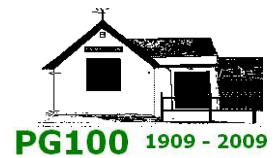




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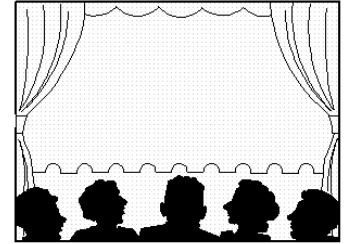
March 2010

2010 PG's PANTOMIME – Mother Goose

The Scouts, Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's Pantomime *Mother Goose*. The Scouts have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of *Raksha, Chil, Hathi* and *Simon*. A big thank you goes to all the Leaders, parents and friends who have supported us so far with this year's production

Thank you

Thank you goes *Clive Hunt, Nicolette Smith, Rob Ayre, Greg Hurst* and the parents, who have helped build this year's stage, for the Pantomime.



Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 22nd March 10.30am**. We need to get the Scout Hall cleared by Monday, for Beavers

TICKETS ON SALE

We have tickets available for **Saturday 20th March 3pm and 7pm** performances available at £3.50 each. Orders for tickets in an envelope to any section meeting or *Simon 9, Powney Road*.

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We are looking for new committee members! We need your help to ensure the continuation and smooth running of PG Scout group.

Two key members are leaving the Executive committee this year (Chairman and Treasurer), so we are looking for keen people to join the team. We are also looking for parent members who have ideas and energy to contribute. We need to ensure that the leadership team is representative of the youngsters attending PG. The majority of the committee no longer have members in PG.

No experience necessary: Training will be provided. Monthly committee meetings take place on first Monday of month at 7.30.

Chairman (Chairperson): General management experience would be a great help, being organised essential, and knowing how to run,

control and direct meetings key. Duties include chairing the monthly executive meetings, ensuring that the group is financially and legally compliant with appropriate regulations. This role requires about 8 to 10 hours a month.

Are you handy with Wood?

We are looking for a volunteer that can repair various items made of wood (tables and benches) that get broken from time to time and the occasional repair in the hall. All expenses will be reimbursed so it's just your time. Please let me know if you are able to help. erica.hunter2@btinternet.com 07899075203. Thank you.

WINTER HILL ROAD CLOSURE

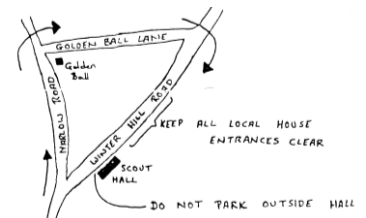
Winter Hill Road will be closed for major Road Works from Monday 15th March. **If the road is closed – DO NOT USE the One Way System, you are allowed to go pass the road Close Sign and drive up to the Scout Hall. Please turn you car round carefully making sure you don't drive on the grass and park on the Scout Hall Side of the road**

PANTOMIME – If the green is not waterlogged, we will use it to park on. Please use the Top Entrance and park facing down the slope and use to bottom entrance to exit the Green

If Winter Hill Road is not Closed, please use our 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.



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



PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Remember we need your support; it is quite simple **To access our web shop, enter the address www.buy.at/pgscouts** or go via the link on our web site www.pgscouts.org.uk 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

A big thank you – We are still looking for more Parents to 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, wash the kitchen Mitchell room and toilet floors once a term. We need to sort a rota out for next term.

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

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. This saves the leaders having to take it down to the tip.

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BEAVER NEWS

We have our annual 'Beaverree' where all the beaver colonies in the district will gather together for an afternoon of fun and games. The theme of the Beaverree this year is 'Africa' and the chosen charity is 'The Walk Centre' in Nakuru, Kenya. Pinkneys Green Beavers will be raising money for the charity by taking part in the 'District Beaver Good Turn'. If you would like to find out more about this charity, a link is available on the Pinkneys Green Scout Group website. www.pgscouts.org.uk/pdf/2010_beaverree_project.pdf



We would like to officially welcome six new beavers and their families to the group; Samuel Gaines, Max Noyce, Alfie Mifsud, Lucas Roberts, Thomas Jackson and Jake Bennett were invested in February - a reminder that if there were any photographs taken at the investiture, we would love to have them to put on the PG website. www.pgscouts.co.uk

This term at beavers we are continuing with our 'weather' theme, we've made igloos out of marshmallows (I think more ended up being eaten than actually contributing to the construction!), made bird feeders out of lard, breadcrumbs, bird feed and netting (these weren't so appetising to eat but hopefully the birds will appreciate it in the cold weather) and made some very inventive and artistic snowmen out of cotton wool and toilet rolls. We will be continuing with our weather theme with a 'torches and wellies' walk in a few weeks, and are looking forward as always to our 'scouts entertain' evening at the beginning of March, where the Beavers will get to showcase their theatrical talents on the stage!

We hope that all Beavers and their families will come along and see this year's Scouts Pantomime, its well worth a family outing. There are three performances Friday 19th March 7pm, plus Saturday 20th March at 3pm and 7pm.

