



GROUP NEWS

January 2011

On behalf of all the Leaders, we hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas and

We Wish You All A Happy New Year.



Attached to this months *PG Tips* is an outline of the major events for 2011

Please make a note of the dates that affect you and your child(s).

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair is, one of our major fund raising events of the year. We have managed to raise over **£500**. Some of the money raised is used to provide Christmas parcels for the elderly around Pinkneys Green, the rest goes towards the running cost of the Scout Hall. A big thank you goes to *Jane Courtier* for organising the fair, all the parents, friends, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who helped at the fair or came along to support us.

Christmas Parcels

Some of the money raised at our Christmas Fair is used to purchase parcels for the local elderly. The parcels were delivered by the Cubs before Christmas. The Cubs went carol singing and delivered the parcels. Thank you goes to *Jane Courtier* for purchasing the contents of the parcels and to *Akela* and the Cubs for delivering the parcels and organising the Carol singing.

Christmas Trees

Can we Thank *Tony & Lesley Curley* for organising our Christmas tree project, plus to all the Scouts / Parents for delivering the promotional leaflets, plus to everyone who delivered the tree and collected them for recycling and of course to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree this year. We sold over 200 trees and raised over £3,000

THANK YOU Parents – Can you spare 45 Minutes - Once a term

A big thank you goes to the twenty parents who have joined our cleaning rota and cleaned the hall last term. We are looking for more volunteers for later this term, for the Weekly Cleaning Rota. I volunteer for the help with the cleaning, because I would rather the Leaders concentrate on our Son's activities than be cleaning the kitchen & the loo! With the family numbers we have participating at PG, if every family offered to assist - we would all only have to do it once a Year! There is lots of flexibility in arranging this. You can have a key and go to the Hall when it suits your schedule OR you could go to the Hall when *Simon* is there, for example, for about half an hour before Scout meeting. Cleaning materials are supplied as are the attractive rubber gloves, mop and bucket! Free Cup of Tea or Coffee thrown in! Not to mention grateful thanks from everyone! If you think you can help and join our rota, please contact me. **Pauline Patel** PG Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. Tel: 01628 670063 Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

PHOTOCOPYING


Can we thank all the parents who help us with photocopying. We have parents who print us off 20 - 100 copies of PG Tips every month. Due to one of the leaders changing their Job, we have lost one of our photocopiers. .

Our major problem is A3 posters for things like Christmas Fair, Jumble Sales, etc. If you can help with any A4 photocopying 20 copies or more, or can do 6 to 50 copies of A3 posters, we can give you a couple of months notice for these, please let us know and we will add you to our list.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

Old council recycling boxes *Flat Computer Screens* *VGA Screen Cables*
Elastic Bands (Postmen's ones) *Battery Drill* *Electrician*

If you can help, please let a leader know



Copas Farms
PG Scouts are being supported by Copas Farms. Geoffrey Copas has given PG storage space for our larger items of equipment. Thank you for your ongoing support of PG Scouts

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@pgtips.org.uk

WHITE LINES – Youngsters Safety at meetings

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 please don't turn your cars around in our neighbours driveways and DON'T PARK or PICK UP where the WHITE LINES are outside the hall

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

As the evenings are dark 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.



2011 Panto – Dick Whittington

This years Scouts Pantomime will be Mother Goose, it will be on Friday 25th March & Saturday 26th March 2011. A big thank you goes to all the Scout parents who have offered to help support this years production, **we do need more offers of help.**

We are still looking for the following Help:

Sort Back Cloths and repair them (2 people)

- Go through all our back cloths (some when end January / beginning February - up to you) sort out the Dick Whittington ones, repair them (made out of old sheets - so might need some tape on them) Replace any broken bits of wood (top / bottom) make sure that the Cup hooks (to hold them up) are in the right place

Building (Putting Together) the Stage (8-10 people)

- We will be putting the stage together over the weekend 17th - 19th February 2011 and I am looking for help from Dads (& Mums) with an electrical Screw driver - you don't have to be an expert to put it together - we are just looking for people to hold things and screw the bits together

