



# P.G. TIPS

The Newsletter of Pinkneys Green Scout Group



## GROUP NEWS

December 2006



# Christmas Fair



<p><b>Christmas Trees</b>  <b>Bric – A – Brac</b>  <b>Competitions</b>  <b>Groceries</b></p>	<p><b>Tombola' so</b>  <b>Bathroom Stall</b>  <b>Toys</b>  <b>Refreshments</b></p>	<p><b>Cakes</b>  <b>Raffle</b>  <b>Jewellery</b>  <b>Games</b></p>
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Sunday 3rd December 2006

2.00pm

Proceeds in aid of Christmas Parcels for the Elderly and Scout Funds

Please Support your Scout Group

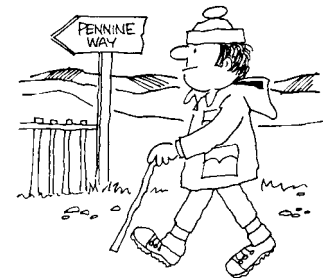
### New Year's Day - Morning Walk

The annual PG New Year's Morning Walk will take place around the local area.

Date: **Monday** 1st January 2007

Time: 10.30 a.m. at Pinkneys Green Cricket Pitch N.T. Car Park, to approx 12noon

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**



### Christmas Trees

**FOR SALE** - from - £2.50 per foot

**Delivery: Free to Maidenhead/Hurley area.**

**Orders must be received by 3rd December**

Order Form available [www.pgscouts.co.uk](http://www.pgscouts.co.uk)

### TREASURER URGENTLY WANTED

Due to David Shepherd changing his job, **We urgently need a new treasurer for the Scout Group.** You do not necessarily need to have a financial background but a good eye for detail. You need about 2/3 hours a week max generally less.

If you are interested would like more information please contact either Erica Hunter GSL, Tony Curley Exec chairman or your son's leader.

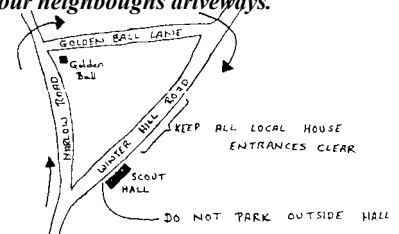
Job Description available copy in Novembers PG Tips

### 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 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. We have had several youngsters trip up as they make their way to the hall in the dark.



## Christingle (Carol) Service



We are holding a Carol Service on  
Sunday 10th December 2006 at 3.50pm  
at our local Church St James the Less at Stubbings.  
All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Parents,  
brothers, sisters, friends etc. are invited to join us  
at this Special Service



Tea will be served afterwards in the Church Hall

## MAIDENHEAD 2007 – Centenary Camp

Maidenhead Scouts are holding a Special FUN weekend. The object of the camp is to bring all members of the Scout and Guide Movement together to celebrate the Centenary of the founding of the Scout Movement in 1907, by Lord Baden-Powell. During the camp there will be a fun, full programme of activities and events designed for all age groups to participate. Cubs, Scouts, Guides, Explorers and Leaders from all Groups in Maidenhead, will camp for the weekend. Beavers will be day visitors, on the Saturday of the camp.

**Friday 25th May to Monday 28th May 2007** (Next Years Summer Term, half Term).

The cost of the camp for those camping will be £40, per youngster, which includes a tee shirt and a special camp badge, which can be worn of the uniform. The cost to Beavers will be £8, which also includes the special camp badge.

**PG is in Yellow Sub Camp**, with Furze Platt and Bray & Holyport Scout Groups. Simon Wheeler, our Scout leader, is the Yellow Sub Camp leader. More information see [www.maidenhead2007.org.uk](http://www.maidenhead2007.org.uk) or email [yellow@maidhead2007.org.uk](mailto:yellow@maidhead2007.org.uk) All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders & leaders should have received a letter about the camp – m you have not contact Simon a



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## BEAVER NEWS

As everybody already knows our theme this term has been ‘me’ and ‘seasonal events’! So we have had great fun over the past few weeks with Halloween and Bonfire night. After our modelling evening where the boys had to make a building that was very familiar to them like, home or school or the Scout Hall we had half term and came back with a bang! It was Halloween night and the boys had a fancy dress party where the Scouts came along and played topical games with them. The costumes were fabulous as always, well done mums and dads!! We had Draculas, Bats, Mummies, Frankensteins and lots and lots of skeletons!! The boys had lots of fun!!

Then there was Bonfire night...and we really pushed the boat out this year. We have never done it before but we decided to have a Bonfire night of our very own. We couldn't have fireworks on the green so Mr and Mrs Flew very kindly let us crash at there house for the night...again!!....They must be mad! Anyway thanks to the Young Leaders who built the fire and Barnaby for making a guy and Mr Bennett for putting together a fabulous firework display we had a fabulous night. We lit the fire first and watched the guy wilt then we watched the fire works go up with a good few bangers!! Mrs Flew made us all a well-needed cup of coco with biscuits and toffee apples – delicious! THANK YOU to everyone who made the night a success.

