



GROUP NEWS

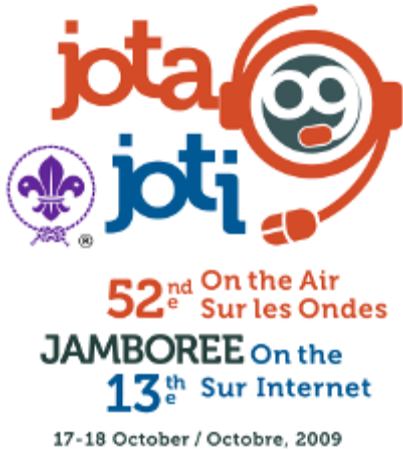
October 2009

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church on Sunday 5th October at 3.30pm **Note Change of Time,**

Also note the date had to be changed due to the church being used for a Wedding the week before (We know a lot of Scouts can't attend as new date clashes with Rotary boundary Walk and a Rugby tournament)

We hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders will make the effort to attend this special service. Families of our members are also invited to attend. our special service. More details will be sent out via section meetings



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 17th October. 10am to Sunday 18th October 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 a proficiency badge as well.

We are looking for help early Saturday Morning 8.30am onwards, setting up and Sunday afternoon 2pm, taking down the aerials on the green, offers to Simon please email pgjoti@gmail.com

52nd Jamboree on the Air - 17th-18th October 2009

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. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun.

13th Jamboree on the Internet - 17th-18th October 2009

The 2009 Jamboree On the Internet event is the twelfth 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.

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

either on the Internet or Radio

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

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

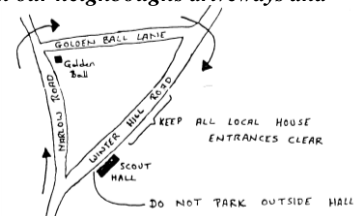
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WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

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

**Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at Lemon Tree
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 Scouts Reunion to Celebrate Our 100th Year

Saturday 14th November 2009, 7.30pm onwards

Stag & Hounds (Hall behind Pub) Pinkneys Green

Were you ever a PG - Venture or Scout or Cub or, even a Leader

We are holding a reunion to celebrate the one hundred years of Scouting at PG

We are trying to contact as many people as possible. Please pass this information on to as many ex PG members as possible, as we are trying to contact as many as we can

For any further information contact email: pg100@pgscouts.org.uk

Phill Bristow

Phill will be leaving PG and joining the district fellowship, however he assures me he will be available for our Big Camps.

Phill has been helping with Pinkneys Green Scout Group for the past 18 years, when his 2 now very grown up lads started with the group, he was our "Mr Gadget" as well as being quartermaster looking after and repairing tents and other equipment. A few memorable moments, at the Millennium Camp in May 2000 a very WET weekend, he rigged a drying room in a large tent using the exhaust from his large generator as heat to dry damp clothing and sleeping bags. The scout leaders now literally take the kitchen sink to camp to wash up and also have the facility for showers on site too.

He recently designed and got made new flysheets and awning for the Stormhaven patrol tents, which certainly this year enabled the camp to continue with the wettest time Monmouth has very seen, we also have had the use of his PA system at the Summer fair.

Phill was on the onsite services team at the 2008 Jamboree and also at Wings 2009.

THANK YOU for your hard work and dedication to our group, we will miss you.



Septembers Jumble Sales

A big thank you goes to Caron & Keith Wheeler for organising our two Jumble Sales in September and Beaver / Cub / Scout, Parent coordinators - Louise Jefferson / Cathy Climpson / Pauline Patel and **all the parents & supporters who helped** with the collecting / sorting / selling / clearing up / rubbish to tip.

They raised the fantastic amount of **over £780** from both sales

Our next Jumble Sales will be in May 2010.

We know that not everyone can help at our Jumble sales, to spread the work load we are looking for the following help:

- Clean the Scout Hall toilet / Kitchen on a **Parents Rota** once every term - **so far had seven offers of help!**
- Wire up / replace 3 small Emergency Lights in the Scout hall
- **Do you have a heavy duty sewing machine**, we need some tent bags repairing
- Repair - 3 wood table
- Repair the compound gate (Gate has dropped)
- Photocopy 25 copies of PG Tips (2 sheets, 4 sides) **Once a month**
- Replace two broken wooden lids on two boxes in the Scouts hall
- Join a List of Parents who are willing to do simple repairs to items, that get broken in the hall, during your sons weekly meetings

We are also looking for the following:

- **Borrow Battery jig saw** (to cut ply wood in container)
- **Kerbstones** - we to acquire or purchase 8 for a reasonable price
- **Turf / Sod**s to put on bank opposite Scout Hall, stop youngsters falling down hole
- **Up to 20 Computer Flat Screens for JOTI Weekend** - **do you have one you no longer require**
- **8 Sheets of A0 or A1 size White Card**
- **Car Battery Charger** - have you got one you no longer require

If you can help with any of the above, or would like more details, please email: help@pgtips.org.uk

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Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes - Once a term

We are looking for more parents volunteers to join a Parent Rota to clean the Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, once a term. Thank you goes to all the parents who have volunteered. The parents have already started to clean the hall

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, time to suit you, please email simon@pgscouts.org.uk for more information

BEAVER NEWS

Our Autumn Term is jammed packed with great activities based around our new theme 'Horrid History'.

