



GROUP NEWS

July 2010

Family Fun Day

Reminder - We are holding a family fun day on the Green opposite the Scout Hall

Date: **Sunday 18th July 2009, 12.30noon – 4.00pm** Note: *Change of Date*

After a very successful event last year we have decided to hold it again, All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders and their families are invited to attend. There will be various games, including the rounder's, volleyball, Swing ball etc, as well as Akela organising a special game for the youngsters in the woods.

There will be a Bar-b-que as well as refreshments, Inc a Bar

We hope that friends and families of PG members will be able to attend

During the afternoon we will be holding are annual AGM, we are looking for Parents to join the at 2.00pm

We will be looking for parents to join the Group Exec (Parents Support Committee) anyone interested please turn up on the day or contact our GSL Erica Hunter 623154. Also Chill, Tarka & Benny will be presented with their Silver Acorns.



Thank You for a Successful Day at the Fair

Our Group fair on the Green, was very successful thanks to the many parents and friends of the group who turned out to help. We all produced an excellent afternoon of entertainment not only for our group members but also for lots of local residents. Thank you to everyone for your contributions.

Special thanks goes to Jane Courtier for organising the fair, on her own. As we go to press we think we have raised over £3,000, which is just up on last year. This will go towards the cost of running PG.

A massive thank you to all the people who made our fair a great success.

Thank you especially to **Keith Wheeler and Phillip Kersey** and their sons who slept in the marquees overnight on Saturday, to **Phill Bristow** who set up the power and lent equipment for the fair, **Jo Forman** who ran the entire Raffle and Silent Auction which are major fundraisers. **Maureen Hoggarth** who organised the Dog Show and **Rob Harris** for his inimitable commentary.



Thank you to everyone who sold raffle tickets, did jobs beforehand, helped with marquees on Saturday (one of the most efficient set ups we have had), set up on Sunday and ran stalls throughout the afternoon and **cleared away at the end**. This includes parents, many scouts and your leaders who are all very supportive of the fund raising and of course the Executive committee who were involved for the whole weekend.

Jane Courtier

OLD Mobile Phones

Do you have an old Mobile phone you no longer require?

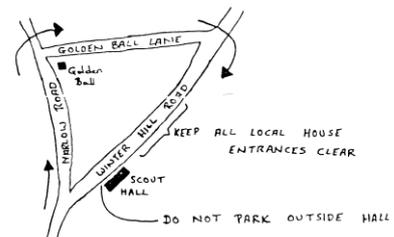
The Scouts are looking for Old phones. They will put a pay as you go SIM card in it and the scouts can then use them on hikes etc. If they get damaged, lost or dropped in a river, we don't have to worry.

Please let Simon have your old phone. Email: simon@pgtips.org.uk , call Mhd 771991 or send them to the hall, with charger if possible

Bringing to and collecting from the Scout Hall - ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting him from Scout Hall.

- All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along Furze Platt Road *past* Winter Hill Road and turn right into Golden Ball Lane. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road and turn right into Winter Hill Road at the end.
- To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, particularly the drive at the side of the hall.
- As the verges can get 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.



These instructions are to ensure your child's safety whilst they are visiting our Hall



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online. **PG is part of an online shopping scheme.** WWW.buy.at/pgscouts



Numerous High Street retailers and internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Cotton Traders and John Lewis.

Every purchase made via this site benefits us financially. You do not have to pay anymore for your purchases when you access via **buy. at, but we gain!!**.

Please put www.buy.at/pgscouts in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online. **Just try it and see how easy it is.**

Every quarter we get a commission cheque dependant on the amount YOU spend. This is a very easy effort less way to raise money for the group. **We have raised over £999 thanks to PG Online Shoppers.**

So WWW.buy.at/pgscouts "The web shop facility is such a simple but effective idea. We receive a commission on each purchase you make. Donating to PG Scouts couldn't be easier!"

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has supported us So WWW.buy.at/pgscouts



PHOTOCOPYING:

We are producing a booklet for Summer camp and are looking for help with photocopying it – It is approx 55 pages long and we are looking for 60 copies

Also looking for 60 Colour copies of the front page which we need to get laminated

If you can help do some copies (even the odd 50 sheets), please contact Simon ASAP

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BEAVER NEWS

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to all the Mum's, Dad's and Beavers who helped at the Summer Fair. We had a very successful day, and the games stalls yet again proved very popular. I hope all that attended or helped had an enjoyable day!