We also had a social event on the agenda this term, we took the boys bowling. Well done to Toby Bruce, Patrick Ashe and Keiren Wijesinghe who were our top three scorers. The boys had a great time so by popular demand it will be on the agenda next year.

Thanks to very kind man for building us a wonderful art cabinet we were able to decorate our back wall this week and know it won't get damaged. So we asked the boys what they thought of when I mentioned the word ‘Christmas’. The boys drew pictures to illustrate their thoughts and we made it into an advent calendar. May I take this opportunity to thank the Exec Committee for funding and arranging for the cabinet to be made and a BIG thank you to Tony Curley and Jack Watson, I believe for making it.



We also can now officially welcome our newest Beavers and their families, Toby Bruce, Adam Cox, Jake Hickey, Timothy Fyffe and Oliver Hooper who made their promise Mon 20<sup>th</sup> November and did a sterling job, well done boys.

Keo



**Coming Up** - Christmas Party run by the Scouts on 4th December – please note that this will be 6:00pm - 730pm (finishing 15mins late). Keo will be asking Beaver Parents to supply some items of food for the party; Christingle Service, Beavers and their Families invited to attend on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 3.50pm at Stubbings Church, Beavers to wear full uniform; New Years Morning Walk, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10.30am at NT Car Park next Cricket pitch; The last meeting of the year will be Monday 11th December 2006 and the first meeting of next year will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January (2007- in case anyone has forgotten).

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## CUB NEWS

We have been doing our badge bases through November and the boys have been working hard at the Hut and at home to complete the tasks for their Home Help, Book Reader, IT, DIY, Navigator and Animal Carer badges. I have been organising the Home Help and I must say that the boys have been trying really hard and several of the mums have said, “I like this badge. It gets them doing

things they wouldn't normally do!" which is what Cubs is all about. Trying something new and having fun. I think we will have a lot more badges earned by the end of November and the boys will have all tried something new.

We have said "Au Revoir" to 4 of the older boys. James Corbett (the last in the line!), Andrew Duff, Kieran Patel and Harry Wheeler moved on to Scouts, so we wish them happy scouting.

This term we have had James Rutherford (Young Leader) as an extra helper and he has been organising some exciting games for the boys to play before their badge base work. Graham Wolfe and Michael Crown have also spent time helping out and we appreciate all the input that they make to our evenings. The Cubs also appreciate spending time with older boys too.

For December we are getting Christmassy and one evening (13 December) we are visiting Maidenhead Town Hall to see a production of Aladdin. The last evening of the year, we will be carol singing and delivering parcels, which, with the new children's car seat law, will be a challenge to organise.

We hope that you will support the Christmas Fair in any way you can, either by providing supplies, spending money, advertising, helping set up, taking away rubbish at the end (it all helps) and we hope you will enjoy yourselves.

Don't forget those wonderful fresh, smelling Christmas trees. If you have never had a real one before, how about trying a PG special this year! They really are fabulous and delivered direct to your door! It's PG's second biggest fundraiser.

I wish you a Happy Christmas and a fantastic New Year from all the PG Leaders!

Rikki



#### Dates for your diary:

- \* Sunday 3 December, 2 pm PG Christmas Fair - we need YOUR Support!
- \* Sunday 10 December, 3.50pm PG Christingle Service at Stubbings
- \* Wednesday 13 December, 'Aladdin' Panto, Maidenhead Town Hall
- \* Wednesday 20 December, Carol singing and Parcel delivering
- \* Sunday 1 January, New Years mornings walk 10.30am National Trust Car Park

Don't forget to order your Christmas tree and help raise funds for your scout group (see website for form).

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Every purchase made via this site benefits us financially. You do not have to pay anymore for your purchases when you access via **buy.at**, but we gain!!

Please put [www.buy.at/pgscouts](http://www.buy.at/pgscouts) in your bookmarks and use it when making buying online.

**Just try it and see how easy it is.**

**HELP** We are looking for some help !

**TV Ariel** – Not working properly, Cable plugs need replacing + make up some Audio Leads to connect to a projector

**If you can help with either of the above** – please contact Simon  
MHD 623910 or email via Web Site

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## SCOUT NEWS

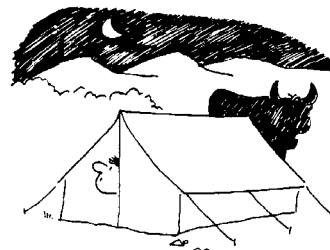
### 2007 Summer Camp

Next year we are going to hold our Summer Camp in mid Wales area. **All Scouts who wish to go should have paid a deposit, plus November's payment. Reminder the next payment of £20 is due by 20<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Ice Skating Trip** - Due to our Christmas Fair, we are unable to use the Scout Hall. We will hope to be going Ice Skating on Friday 3rd December, to Slough Ice Arena. Parents are responsible for transporting their sons to / from Ice Arena

