



## GROUP NEWS

April 2009

### PANTOMIME – Jack and The Beanstalk

**Well done** to the Scouts & Young Leaders, Cubs, Beaver and Leaders for taking part in PG's pantomime *Jack & The Beanstalk*, especially the Scouts who rehearsed twice a week since Christmas.

We would like to thank every one who support this years production especially the parents who helped take the stage down on Sunday after the performances. A special thank you goes to *Sheila Stinton* (Raksha) and *Avril Broadley* (Chil) for coordinating the rehearsals.

There are photos of the three performances on:

[www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)



### PG 100 Special Badge

Congratulations goes to Mrs. Conacher, her design of a badge to celebrate Pinkneys Green Scouts 100th Birthday design won our competition.

All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders & leaders will receive a badge to wear on their uniform for six months, plus a badge will be given to anyone who takes part in any of the special **PG 100** Celebration activities

### St George's Day Event

This year as normal **PG** will be taking part in the Districts St George's Day Parade (*Patron Saint of Scouting & England*).

**Date:** Sunday 26th April 2009, at 2.10pm

**Meet:** Town Hall Car Park

**Finish:** **Per Sections at approx 4pm** outside the Pearce suit, Magnet, Beavers will be in the hall

**Dress:** Full Uniform Inc CLEAN Black/Brown Shoes

**Collection.** Money for Collection – for **Alexamder Devine Children's Cancer Trust**, web [www.adcct.com](http://www.adcct.com)

*We hope that every Beaver, Cub, Scout, young leader & leaders will be able to join us at this event.*

### Jumble Sale

We are looking for help collecting Jumble on **Friday 1st May, 6.30pm** 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 Coordinators **Caron Wheeler Mhd 676021**

Last year we raised over **£1,100** at our Jumble Sales, this supports your sons in their Scouting at PG

Jumble Sale Date: Saturday 2nd May - 10.30am

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

**We cannot manage without the support of parents**

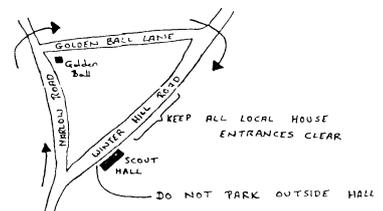
**Don't leave it to others - if you can spare a couple of hours - It would be great**

### 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.



# In Memory



## Hilda Hutt

Hilda was Akela during the 1930's has recently passed away and we send our condolences to Bill her husband who was also a Scouter during the same period and his family. Hilda and Bill were great supporters of the group for many years becoming members of the Parents Executive Committee for many years; her sons and grandsons were also member of the group. Son Michael is currently a trustee and the family continues to support the group. She will be greatly missed.

There will be a special Service for Hilda, at Stubbings Church on Tuesday 22nd April, 2pm

## Tom Field

Tom was a member of the Parents Executive committee when his son David was a member of the group he and wife Betty continued to help fund raising even after David had left, we send our condolences to David and Jill.

## Summer Fair - HELP Wanted

Jane Courtier is happy to be overall coordinator 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 21st June 2009

When people are splitting plants, digging up extra seedlings etc please would they consider setting bits aside as they are a real money earner for our funds at the summer fair.



## 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 everyone who has supported us**

## Parents Help with Marquee Hires

**Thank you goes to David Cox** for offering to coordinate the hire of our Marquees and Mess Tents.

To make this possible we are looking for help from parents, two / three times during the hire season, if available.

When we have a booking we will need help from parents to put up the tents / plus take them down. We also are looking for help from parents to tow the Scout Trailer to / from the hire venue, plus to put up marquees. If you are on the list, you will be asked a couple of weeks before the hire if you are able to help. We need 8 parents per hire to help put up the marquee, which normally takes under an hour. If we get enough offers from parents to help with the hires, we will only be asking you to help a couple of times during the hire season. You will be asked a few weeks before the hire with pitching we are still looking to spread the load of putting up our Marquees (Two or Three times a year) - If you would like to help and join this Team, please email us [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk) or talk to your sons leader.

