



GROUP NEWS

December 2012



Christmas Fair



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| Christmas Trees | Tombola's | Cakes |
| Good As New | Bathroom Stall | Raffle |
| Competitions | Toys | Jewellery |
| Groceries | Refreshments | Games |

Sunday 2nd December 2012 2.00pm

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

Please Support your Scout Group

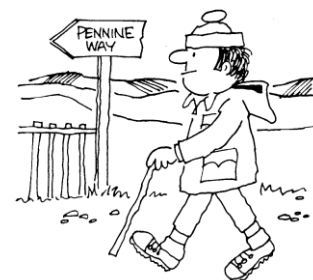
New Year's Day - Morning Walk

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

Date: **Tuesday** 1st January 2013

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

Delivery: **FREE** to Maidenhead / Cookham /
Bourne End / Marlow / Hurley areas

We are taking orders

Orders & payment to; Ken Knight 3, Birdwood Road, Maidenhead SL6 5AP
by 2nd December for delivery on Saturday 8th December 2012

Order form on www.pgscouts.org.uk

Tennis Balls

We are looking for Tennis Balls again, if you play at a tennis club, or know of anyone who plays at one, can you see if they have any old tennis balls they no longer require

Used Postage Stamp

Reminder, Tarka (Barry Palmer) is collecting used postage stamps.

Please save your postage stamps for us. Then either put them through the Scout Hall letter box, or drop them off at your child's section meeting

Cubs to start in Littlewick Green January 2013

Following the success of our Colony in Littlewick (LG) we are now pleased to be able to say we will be starting a new Cub Pack on Wednesday evenings from 6.30 - 8pm. The pack will meet at the same venue as Beavers at the Gilchrist Hall. We have 10 eager children waiting to start, a mix of boys and girls. Some of these will be Beavers swimming up to the Pack. For further information contact Nathalie Watson (Hawkeye) Nathalie_asmar@hotmail.com Beaver Scout Leader at LG or myself.

Leaders and Assistants

We as a group are looking for Leaders and assistants for Beavers and Cubs at Littlewick and Scouts at PG. If you are interested expanding and maintaining our vast scouting activities please contact me or speak to any leader. There are various roles available with varied training to support your own individual interests.

Erica Hunter, Group Scout Leader

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are still looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from February 2013 onwards. If you can spare Max 45 mins (Time to suit) please give Pauline a ring on 01628-670063 or email 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 twenty plus parents who have offered their services.

Christingle (Carol) Service

We are holding a Carol Service on
Sunday 9th December 2012 at 3.25pm
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



Support our online shopping - PG is part of an online shopping scheme (www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts)

We get commission is you go via our web site, to date we have raised over£1,200

Numerous High Street retailers and internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. Amazon 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 www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts , but we gain!

Please put www.spendandraise.com/pgscouts in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online. Just try it and see how easy it is. This is a very easy effort less way to raise money for the group. **Just try it and see how easy it is.**

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that you child is expected to wear correct uniform to there section meetings.

Beavers can wear Scout Association shorts or trouser, Cubs, Scout & Explorers need Scout Association shorts. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop on a Thursday evening 7pm – 8.45pm term time.

For more details www.maidenheadscouts.org.uk/scoutsshop/

We do have some second hand ones, please contact Peta Almond email: pgsubs@hotmail.co.uk

Computer Bits

We are looking for the following computer bits to upgrade / replace the ones we have

PC's or Laptops that are Pentium 4 or higher (preferably Intel Pentium D/Intel Centrino Duo/Intel Core 2 Duo/AMD Athlon x2/etc)

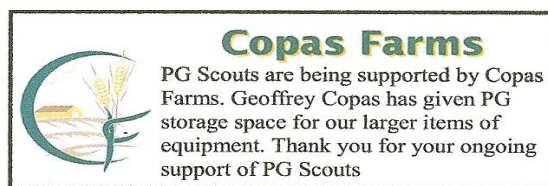
USB and PS/2 optical laser mice

IDE Hard Drives over 40Gb and any SATA Hard Drives

Quiet/Silent 8-16 port Gigabit switch and any other Gigabit switches

RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables – 3 meters of longer

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BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

Another busy few weeks, we had a very successful castle making session where we made castles out of junk craft for the craft competition, a lovely Halloween party and a fantastic firework evening at Darcy's house (young leader at PG Beavers) - a huge thank you to her family for letting us use their garden for such a brilliant event. We also made a brilliant recreation of the Jubilee River



Pageant with a painted background and all sorts of different boats made by the beavers as our group entry to the craft competition this year.

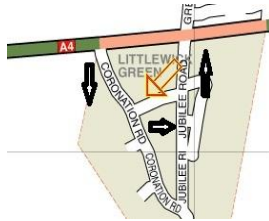
Coming up soon, we have a night hike, a Christmas party run by the scouts, an evening carol singing and making Christmas cards and decorations, and of course, our annual Christmas Beaver Banquet. Don't forget our Christingle service at Stubbings church, and our Christmas fair on Sunday 2nd December.

