



## GROUP NEWS

June 2009



# SUMMER FAIR

**Sunday 21st June 2009  
12noon onwards**

**ON THE GREEN  
OPPOSITE WAGGON & HORSES**

**Don't miss the fun!**



*We hope you will be able to join us at our Summer Fair*

We will be having:

Side Shows, Beer & Pimms Tent, 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.

#### Couple of things to think about

- i. **Raffle Tickets** – all members (youngsters & leaders) should have received a book of tickets to sell – Please ask for more books we need your families help selling them this year **If you require some more** contact your sons leader or Jane Courtier
- ii. **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 20th 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, please let us know, 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](mailto:SJMN@courtier.fsnet.co.uk) with offers of help.

## Jumble Sale

Our recent Jumble sales have proved very fruitful raising **Over £1,000**, which goes towards the running of our Scout Hall. This has broken all records

We would like to thank **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 fairs. Two more sales in September, 12th & 26th, make a note of the date. **We have nowhere to store Jumble, if you have any, please keep it till Friday 11th September**



*First and foremost I must express my gratitude to the three section helpers: Pauline Patel from Scouts, Cathy Climpson from Cubs and Louise Jefferson from Beavers, for all their help co-ordinating this season's jumble sales. The invaluable support from the parent helpers, along with the hundred or more buyers, meant we raised an outstanding four-figure sum in just these two sales. I know this will be hugely beneficial to the PG's coffers and reflects everyone's time and effort. Absolutely brilliant. In addition, I would like to thank the scouts who helped this week: General Housekeeping: Kaya Baxter, Car Park Logistics, other assistants Scouts: Harry Bennett, Finn Baxter, Will Brennan, Kieran Patel, Miles Rankin and last, but not least, Harry Wheeler. Roll on September. See you all again then.*

*Caron Wheeler*

## OLD PHOTOS OF PG ACTIVITIES

**Have you been a PAST Member of PG. We are looking for Old photos** of when you or your son was at PG. **We are short of photos before 2000**, especially before 1979, if you have any photos we would love to hear from you

Please email: [oldphotos@pgscouts.org.uk](mailto:oldphotos@pgscouts.org.uk)



### PG – ONLINE SHOPPING

Pinkneys Green Scouts is asking its supporters to shop online. **PG is part of an online shopping scheme.** [WWW.buy.at/pgscouts](http://WWW.buy.at/pgscouts)

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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 £999 thanks to PG Online Shoppers.**

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A big **THANK YOU** goes to everyone who has supported us So [WWW.buy.at/pgscouts](http://WWW.buy.at/pgscouts)

## Family Fun Day

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

Date: **Sunday 12th July 2009, 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, 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

More details in July's PG Tips

### 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) , call Mhd 623910 or send them to the hall, with charger if possible

### 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 **Jacala** [Jon] 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.

## PG 100 - Group (Family) Camp



We are having a **Join in Camp at Stubbings, over the weekend of 5th – 7th June 2009.**

There is a BBQ Saturday evening for all to join in with, tickets will be sold separately. **We hope Ex. members of PG will come and join us at the BBQ.** During the BBQ we will be holding **PG Got Talent - BBQ & PGs Got Talent Forms** available on Web at: [www.pgscouts.org.uk/pg100/](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk/pg100/)

**PG AGM** We will be holding our AGM, **7pm on Saturday 6th June**, at our Group Camp, at Stubbings. Any parent who would like to go on the Group Executive Committee, please talk to your Sons leader

## BEAVER NEWS

NO Report

## CUB NEWS

We have four Beavers who have started attending Cubs and currently working towards their '**Moving On**' badge; *Harry Climpson, Jake Milston, Alex Norris and Zac Gordon-Smith*. We hope they will enjoy their time at Cubs and are looking forward to the June investitures.

We would also like to welcome *Alan Tarleton* to the Leadership team, *Alan* has joined *Laurence Corbitt* as one of PG Cubs Young Leaders. *Alan* will be invested in June.

Thank you to the 20 Cubs who turned out for St George's Parade looking smart in their uniforms and showed Maidenhead how proud we are of being part of the Scouting Movement and our Patron Saint. The event in the Pearce Suite went well and well done to *Cameron Aird* for reading the Cub Promise for all Cubs in the district to renew their promise. *James Kersey* was an excellent Neil Armstrong assisted by *Jonathan Sneller*; both were also part of the presentations. There was a very informative and jolly talk by a leading scientist - unfortunately his name was not made clear.



We have spent one evening learning about different faiths. The Cubs first completed missing words from a story sheet about each religion, and then in their sixes were asked to find 6 items that related to one of the six religions, Christianity, Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Hinduism and Islam. It was quite hard and I learned a lot putting the activity together. I think we will be doing each religion individually next time!

We had a celebration of one hundred years of Pinkneys Green and the Young Leaders ran games all evening. It has been great to get outside for activities this term. Thank you to the Young Leaders for running the games.

