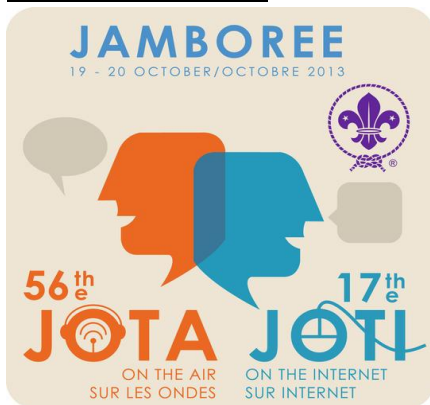




## GROUP NEWS

October 2013



### 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 19th Oct. 10am to Sunday 20th Oct. approx 2pm

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-5pm.

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](mailto:pgjoti@gmail.com)

### 57th Jamboree on the Air - 19th-20th October 2013

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 Jamboree on the Air in which half a million Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of amateur radio. Short-wave radio signals carry their voices to virtually any corner of the world. The use of amateur radio means that many Scouts get the opportunity to discover the skills of wireless radio techniques and electronics. JOTA is also the only event that offers each individual Scout the opportunity to speak to other Scouts across the world.



### 17th Jamboree on the Internet - - 19th-20th October 2013

The 2013 Jamboree On the Internet event is the 17th 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. Jamboree on the Internet connects Scouts across the world in a similar way to JOTA, but using the internet. Volunteer organisations like Scoutlink and Scoutnet provide the necessary technical support and server capacity. Visit <http://www.jotiradio.org> to find out more

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](mailto:pgjoti@gmail.com)

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

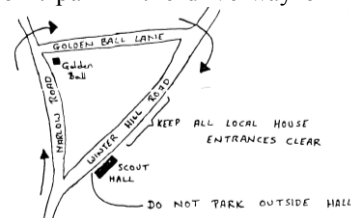
During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site [www.pgs.couts.org.uk](http://www.pgs.couts.org.uk) with Photos of these events

### 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.



# CHRISTMAS TREES 2013

**Details to follow**  
**Delivery: Free to Maidenhead/Littlewick Green area**

**Order Form will be with Novembers PG Tips or on web [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)**

## Fishing Equipment and Outdoor Clothing

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### 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)

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

### 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 *Babes In The Wood*, we are looking for someone to type the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon, email: [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:simon@pgscouts.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](mailto:simon@pgscouts.org.uk)  
Our Christmas trees are one of our major fundraising activities we do every year

## HALL CLEANING NEW VOLUNTEER PARENTS

You may know we run a **Cleaning Rota for the Hall**. This releases Leaders to concentrate on the weekly activities and makes sure all Beavers, Cubs and Scouts find Hall hygienic. Full training given before you start! The size of the current crew means you get a turn approx. once a term or less. The main areas to clean are the Kitchen & Bathroom.

**We have some spaces on the current rota so we do need more volunteers** – 20th Feb, 27th Feb, 3rd Apr, 17th Apr, 24th Apr, 1st May. 2014. If you can spare 30-45 mins – please ring Pauline Patel on Mhd 670063 or email [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk). Other Scout Groups have to pay for this – but we are very proud that your support continues to make this possible and keeps our funds healthy!

## BEAVER NEWS

### Littlewick Colony

Welcome to our autumn term. Our Beaver family started off by making postcards home about their summer holiday destinations. We stuck post-it notes onto a world map of the places they had been and learnt hello, goodbye, please and thank you in several different languages. This was followed by a very enthusiastic game pretending to fly, run and swim to different countries of the world. Beavers were working towards their global challenge badge. The following week we held a mock Olympic games. Three teams were representing England, Scotland and Wales. We held an opening ceremony - complete with flags and mascots and games were held, like mock javelin, sling shot, hoopla and team games such as bean bag on head and ball games. We then played a very exciting game of shark! The closing ceremony was complete with a rostrum and medals for everyone. This worked towards their fitness challenge badge.

Finally I would like to extend a very warm welcome to some new Beavers and their families: *Maximillian Wibberley, Luke Martin-Frew, Chelsea Herbert-Green, Owen Smyth and Freddie McGuinness.*

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

### Winter Hill Colony

Welcome back to a new year at beavers! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer and are now raring to go in the new term! We'll be doing all sorts of fun activities this term including an extra session of outdoor cooking (we just can't get enough of it) and having the opportunity to earn some more badges.

We welcome six new beavers this term: *Oliver Aerts, Asher Nicholson, Isambard Medhurst, Tom Gordon Smith, Roman Deans and Leo Sealy.* We hope that they are settling in well and extend a particularly warm welcome to any new families joining Pinkneys Green. As the evenings begin to get darker, please ensure that you and your child take extra care walking to and from the scout hall as the road does get very busy at drop off and pick up times.

*Hathi* (Catherine Weeks).

### Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time  
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut  
Holman lease (Behind Magnet)  
[www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/](http://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

### Littlewick Pack

Already we have had an activity filled September and there is plenty more planned for this term.