Hathi (Catherine Weeks).

Littlewick Colony

The Jamboree on the Air/Internet was a great hit with the beavers that turned out to this event... they learnt about how radio works and actually communicated via radio with Scouts in Italy and Norway! They also had to be torn away from the internet chat forum with Scouts from around the world. Pre half term, we made witch and ghost ginger biscuits to celebrate Halloween a bit early - the Beavers had a great time kneading the biscuit mixture and getting their fingers (and clothes - sorry, Parents!) all covered with the butter, egg and flour mixture.

The bonfire and fireworks night on 5th November with *Winter Hill* Beavers was a great hit... thanks to the scouts for their great bonfire building skills, it kept us warm on this chilly night, and to our hosts, fireworks experts for their generosity. We finished our preparation for the Maidenhead Beavers Craft Competition by making a frieze of the Diamond Jubilee river pageant. The Beavers enjoyed drawing and making boats and ships of all shapes and sizes as well as London building landmarks such as Tower Bridge, St Paul's dome, the Gherkin, Big Ben and a few castles. We have collated them on a 6ft river scene that looks great. We wish our Beavers all the best in the competition :) We are looking forward to our night hike and to start getting into the Christmas spirit with carol singing, card making and Christmas party.



We bid farewell to *Max Kendall*, a budding gymnast that we hope to hear more of in the future, and also want to wish the best to *Ted Dannatt* and his family who are moving to New York.

Please note that when dropping off and picking up from Littlewick Green Village Hall, parents and visitors should not park on Gilchrist Way as this is reserved for residents. We ask parents to park on Coronation Road or Jubilee Road and to walk over to the hall. Please also refer to the group booklet for more information. www.pgscoouts.org.uk/pdf/groupbooklet.pdf

Hawkeye (Nathalie Watson)

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CUB NEWS



The last month has seen some spooky goings on at the Scout Hall! In the run up to Halloween the Cubs had a highly successful evening carving pumpkins, with some spectacular and ghoulish carvings being taken home. Many thanks to *Jacala* for organising the activity. This was followed by a Halloween party run by *Simon* and the Scouts, involving fancy dress, eating doughnuts off string, apple bobbing and coming up with ways to scare Akela! As the calendar ticked over into November, *Guy Fawkes* was the theme of the night when the Cubs made their own Guys and, as tradition dictates, burned them on a bonfire in the woods.

We also had a good turnout at the *Stubbings Remembrance Day* service, with *Ben Almond* taking responsibility for carrying the PG Cubs flag. Most recently we've held our annual swimming sessions which have again led to many swimming badges being earned.

The Cubs have also extended a warm welcome to Beavers *Edwin Isted* and *Isaac Deans* who have recently moved up. Additionally, *Oliver Anderson* joins PG - a special welcome to Oliver and his family!

And finally, please can all Cubs remember to come to meetings in full uniform i.e. cub jumper, necker, cub shorts, long socks and with a handkerchief in pocket - we've recently seen a number of neckers going astray!

Until next month,
Akela (David Barnes)

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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 9th 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

New Scouts

We would like to welcome the, *Nicholas Conacher* and *Sammy March* who have made their Scout promises and been invested as members of PG Scout Troop.

Troop Party

We are holding a New Year Party Between *Christmas and New year* on **Friday 28th December** 6.45pm – 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.*



New Years Morning Walk

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Tuesday **1st January 2012** – 10.30am at National Trust Car Part 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 12th January 2013, 5.45pm. Any Scout / Young Leader who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 620655**



District Chef Cooking Competition

Well done to *Robert Anderson, Pete Marshall & Jake Milston* on coming 2nd and to *James Kersey, Robert Allcock & Frank Williams* on coming 3rd in the District Chef Cooking Competition. Thank you goes to their parents for helping them with preparing for the event. There are some Photos on the PG Web Site: www.pgscouts.org.uk

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you goes to all the Scouts / leaders who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church. Special thanks you goes to James Kersey for carrying the Scout flag.



County Quiz

Well done to: *Callum Kunchur, Harry Allcock Ben Williams and Josh Hewitt* as winners of the District Quiz, representing Maidenhead the County Quiz, and coming 5th

District Night Hike

PG joined over 100 Scouts from all the Troops in Maidenhead to walk around a circular course around Cookham, Cookham Dean & Pinkneys Green, area. We entered two teams. They left the PG base at 8.30pm and were finished by 2am. We would like to thank *Matthew Milston,, Ian Marshall, Andy Montgomery* for walking with the Scouts, plus *David Barns and Graham Wolfe*, for manning the PG Base. PG's results were; Team 4 came 15th and Team 5 came 5th

Simon Wheeler Scout Leader

**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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