



GROUP NEWS

November 2014

CHRISTMAS TREES 2014

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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 7th December 2014, 12noon-3pm** (New Times) at the Scout Hall

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

Also can anyone contribute new games/activities/stalls that we could include.

The money raised goes towards Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and towards Group Funds.

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 (Littlewick & Winter Hill) 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 9th November 2014 – 10.35am**

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



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YOUNGSTERS SAFETY DROPPING OFF TO MEETINGS

PINKNEYS GREEN - Scout Hall Winter Hill Road - *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 or Pond House

LITTLEWICK GREEN - Gilchrist Village Hall - can we also remind parents dropping off and picking up **Do not park in Gilchrist Way** as this is strictly reserved for residents. We ask parents to please park a little further down on Jubilee Road or on Coronation Road and walk up; you may need a torch! **Please ask your Childs leader** if you are not sure.

Thank you for your support in keeping our neighbours Happy.



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**, *Dave Chislett* and *Paul Shayler* helped man the station. We have been taking part JOTA since 1990. Our call sign is **GB0PG**. We would also like to thank *Phill Bristow* for supplying the mast. Plus Maidenhead Scout Active Support members, *Bob Parker & Marion Edkins* for helping with the Cubs Communicators Badge and Scouts Radio Communicators Badge. Also thanks to Beaver Leaders *Catherine Weeks, Teresa Williams* and *Sheila Stinton* for looking after all the Beavers and *Kim-Marie Broadley, Avril Broadley & Kate Marshall* for looking after the Cubs. Over weekend 45 badges were gained.

We also took part in **JOTI – Jamboree on the Internet**, it was the seventeenth year that we had taken part in this event. Thanks goes to everyone who supplied the equipment, especially to *Alex Robins* for sorting out the Computers with help from *Myles Rankin, Jordan Flynn & Michael Crown*. We had over thirty computers networked. We made contact with lots of countries

The Scouts and *Simon* and the above troop leaders manned the computer throughout Saturday night. There were a lot of very tired people on Sunday.

Parents Cleaning Rota

We are looking for Parent volunteers to clean the Toilet / Kitchen area from January 2015.

If you can spare a Maximum of 45 mins on a Thursday or Friday before 6pm (Time to suit) please email our cleaning coordinator **Pauline** 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

Used Postage Stamps

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.

UNIFORM

Can we remind ALL Beaver, Cub, Scout & Explorer parents that you child is expected to wear correct uniform to their section meetings. These can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop on a Thursday evening 7pm – 8.45pm term time.

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

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World Scout Jamboree Japan 2015

As many of you may be aware, myself, George Knott and Grace Marshall, have been chosen to represent PG by attending the World Scout Jamboree in Japan next year. This is my second report, and as a Berks and Bucks Unit, we have done a lot of events and team building exercises in order to prepare for the exciting opportunity that we are all really looking forward to. A couple of weeks our unit attempted the Monopoly run – a challenge where we have to go to every location on a Classic Monopoly board in under 12 hours. A great time was had by all and we really got to know each other more during the weekend. Last weekend we had a Halloween sleepover, which although I could not attend, I heard from

the others that it was really fun! 2015 is nearly upon us, so as the Jamboree approaches, we are more and more excited about going to Japan! We still have a substantial amount of money to raise, so have organised an upcoming race night, after the success of the last one! Hope to see you there! **Many thanks for your support.**

Patrick Ashe
PG Young Leader

Jamboree – Japan 2015

Race Night

Saturday 15th November 2014

7.00pm racing starts at 7.30pm

**General Building
and Home
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**Andrew Jones 01628 783401
07765 972911**

SPECIALIST BRICKWORK

Updating Pantomime Script

Next year's Pantomime is *Sleeping Beauty*, we are looking for someone to update the script for us.



If you can help or for more details, please contact Simon, email: simon@pgscouts.org.uk

Printing Pantomime Script

We also are looking for help with photocopying the pantomime Script, its approx. 40 pages. For more details, please contact Simon

BEAVER NEWS

Winter Hill Colony

We are having an excellent term so far at PG Beavers! We have had a very successful harvest festival, where the beavers zoomed the wheelbarrow down the church aisle with skill and precision. We have visited the local clay works where we got mucky and grubbing making some excellent models and sculptures out of the clay. We also completed a hike in dusk across the thicket and have worked hard to complete our computer stage badges. Simon and the Scouts ran a Halloween Party, which the Beavers enjoyed the games and food

Coming up, we've got our annual firework evening (if its anything like last year we're in for a treat!) and an evening run by Maidenhead astrological society in order to gain our 'space' badges. A lot to look forward to!



Please remember that **beavers need to wear full uniform at group events**, including beaver blue jumper and navy trousers.

Now 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).

Littlewick Colony

As you all would agree, we've had a fantastic time at Beavers in the last 4 weeks. We spent the evening at Pets at Home, where the Beavers got to work towards their animal friend badge. The Beavers learnt about all different types of pets. The Beavers also had the opportunity to hold rabbits, guinea pigs and snakes which was lots of fun.



We have had our Halloween party with some very messy games. Also we had an extra meeting where, Simon ran the computer badge evening for us.. After half term the Beavers will be working towards their space activity badge and their first aid badge.

