







The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group

GROUP NEWS

June 2008



Sunday 22nd June 2008 12noon onwards

ON THE GREEN
OPPOSITE WAGGON & HORSES

Don't miss the fun!



We will be having: Side Shows, Beer & PimmsTent, Tombola, BBQ, Plant Stall, Brica brack, Teas & cake tent

Fun Dog Show at 3.00pm

Plus many more attractions

Summer Fair

We will be asking for specific help soon although any offers in advance would be very welcome.

Three things to think about

- i. Are there any keen campers who would like a Saturday evening / night in the marquee on the Green keeping an eye on the tents that are already up prior to the fair on Sunday? We have one Dad volunteer, but are looking for some more adults, to stay over
- ii. Raffle Tickets all members (youngsters & leaders) should have received a book of tickets to sell Please ask for more books we need your help selling them this year If you require some more contact your sons leader or Jane Courtier
- iii. Help packing up at end fair 4.30pm onwards, plus transport equipment back to the hall

We need your help!

- Turn out unwanted gifts or anything unused, such as bottles, tins, jars, packets of food, toiletries, sweets or chocolates, stationery and new toys or books Items for the Tombola
- > Write the date in your diary so you don't forget to come and enjoy yourself and spend lots of money! Tell your friends
- Please pencil in at least one hour to help on a stall or setting up and clearing up afterwards the more volunteers we have the less everyone has to do
- Transport Equipment from the Scout Hall to Green from 10.30am on Saturday 21st June
- > VERY VERY SHORT OF HELP Transport Equipment from Green back to Scout Hall 4.30pm onwards Sunday 22nd June
- Next time you're baking, make an extra cake or pie and keep it in the freezer until the fair, that would be a great help
- > Save any spare plants for the Garden & Plant Stall
- MATRESSES FOR THE WONKY DONKEY Every year we need two mattresses to make the Wonky Donkey safe, if you are about to get rid of old mattresses, can you contact Jane, before throwing them out.
- Write the date in your diary so you don't forget to come and enjoy yourself and spend lots of money!

We need YOUR HELP at the Summer Fair. Please contact our Summer Fair organiser,

Jane Courtier on 01628 628372 or e-mail SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk with offers of help.



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Jumble Sale

Our recent Jumble sales have proved very fruitful raising approximately £600.00, which goes towards the running of our Scout Hall

We would like to thank **Jackie Wright** and **Caron Wheeler** for co-ordinating them and all the parents and friends, for collecting, sorting and selling at both of the sales. It was good to see lots of new faces. We have also collected various items for the Summer and Christmas fairs.

Two more sales in September, 13th & 27th, make a note of the date. We have nowhere to store Jumble, if you have any, please keep it till Friday 12th September





Large Marquees 20ft x 40ft or White Tent 14ft x 24ft

For more detail and prices (Includes Pitching/Insurance)
Contact Erica on 01628-623154

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Family Fun Day

We are holding a family fun day on the Green opposite the Scout Hall

Date: Sunday 6th July 2008, 12,30noon - 4,00pm

After a very successful event last year we have decided to hold it again, All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders and their families are invited to attend. There will be various games, including the bouncy Boxing ring, rounder's, volleyball etc, as well as Baloo organising a special game for the youngsters in the woods.

There will be a Bar-b-que as well as refreshments

We hope that friends and families of PG members will be able to attend

During the afternoon we will be holding a short AGM, at 2.00pm

PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online. Pinkneys Green Scout Group is part of an online shopping scheme. <u>WWW.buy.at/pgscouts</u>

Numerous High Street retailers and internet shopping sites are part of this scheme e.g. Amazon, Marks & Spencer, Cotton Traders 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 **buy. at, but we gain!!.**

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Please put www.buy.at/pgscouts in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online. Just try it and see how easy it is.

Every quarter we get a commission cheque dependant on the amount YOU spend. This is a very easy effort less way to raise money for the group. We have raised over £800 thanks to PG Online Shoppers.

So <u>WWW.buy.at/pgscouts</u> "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!"

A big THANK YOU goes to everyone who has supported us So WWV

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OLD Mobile Phones

Do you have an old Mobile phone you no longer require

The Scouts are looking for Old phones. They will put a pay as you go SIM card in it and the scouts can then use them on hikes etc. If they get damaged, lost or dropped in a river, we don't have to worry.

Please let Simon have your old phone. **Email:** simon@pgtips.org.uk , call Mhd 623910 or send them to the hall, with charger if possible

Yellow PG T-Shirt

As it is now the summer term, we will be going outside on the green and into the woods as much as possible. All boys will need to wear a yellow PG Tee shirt under their Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm in the summer months. **They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform**.

If you need a new PG Tee shirt, these are available from *Raksha* (Sheila Stinton), 76, Pinkneys Road. Sheila usually brings the Tee shirts to Cub & Beaver meetings. Her phone number is Mhd 628160.

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*, Beavers should contact *Keo* [Sheridan], Cubs should contact *Akela* [Rob] 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 <u>next meeting</u>.