In the first week back we pitched our tents for cub camp and by making a few mistakes we quickly learnt vital skills for tent pitching for next time!

It was great to see 7 of our cubs at Cub Camp this year. Well done to *Abby Jones, Ava Neeves, Martha Leach, Freddie Fuller, Alexander Watson, Jack Fulford* and *Aaron Mussell*. Also a big BRAVO to Team 'Pyroville's' (the girls!) for amounting the most points across the weekend which were awarded for great behaviour attitude and team work. I am sure you will agree it was a fantastic camp with lots of fun activities from fire building to cooking chocolate oranges on the fire and a surprise visit from Simy's Whippy on Sunday! Thank you to **Simy!**

We had lots of fun doing our Cyclist Activity badge where the cubs learnt how to keep the tyres pumped, bike maintained, ride it safely as well as show off their bike riding skills.

Please remember that if you are unwell or unable to attend a pack meeting please text or email Akela or myself, this is especially important when we are doing outside hikes and events.

Also a polite reminder for parents dropping off and picking up at Gilchrist Village Hall to please **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! Do please ask myself or Akela if you are not sure. Thank you for your support in keeping happy with our neighbours.

Finally a very very big well done to Akela from me and the cubs for achieving her Wood Badge! B.R.A. V.O!

*Rama (Sarah Jones)*



**2013 Cub Camp – BCA 6th-8th September 2013**

### Winter Hill Pack

After the summer break and the excitement of Cub Camp, it is business as usual for the Cubs, with a packed agenda of activities and district competitions ahead of us. However, I must start with some Thanks You's to those who helped me with Cub Camp.

Camp is an excellent opportunity for the Cubs to experience independence away from mum and dad, and to learn the consequences of not keeping their belongings tidy! Therefore I am very grateful to all the Cub Leaders, *Simon Wheeler, Erica Hunter, Matthew Milston, Andy Montgomery, Catherine Weeks, Sarah Hollingworth* at BCA (for kindly allowing us to camp on their field), *Sharon Thompson* at Homebase (for giving us an enormous amount of spare wood for our campfire) and the parents on the cooking rota - *Alison Cadinouche, Gemma Woolford, Kim Stevens, Sandi Isted, Jo Kersey, Emma Neeves, Jo Bird, Peta Almond* and *Debs Mussell*. Thank you all.

Some early dates for the diary this term are: District Chess Comp (22nd Oct, 6.30pm), Remembrance Sunday service (10th Nov, 10.30am) and District Cooking Comp (16th Nov, 12.45pm). The pack also have a night hike on 20th November so please try to keep that evening free. More details on all of the above to follow in the next few weeks.



Finally, as the evenings get darker, please ensure that there are two Leaders present at the Scout Hall on a Wednesday night before leaving your Cub. The Leaders also need time to prepare the hall, **so please do not arrive before 6.15pm.**

*WH Akela (David Barnes)*

### District Cub Football Competition

Well done to Winter Hill Cubs 1st team- *Max Bird, Max Noyce, Oliver Cadinouche, Jonny Coulson, Marc Ashton* and *Isaac Deans* Came First! Winning every match they played!

2nd team - *Alex Ratcliff, Pat Russell, Patrick Flood, Dan Wallace* and *Ethan Tracy*- who played with 1 man down( 5 v 6) came 2nd!

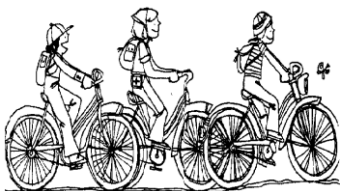
Thanks go to *Robin & Graham Wolfe* and *Tarker* for sorting out the teams

### Cub Old Handbooks

Winterhill Cubs, when you joined the Pack, Raksha lent you a book, so you can learn about the Scout movement, Law and promise and learn about the Jungle book. If you still have one of these books at home, can you please return it to Raksha at Cubs

## SCOUT NEWS

**PLs & APLs** – the District are running a training course for PLs and some APLs. At Cookham Scout hall on Saturday 5th October They course will help them with their role as a PL or APL.



### District Cycle Orienteering Competition –

**Sunday** 13th October, 10am-1pm in the Knowl Hill 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, *Olly Hickey, Tom Knott, Tom Stephenson* and *Luke Kersey* from Cubs to the Troop they will be invested at in October as members of PG Scouts

### Halloween Party

We are looking for help from Scouts running the Cubs Halloween Party, during half term, on Wednesday 30th 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 19th – 20th October 2013. 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 other 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 15th November, 8pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 16th November.

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. Or walk with the Scouts If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon [simon@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto: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 someone 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 *Frank Williams, Jonathan & Christopher Otun, Peter Marshall, Tom Knott, Tim Fyffe, Oliver Dorrell, Nicholas Conacher & Curtis Checkley*. took part in climbing, shooting and archery activities. **Thank you goes to Rob Ayre** for sorting out the activities, *Ray Tucker* for organising the Archery, *Duncan Cribb* for organising the shooting. Plus leaders John & William Boothman, and young leader *Jordan Day-Hunt* for their help.

*Simon Wheeler* (Scout Leader)



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