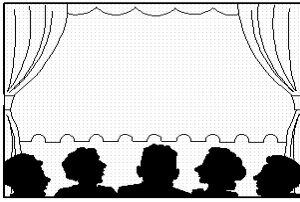
**Christmas Fair** - The Scouts have been asked to run and organise the Tombola stall again. **We are urgently looking for items to be donated, which are suitable for a Tombola stall.** If every scout donates five items, we should have a successful stall. Any Scout, who wishes to help on the Tombola, Must wear Full Scout Uniform and let Simon know that they can help. We hope all Scouts and their parents will support this major Fundraising event.

**Christingle Service** Scouts don't forget our annual Christingle (Carol) service on Sunday 10th December at Stubbings Church. We hope that all Scouts and their families will be able to attend. There will be a cup of tea, after the service in the Church hall.



## Scouts Annual Dinner

This years Troop Annual Dinner will take place on Friday 15th December. This is where the PL's invite guests, people who have helped the Troop over the past year, to join the Scouts, for a meal.



## Trip to High Wycombe to the Pantomime

Scouts, we are going to High Wycombe on Friday 5th January 2007, to see **Nigel Havers as Captain Hook in Peter Pan** Any Scout who wishes to attend, please return booking form to BoB.

## New Years Morning Walk

We will be holding our annual New Years Morning Walk on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 – 10.30am at National Trust Car Part next to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend

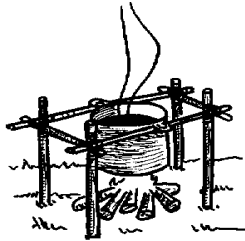
## Troop Welcome "2007" Party

We are holding a New Year Party Between *Christmas and New year* on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 6.50pm – 9.15pm After having a very successful Party last year, we are going to hold another one. Each Scout is required to bring some food - *contact your PL for details.*



## Swimming Gala

This District Swimming Gala will take part at the Magnet on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2007, 5.45pm at the Magnet. Any Scout who wishes to take part, please contact **Barry Palmer Mhd 416575**



**District Chef Cooking Competition** Congratulations goes to PG team James Curley, Stuart Shepherd and Ben Cox for Winning the District Chef Cooking Competition at Cookham Scout Hall. They had to produce a three course meal for four people within a budget of £12-£13. Culinary experts Edwige Brown judged the competition. Each team had to eat the meal they cooked, plus have a Guest from the scout Fellowship (fourth person) to eat the meal with them. They also had to entertain their guest. Their menu was; Starter: Warm Italian Salad; Main course: Spaghetti Bolognese; Sweet: Fresh Plated Fruit Salad. Photos on [www.pgscouts.co.uk](http://www.pgscouts.co.uk)

**Remembrance Sunday** – Thank you goes to all the Scouts / leaders who attended this years Service at Stubbings Church. Special thanks goes to Alex Robins and Alex Shell for carrying the flags. We do have some photos on the PG Web Site [www.pgscouts.org.uk](http://www.pgscouts.org.uk)

**District Night Hike** - PG Scouts joined Scouts from all the Troops in Maidenhead to walk around a circular course between Knowl Hill, Waltham St Laurence and West End. We entered two teams. They left the PG base Knowl Hill at 10.00pm and completed the course just before 4am. The PG teams did very well and came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11th. We would like to thank Chris Comfrey, Bhupendra Patel, Grant Willett & Jon Corbitt: for walking with the Scouts, plus Rob Ayre and John Boothman for manning the PG Base. The PG Young leaders took part in Explorers event and did very well running around the whole course, in 2 hours 14 minutes, they came second. The winners, Dragons, did it in 2 hours. After an afternoon and evening of torrential rain, it stopped; the roads and footpaths were flooded in places



## New Scouts

We would like to welcome James Corbett, Andrew Duff, Kieran Patel and Harry Wheeler and their families to the Scout Troop. They made their Scout Promise and were invested as members of the Scout Troop. We would like to wish them good Scouting at PG

## SPL

We would like to welcome Stuart Shepherd as the New SPL (Senior Patrol leader) and Thomas Tandy on taking on the role as Patrol Leader of Panthers. We would like to wish them both good luck with their new roles. Stuart and the Patrol Leaders have organised some interesting Troop meetings in November Including Hot Air Balloons, which we had to do in side due to the heavy rain, Pizza Evening, each Scout designed his one Pizza. We have also held a couple of Fire Drills, to remind the Scouts what to do in an emergency

Simon Wheeler

***WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL P.G. SCOUTER'S  
& THE PG TIPS PRODUCTION TEAM***



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