Transporting Boxes to Hall

- We need to move 25 plastic boxes containing the costumes from Camley gardens to Scout Hall also we need to move the back cloths from Cordwallis Estate to the Scout Hall. These are 6ft – 8ft long (Sheet rolled around a piece of wood) They need to be moved beginning of February

If you can help with any of the above, please let Simon know
either email help@pgtips.org.uk or call Mhd 623910

Christingle Service

Thanks go to all the parents; friends and members of the Group attended the Christingle Service at our parish church at *St James the Less*, Stubbings. Special thanks go to: Revd. Keith Nicholls for organising the service. Also to parents & youngsters who made the Christingles and to everyone who supplied the mince pies, for the refreshments afterwards. We had traditional carols as well as the Christingles. Photos of this event are on PG's web site www.pgscouts.org.uk

New Year's Day - Morning Walk

Simon organised the annual PG New Year's Morning Walk which took place on Saturday 1st January 2011. Approx 80 youngsters, adults and dogs walked around Pinkneys Green. This year's route was past Golden Ball, across Winter Hill Road to Brick Kiln nature reserve, around the ponds. Then down Maulders Lane to Cannon Court far up Hindhay lane to Hindhay farm, then to Pinkneys Farm, before returning to Cricket pitch. Some walkers then had a well deserved drink in the Waggon and Horses. There are some photos on www.pgscouts.org.uk

FUND RAISING INITIATIVE – ONLINE SHOPPING

Remember we still need your support; it is quite simple to access our web shop, enter the address www.buy.at/pgscouts (or go via the link on our web site www.pgscouts.org.uk) into your web browser and then follow the links to the merchant's sites to make your purchase.



The Celtic Manor

The Sunday Rollover - wine, dine and unwind with a luxury stay on a Sunday night from £119 per room.

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Expedia

Escape the cold and book a trip to the Maldives, one of Expedia's most popular destinations for January.

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Commission: 5%

The web shop contains a range of merchants, including many household names such as the Coop, Welcome Holidays and Blackwells Books, selling a wide variety of different products from holidays and flights to books and even beds! PG earns between 3% - 15% of the value of all goods bought through the shop.

We encourage you to support this initiative as there is no administration for PG and therefore it is effortless fundraising. Additionally, it does not take many purchases by even a small proportion of members for the commission to add up over the year. You must go via this web site for us to get commission.

Here's the address again, www.buy.at/pgscouts. **And don't forget to tell your friends**

Black Sacks of Rubbish

A very big thank you goes to all the Beaver, Cub and Scout parents who have taken home a black bag of rubbish. This saves the leaders having to take it down to the tip.

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BEAVER NEWS

Beavers had a very successful end of our Christmas term, with a trip to a mosque in which the beavers learnt all about the Muslim faith, followed up by a 'build it' evening where we had a go at building our own parts of the mosque. We completed a night hike, where the beavers learnt to use a compass and a Christmas Beaver Banquet where we invited parents to come along and enjoy a Christmas meal with us.

We also invested our three newest members; Max Bird, Ethan Tracey and Patrick Flood so a very warm welcome to those boys and their families to the group. If anyone has photographs of this investiture could we please have some copies to put on the website.

Hathi (Catherine)

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CUB NEWS

Happy New Year 2011! Form Pinkneys Green Cub Pack. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas period.

Dangers of Seaside, Riverbanks and Railways, 20th October 2010. *“Last cub meeting we did lots of games. At the beginning we played football on our own. Then we played something like hockey but with a plate. Then we played a mind game where you were told a sequence of numbers and you had to remember them. Then we watched a video about water safety. Also we learnt about why water is dangerous. The sea is dangerous because of the tide. A river is dangerous because of the weeds that trap your feet. My favourite part as playing the hockey-like game but with a plates because it was a weird and fun.”* By George Knott.

Swimming Safety, 11th November 2010. *“At the beginning of Cubs, all the pack played football. Then we played a game about Stranger Danger, where we stood in a line as a six and had to stand up and put your hand up if you knew the answer. If the answer was right, you had to write it on a diagram on the board. Then you went to the back of your line so everyone got a go. If your answer was wrong, Akela picked someone else to answer. Then we watched a video about being safe near water and about lifeguards. We learnt that if someone is drowning you shouldn't jump in after them because then you might drown too. You should wait for a lifeguard. We learnt that we shouldn't talk to strangers unless they are the Police, a fireman or a Doctor. My favourite part was the video because I found it interesting.”* By Sammy March.

