



GROUP NEWS

October 2011



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 15th October. 10am to Sunday 16th 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

54th Jamboree on the Air - 15th-16th October 2011

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.

The theme of the event this year is "Peace, Environment and Natural Disasters". Some educational activities have been prepared with the aim of helping participants to think, discuss and act on these issues. JOTA-JOTI is also always an opportunity to discover and experience new projects and new programmes, communicate with new partners and make new friends.



15th Jamboree on the Internet - - 15th-16th October 2011

The 2011 Jamboree On the Internet event is the 15th 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.

JOTI is an annual event when Scouts and Guides all over the world make contact with each other by means of the Internet. It is a real Jamboree during which Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared, thus contributing to the world brotherhood of Scouting. JOTI is a world-wide event mainly for Scouting groups in all sections.



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

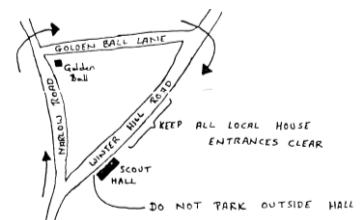
During the weekend we will be updating PG web Site www.pgscouts.org.uk with Photos of these events

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 Please Don't park in the drive way of Christmas Cottage

**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.



PG Yellow Tee Shirts

Raksha has the yellow PG Activity shirts for sale. These are worn by Beavers, Cubs & Scouts as part of their activity gear (When they take their uniform shirts off) **Scouts all** need them as part of their activity gear. The price cost £6 each. They are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton) 76, Pinkneys Road Tel: Mhd 628160

CHRISTMAS TREES 2011

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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

Please email: oldphotos@pgtips.org.uk

September Jumble Sale

A big thank you goes to Arti Mehta and Darran Cottington for organising our Jumble Sale in September and Beaver / Cub / Scout, Parent coordinators – Vanessa Deans / Cathy Climpson / Pauline Patel and **all the parents & supporters who helped** with the collecting / sorting / selling / clearing up / taking rubbish to tip.

We raised the fantastic amount of **over £555** from our first Sale.

Our next Jumble Sale will be on 1st October 2011



Council Grant Application

A big thank you goes to everyone who voted for the RBWM Neighbourhood budget Vote

277 people voted for us (the most of all submissions) which was 25.5% of all votes cast.

We were successful in gaining a grant

Type Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is Aladdin, we are looking for some one to type the script for us. For more details, please contact Simon, email: simon@pgscouts.org.uk

Hall Cleaning Rota Team

We are looking for some new parents to join the PG parents cleaning team. If we can get parents to clean the hall, **it will save the leaders having to do the cleaning**, so they can concentrate on doing the scouting programme

If you would like more information on what the cleaning involves (takes 30-45 mins to do) please email cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk, or talk to one of the parents below or If you would like to join our cleaning team weeks starting: **26th Dec 2011**, (Scouts will be meeting during the Christmas holidays inc. a couple residential events) **2nd Jan, 9th Jan, 16th Jan or 30th Jan 2012**

Please email our cleaning coordinator Pauline Patel: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

Can we thank the following parents who have cleaned the hall this year: *Cathy Allcock, Rosie Bleazard, Alison Cadinouche, Natalie Cassels, Sarah Conacher, Vanessa Deans, Maggie Dennis, Margaret Donohoe, Claire Eadie, Sue Giles, Lisa Hewitt, Jo Hutchins, Sandi Isted, Helen Jackson, Louise Jefferson, Pauline Jones, Viv Jones, Bobby Jons, Ken Knight, Arti Mehta, Pauline Patel, Karen Rayfield, Margaret Russell, Julia Stubblefield, Vanessa Wallace, Jenny Wijesinghe and Gemma Woolford*

Our online Shopping has changed its name



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Each time you shop with these retailers via our eStore, a commission is generated and given to us.

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www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts/

BEAVER NEWS

Beavers has got off to a cracking start this term with four new boys joining us; Luca Clatworthy, Max Cini, Matthew Hay and Toby Pocock. We wish the new beavers and their families a warm welcome to PG and hope that they are enjoying themselves.



Unfortunately that means that we have to say goodbye to our oldest beavers who will be moving up to cubs; Alfie Misfud, Dillon Flew, Oliver Cadinouche, Daniel Wallace, Ethan Tracey and Patrick Flood will all be making their promise and joining the cub pack. We hope you have enjoyed your time at beavers and are looking forward to your exciting time as PG cubs.

