



# P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



## GROUP NEWS

April 2007

### PANTOMIME – Babes in the Wood with Robin Hood

Well done to the Scouts & young Leaders, Cubs and Leaders for taking part pantomime Babes In The Wood, especially the Scouts who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas.

We would like to thank every one who support this years production espically the five parents who helped take the stage down on Sunday after the performances. We hope to get the hall back to normal after Easter



### Maidenhead 2007

A big thank you goes to all the parents who have volunteered to help at Maidenhead Scouts Special Centenary Camp

Simon will be contacting you all by the end of May to confirm the times you have volunteered of help **We are short of help on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May.** If you can help with Packing Up Equipment or transporting the equipment back to Scout Hall or Helping putting the equipment away, please contact Simon email: [simn@maidenhead2007.org.uk](mailto:simn@maidenhead2007.org.uk) (We are happy to swap Monday helping with another time you have volunteered)



### Wish List

We are looking for the following, if you know where we can acquire it or purchase it for a cheaper price please email Simon or call Mhd 623910

- 1Mtr X 50Mtr ORANGE BARRIER MESH (5KG ROLL) – 10 Roles**, cheapest we can find is £16.50 per role + £7 P&P
- Drums Blue rope (Like BT use to pull cable through)
- Road pins to hold up fencing (require 60 more),
- 30 Plastic Boxes** (Like recycling boxes council use – keep youngsters eating gear in),
- Photocopying / Printing (Letters etc. before camp),

**LORRY or VAN driver** to transport equipment to / from site. Wednesday Evening 23<sup>rd</sup> May and/or Monday 28th May.



### Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 6.45pm** at the Scout Hall from Parents / friends. A car or van would be very useful. We also require help on the Saturday morning 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

For more information, please contact our Jumble Sale Co-ordinator **Jackie Wright Mhd 633037**

Last year we raised over **£1,050** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date: Saturday 28th April - 10.30am

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

**We can not manage with out the support of parents**

**Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours on Frid 27<sup>th</sup> or Sat 28<sup>th</sup> - It would be great**



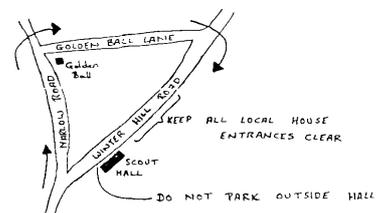
### ONE-WAY SYSTEM

May 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 don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways.

**Drive Past Winter Hill Road; turn right at Lemon Tree down Golden Ball Lane, turn right down Winter Hill Road**

As the verges are 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.

We have had several Scouts trip up as they make their way to the hall in the dark



## **Obituary – Geoff Flower**

Geoff Flower, a Scout parent passed away suddenly at the end of March.

Geoff had supported PG for many years, only a few weeks ago he was helping to build the stage for the pantomime, he also had been helping to print PG Tips for the last few years, as well as supporting the group in other ways.

Our thoughts are with Jo his wife and Tom & Katie his children.



## **PG – ONLINE SHOPPING**

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online at [www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts) and raise money at no extra cost for PG.

Over 100 retailers are accessible through the web shop, including BT, Marks & Spencer, John Lewis and RAC. Many retailers provide exclusive offers to the web shop, such as discounts or offering free delivery to the customer, providing more reasons for supporters to buy products through the web shop.

*"The web shop facility is such a simple but effective idea. We receive a commission on each purchase you make. Donating to PG Scouts couldn't be easier!"*

Here's the address again, [www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts). **And don't forget to tell your friends**

**A big THANK YOU goes to every one who has supported us**

## **PG Scout Hall - 2007 Centenary Project**

We are having problems with the floor in the Scout hall, originally it was put down as a dance floor with maple hardwood strips approximately 7/8 inch now its under 3/8 in places, after years of sanding and wear and tear.

We are looking to lay a new 22mm hardwood strip flooring on top of the current floor, if we can sort out the money, we would also like to sort out the porch, a lot of the quarry tiles are damaged, and replace it with a new floor sloping up to the new hall floor, so we don't have a step.

The executive committee are getting quotes; we estimate if we have done it is going to cost us between £5,000 - £6,000. So PG has a project to raise enough money to do this job. If you know of any one who would sponsor a new floor, or where we can get grants from, or have any suggestions of how we can raise the money, please let an Exec member of a Scouter know.