Thank you for all the cubs and families who came to Stubbings Church for the Remembrance Parade, it was really good to see so many cubs turn out for the important service. I have received some excellent feedback about our cubs and their outstanding behaviour.

Well done! Fires in the Home, 17th November 2010. *“At last week's cub meeting we looked at fire safety. I learnt how my house could catch on fire and how to plan an escape route. We played a game where we had to slid a lid to get as close to the line as we could, it was hard! My favourite part of the meeting was the activity because I got to earn points for my Sixer. We had to answer questions about fire safety and we had to put our hands up first. Lastly we played crab football, it was really fun!”* By Joseph Ruffell.

“First we did Grand Howl. Then we played a game where you have a rolled up paper, a plate and a chair to score. When there is a fire don't get pets & animals, leave that to the Rescue Fire Engine, if you don't you might get killed too. We then played crawling with a blindfold to find the ball, it is fun. It was my first time to do the flag it is scary. I learnt about you don't get your animals, leave that to the fire-fighters.” By Alex Norris.

Planning a Journey on Public Transport, 24th November 2010. *“Last week, we did an activity where we had to plan a day out to London. We started at Maidenhead train station (which was where we had to end as well). The idea was that we had to go to different places. We had to write down where we went along with the times and the prices. We had to go to Big Ben. My six went to the London Zoo, then to see Les Miserables, then to the London Eye, then to Big Ben and then back to Maidenhead train station. After we finished, I was beginning to want to go on this trip for real.”* By Julian Sadie.

Christmas Ginger Bread Men, 1st December 2010. *“At this weeks cub meeting my friend Julian and I had just walked through the door when we joined in with a game of football that was going on with the other cubs. This was great fun but only lasted for about 2 minutes before Akela called us to sit in our Six. After this Akela called us into Pack Circle before going for inspection. My group got 9 ½ out of 10 points which was very good. James our Young Leader then arranged a game in which we were split into two teams and sat at either side of the hall. He placed on cup in the middle of the hall and one either side at the edge. Each team member was given*



a number. When your number was called out you had to run across the hall to the far cup pick it up, run back to the near cup and place it there before running into the middle finishing by picking up the middle cup. If a cup fell over you had to return and set it straight. My team lost! After that Julian and I went and decorated a ginger Bread man each in the Tomlin room. This was my favourite part of the meeting. We both called ours Bob. One of the boys icing bag exploded all over his biscuit, it was very funny. After that Akela called for a pack circle and we said out pack prayer then Akela let us go home.” By Luc O’Kelly.

We hope all those families that attended the Christingle Service on the 12th December 2010 enjoyed the Christmas Carols.

Next month we’ll have some reports about the trip to see Bahgeera at the Pantomime and delivering parcels to the local elderly.

In January we will be having a New Year Party, welcoming new boys from Beavers and starting our swimming sessions.

Akela.

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SCOUT NEWS

Moving Up Award

We would like to welcome three Cubs Adam Cox, Tim Fyffe and Jake Hickey to the Troop, they have started their Moving Up Award. They will be invested as Scouts later this month.

Swimming Gala

The District is holding the Swimming Gala on Saturday 15th January 2011 at 5.50pm. We are looking for Scouts to help us defend the *Myer Shield* (Which we won for being the overall Winner). Any Scout interested in representing the Troop contact *Tarka Mhd* 620655.

We hope Scouts who are not in the Team will come along a support the Troop.

Young leaders, please let *Simon* know if you are interested in taking part in the Explorers event

Patrol Swimming

We will again be taking each Patrol to High Wycombe, so that every Scout can be re-tested for the minimum standard for taking part in water activities, as well as been given the opportunity in doing the *Swimmers* proficiency Badge. **Scouts need to wear Full Uniform, plus take their Swimming gear.**

Bob Weingarth will be organising this activity, with help from a young leader

We will require help from parents with transport.

