



## GROUP NEWS

November 2013

### CHRISTMAS TREES 2013

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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 1st December 2013**, 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.



## 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 10th November 2013 – 10.35am**

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



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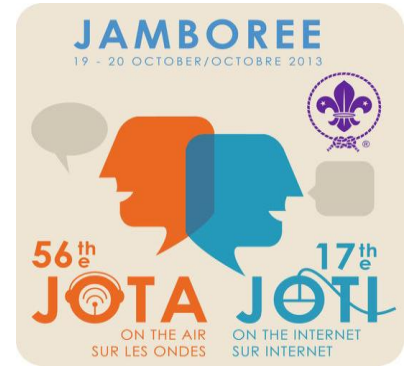
**PINKNEYS GREEN** - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *Can we remind Parents to operate a One Way System when dropping off or collecting your son(s) from Beavers on Monday evenings, Cubs on Wednesday evenings or Scouts on Friday evenings, also please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways 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 or Pond House

**LITTLEWICK GREEN** - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up **Do not park in Gilchrist Way** as this is strictly reserved for residents. We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! **Please ask your Childs leader** if you are not sure.

**Thank you for your support in keeping our neighbours Happy.**

## 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 **amateur Radio Operators**, *Dave Chislett*, *Charles Mitchell* and *Paul Shayler* helped man the station. We have been taking part JOTA since 1990. Our call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank *Phill Bristow* for supplying and putting up the mast. Plus Maidenhead Scout Active Support members *Bob Parker*, *Marion Edkins* & *Edwige Brown* for helping with the Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Also thanks to Beaver Leaders *Catherine Weeks*, *Ruth Pearce* and *Sheila Stinton* for looking after all the Beavers, and *Kim Broadley*, *Nathalie Watson*, *Sarah Jones* & *Graham Wolfe* for looking after the Cubs. Over weekend 45 badges were gained, had over 130 visitors.



We also took part in **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet**, it was the seventeenth year that we had taken part in this event. Thanks goes to everyone who supplied the equipment, especially *Wayne Medhurst*, to *Alex Robins* for sorting out the Computers with help from *Michael Crown* & *Myles Rankin*. We had over thirty computers networked. Over 130 people visited us over the weekend. We made contact with over seventeen countries, including all over Europe, America and South America

The Scouts and *Simon* manned the computer throughout Saturday night. There were a lot of very tired Scouts on Sunday. Thank you also to *Baloo* for helping clear away on Sunday

## Thanks to the Marquee Helpers

The marquee rental season has come to an end. The large marquee was rented out twice and the party tent three times meaning we raised over £1000 for the Group so thank you to every one who has helped over the summer.

*Ian Marshall* Marquee Coordinator

## Updating Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is *Babes In The Wood*, we are looking for someone to update the script for us. If you can help or for more details, please contact Simon, email: [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk)



## Printing Pantomime Script

We also are looking for help with photocopying the pantomime Script, its approx 40 pages. For more details, please contact Simon

## Parents Cleaning Rota

We are looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from May 2014.

If you can spare a Maximum of 45 mins (Time to suit) please email our cleaning coordinator *Pauline* [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto: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-seven parents** who have (or will) cleaned the hall this year

## 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/IntelCore 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

## Repair / Replace Ethernet LAN leads Plugs

**We have 10+ RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables** that require to have the plugs on the end replaced

Also we need to replace some of the internet Sockets in the hall

If you have the expertise to do this, it would be a great help

**Please contact Simon** for more details, Email: [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk)

## Repair / Replace Ethernet LAN leads Plugs

Thank you goes to all the PG families who donated Toys for the County *Toys for Smiles*, an appeal by the National Scout & Guide Fellowship on behalf of young Syrian refugees who have been driven from their homes, and normal life, to Zaatari Refugee Camp in Jordan. Such toys could help to bring a little "normality" into their lives and enable these children to be children! More details are available at [www.saef.org.uk](http://www.saef.org.uk)

PG families donated enough toys to fill 10 large boxes.