## We are Looking For:

A replacement **Flat computer screen**, for the Scout Hall

The following **Power Supplies**

For a Flat Screen - power supply needs to be **12v 4.18A**

For a Printer controller - power supply needs to be **13v 300ma**

We need a **replacement Ground sheet** (or heavy duty plastic) for one of the tents  
To buy it will be over £90 - size 13ft x 24ft **Needed for Troop Camp**

If you can help with any of the above please email us at: [help@pgtips.org.uk](mailto:help@pgtips.org.uk) or let you sons leader know



### Copas Farms

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## BEAVER NEWS

A very warm welcome officially to all our new Beavers who were invested this month. Well Done, Logan, Olly, Miles, Thomas and Cameron, you did a wonderful job, you said your promise beautifully alongside your fellow Colony members who were also very well behaved whilst renewing their promise too. Hope the badge sewing is coming along nicely and that Mummy is feeling brave enough to tackle stitching your name on the brown felt Beaver too. Sorry Mums!!

We had a break from our Science topic this term for a few weeks so that we could turn to our Performing Arts side and demonstrate our flare on a stage. We firstly did some self portraits, then in turn each Beaver hid behind the curtain and held up their sketch of themselves and the rest of the colony had to guess who it was! It was good fun, well done Benny for coming up with this fab idea. Last week we had the privilege of the Scouts running our meeting. Each Beaver was asked to bring a talent/skill or form of entertainment with them so they could perform this on stage for us all to enjoy. We had everything from jokes, tricks, to art and craft and music. We really do have some very confident little men out there.



I haven't forgotten our fundraiser this year, keep a look out for the smartie tube to come home and make the most of the odd jobs they must do to fill the tube with 20 pence coins to give to charity. We usually do very well with our 'Good turn week', everyone benefits! Happy Fundraising and thank you in advance for your support in this event.

The Beavee was a great success as always, we had 16 beavers attend and each one of them enjoyed themselves I believe and did a lot of fun activities! Our base was of a very 'Green' (that was the theme), we gave each beaver the chance to pick, plant and grow their own fruit of vegetable. How are they coming along boys?

The next few weeks are jam packed as always with more Science experiments involving lots of fun and mess! We shall complete our topic at the beginning of April before we break for the Summer term, then when we return (20th April) we'll be all ready for the outdoor. Sunny and light evenings on the green sounds good, can't wait!!

A big thank you goes to Mr. Jefferson for volunteering to be the Beaver Parent, Jumble Sale coordinator. Don't forget to check out PG Web Site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk) for latest photos of the Beavers

District St Georges Day event, is on Sunday 26th April, when we join all the others Beavers, Cubs, Scouts for an event to renew our promises and celebrate the patron saint of scouting (and England) Meet **2.10pm at Town hall Car Park**, finish 4pm at Magnet

**Keo (Sheridan Stone)**

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## CUB NEWS

March kicked off with the District Flag Competition. The team of 6 Cubs 'did their best' and came a respectable 4th in the Competition. Jakala was with them at the event and said that they had a good time, but unfortunately they were not as prepared as the team had been in previous years. Well tried to Kieran Wijesinghe, James Kersey, Alex Hodgetts, Matthew Dixon, Harry Bennett and John Conacher.

We have covered First Aid, Stranger Danger and Personal Safety this month – all work toward badges and obviously life skills as well. One never knows when these skills will be called upon – one of the Scouts broke his collar bone and a competent Young Leader bandaged him up and the medical staff at the hospital commented on how well the sling had been made. Well done to that Young Leader!



We also had quite a 'marathon' investiture for seven new Cubs; Dan Franklin, Oliver Hooper, Luc Jons, George Knott, Luke O'Kelly, Julian Sadie and Joshua Wallace in one evening; and George Rendle was invested in the following week. We were pleased that Akala was present to carry out the investitures. We hope they will be very happy at Pinkneys Green Cubs.

The Pack meetings are now taking place in even less space than usual, because the staging is now up ready for Panto Practices. We hope the Cubs will 'bear with us' and enjoy the change of activities that can be done in the limited space.

