



GROUP NEWS

May 2012



Jumble Sale

We are looking for help on the Saturday morning 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards and taking the rubbish to the tip. For more information, contact one of our Sale coordinators: Email: jumble@pgscouts.org.uk

Last year we raised over £1,100 at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date Saturday 19th May - 10.30am

PARENTS - we need your support, please help us raise money to support your child at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts

A big thank you goes to our the parents who helped at our Jumble Sale in April, we raised £523.12

Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday 19th May- *It would be great*

Jumble can be dropped off at the hall on a Mon 6pm-7.15pm, Wed 6pm-8pm or Fri 6pm-10pm **between 30th April – 18th May**

CONGRATLATIONS

In the St Georges Day awards this year 2012, I am delighted to announce that *Simon Wheeler* has been awarded the Silver Acorn. This is one of the highest awards that can be gained for a person to services to scouting and of course to us at Pinkneys Green.

Simon is not only our Scout Leader but also a District Scout Leader and under takes several roles in the district, he has been a leader with PG for 36 years and has seen hundreds of children pass through the group and now seeing some of those return with their children.

Erica Hunter GSL

Summer Fair

We hope you are all keeping this day free in your diaries so you and your family can come and enjoy the afternoon with us.

Shortly we will be sending home a list of opportunities for helping on the day or for doing some of the preparation. Please volunteer your help as soon as possible. If you have a special interest then book your place early e.g. helping at the bar, on the games stalls or at the refreshments. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. **Ring Jane on 628372 or email: SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk**



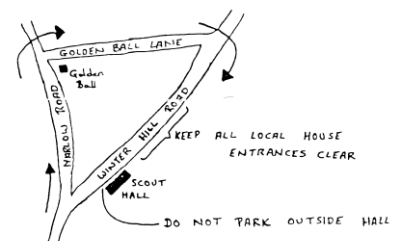
FAIR ON THE GREEN - Date: Sunday 17th June 2012

(Weekend after Half term week)

WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

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 below the hall, to Christmas Cottage.**
- **DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES are.**



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



PG's QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee Event

Our event will take place on **Monday 4th June 2012**, at the Scout Hall

Plans are well underway for an afternoon of games and activities as well as a tea party

Thank you goes to everyone who has showed interest, we are expecting over 200 to attend

We will be looking for help, with setting it up and preparing for the tea party

All families and friends are invited to join us for the afternoon, **if you have not yet told us you are interested in attending**, please email Jubilee@pgscouts.org.uk and we will add you to the list. More information will be sent out during May



PG's Account

We know have an eBay Account to sell items to raise money for PG

Our eBay page is <http://goo.gl/K3Lt8>

If you have any suitable items that you would like to donate to use to sell, please send a photo and details to our eBay coordinator at ebay@pgscouts.org.uk

Do we have a parent or friend of PG who is an eBay seller and could train our eBay coordinator. If you can help and spare an hour please let a leader know or email us

Note: eBay sellers can donate 10%-100% to PG whenever they sell an item just choose us as a Charity donation when you do the listing



Gardeners

Gardeners can we plea for any plants which people are splitting, or any extra seedlings left over to save them for the Summer Fair plant stall. Please ask grandparents and neighbours as no gardener likes throwing plants out. They would much rather find a new home for them.

Marquee Erection Team

Parents we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) - If you would like to help and join this Team, please contact Ian Marshall our Marquee coordinator:

Email marquee@pgscouts.org.uk or call 07799 555444 for more details

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Group Projector - Smart Phone

Unfortunately the bulb in the group projector is coming to the end of its life and will be very expensive to replace. The projector gets a lot of use at a number of group events, throughout all of the sections and it would be a great shame if we could use it any more. Does anyone know where we could get hold of a replacement bulb for an EPSON EMP _____, or another projector with an XGA or, preferably, SXGA resolution?

We are also looking for a smartphone that can be used to keep track of the group emails, any old HTC/Samsung/iPhone/etc smartphones that anyone has lying around after an upgrade would be very welcome

Please let know if you can help us out or know of any one who might sponsor us. Email simon@pgtips.org.uk

Aladdin DVD

We are producing a DVD of a couple of this years Pantomime Aladdin's performances.. Boxed copies will be available at £5 each. To pre order a copy please send your details to aladdin@pgscouts.org.uk

BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

No Report

Winter Hill Colony

PG Beavers would like to welcome everyone back for the summer term and hopes everyone had a lovely and relaxing Easter Break!

Beavers this term will be following an 'outdoor' theme and spent the first session back in the woods collecting natural items to use in a collage for our termly display. Coming up this term we've got a St George's themed session, a football tournament, we're going to be planting some sunflowers and spending as much time as possible outdoors

We've welcomed six new beavers this term; *Benjamin Broadbent*, *Ben Phillips*, *Nyle Cohen*, *Otto Basarab*, *Richard Bowge* and *Jack Knibbs*. We hope that they have enjoyed their first few sessions and we extend a warm welcome to each of them and their families as they start at PG.



