



GROUP NEWS

April 2010

PANTOMIME – Mother Goose

Well done to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs, Beaver and Leaders for taking part in PG's pantomime Mother Goose, especially the Scouts who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas, and the Cubs for all the hard work they put in

We would like to thank every one who support this years production especially the parents who helped take the stage down on Sunday after the performances and to Andy Jones & Steve Banister for transporting all the back cloths and stage back to their storage locations

A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha), *Avril Broadley* (Chil), Catherine Weeks (Hatti) & Simon for organising the rehearsals

There are photos of 3 performances on:

www.pgscouts.org.uk



St George's Day Event

This year as normal PG will be taking part in the years St George's Day Parade (*Patron Saint of Scouting & England*).

Date: Sunday 25th April at 2.00pm

Meet: Town Hall Car Park

Parents: If you are available we hope you will be able to join us for this special District Scouting event

Finish: **Approx 4pm Pick up point to be decided**

Dress: Full uniform is to be worn and in case of wet weather everyone will need to bring a rucksack with a drink and their waterproof.

Collection. Money for Collection

We really encourage every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader to attend this event as it celebrates our patron saint of scouting, as well as reminding us what being part of the scouting movement is all about.

This year marks a move away from tradition with a completely revamped programme for the afternoon. All parents are invited to attend with their child and the afternoon consists of a walk from Maidenhead Town Hall car park up the Greenway to Braywick Nature Reserve where we will witness St George slay his dragon (whilst making as much noise as possible), there will be games and finally we will all renew our promise.

Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 31st April, 6.45pm** at the Scout Hall from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday morning 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

For more information, please contact one of our Sale Coordinator **Caron Wheeler Mhd 676021**

Last year we raised over **£1,100** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date: Saturday 1st May - 10.30am

PARENTS – we need your support, please help us raise money to support your son at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts

We cannot manage without the support of parents

Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Frid 31st or Sat 1st - *It would be great*

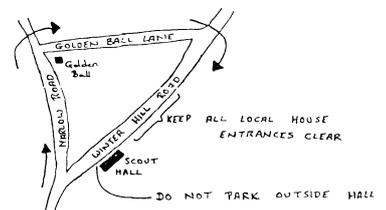
ONE-WAY SYSTEM

May 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 don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways.

Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at Golden Ball down

Golden Ball Lane, turn right down Winter Hill Road

As the verges are very muddy 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.



Summer Fair - HELP Wanted

Jane Courtier our coordinator for the Summer Fair, is looking for some **new assistants to help run it.**

We will also need volunteers to help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. **Ring Jane on 628372 or e-mail SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk**

Fair Date is Sunday 20th June 2010

When people are splitting plants, digging up extra seedlings etc please would they consider setting bits aside as they are a real money earner for our funds at the summer fair.

Scout Hall Spring Clean

Sunday April 18th: Scout Hall Spring Clean – 10:30am. We are looking for some parents to help us complete our annual *Spring* clean of the Scout Hall, lunch will be provided. If you can spare a couple of hours your help would be appreciated.



Summer Term Weekly Cleaning Rota

We are looking for parents volunteers to join next terms Parent rota to clean the Toilet area and kitchen area and a quick sweep over the main hall floor, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors once next term. There will be a sheet on the notice board in the hall or email Simon with a date you can help.

If you can spare approx. 45 minutes once a term, **time to suit you**, please email simon@pgscouts.org.uk for more information. *A big thank you goes to nine parents who cleaned the hall last term.*

Pinkneys Green Scouts

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Marquee Erection Team

Parents we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) - If you would like to help and join this Team, please contact David Cox our Marquee coordinator: Email marquee@pgscouts.org.uk or call 07768 164314 for more details

Gardeners

Gardeners can we plea for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents and neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them.

PHOTOCOPYING – PG TIPS

Due to one parent being made redundant and another one changing their job, we are looking for some help with photocopy PG Tips ever month. It is normally 2 sheets (4 sides). If you can do 20 or more copies a month please email Simon at help@pgtips.org.uk **Thank you goes to our current printers** for your support.

Have you got SIX GREEN FOLDING CHAIRS !