Training Weekends

We will be holding training Weekends for Scouts, which will be held at the Scout Hall depending on age of Scouts (as per the letter you should have received)

- Year 6 part year 7 11th – 12th February
- Year 7 & part year 6 4th – 5th February
- Older Scouts 28th -29th January

Please, contact your Patrol Leader for more details.



Pantomime – Dick Whittington

We will be holding auditions on **Thursday 13th and Sunday 16th January**, for those Scouts who would like to take part in this year’s Pantomime. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings 6.45pm – 8.15pm and Sunday afternoons, 3.00pm – 4.30pm.

The dates of the performances will be **Friday 25th March**, 7.00pm + **Saturday 26th March**, 3.00pm & 7.00pm.

Make sure that you are available on those dates, if you wish to take part

2011 Summer Camp -

We will be camping in Wales. Can we remind those who have **not given** our treasurer post dated cheques, the next **payment £25 is due by 25th January**, to PG treasurer *Megan Sadie*. Please try and pay by that date to save us sending you a reminder

Medical & Personal Detail Forms

All Scouts and Young Leaders will be receiving the annual (2011) Medical & Personal Detail Forms.

Can parents please complete and return these forms to *Simon* by **31st January**. It is important that we get the updated forms, as medical conditions change, plus at least one Scout has moved house (without telling us)



Tombola

Thank you to the Parents & Scouts who provided items for the Tombola Stall and to the Scouts and Leaders who helped set the stall up on the Sunday morning and those who wore uniform and manned it in the afternoon, also thanks go to the Scouts who helped on other stalls. The Tombola made over £190

Christingle Service

Special thanks goes to *Finlay Cassels* for carrying the Troop flag, and to *Richard Hurst*, & *Nick Hemsley* who did the readings, *Jason Green* for doing the collection, *Jonathan Otun* for turning the music, plus all the Scouts who made the effort to attend this special service. The church was full. The Christingles looked very good when the **candles** were lit and the lights were dimmed. Photos on web www.pgscouts.org.uk

Troop New Year's Party

As New Years Day fell on a Friday the Troop held their New Year party on the Wednesday before. Thank you goes to Troop Assistants Mark Courtier and Toby Ayre for organising an evening of games and the parents for providing the food

Bag Packing

A big thank you goes to the following Scouts: *Jay Hutchins, Jamie Rhucroft, Patrick Ashe, Jason Green, Kieran Patel, Matthew Dixon, Hal Forman, Peter Marshall, Max Forman, George Jefferson, Jonathan Otun, Harry Wheeler, William Boothman, William Fyffe*, and parent *Mrs Patel*, who helped *James Ashe & Daniel Mills*, with Bag Packing to raise money towards the cost of sending *James Ashe & Daniel Mills* on the World Jamboree later this year

Trip to See Cinderella

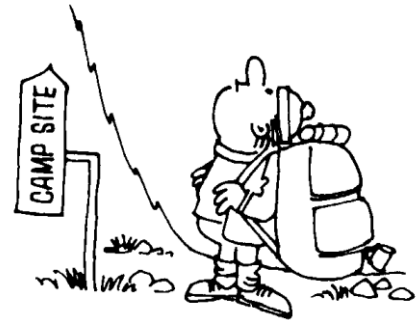
45 Scouts are going to the *Theatre Royal Windsor* to see **Aladdin on Friday 7th January 2010**.. Special thank you to BoB for organising the event.

Troop Camp

The first big camp of 2011, when the whole Troop goes away for the weekend, camp

Date: Friday 20th May to Sunday 22nd May 2011

(Please make a note of the CHANGE of date, due to Royal Wedding)



We hope that all Scouts will attend this camp, especially the ones, who have joined us in the last six months, as it is important that you attend at least one camp, before you go on Summer Camp in July to Cornwall.



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 Hathi (Catherine), Cubs should contact **Akela** [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.

Yellow PG T-Shirt

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 at some meeting and summer months. (Something to look forward to) **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. Raksha also has PG Scarfs.

CRB Forms

All PG Parents are CRB'd. If you receive a form can you please complete it and return it for **checking with relevant documents** as soon as possible to save Erica chasing you.

The Forms can be returned:

Mondays – during Beavers 5.55pm – 7.15pm; **Wednesdays** during Cubs 6.25pm – 8.00pm, **Fridays after Scouts 9.30pm**.

