



GROUP NEWS

November 2012

CHRISTMAS TREES 2012

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CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for help from all Parents, Friends and members of PG with our annual Christmas Fair, which is one of our *major Fundraising events of the year*. We cannot run the fair without the Support of Beaver, Cub and Scout Parents

Date: **Sunday 2nd December 2012, 2pm** at the Scout Hall

We are looking for items for the Cubs Bathroom Stall, the Scouts Tombola Stall and the Cake stall. Please send any items you can spare along to your sons meeting.

We are planning the usual Stalls but would like to hear from anyone with new ideas or suggestions. Perhaps you have a Christmas speciality, a craft, a game or some festive refreshments that would help in our fund raising that goes towards Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and towards Group Funds.

Contact *Jane Courtier* Mhd 628372 with your ideas.

We hope that all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and their parents will support this event and come along on the day and get their friend to support our Christmas Fair as well.



Remembrance Sunday Service

Don't forget that PG is taking part in this years Remembrance Sunday Service at our parish church **St James Less** at Stubbings. We hope that, as many members of PG and their families will be able to attend this service. The service will be prepared so that all ages can participate and remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars

Date: **Sunday 11th November 2012 – 10.35am**

PG Members don't forget to wear, **Full** Beaver, Cub or Scout Uniform



We have an eBay Account to sell items to raise money for PG, so far we have raised approx £600

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, Pauline Patel, at ebay@pgscouts.org.uk

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 PG eBay user id is **PGSGEBAY**



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JOTI / JOTA

If you had passed the Scout hall the third weekend in October you would have seen a large aerial on the Green. PG took part in **JOTA – Jamboree on the Air**, where they talked to Scouts all round the world. Special thanks go to Pete Roberts and Bill Somerville for supply the equipment and organising the event, also to the amateur Radio Operators, Charles Mitchell and Paul helped man the station. We have been taking part JOTA since 1990. We our normal call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank Phill Bristow for supplying and putting up the mast. Also to Maidenhead Scout Active Support members *Bob Parker, John Steven, Edwige Brown, Jane Taylor, & Marion Edkins*, Plus *Akela* for helping with the Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Over weekend 45 badges were gained. Also to Beaver Leaders *Jen Nyman, Teresa Williams and Nathalie Watson* for looking after all the Beavers

We also took part in **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet**, it was the eleventh year that we had taken part in this event. Thanks goes to those who supplied the equipment, to *Alex*

and *Robins* and *Michael Crown* who came back from University and help with the event over the weekend.. We had up to thirty computers networked. Over 100 people visited us over the weekend. We made contact with over seventeen countries, including all over Europe, America and Australia

Over twenty Scouts and *Simon* manned the computer throughout Saturday night. There were a lot of very tired Scouts on Sunday. Thank you also to *Baloo* for helping clear away on Sunday

Thanks to the Marquee Helpers

The marquee rental season is coming to an end so thank you to everyone who has helped over the summer. Overall we have raised over £600 for the Group. It might have been more as there were several provisional bookings who sadly cancelled due to the poor weather earlier in the summer. Even so, it is still a worthwhile fund raising activity and with plenty of people contributing it does not take too much of anyone's time, so thanks again to those involved.

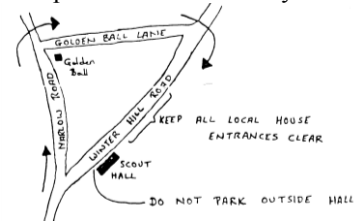
Ian Marshall Marquee Coordinator

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.



Printing Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is Cinderella.
We are looking for someone to type the script for us.
For more details, please contact Simon



Parents Cleaning Rota

We are looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from February 2013.
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-seven parents who have (or will) cleaned the hall this year

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/IntelCore 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

Repair / Replace Ethernet LAN leads Plugs

We have 10+ RJ45 Ethernet LAN Network Cables that require to have the plugs on the end replaced
If you have the expertise to do this, it would be a great help, we do have a crimping tool

Please contact Simon for more details, Email: simon@pgscouts.org.uk

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BEAVER NEWS

Littlewick Colony

We welcome 10 new beavers and their families this term: *Annabel Hook, Rafael Conway, Jake Coomes, Henry and Noah Drew, Tommy Green, Luke Maddox, Thomas Muncie, Charlie Sinnott and Connor Wilcock*. Our new recruits means that we have now doubled our colony to 20 Beavers :)



