



## GROUP NEWS

December 2010



# Christmas Fair



<p><b>Christmas Trees</b>  <b>Good As New</b>  <b>Competitions</b>  <b>Groceries</b></p>	<p><b>Tombola's</b>  <b>Bathroom Stall</b>  <b>Toys</b>  <b>Refreshments</b></p>	<p><b>Cakes</b>  <b>Raffle</b>  <b>Jewellery</b>  <b>Games</b></p>
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Sunday 5th December 2010 2.00pm

Proceeds in aid of Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and Scout Funds

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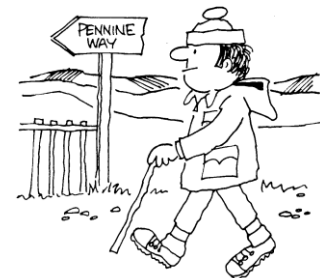
### New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Saturday** 1st January 2011

Time: 10.30 a.m. at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx 12 noon

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



## CHRISTMAS TREES

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### Type Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is Dick Whittington; we are looking for someone to type the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon

### Parents Cleaning Rota

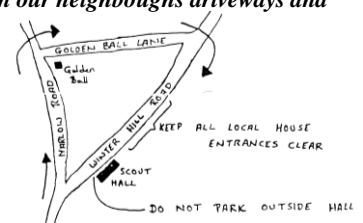
We are still looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area for the rest of the autumn term. If you can spare Max 45 mins (Time to suit) please give Pauline a ring on 01628-670063 or email [cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk). If you have not done this job before 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 fourteen parents who have offered their services.

### 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 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.



## Christingle (Carol) Service



We are holding a Carol Service on  
Sunday 12th December 2010 at 3.50pm  
at our local Church St James the Less at Stubbings.  
All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Parents,  
brothers, sisters, friends etc. are invited to join us  
at this Special Service



Tea will be served afterwards in the Church Hall

### News from the GSL.

Many thanks to Herman Sadie, Steve Rayfield and Clare Edie (Kunchur) for coming to the work party along with Tony Curley, Jane Courtier, Myself and Simon on 6th November. It was extremely productive. Following the success of this day we will be have more in the future so please look out for the date for your diaries.

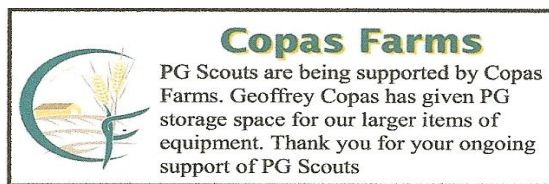
Many Thanks goes to everyone who supported **PG101** (our Reunion for Ex members) and Quiz evening, we made approx. £100, for the two Scouts going on the Jamboree next year.

It gives me great pleasure to announce we have a new chairman. Ian Ruffell. Ian was a Cub, Scout and Venture Scout at PG, also his son Joseph has just moved from beavers to cubs. So he has a long association with PG and I am sure will be a great asset to the Parents Support Group. To have a parent with a child in a section is extremely important to the continued running of the group and we would welcome more parents to join Ian on the support group.

**Subs Administrator – Vacancy:** We are looking for a person to administer the Groups subs from the New Year. This is a role ideally suited to someone that wants to help the Group that has time during the day or evening perhaps a shift worker but is not able to help in other ways. Every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Young Leader pays subs and there about 120 members. The subs are collected annually, initially following investiture when the parent or guardian will be contacted by letter asking for the subs and asked to complete a Gift Aid declaration. We need someone to coordinate the sending of letters and collection of subs also to manage the renewals. At present this is recorded on an Excel spread sheet so does not need any special computer program. You will not need to attend any section meetings as it is all done by post or hand delivery. It is a valuable and essential role that must be filled.

Erica Hunter GSL

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### BEAVER NEWS

Highlights of the term so far have been our very successful Halloween party run by the scouts and a wonderful firework evening at the Flew's house, where the fireworks were possibly the biggest and best we've seen yet! Thanks to Mr Bennett and his son's for organising the fireworks for us!