We've spent the last few weeks fully taking advantage of the lovely weather, developing our scouting skills in the woods with shelter building and fire lighting, had a wonderful evening playing games run by Tarka, Simon and (Alex), and spent an evening playing some water themed games.

Coming up we've got our annual tent pitching with the scouts, cooking our own sausages on an open fire in the woods (always a favourite!) and our annual campfire on July 19th. All parents and families are welcome to join us at our campfire for an evening of singing and performing. The fancy dress theme will be announced in due course.

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

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CUB NEWS

The week after half term week, the Cubs organised a litter clearing session on the National Trust Land and in the woods opposite the Scout Hall. The boys always enjoy this and usually manage to unearth some pretty strange items. Thank you to everyone who helped collect the rubbish.

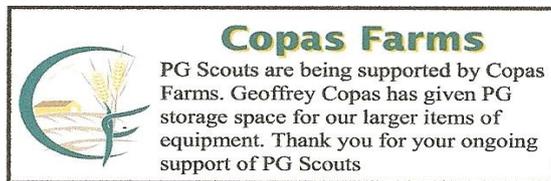


Akela has invested five new Cubs into the Pack *Lucas Jefferson, Nicholas Conacher, Dhruv Mehta, Samuel March and Oliver Seymour*. We hope they are enjoying their time at Cubs.

The weather has been interesting, especially as we are outside on Wednesday evenings the last month we have rotational fire lighting and cooking, pitching patrol tents, and laying and following a trail. Parents be warned – you never know what state you might have to take your son home in!

By the time you read this the summer fair will be over – but I hope you did everything you could to support it –whether it be help on the day, providing things to sell, selling raffle tickets, spend spend spend... etc. A big thank you to all of you who helped and a special thank you to the Fair Committee. Anyone want to join for next year?!!

Don't forget Cub Camp on 3rd-5th September



SCOUT NEWS

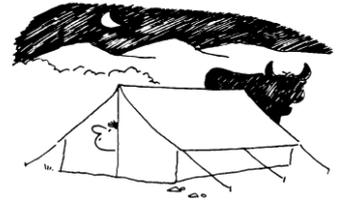
2010 Summer Camp - Hampshire

This is the most important activity of the scouting year and puts his training into practice. We have booked various activities for the Scouts attending.

We are taking over 40 Scouts & leaders from 27th July to 7th August 2010

Can Parents please return permission to camp / medical form to Simon by **9th July** – so he can get it photo copied

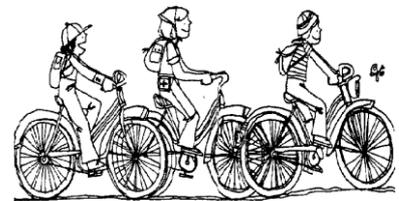
Special thanks go to Rob Ayre & Alan Hoskins who has offered to drive the lorry to /from camp



Cycling

Can all Parents, Scouts & Young Leaders note the following?

- (i) Any Scout or Young Leader who cycles to the Scout Hall must have his bike in a roadworthy condition with working front and back lights
- (ii) All Scouts & YLs Cycling to/from Scout activities **wear a Cycle Helmet.**
- (iii) That their bike is securely locked in the compound - We have had bikes stolen from outside the hall.



Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers on Monday 5th July. We will be getting Beavers to pitch patrol tents. We are looking for Scouts to help run the evening. Young Leader Nic Jones, is co-ordinating the Scouts, if you are able to help, please let Nic know

Don't leave it to others – We need your help - SCOUTS

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

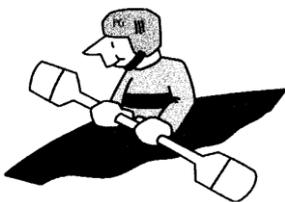
As normal, Scouts will continue to meet during the School Summer Holidays. We hope to be arranging some special trips and activities - Friday evening 6.50pm - 9.10pm -. Uniform is not to be worn, Activity Dress is (PG Tee Shirt, plain shorts and old trainers) Don't forget to bring a coat, if it looks wet.

Please check your **Thursday** emails each week to see if there are any special instructions.