The District Incident Hike Competition was on the 9th May, this is a district run competition in and around Cookham where 13 teams from across the district starting at different locations hiked around seven bases completing marked activities at each base, it was a glorious day, we couldn't have wished for better weather. This year PG had an A and B team made of the following; *George Jefferson, Alexander Hodgetts, Robert Allcock, Matthew Dixon, Tom Crowfoot, Jamie Rhucroft, Adam Cox, James Kersey, Joshua Wallace and Timothy Fyffe*. Well done to all those who took part, we hope you enjoyed the day.

We are doing more outdoor activities such as a countryside walk (learning rules of the countryside), a wide game in the woods and at half term for those not away, we will be litter clearing in the woods at PG. So parents – you have been warned – they a quite muddy when you collect them after this activity (depending on the weather).

**Please note that we all (Leaders, parents and Cubs) need to be more careful outside the Scout Hall by the road.** There was a very close incident recently at collection time and we all need to be more vigilant. If you haven't received the Road Safety Outside the Scout Hall Notice that was sent out in May please contact a leader immediately. Thank you.

### **Dates for your diary:**

- 5-7 June** PG 100 Year Group Camp – all invited
- 21 June** PG Group Summer Fair – *everyone* to help please
- 27 June** Longridge Day (Older Cubs by invite only)
- 12 July** Family Fun Day on the Green – all invited

**Rikki** (*Lesley Curley*)

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## SCOUT NEWS

### 2009 Summer Camp - Monmouth

Simon Spent a long day in Monmouth last week, he finalised details with the farmer, activity centres and check out all the local facilities. Due to a Scout not being able to go on Summer Camp, we have a spare place if any Scout who is not going on camp, and now can, please contact Simon.

**Please make sure you have paid in full by 15th June**, any problems, please contact Simon ASAP. All Scouts going on Camp will be receiving a medical form after Group Camp, please return this form by 26th June as we have to get 4 copies of each form

### PHOTOCOPYING:

We are producing a booklet for Summer camp and are looking for help with photocopying it – It is approx 60 pages long and we are looking for 65 copies

**If you can help do some copies** (even the odd 50 sheets), please contact Simon ASAP



## Scouts District Orienteering Event

This year the District is holding a walking Orienteering event, possible

Any Scout who wishes to take part should let BoB know

Date: Friday 19th June 2009

This is a good opportunity to practice your map reading and compass skills

## TROOP WEEKEND CAMP

This year over forty-five members of the troop spent a weekend camping at Foxley Green Farm. A special thanks goes to Mr & Mrs Payne for allowing us to camp on their land. Most of the Troop attended the weekend camp. The Scouts did very well on the Friday setting up they did a very good job. The Scouts camped in Patrols and cooked all their meal on wood fires. The leaders eat with the Scouts in their Patrols. The Scouts learnt various skills On Saturday afternoon we held a cooking competition, which was judged Dave Chesterman Special thanks goes to him for judging the competition, which took over four hours and sampling a three course meal at each patrol. Congratulations go to Falcons PL Michael Summers for winning the cooking competition.

There are a full set of photos on PG Web Site: [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

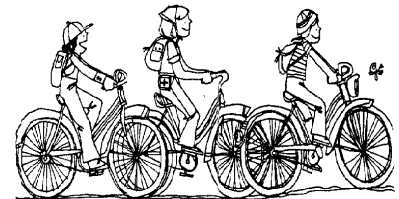
Special Thank you goes to Dermot Fanning, Reg Murell, Rob Climpson and Robert Stroud for transporting the equipment and Derek Noden and Graham Stroud for supplying vehicles. Special Thanks go to all the parents who loaded their cars up with rubbish and took it to the tip; it is amazing where it all comes from. Finally thank you goes to leaders: **BoB Weingarth, Robert Stroud & Jon Corbitt** for camping for the weekend, plus **Phill Bristow** for helping during the camp, we could not have managed without their help.



## Cycling

Can all Parents, 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.



Simon Wheeler

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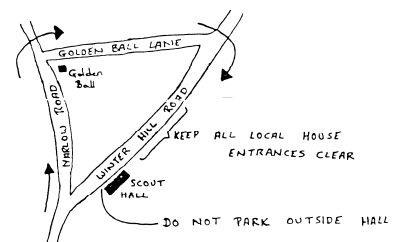
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## Bringing to and collecting from the Scout Hall - ONE-WAY SYSTEM

Please observe the following instructions for bring your child to and collecting him from Scout Hall.

- All parents/Carers are asked to follow the **ONE-WAY SYSTEM**. Drive along Furze Platt Road *past* Winter Hill Road and turn right into Golden Ball Lane. Drive slowly and carefully along this very narrow road and turn right into Winter Hill Road at the end.
- To safeguard the good relationship we have with our neighbours, please **DO NOT** park in front of driveways and entrances, or use them to turn around, particularly the drive at the side of the hall.
- **As the verges can get 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.



**These instructions are to ensure your child's safety whilst they are visiting our Hall**