This term (till 19th March) they can also be returned on a Sunday 3pm – 4.30pm and a Thursday 6.45pm – 8.15pm



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**Pinkneys Green Scouts
2011 Outline Programme**

January PG Tips

1 January	Group	- New Years Morning Walk - 10.30am
7 January	Scouts	- Trip Theatre Royal Windsor Aladdin
9 January	Scout	- PLs Thank You Meal for Troop Leaders
13 January	Scout	- Auditions for Scouts Pantomime Dick Whittington
15 January	Cub/Sct	- District Swimming Gala – Magnet [Cubs 3pm – Scouts 5.40pm]
28-29 Jan	Scout	- Training Course (Year 9 above)
4-5 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 7 plus part Year 6)
11-12 Feb	Scout	- Training Course (Year 6 plus part Year 7)
18 February	Scout	- Special Troop Activity
18-20 Feb	Group	- Build Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
21-22 Feb	Scout	- LAN Weekend
23 February	Cub	- Incident Hike (Run by Scouts PL's & APL's)
26-27 Feb	Group	- Paint Staging etc. for Pantomime Parents Help required
5 March	Beaver	- District Beaveree
6 March	Cub	- Cub Flag Competition
7 March	Beaver	- " We Entertain " – Beaver meeting run by Scouts
12 March	Scout	- District Cross Country Competition 11am at PG Hall
18 March	Scout	- Swimming Trip (Scouts not in Panto)
25-26 March	Group	- Scouts Pantomime Dick Whittington
27 March	Group	- Help Dismantling PG Stage Area – 10.30am Parents Help required
2 April	Cub	- District Football Competition
3 April	Scout	- District Football Competition
30 April	Scout	- Special Celebration Event
7 May	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
7 May	Group	- District St Georges Day Event - All Beavers, Cubs & Scouts
14 May	Cub	- District Cub Incident Hike – run by PLs
20th-22nd May	Scout	- Troop Camp - ALL Scouts to Attend Note Date
21 May	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
1 June	Cub	- Litter Clear PG Triangle (Run by the Scouts)
4-5 June	Scout	- Computer Event
10 June	Scout	- District Orienteering Competition
12 June	Group	- Summer "Fair On The Green"
25 June	Cubs	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Older Cubs
26 June	Scouts	- District Water Activity Day - Longridge Scouts
3 July	Group	- PG Fun Day and AGM
4 July	Beaver	- Tent Pitching (Run by the Scouts)
22 Jul - 5 Aug	Scout	- Summer Camp – BRECON - All Scouts [This is the most important Activity in the Scouting year - puts Scout previous training in to practice]
9-11 Sept	Cub	- Cub Camp - ALL Cubs to attend
16 September	Scout	- Evening Mystery Trip
17 September	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
24-25 Sept	Scout	- IT weekend
1 October	Group	- Jumble Sale 10.30am
2 October	Cub/Sct	- Rotary Boundary Walk
8 October	Scout	- District PL's Training Course Change of Date
9 October	Scout	- Scouts Cycle Orienteering event 10am - 1pm
15-16 October	Group	- JOTA & JOTI Jamboree's - PG Scout Hall (All Welcome)
22-23 October	Scout	- LAN
26 October	Cub	- Halloween Party (Run by the Scouts)
12 November	Scout	- District Chef Cooking Competition – Cookham Scout Hall
13 November	Group	- Remembrance Sunday Parade - 10.35am ALL Beavers Cubs & Scouts
18-19 Nov	Scout	- District Night Hike - Parents Welcome
25-26 Nov	Scout	- Older Scout Activity Weekend
2 December	Scout	- Trip – (Pos Ice Skating/Swimming) All Scouts
4 December	Group	- Christmas Fair On a Sunday
11 December	Group	- Carol (Christingle) Service 3.50pm at Stubbings Church
14 December	Bvr/Cub	- Trip to Maidenhead Pantomime
16 December	Scout	- Troop Dinner Thank You meal for supporters of the Troop
17-18 Dec	Scout	- Computer Weekend
30 December	Scout	- Scouts New Year Party

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