



GROUP NEWS

Jumble Sale

We need some kind helpers to assist with the forthcoming Jumble Sale at the Scout Hall. We are looking for drivers to help collecting Jumble on Friday 16th September 6.30pm at the Scout Hall, A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the morning of Saturday 17th September 10am-12noon selling the Jumble, clearing up afterwards and to take the remainder of the Jumble to the Tip ! If you can help at all, even if it is only for an hour, then please email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk

We really need your support.

September 2011



JUMBLE SALES: Saturday 17th September & 1st October

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World Jamboree - Sweden

We headed to Heathrow airport at 2am Sunday morning on the 26th July, but then discovered we were not supposed to arrive till 5am, our flight wasn't till 6:30. We were picked up by coaches at Copenhagen airport to take us to the beach, we went in kayaks and canoes and went on the beach. We headed to our hostel and had a party before bed. We saw the statue of the little mermaid in Copenhagen, after which we went on power boats then headed to Tivoli Gardens, which is a theme park. Our last day in Copenhagen was the concert/party with the rest of the contingent. We saw Kings of Leon, Alpha Beat and KMK. We left at 6am for the Jamboree site in Sweden by coach.

When we reached the Jamboree Site we had to set up our dining shelter and tents straight away. On the Jamboree site we took part in a variety of activities; we went on an assault course, swam in a lake, met people from Mexico, Ireland, USA, Australia and Bhutan and did some axe throwing. We took part in an activity called camp in camp; we left the Jamboree site and took a coach to a smaller camp site. We stayed with a Norwegian scout troop, we helped them make some Norwegian camp food and helped them make a bivouac for the younger scouts to sleep in. We saw Bear Grills at the opening ceremony. We had a day of culture, for which our unit served brown Windsor soup and we maid thrones and costumes for people to where and sit in.

We left the Jamboree in the pouring rain followed by a six hour coach journey to our ferry to Finland. We took an overnight ferry to Finland. We were split up into groups of four and I was staying with a Finnish scout leader called Bono. We went skiing and played baseball. We met up with the rest of the unit to do some orienteering. We left for England at about 1 pm and arrived home at the pickup point at 8:30 in the evening on August 11th.

Daniel Mills

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BEAVER NEWS



I hope that everyone has enjoyed a lovely summer and are well rested and ready to start another year's worth of fun at beavers! We hope that the beavers that attended cub camp for the day this year had a good time and enjoyed having a taste of things to come in cubs! We have a lot to look forward to this term at beavers, with harvest festival, our remembrance service, our Halloween and Christmas parties along with lots of exciting and new activities for the beavers to try!

Please remember that beavers should be dropped off and picked up from inside the hall and that full uniform including navy trousers or sorts should be worn. Thanks. Our first meeting of the Autumn term will be 6pm prompt on Monday 12th September

Hathi (Catherine Weeks).

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CUB NEWS

Hopefully everyone has had a great summer and is ready to go for the new term!

It was great to see so many Cubs and families at the Family Camp in July (it seems so long ago now!). The Cubs were completely exhausted after a weekend packed with activities and games ranging from archery to hat-making and astronomy to land surveying. Topping it all off was a first class Hog Roast on Saturday evening.

We finished off last term's Cub programme with a construction project (highest tower with two newspapers and 10 pieces of sticky tape), a wide game and shelter building in the woods. We are now looking forward to Cub Camp which promises to be another weekend full of fun and adventure - all on a theme of 'Chocolate'.

This term also has a great deal going on, including more badge work, swimming sessions and seasonal activities around Bonfire night and Christmas... but more about that from Akela closer to the time! We are also going to continue asking the Cubs to write about their meetings here in PG Tips - let Mysa or Akela know if you would like to write a report. Until next time,

Mysa (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS

Summer Holidays - The Scouts continued to meet during the Summer Holidays, special thanks goes to Bob and the other leaders and helpers for running these troop meetings.

Friday 16th September - Special Troop Meeting, check your email, Thursday before, for instructions of where to meet.

	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

PL Training Course – Saturday 8th October reminder to those APL's & Older Scouts who have not already attended, a District PL Training course. The Troop will pay the course fee. Places limited. The course is being held at Cookham Scout Hall. Contact Simon ASAP for more info.



Cycle Orienteering Event – Sunday 9th October, 10am ? This year's event will be off road, any Scout who has a roadworthy bike, cycle helmet can take part. **HELP** due to a shortage of Troop Leaders. **We URGENTLY are looking for HELP** with this event – Please contact Simon as soon as possible for more details.

JOTI / JOTA – [Jamboree On The Air & Jamboree On The Internet] Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 15th-16th October 2011. We are looking for older Scouts and young leaders to help organise this event as well as parents and friends – if you are able to help please contact Simon ASAP. We will be doing the Cub and Scout Communicators badge, again at this event.

SUMMER CAMP – Brecon

Forty plus members of the Troop attended this year's camp the first couple of weeks of the summer holidays in Wales. We managed to update the PG web site www.pgscouts.org.uk nearly every day we were at camp, with photos of the activities and events we did.



Congratulations go to **Panthers** - PL William Brennan, on winning the Cooking competition. Plus **Eagles**, PL Laurence Jones, won the Camp competition with 3408 points. 2nd were Cobras, 3rd Falcons, 4th Swifts, 5th Panthers & 6th Lions.

I would like to thank Rob Ayre, John Boothman and Andy Montgomery for driving the lorries & Vans full of equipment. *All the parents and friends for helping with photocopying & binding the camp booklet and supplying various items for camp, and unloading the lorries after a long camp.* I would also like to thank all the other parents and friends who helped us this year with donations and time. **A Special thank you** goes to the following leaders and helpers, who camped for the whole camp; **John Bannerman, Mark Courtier and Edmund Otun** plus the leaders and helpers, **Bob Weingarth, Rob Ayre, Phil Page, Matt Weingarth, Nicolette Smith,** plus **Robert Stroud** who were able to help for part of the camp.

Simon Wheeler, Scout Leader, August 2011

The following report was written by a Scout Dad and helper who helped for two weeks of camp:

We arrived at the Brecon camp site on a sunny day with Pen y fan and Fan y Big in the background. It was quite awe inspiring. The camp was perched on a hill with a stream running along the valley. We all got to work setting up the camp although the Young Leaders (YLS) and Patrol Leaders (PLs) did need a little bit of coaxing. Tent city was soon established and I set about putting up my new tent which was an enormous improvement on my little hike tent last year.

During the first few days of camp, the YLS and PLs took part in pony trekking and an adventurous over night hike which took them over Fan y big and Pen y fan. Unfortunately while they were hiking the weather deteriorated badly. They actually returned to camp in low cloud and mist.

The weather soon got better in time for the arrival of the younger scouts and it wasn't long before all the patrol tents were erected and the smell of supper cooked on open wood fires wafted across the camp. Until that time all the cooking had been done centrally. Now, the leaders and helpers could look forward to their meals being cooked by the scouts YUM YUM!!!!

The activities during the rest of camp were plentiful and nobody had a chance to get bored. The scouts took part in trekking, gorge walking, rock climbing, swimming and an interesting trip to a coal mining museum where they were taken down into the pit 70 feet below the surface.

The grand finale was the cooking competition which was of a high standard both in presentation and quality of cooking. Who knows there may be some budding chefs in our scout group?

Brecon was my second camp and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Even though only a year has passed since my last camp, I recognised the subtle changes in the strength of character amongst the young people from the previous year and it fills me with pride to know that every one of them will be better off in life in some way through their experiences at camp.

Edmund Otun Scout Dad & Driver

