



GROUP NEWS

October 2012



JOTI and JOTA

We are holding again this year at our Scout Hall International

JOTA - Jamboree on the Air & JOTI - Jamboree on the Internet

Date: **Saturday 20th Oct. 10am to Sunday 21st Oct. approx 3pm**

If you are passing our hall pop in anytime throughout the weekend. Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders, plus parents and friends are all welcome to take part.

Cubs and Scouts can do an activity badge as well, on Saturday between 10am-6pm.

We are looking for help early Saturday Morning 8.30am onwards, setting up the aerials on the green, offers to Simon please email pgjoti@gmail.com

55th Jamboree on the Air - 20th-21st October 2012

It is time for PG to join the annual **Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA)**, using our special call sign **GB0PG**. For new members JOTA gives ALL our members, parents and friends the opportunity to talk to other Scout Groups around the world - just like a real Jamboree but without the travelling! We will have Pete Roberts and a team of Radio Amateurs, who will be setting up a number of stations at the Scout Hall and we hope to make some very interesting contacts during the weekend. At previous JOTA's we have been able to talk to stations as far away as USA, Canada, Australia and Falkland Islands. We will have a number of Radio Games operating during the weekend.

Cubs & Scouts from PG and other groups in Maidenhead will have the opportunity to pass their Communicators Badge, on Saturday. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

The theme of the event this year is "Peace, Environment". Some educational activities have been prepared with the aim of helping participants to think, discuss and act on these issues. JOTA-JOTI is also always an opportunity to discover and experience new projects and new programmes, communicate with new partners and make new friends.



16th Jamboree on the Internet - - 20th-21st October 2012

The 2012 Jamboree On the Internet event is the 16th JOTI since the World Scout Committee's decision that JOTI should become an official international Scouting event. PG has taken part every year since it started.



JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all sections.

The object is to use the Internet to communicate with Scouts around the world. We used, Internet chat, Web site browsing and E-mail to exchange with Scouts in countries all over the world (Over 200 Countries were taking part) we didn't make contact with all the countries but we did manage to talk to, contact and with Scouts from 26 foreign countries some of which were, New Zealand, Australia and the USA. It was an impressive feeling when you were actually looking at and chatting with Scouts from the other side of the world! If you can't attend this year's event you can send us an email to our special email address pgjoti@gmail.com

If you have time pop into our Scout hall over the weekend and have a go your self

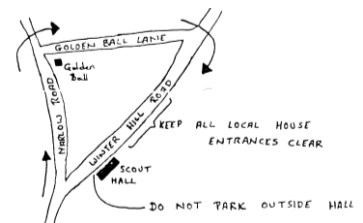
During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk with Photos of these events

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 neighbours 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.



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. They are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton) 76, Pinkneys Road Tel: Mhd 628160

CHRISTMAS TREES 2012

Details to follow

Delivery: Free to Maidenhead/Littlewick Green area

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OLD PHOTOS OF PG ACTIVITIES

Have you been a PAST Member of PG. We are looking for Old photos of when you or your son was at PG. We are short of photos before 2000, especially before 1979, if you have any photos we would love to hear from you

Please email: oldphotos@pgtips.org.uk

September Jumble Sale

A big thank you goes all the parents & supporters who helped with the collecting / sorting / selling / clearing up / taking rubbish to tip.

We raised the fantastic amount of **approx £1,300** from our two Sales.



Printing Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is *Cinderella*, we are looking for some one to type the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon, email: simon@pgscouts.org.uk

PG's ebay Account

We know have an eBay Account to sell items to raise money for PG, so far we have raised approx

£300

If you have any suitable items that you would like to donate to use to sell, please send a photo and details to our eBay coordinator, Pauline Patel, at ebay@pgscouts.org.uk

Note: eBay sellers can donate 10%-100% to PG whenever they sell an item just choose us as a Charity donation when you do the listing PG eBay user id is **PGSGEBAY**



Our online Shopping

How it works - An eStore is an online shopping directory featuring hundreds of retailers including John Lewis, Debenhams, Sainsbury's, Marks & Spencer and many more.