## Air Rifle Instructors

We would like to welcome two PG dads *Darran Cottington* and *James Woodward* who have completed an air rifle shooting course and will become Group Air Rifle Instructors; we are looking forward in doing shooting with them.

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## **BEAVER NEWS**

### **Littlewick Colony**

Hello again – continuing with our meetings, the Beavers were helping to decorate a wheelbarrow ready for our Harvest Festival celebration on September the 29th. We had a good turnout at Stubbings Church and hopefully everybody enjoyed the service. The next week we were making robots out of old food boxes, empty toilet rolls and other recycled items. This is in readiness for the individual entry into our District Beaver Craft Competition on 17th of November at Boyn Hill/Altwood School. If your son/daughter wishes to enter this section, please could you encourage them to finish off their project and enter... after all they may win! My Stepson, Conner won an individual entry when he was six and I still have the certificate – he was chuffed!

On the 7th of October we held a science evening where we were experimenting with magnets, showing how they worked. This earned Beavers attending their experiment activity badge. We also said goodbye and good luck to two of our oldest Beavers, *Brandon Newport* and *Sam Packham* who swam up to Cubs. The next Monday Beavers went for an autumn walk from the Shire Horse back to Littlewick Village Hall. The Beavers had a great time singing campfire songs and jumping in puddles. The hot chocolate and biscuits were very welcoming at the end! The following day Simon and the Scouts ran a Computer evening at the hall where nine Beavers completed their Information Technology Stage 1 Activity Badge. Quite a few Beavers took part in this year's JOTA and JOTI at the Scout hall taking to other Scouts via the radio and internet



A big thank you again goes to all the parents who are helping us at our meetings – **we could not do it without you!**

Until next time.....Ruth Pearce (Bubbles)

### **Winter Hill Colony**

Beavers is progressing well this term with lots of fun being had! We have earned our stage 1 computer badges in a strangely quiet sessions of Beavers where they were so engrossed they got on quietly! We had an excellent evening making toasted jam sandwiches on a open fire, perfect as the darker, colder evenings close in. The week before that we designed and made paper sail boats that actually floated and have enjoyed some excellent craft sessions.

We welcomed 6 new beavers into our colony by investing them, *Oliver Aerts*, *Asher Nicholson*, *Isambard Medhurst*, *Tom Gordon Smith*, *Roman Deans*, *Leo Sealy* and *Gabriel Shaw* and hope that they enjoy a long and happy time at Pinkneys Green Scout Group.



Reminder: Beginning of November (after half term) our beaver **meetings will change time to run from 6.15pm to 7.15pm.** This is to enable our very busy leaders to arrive on time from work. We will, on occasion, lengthen some meetings to accommodate a more adventurous or longer activity and will keep you updated as to when these will be. Please arrive at the scout hall no earlier than 5 minutes before the session starts to enable adequate supervision of the children. Thank you for your understanding.

Coming up we've got a Halloween party run by the Scouts and a joint fireworks party with Littlewick, a night hike, and our craft competition entry prep!

Please note that as it gets darker in the evenings, please be careful coming down Winter Hill with your beavers as it is a very busy road. Please **DO NOT** block the neighbours entrances

**Hathi** (Catherine Weeks).

## **CUB NEWS**

### **Littlewick Pack**

The Littlewick cubs have been working hard towards their Global Challenge badge through the work we have been doing on global issues. Our 3 sixes produced some fabulous mini video performances each on Famine, Tsunami and Deforestation – telling us about key facts, causes and prevention. What great little actors we have at Littlewick! This was followed up with some wonderfully painted informative posters about these 3 global issues.

We have also been learning about International Scouting around the world and very well done to all those who took part in the JOTI/JOTA weekend! Thank you to Simon for organising this ☺

This month we have started working towards our Chef's Activity badge learning about safety in the kitchen, preparing food hygienically and the importance of a balanced diet.

We are delighted to see 4 new cubs join us at Littlewick and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to *Finley Roberts*, *Jude Taylor*, *Brandon Newport* and *Sam Packham* who have just been invested. Hello to all our new cubs and their families!