The term has continued well with the larger colony enjoying a variety of activities. The weather was kind for our outing at Pinkneys Green when we excitedly played in the woods and cooked savoury twists on open fires - thanks to the scouts who manned the fires and ensured our twists were not burnt. We followed this with an excellent evening with *Rowley Douglas*, a 2000 Sydney Olympics Rowing gold medallist, at the Maidenhead Rowing Club. *Rowley* showed the rowing boats as well as a film of his 2000 Olympics rowing race and answered numerous questions about rowing, his decision to become a rower as well as to why he retired! We knew we literally hit gold when each Beaver had a chance to hold his gold medal - it was the quietest moment that I have ever known with 40 Beavers in the room!



We continued preparing for the Craft Competition by making shields - each Beaver had a chance to design and make a shield of their own. We are now working on the Animal Friend activity badge with a visit to the Pets at Home store in Maidenhead. The Beavers had a chance to hold, learn how to take care of and generally chat about rabbits, guinea pigs and a dragon! Thank you to *Debz* and *Karen*, Mums to two of our Beavers, who helped on the night and made the night out possible.

Post half term, we are looking forward to a night hike, the actual Craft Competition on Sunday 18th November, Healthy Eating as well as the build up to Christmas. We hope that the Beavers have a great Half Term break.

Hawkeye (Nathalie Watson)

Winter Hill Colony


The Autumn term is racing along as usual and we've had some excellent beaver sessions so far. We've managed to build junk craft castles, make shields and crowns for our craft competition and we've also been able to cook dough twists on fires in the woods. We had a fabulous trip to Maidenhead Rowing club joint with Littlewick Green where we heard from Olympic Gold Medal winner *Rowley Douglas* and we're able to see some of the boats he raced in.



We have had a very successful Halloween Party organised by the Scouts, there are some photos on the PG Web Site, gallery. Coming up, we've got, a firework night on November 5th and we're going to be making a Muriel for our craft competition. We have also welcomed six new beavers to the colony; *Joshua Keane, Henry Langsley, Kyle Dixon, Oliver Fielding, Mattie Roberts and Joseph Woodward*. We extend a warm welcome to any new families joining Pinkneys Green for the first time and welcome back families who have had siblings in the beaver group before!

Please note that as it gets darker in the evenings, please be careful coming down Winter Hill with your beavers as it is a very busy road. Please DO NOT block the neighbours entrances

Hathi (Catherine Weeks).



Copas Farms
PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space for our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts

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

Anyone passing the Scout Hall on a Wednesday evening for the past few weeks will have wondered what was going on with bikes having tyres changed, sawing and hammering of bird boxes and Cubs with their heads stuck in books. It's all because we've started the new year with our Autumn badge bases where the Cubs have had the opportunity of selecting a new badge to do. With a choice from the DIY, cyclist, scientist, home help, book reader and international friendship badges there has been something for everyone to have a go at. We've also had an evening writing a new Code of Conduct for the Pack which all the Cubs signed up to and an evening creating and breaking codes using code wheels.



The new year has continued PG's success at District events, with *Patrick Flood* coming third in the District Chess Competition. Patrick now goes forward to represent Maidenhead at the Berkshire County Chess Competition in November. Good luck *Patrick*, and well done to PG's other players, *Nicholas Conacher* and *Lucas Roberts*. Goodbye's have also been said to *Matthew Miller* and *Lucas Jefferson* who have moved up to the Scout Troop. Both have been excellent Cubs and we wish them well in their future Scouting.

Finally, a reminder to make sure you park considerably around the hall and if your Cub is going to be absent to let Akela know in advance - it really helps us plan our meetings more effectively.

Mysa (David Barnes)

SCOUT NEWS

Older Scouts Weekend

Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 23rd- 24th November. Can you please reply even if you are unable to attend? Full details available from Simon

Christmas Fair

The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are looking for item to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every Scout & Young Leader 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.

Moving Up

We would like to welcome the next group of Cubs, *Nicholas Conacher* and *Oliver Seymour* who will be starting their Moving up Award *Badge* with the Troop, this month

County Quiz

As winners of the District Quiz, PG Scouts, *Callum Kunchur, Joshua Hewitt, Harry Allcock & Ben Williams*, will be representing Maidenhead at the County Quiz in Thatcham, 10am on Saturday 17th November 2012. We would like to wish them good luck.