We will be looking at many eras starting with Egyptians, to Romans, Vikings, Tudors, Victorians through to the Windsors of Today.

We will look at old temples and try to replicate them and the Ancients Games played many years ago. We will make gladiator armour and look at King Henry III's very colour life, including our own family tree, we may even attempt a Viking ship made out of wood! Watch this space!

All this will be coupled with our annual events such as, Harvest Festival, Bonfire night, and the Christmas Party! It really is go, go, go! Harvest produce should be brought to Beavers on Monday 28th Sept to put in our barrow for our Church service on Sunday 4th October. Please could you try and join us for this lovely event.

Also could you start collecting matchstick boxes, toilet roll holders, raisin boxes or any other packaging in these size brackets, we need them for our Greek temples! Thank you.

May I forward our warmest welcome to our new comers and their families, Oliver Cadinouche, Bradley Copas, Dillon Flew, Alex Ratcliffe, Daniel Wallace and Pat Russell. We hope your time with us is a fun one. Sadly, as always, we must say goodbye to our eldest Beavers as they swim up to cubs this Monday. Good luck in scouting to Christopher Otun, Oliver Isted, Louis Cadinouche, Rafferty Lowe and Jamie Aird. I Hope Cubs is fantastic and thank you for being great Beavers over the past 2 years.



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CUB NEWS

This September Cubs kicked off with a 'Time' Camp. Held at Burchetts Green again, we had a completely dry weekend (we have better luck than the Scouts!). The boys arrived full of excitement on Friday night, which even after a wide game running around in the dark, spilled over into bedtime and beyond! The morning started early, so we were all ready for bacon rolls for breakfast at 8 o'clock. The morning was spent at lots of different bases, learning new skills or passing on information to others. After a filling lunch and a quiet time to prepare for the evening sketches at camp fire, we set off to earn the sportsman badge. This involved sprint running, shuttle running, throwing a cricket ball, the sergeant's jump and the marathon 1km run. The boys all worked very hard and the 1km run was taken very seriously this year. Alex Hodgetts came first by a whisker, followed very closely by Akela (Jon) and a beaver (Louis) managed to be ahead of all the other Cubs! Lots of badges were gained that afternoon and some boys learnt new techniques that they hadn't tried before. The day finished with a fabulous camp fire, sketches and sing song. Akela was presented with his well earned wood badge and Stuart Corbitt was presented his 10 year award. Sunday was another busy day with Cubs Own, tent inspections and bases to complete any outstanding activities. The last activity, once the Cubs tents had been taken down, was the timed obstacle course. Due to the lack of sunshine, this was not a water event but the college have a fabulous assault course, around which the event was set. The tension mounted as each team set off against the clock. During the weekend each six was earning points and the winning team is to be announced at the Cub Meeting when parents attend to see photos of camp.



We have 10 new boys attending, some from Beavers. They are Frank Williams, Ben Ratcliffe, Joe Leonard, Oliver Isted, Rafferty Lowe, Louis Cadnouché, Jamie Aird, Christopher Otun and Joshua Hewitt. We hope they will have a fantastic time at Pinkneys Green Cubs.

The Cubs will be attending the Court Garden swimming pool to carry out more swimming badge work. The dates are Saturday 26th September, 10th October and 14th November. Please return your form promptly.


Another date for your diary is Sunday 4th October, our Harvest Festival Service at Stubbings Church. All are welcome.



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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

SCOUT NEWS

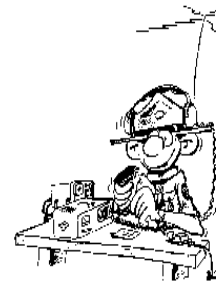
PLs & APLs – the District are running a training course for PLs and some APLs. At Cookham Scout hall on Saturday 10th October They course will help them with their role as a PL or APL

District Cycle Orienteering Competition – 11th October, 12 Noon in the Hawthorn Hill area. Any Scout who has a roadworthy bike and cycle helmet can take part. **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 hermit

JOTI / JOTA

Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 16th - 18th October 2009. 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. 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



New Scouts

We would like to welcome five Cubs, Jonathan Sneller, Oliver Griffin, Kieran Wijesinghe, Jack Hathaway & George Jefferson who have completed their Moving up Award **Badge** with the Troop. They made their Scout Promise on Wednesday 30th September and have been invested as Scouts. We would like to welcome their families to the Troop a well.

Cub Halloween Party

We are looking for help from Scouts running the Cub Halloween Party during half term, this event. It is on Wednesday 28th October. If any Scout or Young Leaders can help please let Simon know.

District Night Hike

This year the District is holding a Night Hike. The event will take place on Friday 20th November, 9pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 21st November.

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

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

Make a Note of This Date! – 20th November



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://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/badges/scout-activity-index.htm>

Thursday 8th October 6pm onwards,
Monday 12th October 7.30pm onwards,
Tuesday 20th October 6pm onwards

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

Simon Wheeler

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