We also took part in the District Craft competition, with Josef Basarab collecting 1st prize for his dragon drawing, and our colony entry receiving 3rd prize for our wall frieze. A very commendable result so all the beavers who were involved in that deserve a massive well done!

We had three new beavers to the colony in the last couple of weeks, so welcome to Max Verd, Patrick Flood, Ethan Treacy and their families.

**Don't forget** we need your help at our Christmas Fair on Sunday 5th December, plus to order the excellent Freshly Cut Christmas trees we are selling again this year, they are excellent quality **ask any PG parent what they thought** Please put the Christmas Fair Poster up that we sent home. Also please return the form we have sent you to update your sons personal information, we have found a couple of Beavers have moved house and our records are not up to date

Coming up we've got a night hike, a trip [tour at Maidenhead mosque](#) and a Beaver banquet! Christingle Service, Beavers and their Families invited to attend on Sunday 12th December 3.50pm at Stubbings Church, Beavers to wear full uniform; New Year's Morning Walk, Saturday 1st January 10.30am at National Trust Car Park next Cricket pitch.

*Hathi* (Catherine Weeks)

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### CUB NEWS

Before we get stuck into November's Cub Meetings here's a few reports from cubs for the end of October... *The cub meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> October was another enjoyable cub meeting. At inspection black six got quite a good score which was great and then I realised we were going to play my favourite game inside. The game would begin when all the cubs are in a circle and a leader is in the middle with a long piece of rope which the leader would spin the rope around the circle. "Cubs have to jump over the rope and cubs that got hit with the rope are out. After that game each six was given a scrap of paper with a area on it and the sixes would have to act a danger at the place they had on their piece of paper. That day I had a very fun 1 hour and a half at cubs."* By Callum Kuncher.

Congratulations to the PG Cubs who participated in this year's boundary walk, the total is now in and between you £281.75 was raised for The CF Trust. "We started at Boulders Lock and I was disappointed as the weather was looking like it was going to rain. Not many people were doing the walk for Pinkneys Green Scouts but lots were doing it for Furze Platt School. First we started alongside the Thames. Then we marched onto a ferry. It started to rain then! I went on the ferry with my best friend Tobias. Then we strode into somebody's garden (which had false grass) and spread out along the path. After, we walked down a very dark alley, and at the end of the alley we got our cards stamped at the first check point (we got our cards at the beginning). That was in Bray. Then we carried on past Braywick Nature Reserve, across a bust dual carriageway. I was getting very hungry and tired and it seemed to take forever to get to the second checkpoint and have lunch (it was still raining!) Then we went home after that. We did 6 miles (Daddy did the whole walk)." By Nicholas Conacher.

The final meeting of October was the Halloween Party run by the Scout Troop. Cubs arrived in horrifying costumes and all with 'something in a bag to scare a leader' which ranged from eyeballs to particularly messy concoctions. The evening only got messier with eating donuts from string (no hands), finding the smartie in the flour and a game of musical chairs to finish whilst the hall was swept. Thank you to Cub Young Leader Will Fyffe & James Ashe for organising the event and the following Scout Helpers; Jordan Day-Hunt, Richard Hurst, James Kersey, Aidan Milston, Jonathan Otun, Kieran Patel, Harry Wheeler and Leo Giles. "The scouts ran the party. We all dressed up as loads of scary monsters I was a werewolf zombie & a mummy! We played loads of fun games (donuts on string smarties in flour etc...!) my personal favourite part was when we had our bags and we made the scouts put their hands in." By Jake Milston.



The first meeting of November was a Bonfire Night led by Niven with the help of the other Cub Young Leaders. The pack were divided into two groups, one of which went into the woods to start building the fire and the other that stayed in the hall to go over 'fire' and 'firework' safety. The group switched and eventually everyone made it to the woods to see the bonfire light.

The PG Tips reports are all being sent early this month so the rest of November hasn't happened yet but some of the themes we have coming up are; learning swimming rules with our classic Baywatch era David Hasselhoff video, activities relating to dealing with fires in the home, stranger & internet security awareness exercises, how to plan journeys on public transport and knowing what to take on a day trip to the countryside. We will report on these in more detail in the January edition and fill you in on all our Christmas Activities throughout December including carol singing and seeing Bagheera in the local Sleeping Beauty Pantomime!