## **HELP STORAGE NEEDED URGENTLY**

**We need to find somewhere to store 25+ boxes containing the Pantomime costumes and props.**

We need somewhere that is dry and we only require access to them once a year, collect them in February, take them back in April

Any amount of space would be appreciated, even if you can only store a few of them, if you think you can help or have any ideas, please contact Simon Mhd 623910



## **Printing PG Tips**

A big thank you goes to the four parents / friend of PG who have offered to help us by printing some copies of PG Tips. **We are still looking for help with printing some copies of PG Tips once a month. We are looking for another 100 copies** to be printed.

If you can help us by printing 25 / 50 / 100 copies per month (Twenty-five copies would be a great help)

If you can help us, it would be a great help and save me time printing it off on my own printer at home

**For more details, please contact Simon:** Email: [pgtips@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:pgtips@pgscouts.org.uk) or Phone: (01628) 623910

PG Tips can be supplied in word or PDF or Printed format

## **Rubbish – Black Sacks**

A big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub & Scout parents, plus leaders who have taken a black sack of rubbish home from the Scout Hall. If we paid for a contractor (inc the council) it would cost us between £250-£300 a year to have our rubbish collected.

**So you are all helping to save us money**

**If you see a black sack of rubbish in the porch and take it home and put it in your Wheelie Bin**

**PLEASE SUPPORT US**

## **HELP – Connect a Lap Top to Internet Via a Mobile Phone !**

Does any one know how we can connect a lap top computer to the Internet, via a mobile phone

This years Summer Camp we are camping miles away from a BT phone line and we would like to update the PG Web site with photos etc of what we are doing. . If you have any ideas of know of someone who can help, contact Simon

## **Summer Fair Wanted**

Jane Courtier is happy to be overall co-ordinator for the Summer Fair **but new assistants are needed to help run it.**

Immediate help is wanted to send out the letters that Cubs are currently writing to potential donors and to collate the results.

Soon more volunteers will be needed to help to organise the stalls and games we run on the day. Mums and Dads, especially from the Cub and Beaver sections would be really useful. People with new ideas especially welcome but anyone willing to contribute please get in contact. Ring Jane on 628372 or e-mail [SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk).

**Fair Date is Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

## BEAVER NEWS

In the last term the beavers have been doing a lot of exciting and fun things. They had the District Beaveree and they all enjoyed the day out, most of the beavers also managed to raise a lot of money for charity. They have also been doing a lot of arts and crafts to do with the world and the different countries; they have made exotic birds and also made bread from scratch which was very messy. The beavers have also started to do a tidiest neckerchief competition, which is getting very competitive between the young beavers as more and more of them are coming in with tidy neckerchiefs.

Also as the stage is up for the pantomime, we got a few scouts to come along and help organise a fun night for the beavers, where they could get to show off their musical talent, and tell a few jokes, also they sang *Old MacDonald Had A Farm*, and we split them into four groups to see which group was the best, they all seemed to enjoy this meeting like every year.

We managed to get out onto the green for a while as it is the start of spring and is starting to stay light later in the evening.

The last meeting of the Spring term the finishing of our terms theme of different countries, the Beavers dressed up in different countries costumes and brought a plate of the country they had dressed up food, Keo and the Beavers all had an enjoyable evening sampling all the different countries food

I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Easter from the Beaver colony.

Alex Jones (Rann)

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## CUB NEWS

Over the last few weeks we have been covering First Aid, Safety in the home and practising skills for the flag competition. We all managed to use our neckerchiefs to produce slings with fantastic reef knots! (There were a lot of injuries that week). We wish the Flag team, Jordan Day-Hunt, Keegan Curlewis, James Carr, Leo Giles, Henry Bennett and Jamie Sellars lots of luck for the competition on Sunday 25 March – “Do your best!” For those who don’t know what the Flag Competition is, it is a District competition and each pack enters a team of six (2 x 8 year olds, 2 x 9 and 2 x 10). They move round various bases, covering basic scouting skills, obstacle courses, games etc and are given scores based on their ability/attainment. These are all added up and the pack with the highest score wins the competition and the prestige of carrying the District Flag at St George’s Day Parade.

