



# P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



## GROUP NEWS

May 2008



### Jumble Sale

A big thank you goes to all the parents and supporters of PG who helped at our last Jumble Sale at the end of April. We broke all records and raised over £327. We have the second Jumble Sale on Saturday 10th May. We require help from parents, to sort the Jumble after Scouts, 9pm on Friday 9th May. We also require help on the Saturday morning 10th May 10am selling the Jumble and clearing up afterwards.

For more information, please contact one of our Jumble Sale Coordinators **Jackie Wright Mhd** 633037 or **Caron Wheeler Mhd** 676021

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

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30am at our Scout Hall**

### St Georges Day Event

We would like to thank all the **Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Leaders** from PG who attended this year's District St Georges Day on Sunday 21st April. It was a special event to celebrate Scouting's and England's patrol Saint, St George. Special thank you goes to all the Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts who carried the flags, especially Tom Tandy for carrying the Union Flag at the front of the parade.



### 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.

We can fund raiser with help from retailers such as BT Broadband who offer up to £30 commission for each broadband product purchased 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 everyone who has supported us **So [WWW.buy.at/pgscouts](http://WWW.buy.at/pgscouts)**

### Summer Fair Sunday 22nd June



*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 you're 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 e-mail [SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk)**

Pinkneys Green Scouts




## MARQUEE FOR HIRE

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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As usual we need some special people to sleep over in the marquees on the Saturday night just to keep an eye on the site. If anyone thinks they could do this could they ring Jane Courtier on 628372.

**FAIR ON THE GREEN - Date is Sunday 22nd June 2008**

## GSL Report

The clocks have changed and the "summer begins". The real start to our outdoor activities starts now. On that note I am starting to get a steady stream of Marquee Hire bookings this is an early warning for my Parent tent pitching team!!, for those new to the group since last summer, we hire out our Marquees and Mess Tents to raise funds for the group. We do this in the Maidenhead area only and on enclosed sites, i.e. gardens and places without public right of way to maintain a bit of security for the canvas. Generally Marquees are pitched on Thursday and taken down on Monday, during the evening so this does not disrupt a weekend's activity. I am always looking for more "volunteers" so will be calling you soon, no experience necessary. If you would like to volunteer please either phone or email me. **I am also looking for parents that have a tow bar fitted to their car** that would be willing to tow our scout trailer to assist with Marquee pitching.

You may have noticed over the last 6-8 months we have had a new floor laid in the hall and it has been redecorated, there is an ongoing program of renovation and spring cleaning at the hall, if you would like to get involved with maintaining the hall and fund raising we are looking for new Executive committee members (parents committee), if would like to help with a particular type of event and not join the committee please do let us know call either myself or Tony Curley, Exec Chairman.

**CRB** – As you will all be aware we ask all parents and any adult that is in contact with our children to be CRB checked, this helps us to organise outings and activities without having worry about who or who is not checked. We manage to maintain 100% completion of these forms but it is a continual process with new parents joining us. This is done to ensure the safety of all of our young people and I would ask you to be patient with me, unfortunately the system insists that each adult needs to be checked through each organisation they are affiliated with gym, football clubs etc and scouting is no exception. The system has been adopted by the scout association for more than 5 years now and works well, it has now been decided that the CRB form needs to be renewed after 5 years, some of you who have been with us for that amount of time (thank you) will be receiving another form to be completed, please return it to your child's section meeting so it can be checked and passed onto me for submission.

If you have any queries about any of the above please either ring or email me. [Erica.hunter2@btinternet.com](mailto:Erica.hunter2@btinternet.com) or 01628 623154 or 07899 075203.

Well done to all those involved in the Pantomime I thoroughly enjoyed it and I am sure you did too. We have lost of other events happening over the next two terms so look carefully as **PG Tips** to make sure you don't miss anything.

Thank you

*Erica Hunter*, Group Scout Leader.