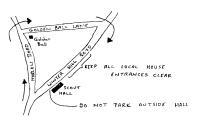
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ONE-WAY SYSTEM

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 don't turn your cars around in our neighboughs 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 often 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.



Please don't block our Neighbours entrances, especially the drive way right next to the hall

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BEAVER NEWS

No Report

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CUB NEWS

We've had a relatively quiet time this month. We were supposed to visit the Police Station but they don't do that anymore! And Chil tried to organise a Community Police person to come to us instead and has had no joy. Community relations are obviously not high on the agenda at present.

However, we have had some great games evenings and have also managed an early up in the woods session, which the Cubs thought fantastic. They did really well at their Nature A-Z!



Last week we did a road walk from St Mary's School back to the Scout Hall. This was for the Cubs to experience several types of road crossings, which is part of their Road Safety. The quiz questions were answered well and the Cubs behaved very well out in public (so did the Leaders!). On returning to the Scout Hut, Barnaby Flew was finally invested into the Pack. We hope he will enjoy his time at Cubs.

We also have some new starters from Beavers; we have John, Peter, Oliver and Thomas, who was very brave and turned up with a damaged arm and still managed to play in the woods. Welcome to Cubs.

We also entered a team into the District Incident Hike. Eight boys walked on a hot Saturday accompanied by Mr Sellers and Mr Bennett. The boys enjoyed the challenge and we'd like to thank the dads for walking with the boys.

Weather permitting there will be a wide game next week and during half term we will clear litter in the woods/Green, so bring gloves and parents be prepared!

We also attended a Social Evening/Quiz, held at Stubbings Hall, which was actually a surprise presentation to Barry Palmer (Tarka) for FORTY years service to Scouting. Ray Tucker, District Commissioner, presented Tarka with his award. The Quiz was won by Benny (John Brooker) and Tarka – well done to them. A big thank you to the organisers, especially Mark Courtier for compiling and running the Quiz.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team of Leaders at Pinkneys Green. Many of them have given huge amounts of time and years to the Group. We also need parents' help at certain times of the year, so please *do* volunteer when asked – **the Leaders and Committee can't do it without YOU!**

Coming up is the Summer Fair. We need YOUR support please. Thank you.

Rikki (Lesley Curley)

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SCOUT NEWS

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.





Longridge Water Activity Day

The District are organising a Water Activity day, 29th June 2008, for Scouts again at Longridge, the cost will be £26 per Scout. (Any Scout who wishes to attend must reach strict standards of swimming - Swim 50 meters in light clothing in the river, plus be able to tread water for $5\,\mathrm{mins}$)

Activities we hope to include Kayaking, Sailing, Gig pulling, Rafting and Climbing /Abseiling For more details contact Simon.

Places limited, please contact Simon for availability.



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Summer Fair - Scouts TOMBOLA

The Scouts and Young Leaders are running the Tombola again this year; we are looking for the following:

- ❖ Each Scout & YL to provide 6 − 8 items, suitable for the Tombola
- ❖ Help setting up the Tombola on Sunday morning, 22nd June
- Help running the Tombola from 12noon on Sunday 22nd June If each Scout does one hour shift, we should have enough help

Please let Simon know what you can help with

Moving Up Award

We would like to welcome another Cub, *Jamie Sellers* and his family to the Troop. *Jamie* has completed his *Moving Up Award*. He has made the Scout Promises and been invested as members of the Troop. We would like to wish him, good Scouting at PG.



Troop Meetings - June

During June, each patrol, plus a young leader, will be spending a Friday evening kayaking at Longridge. Details will be given to patrol the week before they go. If a Scout or YL can go at the last minute, can they contact Simon, who will try and find a replacement for them

District Orienteering Event

We will be taking part in the District Orienteering Event on Friday 20th June. It will be held at Bloomfield wood, east of Marlow. We are looking for help from parents to transport the Scouts to the events

Simon Wheeler

SPONSOR - 2008 SUMMER CAMP - Cornwall

This year the Scouts are going to Cornwall for our Summer Camp, we will be camping on the edge of Bodmin Moor near St Neot.

This year we are having trouble with the budget, as the price of camp was set last September, and all those going have already paid. We have got caught out with the drastic increase in fuel cost, (Today I saw diesel on A303 at 1.359 per litre) which effects us drastically as we estimate that we will be doing over 5,000 miles

We are looking for some help with sponsorship, either with fuel, transporting equipment, transporting Scouts to Cornwall, or anything else you can help us with

If you or your company can help us out, please email help@pgtips.org.uk or contact Simon Mhd 623910

We are looking for Free, the Following items:

A4 plain or Coloured paper Used postage Stamps Empty Ice Cream Containers HP4 laser printer toner Ref: 92298A

Large Elastic Bands (Like postman use) Role of Buikder heavy duty plastic Pens / Pencils

If you can help with any of the above, please contact a Scouter; email us at pgtips@pgscouts.org.uk or phone Simon on Mhd 623910





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