We welcome Carter Richards to Pinkneys Green Group and look forward to investing Jas and Kash Mehat very soon. Some of the Cubs are taking part in the Babes in the Wood Pantomime and are busy rehearsing along with the rest of the cast. I hope you will come and enjoy the show. Whilst the stage has been in the hall, we have used it for an ‘Entertainers evening’. The Cubs were asked to do a short piece on stage, whether music, showing martial arts, magic, telling jokes or singing, etc. We have a lot of talent in the pack and this was part way to earning the Entertainers badge.

During the Easter holidays, we have our annual visit to Thorpe Park (4 April), so more about that next time. After the holidays, we move into warmer, drier weather and hope to get outside.

Rikki



### **STOP PRESS**

**Congratulations goes to:** Jordan Day-Hunt, James Carr, Jamie Sellers, Leo Giles, Keegan Curlewis and Henry Bennett.

**On Winning the District Flag Competition...**

**for the fifteenth time!**



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## SCOUT NEWS

### Special Congratulations

We would like to congratulate *Stuart Shepherd*, *Marcus Fantham* and *John McCaw* on gaining the **Gold Chief Scouts Award**. This is the highest award a Scout can gain; they had to put in a lot of hard work... Maidenhead District Commissioner Ray Tucker presented them with their awards.

### Cross Country

**Well Done** to the Junior Team for Winning the Junior event Special Congratulations goes to Michael Cousins on winning the Individual event Team Members: Michael Cousins, Myles Rankin, Tom Flower & James Ashe.

Cookham only beat us by ONE POINT and Won the Senior Event PG came a very close second. Team members: Philip Ellis, Matt Carr & Ben Cox. Thank you goes to all the Scouts who made the effort to take part.

## Laser Quest

Well done to the PG Laser Quest team on beating 13th Maidenhead in the finals and winning this years competition. We have won this event for the past 10 years. Well done to the Team: Nicolas Jones, Max Forman, Niven Willett, Jim Bunn, Matthew Carr, Daniel Tydeman, Joshua Robinson, Andrew Mitchell, Connor McCallum and Tom Bunn

Thank you goes to BoB for organising the event, and to all the Rob Stroud, Jon Corbitt who helped with transport to from the Laser Quest final at the Big Apple, in Wokingham

## County Cooking Competition

**Congratulations goes to James Curley, Ben Cox, Alex Shell and Charlie Fidler**, on doing extremely well and Won the Best Desert Trophy and came 5th overall in the County Cooking Competition. As PG Team had Won the District chef Cooking Competition we were representing Maidenhead at this Competition.

Special Thank you goes to Lesley & Tony Curley for allowing the team to practice on Friday night and to the parents who transported the team from to Wokingham for the competition. There are some Photos on [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)



## Help Running Special Beaver Meeting

The Scouts ran a special Beaver evening, *We* will Entertain the evening the Beavers told jokes, played musical instruments, magic tricks, plus sing songs organized by the Scouts. A big thank you goes to Stuart Shepherd, Harry Wright, Aaron Burton and Harry Wheeler for helping Alex Jones, Toby Ayre & Alex Robins run Mondays Beaver meeting. The Beavers had a very enjoyable and noisy evening.



## District Football Competition

A **big thank you goes to** the following Scouts who took part in this years competition: Alan Tarleton, Andrew Mitchell, William Fyffe, Charlie Fiddler, Andrew Duff, James Curley, Michael Cousins, James Corbitt, Tom Bunn & Fin Baxter

Also Thank you goes to Laurence Corbitt, Graham Wolfe, Andrew Wilcox, Robin Wolfe, Jon Corbitt and BoB Weingarth for assisting with the event

## Troop Weekend Camp

We are off to camp Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007; thank you goes to the Scouts who have replied. If you have not please contact Simon as soon as possible

**HELP - We are looking for help to transport** equipment from camp (Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007) **If you have a large van or trailer**, please contact Simon

## Summer Camp

**Reminder March's Payment was due on 20th March, April's is due on 20<sup>th</sup> April** If you have not paid it yet, please do as soon as possible. Can you Please give it to PG Treasurer Directly (due to being very busy Scouting) Sue Giles.

Simon Wheeler

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