## 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](mailto:simon@pgtips.org.uk) or call Mhd 623910

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## 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 next meeting.**

## Yellow PG T-Shirt

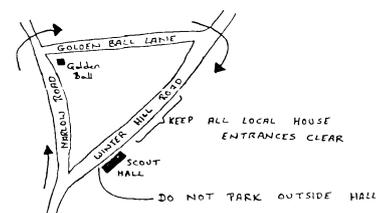
As it is now the summer term, we will be going outside on the green and into the woods as much as possible. All boys will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, as they tend to get quite warm in the summer months. **They should continue to arrive and leave in their full uniform.** If you need a new PG T shirt, these are available from Raksha (Sheila Stinton), 76, Pinkneys Road. Sheila usually brings the T-shirts to Cub and Beaver meetings. Her phone number is 01628 628160.

## 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 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.



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

## BEAVER NEWS

We have started off our new term with a brand new topic, 'Emergency Services'. It should be a favourite with the boys. We have lots of great activities lined up and have already made Fire Engines! We will be looking at safety and the fire service and hopefully visit a station. We will also be looking at first aid and the ambulance service. As the summer weeks roll in we will also be doing our more traditional activities like tent pitching, cooking in the woods and our camp fire at the end of the term!

We will be joined by another group of new Beavers on 12th May so everyone make them welcome as usual please, but as always its out with the old when it's in with the new, so we say good bye to Peter Marshall, John Conacher and Harry Bennet when they swim up the same day. Hope you are enjoying your 'linking' to Cubs and the 'moving forward' badge work.



We have some very exciting news this month as we have a new helper who has joined us and will hopefully be staying long term as a leader...her name is Jen and she is adorable exactly what PG Beavers needs, another female to tend our youngsters. In fact it's exactly what Keo needs to, to help with the endless tasks set out to make sure you guys have FUN, FUN, FUN!! (Beavers, you will have to explain to mums and dads when and where we use that little saying)! Welcome Jen! We hope your time with us is a happy one, oh and by the way you won't be keeping that very sensible name for much longer! Hee hee ha ha!!

A big thank you to all of you who turned out for St. George's day parade, hope you enjoyed it.

We are looking for Beaver parents help at our Jumble Sale on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, plus at the Groups major fundraising event, our Summer Fair on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, a great day out for all the family

**Keo** (Sheridan Stone)

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## CUB NEWS

The Olympic Torch running at our Beijing Evening went much more smoothly than it did elsewhere in the World! We 'made' our torches and then had relay races with them. It was great to see the different flags and outfits that the Cubs arrived with/in. We played a 'Bird's Nest Game' named after the stadium in Beijing, whereby the Cubs had to tangle themselves up from a circle and another group had to try and untangle them. We did some Olympic sports; 'rowing' races and balloon volley ball. We also tried some egg fried rice and most tried eating it with chopsticks! More was planned but we ran out of time that night!

Next evening we drove to Wycombe to see Akela in the Wycombe Gang Show. (We had a few boys turn up at the Scout Hall that were not booked to attend, so can I please remind parents if your son has not attended Cubs that a call to Akela or one of the leaders to find out any notices or announcements for the following week would be prudent). The evening began with a great Queen number and the fun continued throughout the evening. Akela was spotted in several singing numbers, as well as dancing!!(such a natural!) and sketch items. His talent as quiz master was well used! A fantastic evening of entertainment, but a little bit late getting home – I hope all the Cubs were able to get to school the next day!

Next was Thorpe Park visit, which I was unable to attend. Perhaps you can ask a Cub what fun they had?

We all attended the St George's Parade in Maidenhead finishing with a service at the Magnet. Photos of the event on PG's Web site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

We then met after the holidays at Farm Road to deliver Jumble Sale notices in the local area and arrived back at the hall to send Joel Cox, Connor Ford and Daniel Henshaw off to Scouts. We wish them a successful time in Scouts.

Coming up is a Road Walk/Quiz and a Wide Game. More on those next time.