District Night Hike

We will require help from Parents to walk with the PG teams – The Incident Hike is on Friday 16th November - 7.45pm to the early hours of Saturday morning. Scouts can take part even if their parents are unable to attend (only if we have enough parents to walk with each group), cost £2 per person. We hope that, as many Scouts and **Parents** will be able to take part. For more details contact Simon by 9th November. Scouts without parents taking part will be dropped off at home, at the end of the event. We are Short of Older Scouts due to a School Trip, **we hope those not away will make the effort and take part.**

Parents we need your help We are looking for at least 2 / 3 parents to walk with each group of Scouts – If you would like more details or are able to help us out please contact Simon email him.



Make a Note of This Date! – 16th November

Mystery Trip

Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 30th November 2012. The PLs need to decide what we the Scouts will be doing. Can all Scouts please let BoB have their ideas.



JOTI / JOTA

We had a very good turn out this year with over forty Scouts taking part sometime over the weekend including quite a few who stayed through the night. Congratulations go to all the twelve Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. Special thanks go to young leaders for helping *Simon* make everything flow smoothly and sorting out who used which computer though out the night.

District PLs Training Course

Robert Allcock, Tom Sellers, Robert Anderson, Jonathan Otun, Jay Hutchins and Findlay Cassels attend this course at Cookham Scout Hall. We are looking forward to them putting into practice what they have learnt, in their roles as APLs and PLs.

District Cycle Orienteering Competition –

Was held on Sunday 7th October, 10am in Cookham. Well done to the *Patrick Ashe, Frank Williams, Jonathan Otun* and *Alex Norris* on coming Third, Special Thank you goes to Leader Mark Courtier, for coming back from Bristol and Cycling with them.

Simon Wheeler



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Christmas Trees 2012

Dear Customer

Once again Pinkneys Green Scout Group is offering Christmas Trees for delivery direct to your door. This is a fund raising project for the Group, run by volunteers and all profits made go directly to the Scout Group. The trees are supplied by our local grower and cut only a few days before delivery. We deliver in the Maidenhead/Cookham/Marlow/Bourne End/Hurley/Littlewick Green areas.

We apologise that we have had to raise the prices of our trees this year. This is due to cost increases from our grower. However, we hope you will continue to support us – we believe our trees still represent excellent value for money as well as being freshly cut, delivered free of charge and of course, all profits made go to a good cause.

As in previous years, we are offering three tree types: Spruce, Nordman (non-drop, wide-based) and Fraser (non-drop, narrow-based). Delivery will be during **Saturday 8th December**. If you require any other size not listed below, please telephone and we will contact our supplier for availability.

We also offer a recycling service, where, for a small charge (£2.50), we will collect your tree and take it to a local recycling centre. If you did not buy the tree from PG the charge will be £5.00 for Recycling. We will collect the trees for recycling during **Saturday 12th January**. Please leave your tree visible in your front garden **before 7am** on that day - our drivers start early!

If you would like to place an order, please complete and return the form below to Ken Knight, 3 Birdwood Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 5AP along with your payment (cheques made payable to PINKNEYS GREEN SCOUT GROUP) before **Sunday 2nd December** or take your order along to the Pinkneys Green Scout Group Christmas Fair on Sunday 2nd December. (Cheques will be banked in the New Year). **NO orders can be accepted after 5pm on Sunday 2nd December. In addition, please note that no recycling orders can be accepted after Saturday 5th January and payment for this service must be received before the collection date.**

We look forward to receiving your order and may we be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas!

Ken Knight and Ali Fyffe
PG Scout Group (Tel: 01628 628188)

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Type	Spruce			Nordman			Fraser		
Size	Cost	Quantity	Total £	Cost	Quantity	Total £	Cost	Quantity	Total £
4ft	£17			£30.00			£28		
5ft	£21			£40.00			£36		
6ft	£27			£50.00			£42		
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Recycling PG supplied tree add £2.50 per tree									
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Total amount enclosed on cheque (Tree(s) + Recycling)							£		

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Please note any additional information on house location overleaf (some houses are difficult to find!) Thanks.

Have you made a note of the dates?! Happy Christmas!