We also welcome Alan Tarleton (a Scout) to help at Pack Meetings.

A future date for your diaries: Sunday 26th April in the afternoon will be St George's Day Parade in Maidenhead. To be held at the Magnet. Meet at 2.10pm Town Hall Car Park in full Cub uniform

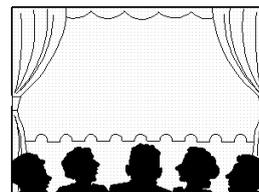
**Rikki (Lesley Curley)**

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## SCOUT NEWS

### Jack and The Beanstalk

Well done to: Hal Forman, Jack Harris-Holborn, Matthew Brienza, Leo Giles, Jamie Sellers, James Ashe, Tom Flower, Harry Wheeler, Kieran Patel, William Brennan, Jordan Day-Hunt, Niven Willett, William Boothman, Charlie Fidler, Max Forman and Brice Fanning, for all the hard work they have put in over the past three months as the main characters in this year's pantomime. Plus Alex Robins & William Fyffe for sorting out the Music, and the Scouts who helped on the door and organise the car parking, during the performance.



Special Thank you goes to **Raksha** (Sheila Stinton) and **Chil** (Avril Broadley) for all their hard work coping with the cast, twice a week at the rehearsals. Thank you goes to all the Scouts who came and watched a performance; we hope you enjoyed the show.

## District Bowling Event

Congratulations goes to the PG team on winning the District Ten Pin Bowling Competition. Well done to *James Ashe, James Corbitt, Brice Fanning, Nick Green, Kieran Patel* and *Niven Willett*. Thank you goes to *Barry Palmer & BoB Weingarh* for organising the teams.

## District Laser Quest

Congratulations goes to the *James Ashe, Niven Willett, William Boothman, Charlie Fidler, Tom Flower, Alex Franklin, Max Forman, Jack Harris-Holborn, Myles Rankin* and *Harry Wheeler* for winning the District Laser Quest Competition. This as the thirteenth consecutive time.

Thank you goes to *BoB Weingarh* for organising the team.



## 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 *Nick Green, Laurence Jones* and *Kaya Baxter* for helping *Alex* and *Nic Jones* run Special Beaver meeting. The Beavers had a very enjoyable and noisy evening. Some of the Jokes were interesting and there were some budding musicians in the Beavers.



## Troop Weekend Camp

We are off to camp Friday 1st May to Sunday 3rd May 2009; 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 to and from camp (To camp 6pm on Thursday 30th April and return trip Sunday 3rd May 2009).

**If you have a large van or trailer and can help us, please contact *Simon***

## GOOD FRIDAY - Easter Egg Hunt

Reminder to all Scouts, those of you who are not away for Easter, we will be holding a Special Troop Meeting, which will include an Easter Egg hunt on the local National Trust Green and Woods.

As normal the Scouts have a Troop meeting every Friday, during the year (Except if Christmas. / New Year fall on a Friday)

## 2009 Summer Camp - Monmouth

We will be camping near Monmouth.

*Simon* will be sorting out the activities during the Easter holidays. We hope the activities will include some of the following: Abseiling, Kayaking, Caving plus local visits.

Special thank you go to Mr & Mrs Hopson, for allowing us to camp on their land this summer.

Those who are paying monthly the next payment £25 is due by 15th April, which leaves you two payments £25, 15th May and final payment is due by 15th June. **Please make sure you have paid in full by 15th June**, any problems, please contact Simon ASAP. A big thank you goes to all the parents who have given us post dated cheques.



## Swimmers Badge

This term most patrols (all but one Patrol has been) went swimming to High Wycombe. So that all Scouts could be tested that they reached the minimum Swimming requirements for Water Activities, plus the opportunity to gain the next Staged Swimming badge.

Thank you goes to *BoB Weingarh* for organising this activity, with help from *Rob Stroud, Chris Parker* and *Jon Corbitt*, and parents who helped with transport.

***Simon Wheeler***

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