It seems a long time off as I write this early November but on behalf of the Cub Team we wish you a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year for 2011!

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## SCOUT NEWS



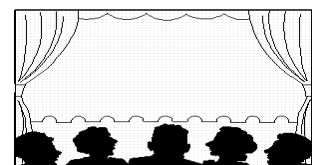
**Christmas Fair** - The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for items to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout donates five items, we should have a successful stall. Any Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, 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.

### **Christingle Service**

Scouts and Young Leaders, don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 12th December at Stubbings Church. We hope that all Scouts and their families will be able to attend. There will be a cup of tea, after the service in the Church hall

### **Troop Welcome "2011" Party**

We are holding a New Year Party Between Christmas and New Year on **WEDNESDAY 29th December 6.50pm – 9.15pm** After having a very successful Party last year, we are going to hold another one. Each Scout is required to bring some food - **contact your PL for details.**



### **Trip to Windsor to the Pantomime**

Scouts and Young Leaders, we are going to see Cinderella at **Theatre Royal Windsor** on Friday 7th January 2011. Tickets are £17 per Person

### **New Years Morning Walk**

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Saturday 1st January 2011 – 10.30am at National Trust Car Park next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families are

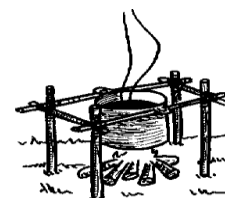
invited to attend.

### **Swimming Gala –**

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 15th January 2011, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**

### **District Chef Cooking Competition**

Congratulations goes to PG team *Jordan Day-Hun, Richard Hurst and Leo Giles* for coming third in the District Chef Cooking Competition. They had to produce a three course meal for four people within a budget of £12-£13. Culinary experts Edwige Brown judged the competition. Each team had to eat the meal they cooked, plus have a Guest from the scout Fellowship, Doreen Cutler (fourth person) to eat the meal with them. Special Thanks goes to their parents for all their help and support



## Remembrance Sunday

Thank you goes to all the Scouts / leaders who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church. Special thanks you goes to William Boothman and Myles Rankin for carrying the flags.

## District Night Hike

Over 20 Scouts, leaders and adults from PG joined Scouts from all the Troops in Maidenhead to walk around a circular course around Littlewick Green, Knowl Hill, White Waltham area. We entered two teams. They left the PG base at 10.00pm and had some challenging walking and some of the bases we complicated to complete after a day at School, some Scouts were asleep while they were walking in the early hours of the morning. As we go to press we have not received the results. We would like to thank Andrew Jones, Greg Hurst, Tim Brennan, Paul Conacher, John Boothman & Duncan Cribb for walking with the Scouts, plus Rob & Toby Ayre, for manning the PG Base, Rob Stroud for supplying hot refreshments.



Simon Wheeler



## World Jamboree – Sweden 2011

**Daniel & James as part of the Jamboree Unit attended a Day First Aid course run by the County:**

*We first watched two videos: one was on epilepsy. We were then split into two groups. Our group stayed down stairs and did the recovery position and resuscitation. We then had a brake to have a drink and then went upstairs.*

*Upstairs we did all sorts of things about how your thought may get blocked and how to deal with it e.g.. asthma. We were also told about ticks. Then it was lunch.. After lunch we went back into our groups and first*

*we learnt how to wrap most types of bandages. We went back upstairs and learnt about: hyperthermia, hypothermia and burns. Finally, we got into our patrols and had a look at some leaflets that had lists of items that we could order to use at the jamboree we had been given and had to decide what we would like to order out of it. Erica's husband was there and took us for quite a bit of it. It was all very interesting.*

Daniel Mills

**HELP - We are STILL looking for help for a few hours, from Beaver, Cub or Scout Parents & Scouts with one of our Fundraising Projects, bag packing, weekends 11th /12th December , 18th/19th December if you can help please email [jamboree@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:jamboree@pgscouts.org.uk) Thanks for every who has helped us with fund raising.**

***WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S  
& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM***





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