**Rama** (Sarah Jones)

### **Winter Hill Pack**

It's hard to believe that we are almost at half term already, but the Winterhill Cubs have been busy demonstrating their artistic skills! Over the first four weeks of term *Jacala*, *Bagheera* and *Kim* had them making posters, cards and even their own video sketches - the badges are on order and will be handed out very shortly. I write this on JOTA/JOTI weekend, and the hall is currently filled with computers - it seemed too good an opportunity to miss and so last week *Panda* (Michael Crown) ran a very successful IT Stage 1&2 badge evening.

This term we have welcomed *Ben Jones* and *Oliver Dee* to the pack. Ben has swum up from WH Beavers and *Oliver* has recently moved to Maidenhead from Hertfordshire - welcome to PG to the whole *Dee* family!

Coming up after half term is a bonfire evening, night hike and the Cub swimming sessions. We also have the annual Remembrance day service on Sunday 10th November where a strong turnout would be a great reflection on the Pack.



**WH Akela** (David Barnes)

## SCOUT NEWS

### Older Scouts Weekend

Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 22nd- 23rd 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 the new Scouts Tom Knott, Jake Hickey and Luke Kersey and their families to the Troop, they will be making the Scout Promise and be invested as Scouts



### District Night Hike

We will require help from Parents to walk with the PG teams – The Incident Hike is on Friday 15th November - 7.30pm 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 email him.

**Make a Note of This Date! – 15th November**

### Mystery Trip / Activity

Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2013. 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

*Harry Bennett, Peter Marshall, Ben Williams, Adam Cox, Nicholas Lattimer and Frank Williams* 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 –

The Troop entered two teams, *Matthew Dixon, Ben Williams, Jonathan & Christopher Otun, Peter Morris, Alex Norris, Matthew Miller and Nicholas Conacher*. Thank you goes Dad Chris Isted who set up the course, plus Dads *Ian, Marshall, Paul Conacher* and *Ian Miller* for cycling with the Scouts.

They all had an enjoyable morning, despite the very heavy rain, it was very muddy.



### World Scout Jamboree Japan 2015–

In 2015 30,000 Scouts from nearly every country in the world will converge on Kirara-hama, Japan, the venue for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree. The UK Contingent is made up 3,000 Scouts and Guides from all over the UK. Berkshire is looking for 45 Scouts or Explorers to travel to Japan to be a part of this amazing adventure.

The Jamboree itself runs from 28 July - 8 August 2015. However the UK Contingent will have a Home Hospitality/Tokyo experience before and/or after the Jamboree, so the time away is likely to be nearer to 3 weeks.

Scouts, have to be over 14, but under 18, years of age at the start of the Jamboree. Therefore, only Scouts or Explorer Scouts born between 28 July 1997 and 27 July 2001 are eligible

We have seven PG members attending the County Selection weekend in November; we would like to wish them all good luck with the weekend

Simon Wheeler



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# Pinkneys Green Scout Group



## Christmas Trees 2013

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As in previous years, we are offering three tree types: Spruce, Nordman (non-drop, wide-based) and Fraser (non-drop, narrow-based). Delivery will be during **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Please note that we have changed our sizes to be consistent with other retailers. Tree sizes are now quoted for size range from base to tip of tree. In previous years trees have been measured to the top branch. Trees may be any size within the range. If you require any other size not listed below, or have any other query, please telephone and we will do our best to help.

We also offer a recycling service, where, for a small charge (£3.00), we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. If you did not buy the tree from PG the charge for recycling will be £6.00. This year we will collect the trees for recycling during **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. Please leave the tree visible in your front garden **before 7am** - our drivers start early!

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). You can also take your order along to the Pinkneys Green Scout Group Christmas Fair on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December. **All orders for trees AND recycling must be received by 5pm on Sunday 8th December**. Please note that cheques will be banked in the **week commencing 9th December** - this is a change from last year.

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

Ken Knight and Ali Fyffe  
PG Scout Group (Tel: 01628 628188)

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