We would also like to Welcome *Summer Rendell* and her Family to Pinkneys Green Scout Group. We hope she enjoys all the activities we have planned.

Hawkeye (Veronica Martin)

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CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

This will be my last PG Tips before I take a break from Scouting for a few months to look after my expanding family. Writing this on the train to work and reflecting on the Pack at present, it is very pleasing that we continue to move up nervous Beavers and just two and a half years they are confident young people, ready to move to Scouts. It is a great privilege to watch this development and engage in it, and one I hope my own children will go through one day.

While I am away *Rob Harris* (Bagheera) will take on running the pack and I am very grateful to be leaving it in safe hands! Rob was formerly Akela, so knows exactly what he has let himself in for - he takes the reins after October half term and I am sure everyone will support him as they have supported me.

Having had a great Pumpkin Carving evening recently we are looking forward to the run up to Christmas with lots planned. We will be taking the pack to the Maidenhead pantomime as well as carol singing to the local elderly. Prior to that cubs will be sharing their collections for the collectors' badge and making bird food.

WH Akela (David Barnes)

Littlewick Pack

In the first week of October we had a great night of basketball where the cubs learnt all of the essential skills of dribbling, passing, jumping and of course shooting! Thank you to Desborough College for allowing us to use their fab sports facilities.

Once again the screams could probably be heard all the way back in Maidenhead as The Littlewick Cubs descended the water slides at Coral Reef. We have been very lucky to benefit twice from the discounted scouts rate and once again we had a really fun evening.

We have also been learning about International Scouting around the world and IT and well done to all those who took part in our IT night at the Scout hall and the JOTI/JOTA weekend! Thank you to Simon at Scouts for organising both these events ☺

The cubs also learnt all about the festival of Diwali. Cubs made their own Diwali lamps and we were visited by two wonderful Indian dancers who did a short display of traditional Sattriya dance and even managed to teach the cubs a short routine too! A big thank you to Kaiza and Bina. ☺

We are delighted to see 3 new cubs join Littlewick this term and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to *Connor Wilcock*, *Matthew Alvey* and *Chelsea Herbert Green*. Hello to all our new cubs and their families!

Finally a very big well done to *Rafael Conway* for representing Littlewick Cubs at the District Chess Competition on Tuesday 14th October, it sounded like the competition this year was fierce and Rafael did his very best!

Rama (Sarah Jones)



SCOUT NEWS



District Night Hike

We will require help from Parents to walk with the PG teams – The Incident Hike is on Friday 14th November - 7.30pm 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! – 14th November

Older Scouts Weekend

Reminder to all older Scouts they should have received a letter about the course we are holding on 21st-22nd November. We hope to be able to skin, gut and eat Rabbits, Pigeons and Pheasants again this year.

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.

New Scout

We would like to Oscar Sands and his family to the Troop, he will be making the Scout Promise and be invested as PG Scout.

Mystery Trip / Activity

Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall on Friday 5th December 2014. 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 quite a few Scouts taking part sometime over the weekend including a few who stayed through the night. Congratulations go to all the eight Scouts who gained the Radio Communicator badge. Special thanks go to Alex Robins for sorting out the computers and to all the leader who helped make everything flow smoothly and sorting out who used which computer though out the night.

District PLs Training Course

Nicholas Conacher, Matthew Miller, Tobias Lattimer and Callum Kunchur 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 –

Due to clash of events we were only able to enter one team *Nicholas Conacher, Frank Williams and Nicholas Latimer*. Thank you goes Dad Chris Isted who set up the course, and plus Dad *Paul Conacher* for cycling with the Scouts.

They all had an enjoyable, sunny morning

Simon Wheeler (Scout Leader)



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Hi, I'm *Grace Marshall* (My dad is *Ian*, who runs the marquee hire), and as a fundraiser for the *Japan Jamboree*. I am offering **babysitting services**. I have been a young leader at WH Beaver colony for 2 years I'm 16 years old and live in Maidenhead.

If you are interested, please call or text me at **07501 368 477**.



Pinkneys Green Scout Group



Christmas Trees 2014

Dear Customer

Once again Pinkneys Green Scout Group is offering Christmas Trees to be delivered 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/Hurley and Littlewick Green areas. **Please note we no longer deliver or recycle in the Marlow or Bourne End areas.**

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 13th December**. Please note that our sizes are now consistent with other retailers. Tree sizes are quoted in metres for size range from base to tip of tree. In previous years trees have been measured to the top branch. Trees may be any size within the range. If you require any other size not listed below, or have any other query, please telephone and we will do our best to help.

We also offer a recycling service, where, for a small charge (£5.00), we will collect your tree and take it to our local recycling centre. If you did not buy the tree from PG the charge for recycling will be £10.00. This year we will collect the trees for recycling during **Saturday 10th January**. Please leave the tree visible in your front garden **before 7am** - 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). You can also take your order along to the Pinkneys Green Scout Group Christmas Fair on Sunday 7th December. **All orders for trees AND recycling must be received by 5pm on Sunday 7th December.** Please note that cheques will be banked in the **week commencing 8th December**.

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