We have lent SIX Green folding chairs (the Scout ones) to someone; if it was you can you please **return them as soon as possible**. You can do it anomansly, in a brown envelope if required

We were short of chairs for the pantomime, so would appreciate them being returned.



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Remember we need your support; it is quite simple to access our online web shop, enter the address www.buy.at/pgscouts or go via the link on our web site, into your web browser and then follow the links to the merchant's sites to make your purchase.

We encourage you to support this initiative as there is no administration for PG and therefore it is effortless fundraising. Additionally, it does not take many purchases by even a small proportion of members for the commission to add up over the year. You must go via this web site for us to get commission.

Here's the address again, www.buy.at/pgscouts.

And don't forget to tell your friends.

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has supported us

Black Sacks of Rubbish

A very big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub and Scout parents who have taken home a black bag of rubbish. To save the leaders having to take it down to the local rubbish tip

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BEAVER NEWS

The Beavers have enjoyed a very successful Beaveree, where all the beaver colonies in Maidenhead met up for an afternoon of 'fun and friends', completing different activities ranging from our base (Africa World Cup goal scoring), to making masks, face painting, making snakes, to playing games and completing puzzles. We at Pinkneys Green raised a very respectable £84.55 for the Walk Centre Africa, by completing our sponsored silence and carrying out good turns, well done boys for all your hard work, and to the friends and families who gave generously!

Activities recently have included a very exciting night hike where we walked to the top of the hill behind the Scout Hut and looked at Maidenhead from above - even spotting a few planes taking off from Heathrow, making weather vanes and our annual Scouts Entertain session. In the next few weeks the Beavers are going to be making some Easter nests (a chance to get mucky!) and completing an Easter Egg hunt on the green.

We unfortunately had to say goodbye to Keo this term as she is off on maternity leave to have her baby, we hope that she will stay in touch however and come back and visit soon as she will be missed!



Hathi

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CUB NEWS

The biggest news this term is that PG Cub Pack have won the district flag competition 2010! Well done to the 2010 flag team; Findlay Cassels, Jay Hutchins, Toby Bruce, Thomas Lewthwaite-Page, Louis Cadinouche and Zac Gordon-Smith who all worked hard, moving from station to station coming up with solutions and using their scouting knowledge that we had worked on with all the Cubs over the last few months. The bases our team were tested on included knots, first aid, mapping, road signs as well as activities that required team work such as an obstacle course incorporating choosing items in the dark that would be best for survival! Akela was keeping an eye on their scores during the afternoon but much to his disappointment had to leave before the final scores were announced. It was a tense moment as we stood in a large circle; third position was given, then second and it wasn't PG – could we have done it this year?..... And finally in first place was Pinkneys Green. The cubs were over the moon. Go to the website and see for yourself! Well done team.



Have the Cubs come home and asked where the stop cock is? Or where is the fuse board? We covered accidents in the home and these were some of the issues raised when covering what action should be taken in the event of certain disasters. Perhaps you could take a moment to show your child where these critical items are and even show how to use them – you never know when their expertise may come in handy!

We have had limited space at the scout hut for the last few meetings, so we have adapted the programme accordingly. We have made chocolate nests with little eggs in, which the cubs thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you Raksha and Keego for wading in and helping them produce such wonderful nests.

We also ran an entertainers evening, using the stage where the Cubs brought along a short something to entertain us with – this was some jokes (clean of course), or a short story, a musical instrument or some martial arts skills. This activity will go towards them gaining their entertainers badge. We also watched the cubs involved in this year's Mother Goose Panto, while they did their practice – its good to have an audience.

Coming up is a Faith evening and Health and Fitness. Plus a visit over Easter to Thorpe Park.

Please make sure that Akela has up to date details on your child, including emergency phone numbers and medical conditions.

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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

SCOUT NEWS



World Jamboree – Sweden 2011

Congratulations goes to, James Ashe and Daniel Mills on gaining a place in the Berkshire Unit, for the World Jamboree to Sweden, in 2011. Berkshire is sending a unit of 36 Scouts, from the 12 Districts in Berkshire. Maidenhead has seven Scouts. Daniel & James will be representing PG & Maidenhead at the Jamboree. The cost per Scout is £2,100. Thank you goes to the Scouts & Parents who are helping with Bag Packing over the Easter Weekend, our first fundraising event. We are looking for ways fundraising, any ideas, please email: Sweden@pgscouts.org.uk

Welcome to New PG Scouts

We would like to welcome four new Scouts and their parents to the Troop. Congratulations goes to Jonathan Otun, Jamie Rhucroft, Louix Franklin and Thomas Sellers on making their promises and being invested as Scouts on Wednesday 25th March.

