



GROUP NEWS

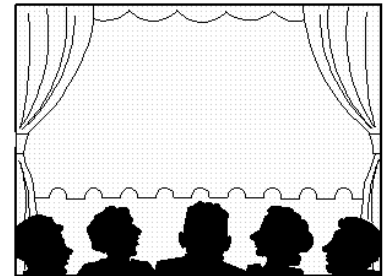
March 2011

2011 PG's PANTOMIME – Dick Whittington

The Scouts, Cubs + leaders have been busy rehearsing for this year's Pantomime *Dick Whittington*. The Scouts have been rehearsing twice a week since the beginning of January under the direction of *Raksha, Chil, Hathi* and *Simon*. A big thank you goes to all the Leaders, parents and friends who have supported us so far with this year's production

Thank you

A big thank you goes to *Andrew Jones, Steve Banister, Robin Dixon, Pete Hutchins, Pauline Patel* who moved pantomime bits to the Scout hall last week. Also to *Andrew & Myles Rankin, Robin & Matthew Dixon, Clive & Jordan Hunt, Greg Hurst, Aidan Milston, Caron, Keith & Harry Wheeler, Jane Courtier, Philip Kersey and Ian Ruffell* who have helped build this year's stage, for the Pantomime.



Help Required

We will require help from Mums, Dads & Scouts to take down the stage on **Sunday 22nd March** 10.30am. We need to get the Scout Hall cleared by Monday, for Beavers

TICKETS ON SALE for Dick Whittington

We have tickets available for **Saturday 26th March 3pm and 7pm** performances available at £3.50 each. Orders for tickets in an envelope to any section meeting or in an envelope labelled Pantomime

and drop off at the hall.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Reminder we are collecting for some new games equipment, Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers, please collect them and send them along to the Scout hall, there is a special box to put them in, in the hall. A big Thank you goes to all the Scouts who have given us vouchers, plus those of you who are collecting the vouchers for PG.



Group (Family) Camp

We are holding a family camp, over the weekend Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd July 2011 in a field next to Stubbings Nursery. Families and Friends of PG members are welcome to camp with us for the weekend. Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders, will camp in their Sections. Beavers are only allowed to camp with their own parents. Families and Friends are welcome to camp or be day visitors. The weekend will be full of Fun Activities and Games, plus a BBQ on the Saturday Evening, which all Ex members of PG and friends, are invited to attend. More details will be issued in shortly

Pinkneys Green Scouts

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Marquee Erection Team

Parents we are 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 contact our Marquee coordinator David Cox on marquee@pgscouts.org.uk or phone him on 01494 528751 or 07768 164314 for more details.

Jumble Sale

We will be looking for help from parents with our Jumble Sales on Saturday 7th May and 21st May 2011

Please make a note of the date, more details to follow



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 Golden Ball
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.



CLEANING ROTA – short of Help

Cleaning Rota, thank you goes to the all the Parents who joined the Hall Cleaning Rota and cleaned the hall.

We need a volunteer for cleaning the Hall **week beginning 11th April**, plus more volunteers, for weeks **from 4th July**.

Do not worry if you have not done it before...full training given! You need about 30 to 45 minutes of your time. Day to suit you. For more details please contact **Pauline Patel** PG's Parent Cleaning Rota Coordinator. Tel: 01628 670063 Email: cleaning@pgscouts.org.uk

FUND RAISING – PG ONLINE SHOPPING

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

Summer Fair HELP Wanted

Our Summer Fair coordinator Jane Courtier is looking for some help for the Summer Fair. **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 could 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.

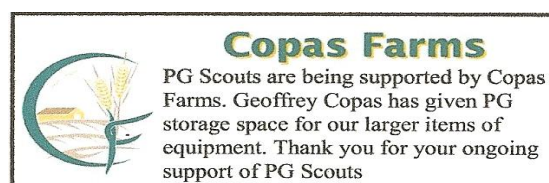
Fair Date is Sunday 12th June 2011 (Weekend after Half term week)

Yellow PG T-Shirt

All boys will need to wear a yellow PG T shirt under their Beaver, Cub jersey or Scout Shirt, if they get warm or doing something dirty (Painting, cooking etc.) they take their jersey / shirts off. **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 Scarves.

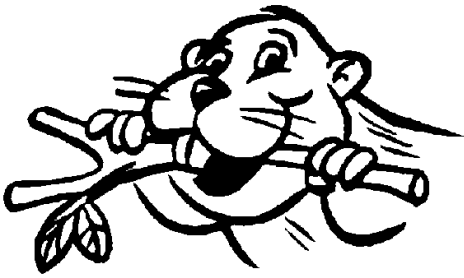
Black Sacks of Rubbish

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.



BEAVER NEWS

At beavers we've been continuing on our space theme, making iced biscuit planets (my personal favourite being 'crazy mum planet' made by one of our beavers) and had our junk craft competition which involved designing, making and painting the craft in groups. The beavers have made some fantastic rockets and we're really impressed with how hard they all worked during the competition, showing great teamwork and artistic skill. Winners will be announced after half term.



We have now invested our three newest beavers; Isaac Deans, Archie Cottington and James Huband, so welcome to them and their families to Pinkneys Green. We hope you enjoy many happy years in scouting.