Don't forget that PG Beaver uniform is navy scout shorts or trousers, yellow PG yellow activity shirt (available from *Raksha*), blue Beaver jumper and your neckerchief. Please ensure also that when we are starting a meeting on the green, you take care when crossing the road with your beaver as it can be very busy around drop off and pick up times.

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

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CUB NEWS

In the run up to the Easter break the Cubs took advantage of the pantomime stage being up in the hall by performing a range of jokes, tricks and musical acts. My personal highlights were *Pat Russell* playing the guitar and *Dillon Flew* telling jokes. The following week saw some unseasonably warm weather for a Wednesday evening, so we headed outside and the Cubs put into practice some of the compass points and bearings that they had learnt about a few weeks earlier. *Akela* set a trail and the Cubs had to find their way to the end in the middle of the woods. That night we also congratulated the members of the PG Flag Competition team who came 1st again this year. As a result PG will get to hold the District Cub flag at the St Georges Day parade on 29th April. Well done to *Callum Kuncher*, *Harvey Neeves*, *Robert Rayfield*, *Edward Bennett*, *Ben Almond* and *Oliver Cadinouche*.

However, the Easter break didn't bring a halt to the activities as 21 Cubs and 4 leaders headed off for a day at Longleat Safari Park on April 4th. The day began with a bus tour of the Safari Park where we got a sight of many animals including giraffes, tigers, elephants and monkeys. We then tackled the maze, where the Cubs easily outsmarted the leaders in the race to the centre! The Cubs also got the chance to hold a snake which was an opportunity no one wanted to miss. Overall everyone had a great day (except the bus driver who lost a couple of bits of his bus when the monkeys decided to help themselves!)

Last month Tarka (Barry) shared the great news of PG's victory in the District Football competition. Over to **Josh Hewitt** for the players view of the action:

"On Saturday 17th March Pinkneys Green A and B Teams were ready to face the rest of the Cub packs in the yearly football tournament. PG A & B teams both battled there way through to the final where they had to play against each other. Both teams had lots of chances to score a goal but couldn't seem to get passed the brilliant goalies, so the match went into extra time and the pressure was on. Still no goals were achieved in extra time so it went to the dreaded penalty shootout stage. Three players from each team were selected and the A team just managed to scrape to victory. Both teams played an amazing game of football and all players should be proud of themselves."



Until next month,
Mysa (David Barnes)

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SCOUT NEWS

New Scouts

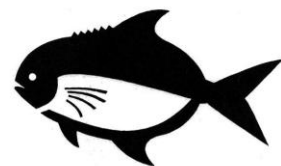
We would like to welcome Callum Kunchur, Nicholas Lattimer, Harvey Neeves, Jake Noyce, Nadav Rahimi and William Stevens and their families to the Troop. They are currently working on their Scout Badge before being invested as a Scout.

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 Scout Association Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. Scout Uniform can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop – Thursday evenings. PG Tee Shirts are purchased from *Raksha* (76, Pinkneys Road)

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District Football Competition

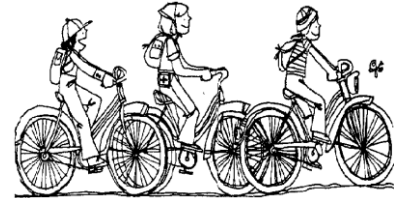
Well done to Harry Bennett, Louis Cadinouche, Findlay Cassels, Oliver Griffin, Olly Isted, Laurence Jones, George Knott, Harvey Neeves, Jake Noyce, Tom Sellers, Ben Williams and Frank Williams on coming 2nd and 4th in the District Football Competition. It was a very Cold and wet afternoon.

Thank you goes to *Robin Wolfe* for being PG's referee and to *BoB Weingarh* for sorting out the teams and organising the team with *James Ashe*.

Cycling

Can all Parent, 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.



Troop Weekend Camp

We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend, as is a good training camp for Scouting Skills

Friday 18th May to Sunday 20th May 2012

We are looking for someone to tow a large trailer we have borrowed if you can help or have any suggestions please let Simon know

Simon Wheeler
Scout Leader

If You miss a Meeting....

Can we please remind parents that if your son is going to miss a **Monday Beaver Meeting, Wednesday Pack Meeting** or a **Friday Troop Meeting**, Littlewick Beavers should let **Hawkeye** (Nathalie Watson), Winter Hill Beavers should contact **Hathi** [Catherine], Cubs should contact **Akela** [Jon] and Scouts contact **Simon**, to let them know that you cannot attend the meeting.

This will help with the programme planning and we will be able to advise you of what is happening at the next meeting.

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

Change of Address and/or Phone Numbers

We have had some problems when members of the group have moved house/changed their phone numbers without informing their sons section Leader.

We require to have the correct address/phone number in case of an EMERGENCY

Siblings

*If your child is a member of PG, and you want a younger one to join Beavers/Cubs can you please make sure that there name is on the waiting list. Siblings do not automatically get a place in our Beaver colony. **Your never to young to go on the waiting list.** Please let Raksha (Mhd 628160) have name and date of birth.*



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