Water Activities at Longridge

Jay Hutchins, William Brennan, Jordan Flynn, Hal Forman, Thomas Sellers, Kieran Wijesinghe, Jamie Rhucroft and Laurence Jones, plus leaders: John & William Boothman, Rob Ayre, Alex & Nic Jones, Alan Tarleton & Simon took part in the District Water activities at Longridge, joining Scouts / leaders from all over Maidenhead. The Scouts took part in six different activities including Kayaking, Canoeing, Climbing, Gig pulling, raft building & dragon boating

Thank you goes to all the leaders & helpers who gave up their time to help run the event.



Troop Meetings – Uniform

Can we remind all Scouts & Parents, that we are a member of a Uniform Organisation? **We expect all Scouts** to wear Full Scout Uniform to Troop Meetings. Scout Uniform consists of Green Scout Shirt, Blue Scout Cargo Trousers or Blue Scout Association Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf. Also to bring a pair **the Scout Association Blue Shorts**, plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. PG Tee Shirts and Scarves are purchased from Raksha (76, Pinkneys Road)

Those Scouts going on Summer Camp will need two Yellow tee Shirts



Summer Fair

Thank you goes to all the Scouts and parents who supplied items for the Tombola; we nearly had 500 items, and took over £420 on the Tombola.

Also thanks goes to all the Scouts who helped set the fair up, helped on the day either on the tombola or the other side shows and those helped packed up

Simon Wheeler

World Jamboree – Sweden 2011



James Ashe and Daniel Mills are representing PG, as part of 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.

The cost per Scout is £2,100. **They are looking for ways fundraising, any ideas**, please email: jamboree@pgscouts.org.uk

Can You Help Us - We are STILL Looking For:

An industrial sewing machine or Moving foot machine for canvas repairs.

Green Flag Material to repair the Scout Troop Flag – which is very threadbare – do you know where we can purchase some from or has someone got the time to look for some on internet. The Troop Flag is very old and has been darned a lot of times.

Ice Cream Containers, used postage stamps (Guide dogs for the blind), Flat Computer Screens, Old XP or Vista Computers

TV Aerial - Can you help fix it

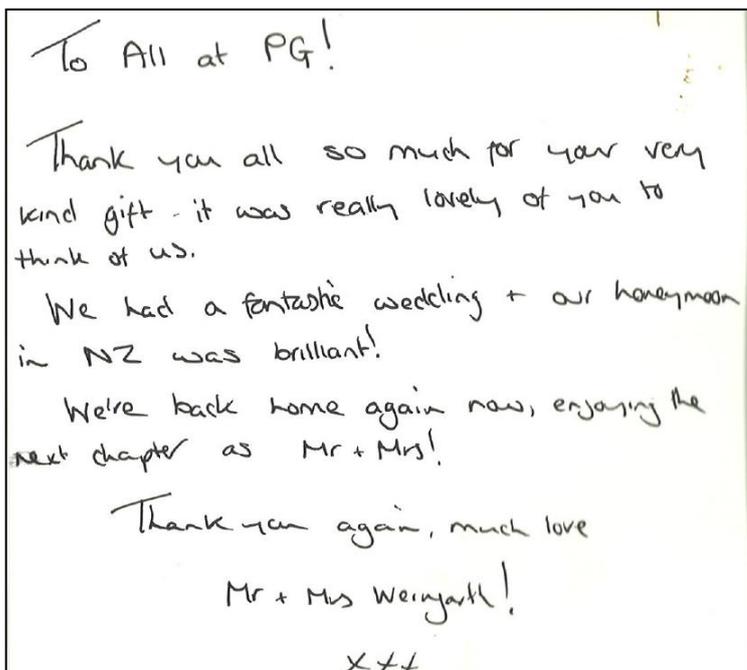
We are having trouble with the pictures on our TV's in the Scout hall. We are looking for someone to look at the problem and have a go at fixing it. If you can help, please either email Simon at help@pgtips.org.uk or call Mhd 771991

OLD Black & Mauve Recycling Boxes

If you have now got a Blue Wheelie Bin and are looking for a home for your recycling boxes, we are looking for at least a dozen, to store items in. Please send them along to the Scout Hall (RBWM have told us they don't want them back)

Letter

From Troop Assistant, Matthew Weingarth and his marriage to Hannah Wakefield on Saturday 1st May 2010



Pinkneys Green Scouts

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