Coming up this term we've got a visit from Maidenhead Astrological Society, the scouts are running their annual 'Lets Entertain' evening at Beavers using the pantomime stage and we've going on a trip out to visit the local synagogue.

Reminder: Our District Beaveree is on Saturday March 5th at Altwood School Hall, 3pm - 5.30pm.

We hope that all Beavers and their families will come along and see this year's Scouts Pantomime, it's well worth a family outing. There are three performances Friday 25th March 7pm, plus Saturday 26th March at 3pm and 7pm.

Hathi (Catherine Weeks)

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CUB NEWS

Thank you to all the cubs who have sent in their PG Tips reports for the various meetings and activities that make up our busy and varied programme!

Please remember if you are asked to do a report by Niven that you forward the report to Akela as soon as possible; if you want to do a report on any of our meetings or activities, you don't have to wait to be asked, just go ahead and send one up to cubs or email it to Akela

The cubs and leaders were please to read the thank you card from Jean who received one of the Cubs Christmas parcels during the carol singing and parcel delivery in December: *"To Pinkneys Green Cub Group. A very big thank you for the lovely parcel & good wishes you sent me at Christmas. From Jean W"*.



Thank you to all the parents who have helped with the Swimming Sessions over the past couple of months, many badges have been gained through some very hard work and tough assessment criteria. *"I went to Marlow swimming pool to get my stage 4 swimming badge. At first I was supposed to do 7 lengths under 4 minutes. And then we were supposed to tread water for 5 minutes. Next we had to get a brick from the bottom of the pool and put it to the side but in the same exercise we had to swim under water without*

coming to the top. The we had to swim 56 lengths! But I only got 26 done because of all of the other stuff didn't give me enough time. But on the next Saturday I had enough time so I finished the 56 lengths just! But the only thing is that I had to start the 56 lengths swim all over again!" By Christopher Otun.

On the 2nd February 2011 meeting the Cubs learnt First Aid skills. *"At this week's cub meeting we learned about first aid from Bagheera. We learned how to put an unconscious person in the recovery position. We also learned how to stop bleeding by elevating the affected part of the body. We were told how to make a person feel comfortable when they have been injured. It was also useful to learn about burns. We learned to put a plastic cover on a burn to stop germs getting into it when there was no bandage available. After that we played some great games. Before we learned about first aid we played crab football, and then afterwards we played a game where we all have to jump over a swinging rope, which is really tricky, but great fun. The best bit of the meeting was definitely playing crab football, but learning about first aid was the most useful part of the meeting."* By Robert Rayfield.

Until next month...
Akela (*Jon Corbitt*)

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SCOUT NEWS

New Scouts

We would like to welcome another new Scout, who has joined us from Cubs, and his family to the Troop: Jake Hickey, has made this Scout Promises and been invested as member of PG Scouts. We would like to wish him good Scouting at PG.

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2011's Pantomime - "DICK WHITTINGTON"

The main cast members in this year's production are: Robert Allcock, James Ashe, Patrick Ashe, James Carr, John Conacher, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Richard Hurst, Jay Hutchins, James Kersey, Aiden Milston, Jake Milston, Jonathan Otun, Kieran Patel, Jamie Sellers, Tom Sellers and Kieran Wijesinghe. They have been rehearsing twice a week, since the beginning of January.

We hope that those Scouts who are not in or helping, with this year's production will all come and see it on either Friday 25th or Saturday 26th March. Tickets will be available at £3.50 each

Cross Country Competition

The Cross Country Competition is split into two events, the Junior Course is 2 miles, and the Senior Course is 3 miles,

We hope that all Scouts will support the Troop and take part in this event

Date: Saturday 12th March, 10.50am at the Scout Hall.

We are looking for help with this event, from adults to help as Marshals



District Football Competition

Any Scout who wishes to be part of PG's Six A Side Football team, for the District Football competition, please let BoB know

Competition Date: Sunday 3rd April 2011, 2pm

Help Running Beavers Meeting

The Troop are running the Beaver meeting on Monday 7th March and we are looking for help from Scouts with running the evening. The Beavers will be using the stage area. Scouts need to be at the hall from 5.50pm – 7.15pm and wear Scout uniform

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

Scouts need to return their payment by 19th March to get the £6 discount. We hope that all Scouts will be able to attend, as is a good training camp for Summer Camp.

Patrol Swimming & Hiking

This term small groups of Scouts, have been going to High Wycombe swimming pool to do the staged Swimmers badge or taken out on hikes, so they can practice their Mapping and Compass skills

Thank you goes to leaders, BoB Weingarth, Rob Ayre and Matthew Milston for taking the Scouts out

St Georges Day Event

Please make a note of the date – Saturday 7th May 2011, 2pm. This year Parents are invited to take part as well as the Scout, more details near the event.

Help Running Cubs Meeting in Woods

Thank you goes to Harry Bennet, William Brennan, Jordan Day-Hunt, Matthew Dixon, Leo Giles, Peter Marshall, Aiden Milston, Jonathan Otun, Jamie Sellers, James Ashe and Aaron Burton for organising and running the basis for the Cubs incident hike organised in the local woods for the Cubs during half term.

Training Weekends

We have held three training weekends for different age groups, a big thank you goes to the PLs, APLs and Young Leaders who helped on the weekends. Also to all the Scouts who attended. We hope you will be able to attend Troop camp, to put all your training into practice.

Simon Wheeler



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