Each time you shop with these retailers via our eStore, a commission is generated and given to us.

Any UK based not for profit organisation can sign up for an eStore, whether you're a charity, a sports group, a school, a church, or any other not for profit.

www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts/

We Are Looking For:

- Ice Cream containers with Lids
- Old Oven Grills
- Help with Photocopying 20-25 copies of PG Tips a month
- Used Postage Stamp

PG Web Site: www.pgscouts.org.uk

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

PHOTOCOPYING

We are looking for some help photocopying our Christmas Tree Flyers

If you can do 50 / 100 / 150 or 200 copies please contact Simon simon@pgscouts.org.uk
Our Christmas trees are one of our major fundraising activities we do every year



BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

It is good to see the Beavers back from the summer holidays and full of energy for our autumn program. The program started with outdoor games to settle in our two new starters. We had three more joiners in the second week when we started preparing for the Beavers Craft Competition on Sunday 18 November. We made kings and queen's crowns that were decorated in a variety of creative ways. We will send these home post the competition in November. We will also be making castles and or a royal barge as well as a group frieze of a royal pageant.

Amongst the craft, we are joining the Pinkneys Green Beavers for another attempt at a campfire event - the one in the summer was rained off! We also are looking forward to a talk by a past Olympian rower at the Maidenhead Rowing Club; this will be with the Pinkneys Green Beavers too.



As we look forward to January, seven of our Beavers will move into Cubs when we hope that we can start a Littlewick Green Cubs Scout sub-group. This will be similar to Beavers in that we plan to continue being part of the Pinkneys Green Cubs and so plan to hold our events on a Wednesday from 6:30 to 8pm. **We need one to two volunteers to be or share the role of Cub Leader to help make this happen.** If you or someone that you know are interested in this, please contact *Nathalie Watson* or *Erica Hunter* asap.

Thanks, **Hawkeye** (Nathalie Watson)

Winter Hill Colony

Welcome back from the summer to all our beavers and their families! Because of the wet weather at the end of last term we've really hit the term running this year with lots of exciting outdoor activities, including a ever popular ball game in the woods and cooking savoury twists on open fires. We will focusing on completing our craft badge this term, all aimed towards creating some excellent craft competition entries! Details of the craft competition rules and categories have been given to families but if you need extra information or a replacement don't hesitate to ask!



We welcome six new beavers this term: *Kyle Dixon, Oliver Fielding, Joshua Keane, Henry Langsley, Mattie Roberts* and *Joseph Woodward*. We hope that they are settling in well and extend a particularly warm welcome to any new families joining Pinkneys Green.

Coming up later this term we've got a talk from an Olympic Rower at Maidenhead Rowing Club, A Halloween party, and we'll be continuing to work towards earning our craft badges.

Hathi (Catherine Weeks).

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)

www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/



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

CUB NEWS

The Cubs have had a fantastic start to the new year with Cub Camp being held at Berkshire College of Agriculture. Having pitched their tents on the Thursday night, the Tribal-themed camp commenced on Friday with a hike from the Scout Hall to the campsite. After Senior Sixer *Lucas Jefferson* formally invited me to become the new Akela the camp activities began. A wide game, archery, Maori flatbread making, Aborigine dot painting, athletics, a campfire, tribal headresses and cooking sausages were all squeezed in to 2 days. Congratulations to the Zulu tribe who won the camp points competition



I must thank Cub Leaders *Jon Corbitt, Graham Wolfe, Kim Danish, Rob Harris, Avril Broadley* and *Sheila Stinton*, Beaver Leaders *Catherine Weeks, Jen Nyman* and *John Brooker*, Scout Leaders *Simon Wheeler* and *Matt Milson*, Group Scout Leader *Erica Hunter*, Young Leaders/Scouts *Adian Milson, Jake Milson, Laurence Jones* and *James Kersey* and our camp cooks *Jo Kersey* and *Pauline Jones*. Camp wouldn't have happened without you all!