Beaver Meeting

The following Scouts; Tom Climpson, Nick Hemsley, Edward Kersey, James Kersey, Daniel Mills, Aiden Milston, Jonathan Otun, Kieran Patel, Tom Flower and Nicolas Jones ran a special meeting for the Beavers "We will Entertain" They were able to use the stage. The Beavers told some very good jokes as well as singing some very load songs.

Cross Country Competition

Thank you goes to Tom Climpson, Jordan Day-Hunt, William Fyffe, Nick Hemsley, James Kersey, Jonathan Otun, Kieran Patel and Jamie Rhucroft who took part in this year's Cross Country Competition and to the parents who help as marshals.



Laser Quest

Congratulations goes to the PG Laser Quest teams; Robert Allcock, Finn Baxter, Jack Belsten, Henry Bennett, Aaron Burton, Jordan Day-Hunt, Hal Forman, Max Forman, Jack Hathaway, Nick Hemsley, Richard Hurst, George Jefferson, Laurence Jones, Daniel Mills, Aiden Milston, Kieran Patel, Myles Rankin, Jamie Sellers, Jonathan Sneller and Harry Wheeler on getting to the finals and winning & being runner up in this year's competition.

Thank you goes to BoB Weingarth & Rob Stroud for organising the event

Regional Cooking Competition

Well done to Kieran Patel, Jordan Day-Hunt, Richard Hurst & James Carr on gaining 372 points in the Regional Cooking Competition, which was held at Stroud, near Gloucester. Thank you goes to Mrs. Patel for coordinating the event and the other parents for all their help. It was a superb event! The standard was obviously higher this year - even with such a tricky theme!



Mother Goose

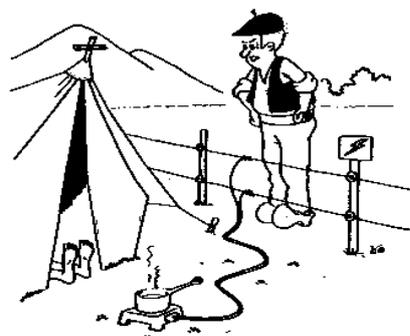
A superb performance from the following Scouts: Robert Allcock, Aaron Burton, James Carr, Jordan Day-Hunt, Max Forman, William Fyffe, Leo Giles, Jack Hathaway, Richard Hurst, James Kersey, Aiden Milston, Kieran Patel, Jamie Sellers, Jonathan Sneller, Harry Wheeler, Kieran Wijesinghe and James Ashe, who all put in a lot of hard work in to this year's production, they attended rehearsals on a Sunday and Thursday since Christmas. Also thank you goes Scouts Jordan Day-Hunt, Leo Giles, Richard Hurst, Kieran Patel and Kieran Wijesinghe (K2) who on the Sunday after the three performances can along and helped take down the stage and clear the Scout hall



District Football Competition

Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Six A Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let Simon know

New Competition Date: Sunday 16th May 2010



Troop Weekend Camp

We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend, as is a good training camp for Scouting Skills

Friday 21st May to Sunday 23rd May 2010

We are looking for someone to tow a large trailer we have borrowed to Holyport on Wednesday evening, 19th May if you can help or have any suggestions please let Simon know

St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – Sunday 24th April 2010, 2.00pm at Maidenhead Town Hall Car Park. This year the Scouts will be walking along the Green Way to Braywick Nature reserve, before an event including a dragon !

This year Parents are invited to take part as well as the Scout

Simon Wheeler

If You miss a Meeting....

Can we please remind parents that if your son is going to miss a **Monday Beaver Meeting**, **Wednesday Pack Meeting** or a **Friday Troop Meeting**, Beavers should contact **Hathi** [Catherine], Cubs should contact **Akela** [Jon] and Scouts contact **Simon**, to let them know that you cannot attend the meeting.

This will help with the programme planning and we will be able to advise you of what is happening at the next meeting.



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