Hathi

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CUB NEWS

During February we have looked at First Aid, Map Signs, Flags and Saints, Knots and Compass Bearings. All cubs have covered these important scouting skills/knowledge but our flag team particularly have continued their hard work in preparation for the District Flag Competition on the 7th March 2010 – Pinkneys Green Cubs have a strong record for winning and we hope that the team will do ‘their best’ this year. Good Luck to Findlay Cassels, Jay Hutchins, Thomas Lewthwaite-Page, Toby Bruce, Zac Gordon-Smith and Louis Cadinouche who will do PG proud whatever the outcome!



James Ashe, our new Young Leader, was invested by Nicolette Smith, Assistant District Commissioner at our Cub Meeting and all the Cubs saluted him into our pack and his next phase in the Scouting Movement. We hope he enjoys working (and having fun) at our Cub meetings.

Also invested this month were Harry Allcock, Raamie Falck-Awad, Callum Kuncher, Matthew Miller, Harvey Neeves, Jake Noyce, Nadav Rahimi, and Max Stone. We hope they enjoy their time with Pinkneys Green Cubs.

Akela

Incident Hike on 17th February

Follows is a report written by a Cub about the incident hike run by the Scouts during half term:

On Wednesday of half-term the cubs went on an incident hike on the green and in the woods. Firstly, my group did the 'blind trail' which is where you are blindfolded and you have to follow a rope which is tied to trees. It was really fun!

Secondly, we did the stretchers where we have to get two red jackets and put them through a pole and put someone on it and carry him. Amazingly, no one fell off.

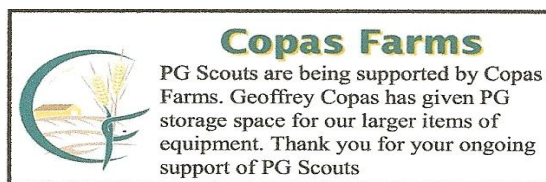
Thirdly, we did the 'assault course' which is where you have to run up a slippery thin piece of wood and go down it, then you have to crawl under this orange netting. There were other things to do too.

Fourthly, we did the 'Morse code' activity and finally, we did the 'matchsticks' which is where you have to make lots of shapes with big wooden poles.

My favourite was the 'blind trail' and my least favourite was the 'matchsticks'.

Thomas Sellers

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SCOUT NEWS

Jamboree Selection Weekend.

The following Scouts, Aaron Burton, Max Forman, Daniel Mills, Jordan Day-Hunt, Kieran Patel, Richard Hurst, Myles Rankin, Edward Kersey, Harry Wheeler, James Ashe & Alan Tarleton going on the County Selection Unit for the World Jamboree in Sweden. Berkshire will be sending a unit of 36 Scouts from the 12 Districts in Berkshire. Maidenhead hopes to get 7 places. **We would like to wish them all good Luck**

New Scouts

We would like to welcome four Cubs (and their families), who have started their moving up award with the Troop. Jonathan Otun, Jamie Rhucroft, Louix Franklin and Thomas Sellers. They will be invested as Scouts, during a *Moving Up Ceremony* on Wednesday 25th March.

Beaver Meeting

The Scouts are running Beavers “We will Entertain” They will be using the stage. Help is required from any Scout who plays a musical Instrument or has any ideas what the Beavers can do using the Stage. Offers of help to Simon. Date: Monday 12th March 2009

Cross Country Competition

The Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Course is 2 miles

We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 13th March 10.20am at the Scout Hall.

We are looking for help with this event, from adults to help as Marshals



Mother Goose

We hope that all those scouts who are not in this year's production, will get a ticket and come and see the other Scouts in this year's production. Tickets are available for Friday 19th March, 7pm & Saturday 20th March 3pm & 7pm at £3.50 each.

Well done to the 18 Scouts who are in this year's production, they have been rehearsing twice a week since January

Swimming – Windsor Leisure Pool

The Scouts who are not in this year's pantomime, Swimming to Windsor Leisure Pool as the Scouts and leaders who are in this year's production will be holding an extra rehearsal at the Scout Hall. Rob Stroud & Chris Parker will be organising this activity.

Date: Friday 13th March 2010, 7pm – 9pm



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

Competition Date: Sunday 28th March

Computer Event

The Scouts are planning to hold an Computer event during the week after Easter Monday, either 7th-8th or 8th-9th April. Any Scouts interested in taking part please let Simon Know

MINI Buses

We are looking to hire at least three mini buses for this year's Summer Camp

If you know where we can hire a mini buses from for a reasonable price, or does your school have one we can hire, please let Simon have the details Email: help@pgtips.org.uk

We are looking for one for 27th July 2010 to 7th August 2010



Troop Weekend Camp

All Scouts should have received a letter about our weekend camp. Friday 21st May to Sunday 23rd May 2010

Please make the effort to reply by 30th March 2010 to Simon

We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend, as is a good training camp for Summer Camp. Scouts will receive full details

Patrol Swimming

We will again be taking each Patrol to High Wycombe, so that every Scout can be re-tested for the minimum standard for taking part in water activities, as well as been given the opportunity in doing the *Swimmers* proficiency Badge. **Scouts need to wear Full Uniform, plus take their Swimming gear.**

Bob Weingarth or Rob Stroud will be organising this activity, with help from another leader

We might require help from parents with transport.

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, more details near the event

Simon Wheeler



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