This term we welcome *Archie Phelan, Jonny Coulson* and *Hayden Paul* to Cubs. A special PG welcome to Jonny and Hayden's families.

Our next major event is the **Maidenhead Boundary Walk** on Sunday 7th October. The Cubs will be tackling a slightly reduced route of 8 miles, starting at 9am at Boulter's Lock and ending at the Scout Hall (c.1pm). Parents and siblings are positively encouraged to join us on the walk.

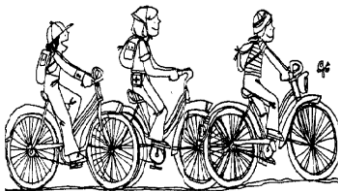
Full information on all Cubs activities can now be found at www.PGCubs.co.uk - we have set this website up as an information service in case the Cub's paper letters go missing. Hopefully you will find it useful.

Until next month,
Akela (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS

PLs & APLs – the District are running a training course for PLs and some APLs. At Cookham Scout hall on Saturday 6th October They course will help them with their role as a PL or APL.



District Cycle Orienteering Competition –

Sunday 7th October, 10am-1pm in the Cookham area. Any Scout who has a roadworthy bike and cycle helmet can take part. **Thank** you goes to the dad who has offered to help. **We Still are looking for HELP** with this event – Please contact Simon as soon as possible for more details. Scouts will take part in groups of 2 / 3. The younger Scouts will have a parent or Young Leader go round with them.

Note that Young Leader / Adult also require a roadworthy bike and cycle helmet.

New Scouts

We would like to welcome, *Toby Latimer, Matthew Miller* and *Lucas Jefferson* to the Troop the will be invested at the end of September as members of PG Scouts

Halloween Party

We are looking for help from Scouts running the Cubs Halloween Party, during half term, on Wednesday 31st October. If any Scout or Young Leaders can help please let Simon know.

JOTI / JOTA

Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 20th - 21st October 2012. 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 running the Cub and Scout Communicators badge again at this event on the Saturday.

Any Scout, who would like to stay over on the Saturday night, please let Simon know that you are interested. We will be surfing the Net over the weekend talking to over Scouts on the Internet as well as on the Radio



District Night Hike

This year the District is holding a Night Hike. The event will take place on Friday 16th November, 8pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 17th November, in the Cookham area.

We are looking for as many (ALL!) scout to take part. The object is to walk a course using footpaths, and completing activities at bases.

Parents we need your help We are looking for at least 2 / 3 parents to walk with each group of Scouts.

Also as most of the Troop leaders are away we are looking for a couple of parents / helpers to run the PG base. If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon simon@pgscouts.org.uk

Activity Badge Evenings

If any Scout wishes to do some activity badges, we are holding extra evening to go through them with you and find some one to teach or test you. Scouts could have already reached the requirements of some of the badges, with a hobby you have or have done at school. There is a choice of over 70 Activity Badges, plus 5 staged Activity Badges (Blue badges: Nights Away, Hikers, Swimmers, Musician & Emergency Aid) Full details are in badge book - **ALL Scouts should have a copy**

or on web <http://scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=56.135.156>

To book a place - please email Simon ASAP, places limited

Land Activity Event

The District organised an activity event, where *Harry Allcock, Robert Allcock, Robert Anderson, Findlay Cassels, Evan Charles, Tim Fyffe, Zac Gordon-Smith, Joshua Hewitt, Jay Hutchins, Peter Marshall, Matthew Miller, Jake Milston, Nadav Rahimi, Ben Williams* and *Frank Williams* took part in climbing, shooting and archery activities. **Thank you goes to Rob Ayre** for sorting out the activities, *Matthew Milston* for organising the Archery with help from, *Graham Wolfe, Michael Crow, Aidan Milston* and *James Carr*

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)

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