This term we will be following the theme of 'music and drama' with the beavers and activities will involve making our own musical instruments, a 'PG's Got Talent' show, as well as our traditional halloween and firework evenings. We started off the term making some very successful kites which flew fantastically on the green and playing some traditional games in the woods.

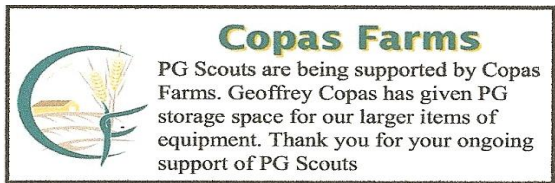
Please can I remind parents as the evenings get darker that the beavers need to be accompanied into the hall as our scout hall is on a very busy road. All Beavers are expected to wear correct beaver Scout Uniform to all meetings, which includes Scout Association Shorts of Trousers

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

Maidenhead Scout Shop

Thursday Evenings during term time
7pm – 8.45pm at 19th Maidenhead Hut
Holmanleaze (Behind Magnet)

www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/



CUB NEWS

Hopefully everyone in the Cub section has recovered following a great weekend camp at Berkshire College of Agriculture, all based around a theme of Chocolate. Thirty four of the Cubs had a weekend packed full of activities including archery, athletics, a treasure hunt, first aid, knots and an assault course. With each Six having a chocolate based name (Wispa, Toffee Crunch, Galaxy, Cadbury, Mars and Crunchie) we also invited 6 of the older Beavers to join us on the Saturday to see what Cub Camp was all about. Saturday evening saw us hold an excellent camp fire which was led with great enthusiasm by the Young Leaders and Scouts who were camping with us. The Cubs were tasked with devising a camp fire sketch based on Chocolate, all of which were highly imaginative. Best of all it didn't rain... although we might have had some "low-flying mist" at times!!

With all the work that went on over 100 badges were earned by the Cubs. Many thanks go to the Leaders who planned the activities and helped throughout the weekend. Also, huge thanks and a big Cub B.R.A.V.O to Pauline Jones and Jo Kersey who were our camp cooks for the weekend - we were catered for excellently!

This term kicked off with an evening of Cricket, where great sportsmanship was shown by all the Cubs. Having learnt the rules of the game we played 4 games, with the "Pink Limo's" team coming out on top. We also welcomed 6 Beavers into Cubs for their first pack evening - welcome to Oliver Cadinouche, Dillon Flew, Patrick Flood, Alfie Misfud, Max Noyce, Ethan Tracey and Daniel Wallace. For the next few weeks they will all be working on their Moving Up award with Raksha in advance of being invested into the Pack.



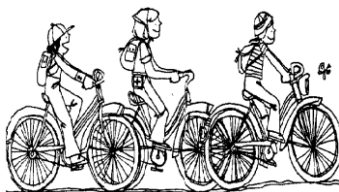
Until next month

Mysa (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS

PLs & APLs – the District are running a training course for PLs and some APLs. At Cookham Scout hall on Saturday 8th October. Their course will help them with their role as a PL or APL.



District Cycle Orienteering Competition –

Sunday 9th October, 10am-1pm Littlewick Green – Knowl Hill area. Any Scout who has a roadworthy bike and cycle helmet can take part. **Thank** you goes to the dad who has offered to help. **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 helmet.

Moving Up

We would like to welcome four Cubs, Frank Williams, George Knott, Barnaby Zac Gordon-Smith and Ben Ratcliffe who have started their Moving up Award **Badge** with the Troop.

JOTI / JOTA

Plans are underway again to hold this event again at the Scout Hall over the weekend 14th - 15th October 2011. 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



Halloween Party

We are looking for help from Scouts running the Beavers Halloween Party on Monday 31st 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 18th November, 9pm and finish in the early hours of Saturday Morning 19th 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.

Also as most of the Troop leaders are away we are looking for a couple of parents / helpers to run the PG base. If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon simon@pgscouts.org.uk

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://scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=56.135.156>

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

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)

We Are Looking For:

- Ice Cream containers with Lids
- Bench need welding
- Help with Photocopying 20-25 copies of PG Tips a month
- Used Postage Stamp
- Dehumidifier – do you have one you no longer require – Makes drying wet canvas in the Scout Hall a lot simpler
- **STORAGE AREA** – Store Summer Fair games and equipment, Group Camp & Pantomime bits etc

PG Web Site: www.pgscouts.org.uk

If you can help with any of the above please email help@pgtips.org.uk

PHOTOCOPYING

looking for some help photocopying our Christmas Tree Flyers

If you can do 50 / 100 / 150 or 200 copies please contact Simon simon@pgscouts.org.uk

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