallace who recently moved up from Beavers. However, new arrivals meant it was time to say goodbye to Frank Williams, George Knott, Zac Gordon-Smith and Ben Ratcliffe who all moved up to Scouts - we wish them all the best as they continue their Scouting journey.



It was good to see so many Cubs turn out for Jamboree on the Air/Internet on 15th & 16th October. With the aid of the radio experts and a vast array of computers we worked on the Communicators badge which involved talking to other Scouts from around the world, practising morse code, sending emails and learning about communicating with emergency services. The Cubs continue to communicate their experiences via their PG Tips reports...

"On the 14th September we went outside to play cricket. We were put into teams - my team was called the Pink Limos. First we played Team Bob... we won! Before we played the Terminators I found a four leaf clover. We then won against the Terminators. Next we went into the Scout Hut to finish Cubs." *By Daniel Juden.*

"On Wednesday 21st September we played a game similar to board game Cluedo. We had to find out who did the murder, with what weapon & where. It was a lot of fun. The activity for the evening was conkers. The conkers we brought from home, had holes drilled in them & strings put through. I drew my game because my conker was so strong. During the evening we learnt how to question people in playing Cluedo and accuracy when swinging the conkers. The best part of the meeting was playing conkers and trying to hit them." *By Alexander Norris.*

Until next month,
Mysa (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS

Older Scouts Weekend

Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 25th- 26th November. Can you please reply even if you are unable to attend? Full details available from Simon

Christmas Fair

The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every Scout & Young Leader 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.



New Scouts

We would like to welcome four new Scouts, Frank Williams, George Knott, Barnaby Zac Gordon-Smith and Ben Ratcliffe who have made their Scout promises and been invested as members of PG Scout Troop.

Moving Up

We would like to welcome the next group of Cubs, Olly Isted, Jake Milston, Harry Climpson and Alex Norris who will be starting their Moving up Award **Badge** with the Troop, this month

District Night Hike

We will require help from Parents to walk with the PG teams – The Incident Hike is on Friday 18th November - 8.45pm to the early hours of Saturday morning. Scouts can take part even if their parents are unable to attend (only if we have enough parents to walk with each group), cost £2 per person. We hope that, as many Scouts and **Parents** will be able to take part. For more details contact Simon by 9th November. Scouts without parents taking part will be dropped off at home, at the end of the event. We are Short of Older Scouts due to a School Trip, **we hope those not away will make the effort and take part.**

Parents we need your help We are looking for at least 2 / 3 parents to walk with each group of Scouts – If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon Mhd 623910 or email him.

Make a Note of This Date! – 18th November



Mystery Trip

Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 3rd December. The PLs need to decide what we the Scouts will be doing. Can all Scouts please let BoB have their ideas.



JOTI / JOTA

We had a very good turn out this year with over forty Scouts taking part sometime over the weekend including quite a few who stayed through the night. Congratulations go to all the twelve Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. Special thanks go to young leaders for helping *Simon* make everything flow smoothly and sorting out who used which computer though out the night.

District PLs Training Course

George Jefferson, Oliver Griffin, Matthew Dixon and James Kersey attend this course at Cookham Scout Hall. We are looking forward to them putting into practice what they have learnt, in their roles as APLs and PLs.

District Cycle Orienteering Competition –

Was held on Sunday 9th October, 10am-1pm Littlewick Green – Knowl Hill area. Well done to the PG Scouts who took part. Special Thank you goes to Dads, for Cycling with the Scouts. Please return Yellow Jackets and Compasses to Simon.

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
- Dehumidifier – do you have one you no longer require – Makes drying wet canvas in the Scout Hall a lot simpler
- **STORAGE AREA** – Store Summer Fair games and equipment, Group Camp & Pantomime bits etc

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



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Pinkneys Green Scout Group



Christmas Trees 2011

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Once again Pinkneys Green Scout Group is offering Christmas Trees to be delivered direct to your door. This is a fund raising project for the Group, run by volunteers and all profits made go directly to the Scout Group. This project has been run for over 10 years now and we have a growing, satisfied customer base. The trees are supplied by our local grower and cut only a few days before delivery. We deliver in the Maidenhead/Cookham/Marlow/Bourne End/Littlewick Green/Hurley areas.

This year we are offering three tree types: Spruce, Nordman (non-drop, wide-based) and Fraser (non-drop, narrow-based). Deliveries will be during **Saturday 10th December**. If you require any other size, please telephone and I will contact our supplier for availability.

We also offer a recycling service, where, for a small charge (£2.50), we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. If you did not buy the tree from PG the charge will be £5.00 for Recycling. We will collect the trees for recycling during **Saturday 7th January 2012**. Please leave it visible in your front garden.

If you would like to place an order, please complete and return the form below to **Ken Knight, 3 Birdwood Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 5AP** along with your payment (cheques made payable to **PINKNEYS GREEN SCOUT GROUP**) before **Sunday 4th December** or take your order along to the Pinkneys Green Scout Group Christmas Fair on Sunday 4th December, by 3pm. (Cheques will be banked in the New Year). **NO orders can be accepted after 5pm on Sunday 4th December 2011.**

I look forward to receiving your order and may I be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Ken Knight
PG Scout Group (Tel: 01628 628188)



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Have you made a note of the dates?! Happy Christmas!