Thank you goes to the Cubs who have written letters asking for donations for our Summer Fair. We hope you have made a note of the date Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. A great day out for the whole family. We are looking for parents help with this event; we hope you will be able to support it.



**Rikki** (Lesley Curley)

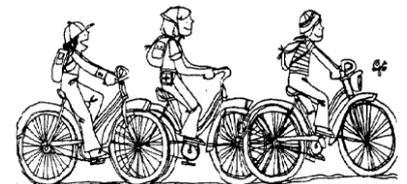
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## SCOUT NEWS

### 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 £27 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 mins)

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

**Places limited**, we have 3 places left. Forms available from Simon.

## 2008 SUMMER CAMP – Bodmin Moor

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. The new Scouts, now you have been on Troop Camp need to let Simon know by **Saturday 10th May** if they are going (or not) to join the rest of the Troop on Summer camp - if you require more information, please contact Simon asap.

Can we remind those who have not given our treasurer post dated cheques, the **eighth payment £20 is, due by 10th May** and the balance, **if you are still attending, is due by 10<sup>th</sup> June.**

Older Scouts go Thursday 24th July, younger Scouts Sunday 27th July and all return on Wednesday 6th August

## Moving Up Award

We would like to welcome three Cubs, *Connor Ford, Daniel Henshaw* and *Joel Cox* who have completed their *Moving Up Award*. They have made their Scout Promises and been invested as members of the Troop. We would like to wish them all, good Scouting at PG. All 3 attended Troop Camp at the end of April and had an enjoyable weekend camp.



## Troop Camp

Special thank you goes to the *Payne* family for allowing us to camp on their land for our first camp of the year. Over sixty members of the Troop took part. The Cooking Competition was won by Panthers Patrol, PL Alan Tarleton. We had a good day on Saturday with a warm sunny day, Sunday was disrupted with a vilant Thunderstorm as we had the Group photo taken. The lighting was petalic. A big thank you goes to every one who took home the wet canvas to dry and the parents, who helped with transport and set up on Thursday. A selection of Photos at [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

## New Young Leaders

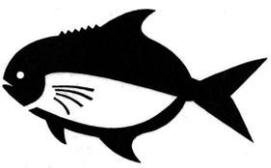
We would like to welcome Tom Bunn back, after a six month break, as a Scout Young Leader; he will be helping to run the Scout Section. Also Tom Tandy has decided to be a Young Leader he will be helping with 1<sup>st</sup> Maidenhead Sea Cubs, Tom will be helping at their weekly Tuesday meetings.

## Troop Meetings – Uniform

Can we remind all Scouts, Young Leaders & Parents, that we are a member of a Uniform Organisation? **We expect all Scouts & Young Leaders** to wear Full Scout Uniform to Troop Meetings. Scout Uniform consists of Green Scout Shirt or Explorer Shirt, Blue Scout Cargo Trousers or Blue Scout Association Shorts, Scout Belt, Scout Woggle, and PG Scarf. Also to bring a pair **the Scout Association Blue Shorts**, plus Yellow PG tee Shirt. Scout Uniform can be purchased from Maidenhead Scout Shop – Wednesday evenings. Details [www.maidheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/](http://www.maidheadscouts.org.uk/scoutshop/) PG T-Shirts are purchased from Raksha (76, Pinkneys Road)

*Simon Wheeler*

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SPECIALIST BRICKWORK

## Hire a Mini Bus for Few Days + Large Van

**HELP** - We are looking to Hire a Mini Bus from either Sunday 3rd or Monday 4th August till Wednesday 6th August

Plus looking at **Hiring a Van** for a day, to transport the personal equipment to Cornwall - flexible between 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July, plus return trip between Sunday 3rd August to Wednesday 6th August

**If you have any suggestions or ideas** - Please contact Simon Mhd 623910 or email [Simon@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:Simon@pgtips.org.uk)

We are also looking for a Driver for the Van – any parent / supporter who might be able to help please contact Simon